



OLA STATEMENT ON IIJL / WJLC “WORLD JUNIOR LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP”

TORONTO, ON – January 8th, 2023 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) reaffirms its support for the position of both World Lacrosse and Lacrosse Canada in regards to any IIJL or WJLC “World Lacrosse Championship” event. The “Canadian Lacrosse League” is a private organization that is not sanctioned by Lacrosse Canada or World Lacrosse, and does not have the permission or endorsement of the Lacrosse Canada National Team Program or World Lacrosse to operate as Team Canada Lacrosse, or use the name or likeness of the team or of the championship series.

Participation by any OLA-registered volunteers, coaches, officials, athletes and/or teams with the Canadian Lacrosse League and/or any of the IIJL/WJLC “World Lacrosse Championship” events, including U16, U18, Junior and/or Junior Women’s programs, will result in immediate suspension of OLA membership for the balance of the season and for the entire season following, from all sanctioned Ontario Lacrosse Association, Team Ontario and Team Canada programs and events. All members suspended under this policy are required to reapply to the OLA for future eligibility. Effective immediately, OLA members are hereby notified of this policy and its consequences.

Full Statement by Jane Clapham, Lacrosse Canada Executive Director:

“The IIJL World Junior Lacrosse Championship is not a World Lacrosse (WL) or Lacrosse Canada (LC) sanctioned event. As such, any regional combine that is being run by the organization Canadian Lacrosse League is not an LC sanctioned event. The Canadian Lacrosse League (CLL) is NOT an entity of Lacrosse Canada.

All Member Associations under Lacrosse Canada should not be sanctioning nor supporting these events in any way. World Lacrosse is the recognized body for international championships and is the only body that can sanction world championships. Lacrosse Canada and its MA’s, as members of World Lacrosse and also of Sport Canada, support World Lacrosse.

Any reference to “Team Canada” is not part of the Lacrosse Canada National Team Program, and therefore there is no Team Canada participation in these events.

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Ontario Lacrosse / Lacrosse Canada Sanctioned Leagues & Programs:

Box Lacrosse	Minor & Men’s Field Lacrosse	Women’s Field Lacrosse
Major Series Lacrosse Women’s Major Series Lacrosse Ontario Senior Lacrosse Senior Series Lacrosse Ontario Junior Lacrosse Ontario Junior “B” Ontario Junior “C” Zone Play (Minor Box) Ontario Girls Box Lacrosse Team Ontario Box EPIC Box Lacrosse	Ontario Senior Men’s Field Ontario Junior Men’s Field Ontario Minor Field Team Ontario Field EPIC Field Lacrosse	Ontario Women’s Field Team Ontario Field EPIC Field Lacrosse