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ONTARIO LACROSSE APPROVES GLOUCESTER GRIFFINS AND WEST GREY RAMPAGE FOR OJCLL COMPETITION IN 2026

TORONTO, ON – February 5, 2026 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has approved the Gloucester Griffins and the West Grey Rampage for competition in the Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League (OJCLL) for the 2026 season.

The approval was granted by the OLA Board of Directors at its meeting on December 6, 2025, following a review of the submitted applications and a recommendation from the Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League. The decision aligns with the OLA’s mandate to oversee and support the delivery of structured, sustainable junior lacrosse programming across the province.

The Gloucester Griffins will return to Junior C competition, with the team operated by the Gloucester Minor Lacrosse Association. The program builds on the association’s established minor system and its U22 program and will serve as a player development pathway supporting progression to the Gloucester Junior B program. The Griffins will primarily play their home games at Earl Armstrong Arena in Ottawa.

The West Grey Rampage has been approved as a new Junior C franchise, expanding junior-level lacrosse opportunities within the region. The team will be operated by the West Grey Rampage Minor Lacrosse Association under the leadership of President Kody Lyons. The association has experienced growth in recent years, including consistent participation at the U22 level. The addition of a Junior C team builds on the club’s commitment to community-based development and provides a local pathway for athletes to compete at the junior level while remaining within their home association. The team will play its home games at the Durham Community Centre and Arena in Durham, Ontario.

Both teams will compete in the Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League for the 2026 season. Their placement supports the OLA’s ongoing efforts to strengthen junior lacrosse programming across Ontario by aligning league membership with sustainable operations, strong governance, and clearly defined player development pathways. The OJCLL plays an important role within the OLA’s junior structure, providing competitive opportunities for athletes while supporting community-based development programs throughout the province. The OLA will continue to work with the OJCLL and its member clubs as preparations for the 2026 season move forward.

About the Ontario Lacrosse Association

The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) exists to grow, lead, promote and govern the sport of lacrosse within the province of Ontario. We bring together players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and fans in a shared commitment to uphold the values of respect, fair play, and community, ensuring a vibrant future for Canada’s national summer sport. For more information or to become involved, visit ontariolacrosse.com.

About the Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League

The Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League (OJCLL), established in 2008, is a men’s box lacrosse league operating under the governance of the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA). The league serves as an important component of the province’s player development pathway, providing structured junior-level competition. Comprising teams from communities throughout Ontario, the OJCLL maintains strong ties to local minor and junior lacrosse programs. For more information, visit ontariojrclacrosse.ca.