

LAS VEGAS LACROSSE ALLIANCE RULES HANDBOOK

Approved by the Las Vegas Lacrosse Alliance Board of Directors



LVLA Mission Statement:

To organize, develop, and promote boy's lacrosse in Clark County, Nevada and to honor the game by instilling the values of sportsmanship, individual & team development, and fair play.

League Administrators:

Chris Windham (Focus on the Field) // Non-voting

Board of Directors:

Nick Campo // Bishop Gorman / Saints Representative

Turner Krueger // Centennial Bulldogs / Patriots Representative

Taylor Stoker // Cougars Lacrosse / Cougars Academy Representative

Max Schmidt // Faith Lutheran Representative
Kevin Ruth // OneHill Representative
Gary Campo // Palo Verde / Rough Riders Representative
Jeremy Sieverts // Pirates Lacrosse Representative

Programs Represented by the LVLA for the 2025-2026 Season:

Men's High School

Bishop Gorman Gaels
Centennial Bulldogs
Cougars Lacrosse
Faith Lutheran Crusaders
OneHill Lacrosse
Palo Verde Panthers
Pirates Lacrosse

Youth Boys (Middle School & Elementary):

Faith Lutheran
One Hill Lacrosse
Patriots (Centennial Feeder Program)
Pirates Lacrosse
Rough Riders (Palo Verde Feeder Program)
Saints (Bishop Gorman Feeder Program)
Cougars Academy (Cougars Feeder Program)

1. LVLA HANDBOOK:

This is the official Handbook of the Las Vegas Lacrosse Alliance. It contains policies, directives, and guidelines for Members of our Association.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LVLA:

The responsibilities of the LVLA will be to organize, develop, and promote boy's high school and youth lacrosse in Clark County, Nevada.

3. PROGRAM QUALIFICATION

3.1. MEMBERSHIP: The baseline organization of LVLA is a lacrosse program. A program

is centered on a single high school and its lacrosse team(s) with feeder middle and/or elementary school team(s). The purpose of this structure is to eventually have the league teams/programs fully sanctioned. Due to participation rates, a program may encompass multiple high schools and/or middle and elementary schools in order to support a full team at the various levels. The schools from which a program can pull from for players is governed by the LVLA Zoning Document and is covered in section 7 of this document. There are two program levels within LVLA: Full Program Member and Probationary Program Member.

3.1.1. **FULL PROGRAM MEMBER:** A full program member is defined as a program that participates in the league with a minimum of one (1) high school level program (any level) and one (1) middle school program (any level). A Full Program Member may nominate one (1) member to represent them on the league board of directors with a single vote. A Full Program Member does not lose its status unless it does not have the two required programs for two consecutive years. In that case, the Full Program Member will become a Probationary Program Member until it has the two required programs.

3.1.2. **PROBATIONARY PROGRAM MEMBER:** Probationary Program Members are Programs that do not have the two required programs as defined in paragraph 3.1.1, or are prior Full Program Members that do not have the two required programs for two consecutive years. Probationary Program Members may have one representative attend board meetings, but do not have a vote.

3.2. **OVERSIGHT** –Each program will operate under direction of a host school (AD or ASB oversight), or under a Board of Directors. The host school or Board of Directors oversee eligibility of players and coaches, as well as conduct of the same.

3.2.1. Newly admitted LVLA Programs without a host school must establish a Board of Directors by October 31 the year before that Program’s first season as a Full Time or Probationary Program Member.

3.2.2. The Board of Directors must have at least a President and Vice-President, but can have other officers as the Program sees fit.

3.3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CERTIFICATION** – Each Program will sign and return, to the LVLA , a Letter of Commitment for the upcoming season no later than October 31 prior to that start of the following-year season. The Letter of Commitment must state:

3.3.1. The Program’s membership level;

3.3.2. Identify the Program’s Host School oversight representative (i.e. the AD or ASB) or the members of the Program’s Board of Directors;

3.3.3. Affirm that the Program will adhere with the LVLA Rules Handbook and any other requirements of the LVLA Board of Directors; and

3.3.4. Affirm it has the ability to and will timely pay any necessary fees and dues.

4. COACH QUALIFICATION & CERTIFICATION

4.1. QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ALL COACHES

4.1.1. All members of the coaching staff must maintain a current coach’s membership with US Lacrosse. The head coach for each team playing in LVLA should be US Lacrosse Level 1 certified.

4.1.2. All Coaches shall read and agree to abide by the LVLA Code of Conduct.

4.1.3. All Coaches must complete the Concussion in Sports and Sudden Cardiac Arrest courses online through NFHS every three years.

4.2. PROGRAM HEAD COACH QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.2.1. The Program Head Coach will be held responsible for knowing the LVLA Rules Handbook and all other policies, and ensuring that all other Program coaches comply with the rules of that Handbook and all other policies.

4.2.2. The Head Coach of a program shall be at least 21 years old and a high school graduate unless the Board, prior to the First Day of the Season, has granted a waiver.

4.3. COACH'S CERTIFICATION – All coaches will be required to register with the LVLA Online Coach's Registration site prior to coaching a league game.

5. **PLAYER CERTIFICATION**

5.1. PROGRAM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Ultimately, it is the responsibility of each program's AD, ASB, or Board of Directors (as outlined in Rule 3.1) and Head Coach to ensure that their Program is abiding by all LVLA Rules Handbook and all other policies. Program submission of Official Roster serves as the Program's acknowledgement and certification that all players meet the following requirements.

5.2. PLAYER VERIFICATION - To ensure every player competing within LVLA is properly insured, equipped, and acknowledges to abide by LVLA Rules Handbook and all other policies, every player must register with LVLA's Online Registration System. The Online Registration System will ensure each player meets the following:

5.2.1. Players must have a current US Lacrosse Membership for the duration of the season.

5.2.2. Each player and guardian(s) will certify they have reviewed information on a concussion/head injury.

5.2.3. Every player and guardian will certify they have reviewed and will abide by the LVLA Rules Handbook, its other policies, and The League's Code of Conduct.

5.2.4. Every player will certify they have complied with League Zoning Rules. All team's rosters will be checked by the League Registrar to ensure compliance.

5.2.5. Every player will provide documentation through the League's Online Registration System of the players age and grade level. The documentation must provide the following:

5.2.5.1. Full First and Last Name

5.2.5.2. Birthdate

5.2.5.3. Name of School

5.2.5.4. Current school year

5.2.5.5. Proof of school enrollment, which could be but is not limited to: student

IDs, school transcripts, some screen captures of online learning portals.

5.2.5.5.1. For players that do not attend traditional schools, such as online schooling or homeschooling, those players must provide proof of age, home address, and documentation showing enrollment in non-traditional schooling.

5.2.5.6. Failure to provide the documentation will result in the player not being listed on the Official Roster until the documentation is provided.

6. PROGRAM ROSTERS

6.1. ROSTERS - Every Program must submit an Official Roster for each team (varsity, junior varsity, 14U through 8U) to LVLA (via email) by the first Friday in the month of February. This Roster will be completed using the LVLA Roster Template.

6.1.1. Teams must meet the following minimum number of rostered players in order to be eligible for league play:

6.1.1.1. High School Varsity, High School JV, Youth 14U and Youth 12U must have a minimum of eleven (11) rostered players; Youth Teams, 10U and 8U, must have a minimum of eight (8) rostered players.

6.1.1.2. Programs that do not meet the minimum number of players will notify the LVLA Registrar as soon as possible. The Registrar will provide for player exemptions in accordance with paragraph 7.4.

6.1.2. Failure to submit Official Rosters by deadline will result in a \$200 fine.

6.1.3. The Official Roster for each team is the roster listed on the LVLA website.

6.1.3.1. Players not listed on the Official Roster are not allowed to compete.

6.1.3.2. It is the responsibility of each Program to check the Team's Official Roster for accuracy and notify the LVLA at LasVegasLaxAlliance@gmail.com for discrepancies.

6.1.3.3. Discrepancies must be brought to the LVLA Registrar's attention no later than one week prior to the team's first scheduled competition.

6.1.4. All rosters submitted by Programs will be compared to players registered via LVLA Online Registration System.

6.1.4.1. Players not registered with LVLA will not be allowed to compete. 6.1.4.2.

Players registered with LVLA but not listed on a Team's Official Roster approved by the League Registrar will not be allowed to compete.

6.1.4.3. Players found to violate LVLA Zoning Document without an approved waiver will not be allowed to compete.

6.1.5. If any player(s) are added after the Program's Official Roster is submitted, a new Official Roster must be submitted with a note of the new player(s). Player(s) are not eligible for competition until the LVLA Registrar receipt of and approves of the new Official Roster.

6.1.6. Any discrepancy as to jersey number from Official Roster must be disclosed to the opposing Head Coach prior to the League Event in which discrepancy is to occur.

6.1.7. It is the responsibility of the Program to ensure all players submitted on the Official Roster are in compliance with the LVLA's Zoning Document. Official Rosters submitted with players that do not comply with the LVLA's Zoning Document, and for which a waiver was not obtained, will result in actions in accordance with Section 12.

6.1.8. Failure to disclose all information accurately on the Official Roster means that the Team is using an ineligible player(s) and will result in discipline in accordance with Section 12.

6.2. HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

6.2.1. To participate in high school level competition, players must be listed on the Official Roster for that Program's high school team, varsity or junior varsity.

6.2.2. Floating of players in High School is only permitted in the spirit of league benefit and enabling programs to field teams at multiple levels that would otherwise be unable to. Players/Teams floating must adhere to the following requirements:

6.2.2.1.1 Floating players can not be Seniors.

6.2.2.1.2 Floating players can not be starters on the Varsity team.

6.2.2.1.3 Teams floating players will have a maximum game roster size of:

Varsity - 18 Players; JV - 16 Players

6.2.2.1.4 Floating players will be charged an additional per player fee of \$50.

6.2.2.1.5 For 2024 floating players are not permitted to play in more than 14 total league games (Varsity + JV Games) in a season.

6.2.2.1.6 Floating players must be identified on the teams roster.

6.2.2.2. Exception for goalies. Programs may float JV goalies up to a varsity game and maintain junior varsity eligibility provided all of the following are met:

6.2.2.2.1. Programs with two (2) or more goalies must at a minimum list one (1) goalie on the Official Roster as a varsity team goalie.

6.2.2.2.2. Goalies on the Official Roster roster may only play at the varsity level.

6.2.2.2.3. The opposing coach must be notified prior to the start of play that a JV goalie is floating up for the competition.

6.2.2.3. Teams found violating paragraph 6.2.2. are subject to actions by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 12.

6.2.3. JV Player Playoff Call Ups - JV players may be brought up to Varsity at the conclusion of the JV regular season. Limited to five call ups per team. This requires the program to submit a new Official Roster with the call-ups listed as per paragraph 6.1.4 and 6.1.5. This does not affect the JV player's eligibility for any JV-level postseason competitions.

6.2.4. 8th Grade eligibility for High School - Must meet each & every criterion listed below.

6.2.4.1. Consent of Current Middle School Coach

6.2.4.2. Consent of Proposed High School Coach

6.2.4.3. Consent of Guardian(s)

6.2.4.4. Must be listed on the Official Roster as a high school level player in accordance with paragraphs 6.1.4.

6.2.4.5. Must register with the League as a high school player.

6.2.4.6. Once listed on a high school roster, eighth graders may not play at the middle school level.

6.2.4.7. The Eighth Grader High School Eligibility Form must be turned into the LVLA Registrar by the responsible Program prior to an eighth grader being listed on the Official Roster as a high school player.

6.3. YOUTH PLAYER ELIGIBILITY [USAL AGE GROUP CHART](#)

6.3.1. Youth players are divided into age divisions to ensure similarly aged, sized and developed play against each other. Age division assignment is not waivable.

6.3.2. The LVLA has adopted the Age Grouping Quick Referencing Table supplied by USA Lacrosse grade level which uses a September 1 cut-off date. (Updated for play occurring between September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026)

6.3.2.5. Programs may allow younger players to “play-up a division” (a 6th grader playing on the 14U team) at program discretion and in compliance with the provisions of paragraph 6.3.4.

6.3.4. At the youth level, floating players between teams and divisions is not allowed.

6.3.4.1. Youth players may only be listed on Official Roster as a youth player.

6.3.4.2. Once a youth player is listed on the Official Roster at the beginning of the season, the player may not switch rosters during the season without approval of the League Board of Directors. Approval will be granted if at least half (i.e. 50%) of the Programs (excluding the applying Program) votes to approve.

6.3.4.3. Programs that wish to switch a player from one roster to another within the program, i.e., 12U up to 14U, must advise the League Registrar via e-mail of the desire to gain approval for a roster change with the following information:

6.3.4.3.1. Program Name, Player Name, Player Grade, Current Age Division, Current Team and Requested Team.

6.3.4.3.2. Reason for roster change

6.3.4.3.3. Copies of current team and requested team’s rosters.

6.3.4.3.4. The League Registrar will forward the information to the Chairman who will obtain the League Board of Directors vote.

7. ZONING

7.1. PROGRAM ZONING – Due to participation rates, a Program may encompass multiple high schools and/or middle and elementary schools in order to support a full team at the various levels. The schools from which a program can pull from for players is governed by the LVLA Zoning Document.

7.2. LVLA ZONING DOCUMENT – The LVLA Zoning Document will be approved by the Board of Directors on an annual basis no later than October 31 prior to the upcoming season.

7.2.1. A Program is centered on a single high school and its lacrosse team(s) with feeder middle and/or elementary school team(s). The purpose of this structure is to eventually have the league teams/programs fully sanctioned. Therefore, the baseline structure for zoning is the CCSD school zoning boundaries with high schools supported by their middle school feeders. Private, charter, magnet, and home school are factored into the zoning rules using the same feeder system principals.

7.2.2. Due to participation rates, a program may encompass multiple high schools and/or middle and elementary schools in order to support a full team at the various levels. The schools from which a Program can pull from for players is governed by the LVLA Zoning Document.

7.2.3. The LVLA Zoning Document will be available for download on the LVLA website and sent to each Program's email account.

7.2.4. While the Board of Directors will try to account for all of the variations in school options, it is possible that the LVLA Zoning Document may not account for certain options. In these cases, the Board of Directors will make a determination for player zoning on a case by-case basis. Approval will be granted if at least half (i.e. 50%) of the Board of Directors vote to approve.

7.2.5. Senior / Eighth Grade Zoning Exemption: Players in the final year of high school (seniors) or middle school (8th Grade) are permitted to play for the team they played for the year prior (junior year, seventh grade respectively).

7.3. WAIVERS -

7.3.1. Families may request a waiver to zone assignment to the Chairman of the Board/League Administrator via General Waiver Form.

7.3.2. Zoning Waivers will be submitted via Google Form to be reviewed by the Chairman of the Board/League Administrator.

7.3.3. The Chairman of the Board/League Administrator will present an opinion to the Board of Representatives in accordance with LVLA Zoning Document, which for waivers are only approved in extreme hardship circumstances.

7.3.3.1. The Board of Directors (excluding those from the gaining and losing Programs) will review the opinion of the League Administrator. If there is an objection by any member of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors

(excluding the program from which the objection was made) will vote as to whether the Waiver be approved or denied. Waivers cannot be approved or denied until all remaining programs vote. Approval will be granted if at least half (i.e. 50%) of the remaining programs vote to approve; declination will be the result only if more than half (i.e. 51% or more) of remaining programs vote to decline.

7.3.3.2. The registrar will notify the Board of Directors and Programs of all denied and approved waivers.

7.3.3.3. Appeals to Waivers that have been objected to and voted on by the Board of Directors will not be accepted.

7.3.3.4. Gaining/Losing Programs (not parents) may request an appeal of the ruling. If so, the waiver shall be put to another vote by the Board of Directors as set forth in 7.3.3.1.

7.3.4. No waivers or appeals will be considered after the league's established waiver cut-off date: February 1 of any year.

7.4. LEAGUE EXEMPTIONS -

7.4.1. In situations where a Program can not meet the minimum number of rostered players for an age division, the League will place players with another Program for a single season (the current season).

7.4.1.1. League Exemptions will not be granted for a Program that does not have a high school varsity or a high school JV team. As long as a program can field a single high school level team, the players within that zone must play for that Program. It is the Program's determination whether the single high school team will participate at the varsity or JV level. Exemptions for high school players will only be granted if a Program can not meet the minimum number for a single high school team.

7.4.1.2. Programs will notify the LVLA Registrar as soon as possible of the situation with the following information:

7.4.1.2.1. Program name and affected age division.

7.4.1.2.2. List of players needing league exemption with the following information:

7.4.1.2.2.1. Player's name, school, and grade.

7.4.1.2.2.2. Player's guardian(s) name(s) and contact information.

7.4.1.2.2.3. Guardian(s) requested team.

7.4.1.3. The Registrar will prepare a player placement plan considering the following:

7.4.1.3.1. Proximity to the player's zoned team.

7.4.1.3.2. Number of players already on the new team.

7.4.1.3.3. Guardian(s) request.

7.4.1.3.4. The League Registrar will balance all three factors in player placement to ensure a positive player experience.

7.4.1.3.5. Exempted players will be accounted for under their new Program for Field and Facility Reimbursement purposes.

7.4.1.4. The League Administrators will present the proposal to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors (excluding those from the gaining and losing Programs) will review the proposal of the League Administrators. If there is no objection, the proposal will be accepted. If there is an objection by any of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors (excluding the Program from which the objection was made) will vote as to whether the proposal is accepted. This can be done on a player by player basis. Acceptance or denial will not be determined until all remaining Programs vote. Acceptance will be granted if at least half (i.e. 50%) of the remaining Programs vote to accept ; declination will be the result only if more than half (i.e. 51% or more) of remaining Programs vote to deny.

7.4.2. Programs are also allowed to develop exemption plans and present these to the Chairman for approval. This could be two programs that individually cannot meet the minimum number of rostered players but combining players allows them to field a team meeting the minimum number. Programs that wish to do this must submit the plan to the Registrar or Chairman for approval and include the following:

7.4.2.1. Program which will field the combined team. Combined teams will play under the name of one of the current Programs. New team names will not be used.

7.4.2.2. Age Division for the combined team

7.4.2.3. List of players combining under with the other Program including name, school, and grade.

7.4.2.4. Division of Field and Facility Reimbursement numbers. Programs may keep their combined players under their Program for accounting for the Field and Facility Reimbursement numbers, or the gaining Program may count them under their Program. If this is not addressed, the combining players will fall under their new Program.

7.4.2.5. The Registrar/Chairman/League Administrator will present the proposal to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors (excluding those from the gaining and losing Programs) will review the proposal of the Chairman. If there is an objection by any of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors (excluding the Program from which the objection was made) will vote as to whether the proposal is accepted. Acceptance or denial will not be determined until all remaining Programs vote. Acceptance will be granted if at least half (i.e. 50%) of the remaining Programs vote to accept ; declination will be the result only if more than half (i.e. 51% or more) of remaining Programs vote to deny.

8. ADMISSION OF NEW PROGRAMS

8.1. NEW PROGRAM ESTABLISHMENT: A new Program may apply for

membership providing they meet all the following requirements:

8.1.1. A new program must establish and name itself around a single high school/middle school/elementary school

8.1.2. A new Program must demonstrate a plan of sustainability & growth from youth level to high school.

8.1.3. A new Program must show a full program roster (one youth level team and one high school level team) within two years after its application.

8.2. All existing Programs must approve the creation of a new Program, and approve the boundaries for the new Program. The LVLA Zoning Document will then be updated accordingly.

8.3. NEW TEAM PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

8.3.1. When a new Program is created, all players attending schools deemed within that new Program's designated zone must play for the new Program.

8.3.2. Exceptions are stated in paragraph 7.2.5.

9. SCHEDULING

9.1. LEAGUE EVENTS – League Events are contests (game, scrimmages, jamborees, etc.) between league members.

9.1.1. All league events are assigned by the league scheduler.

9.1.2. All League Events will appear on the LVLA website's Master Schedule of Events. 9.1.3. All League Events count towards playoff standings, as applicable per division.

9.1.4. Scheduling of officials for League Events is the responsibility of the League Scheduler.

9.1.5. Costs of game fields, game lights and officials for League Events are the responsibility of the League.

9.2. NON-LEAGUE EVENTS - Contests (game, scrimmage, jamboree, etc.) with teams outside of the league are deemed non-League Events.

9.2.1. Non-League Events are scheduled individually by Programs including referees

9.2.2. Non-League Events do not count towards playoff standings; however, will appear on the team's record.

9.2.3. All Non-League Events must be reported to the league scheduler for inclusion on the Master Schedule of Events.

9.2.4. Costs of game fields, game lights and officials for Non-League Events are the responsibility of the program.

9.3. GENERAL SCHEDULING POLICIES

9.3.1. Planned game days are used to deconflict events between high school and middle school events. This helps to ensure availability of coaches, officials and families to

support the events.

9.3.1.1. High school primary League Events days are Friday and the alternate game day is Tuesday.

9.3.1.2. Middle school primary League Events days are Saturdays and the alternate League Events day is Wednesday. For middle school, the League Schedule will do everything possible to avoid weekday evening games due to the age groups participating.

9.3.2. Changes to scheduled League Events must be agreed upon between both coaches and coordinated with the League Scheduler for game officials. The League Events is not officially changed until the League Scheduler approves the change (game officials can accept the change) and notifies both programs,

9.3.3. League Events played on Monday through Thursday will start no later than:

9.3.3.1. 8pm for high school

9.3.3.2. 7pm for middle school

9.3.4. Multi-League Events: When multiple League Events are scheduled at the same location:

9.3.4.1. League Events will be scheduled to start 2 hours apart for high school games and 1.5 hours for middle school League Events.

9.3.4.2. Should the first League Events run long, teams will be given no less than 20 minutes to warm up, otherwise the 2nd game will start at scheduled time.

9.3.4.3. With a Varsity/JV doubleheader, the play of the JV League Events will be adjusted (shorter duration, canceled or rescheduled) so the varsity game is started pursuant to Section 9.3.3.1. When possible, adjustments should be agreed upon prior to the start of the first League Events of the doubleheader.

9.3.5. Except for League Events scheduled as part of the initial LVLA schedule, no games will be added to the schedule to be played after the beginning of the playoffs.

10. GAME RESULTS AND STATISTICS

10.1. It is the responsibility of the home team to keep the official scorebook/scoresheet for every league contest.

10.2. Each home team will submit copies of the scoresheet/scorebook to the LVLA Registrar at the LVLA email (LasVegasLaxAlliance@gmail.com) within 24 hours of each contest's completion.

10.2.1. Photos of the scoresheet suffice as long as the photo captures the scoresheet with enough detail to read the photo.

10.2.2. Failure to submit score sheets within 24 hours of game completion will result in a

\$25 fine to the home team, which will be deducted from the program's field and facility reimbursement fund.

10.2.3. Scoresheets for 10U or 8U games do not need to be kept or submitted since score is not kept at these ages.

10.3. Team and player statistics are not currently kept at any level by the League.

11. HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

11.1. ALL-LEAGUE – The Head Coaches will select All-League teams through a nomination and voting process.

11.2. Each All-League Team may contain a maximum of 13 players defined by: three (3) attack, three (3) midfield, one FOGO, one SSDM, one LSM, three (3) defense and one goalie –total 13. A first team and second team will be selected.

11.3. Honorable Mention selections will be left to the discretion of the coaches within each region/conference.

11.4. US LACROSSE – under the US Lacrosse Guidelines, the Secondary Schools Area Representative for USL coordinates the selection (with input from the coaches) and presentation of these awards: Coach of the Year; All Americans; and Academic All American.

12. RULE VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

12.1. The strength of the Las Vegas Lacrosse Alliances lies in the willingness and ability of the membership to support the rules and regulations adopted and to support the penalties placed upon members, if it is determined those same rules and regulations have been violated.

12.2. Violation of LVLA Rule Handbook and policies, rules and regulations can cause, but is not limited to, sanctions placed upon individual players, coaches and/or programs. Sanctions can include, but are not limited to fines, game suspension, season suspension, forfeiture of games, forfeiture of post-season play (playoffs), probation, and expulsion from the Association.

12.3. Each situation is unique and will be handled at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Multiple, repeated infractions and/or those deemed to intentionally defy LVLA Rule Handbook or policies will cause stiffer sanctions. Programs must cooperate in any investigation of a possible violation of LVLA Rules Handbook or policies.

12.4. PROCEDURES

12.4.1. The Chairman of the Board will present rules and policy violations to the entire Board of Directors.

12.4.2. Any program accused of violating LVLA Rules Handbook or policies will have the opportunity to explain the actions to the entire Board of Directors.

12.4.3. The Board of Directors, without the accused Program's representative or any accusing Program's representative, will vote on:

12.4.3.1. Whether a rules violation occurred or not will be determined by a majority vote.

12.4.3.2. The Chairman of the Board will then present the recommended penalty. The recommended penalty will be in accordance with penalties set forth in paragraphs 12.2 and 12.5.

12.4.3.3. The Board of Directors, without the accused Program's representative or any accusing program's representative, will vote on the penalty. If the Board of Directors do not agree with the Chairman's recommendation, they may propose a new penalty and conduct another vote. The penalty can never be less than a penalty set down in paragraphs 12.2 and 12.5.

12.4.3.4 Complaints submitted to the Chairman by LVLA Program Representatives must include a minimum standard of verifiable supporting evidence that can be evaluated and investigated. Complaints made without supporting evidence/documents will not be read by the Chairman nor shared with Board Representatives.

12.5. USE OF INELIGIBLE PLAYER—The use of an ineligible player will result in forfeiture of all games in which that player participated, an additional one (1) game suspension for the player and a \$100 fine to the players program.

12.5.1. An ineligible player is one that is not listed on a team's Official Roster, playing in the wrong age division, or playing out of assigned zone.

12.5.2. An ineligible player is considered to participate in a League Event, when he steps onto the playing field (for any amount of time) during the League Event.

12.5.3. Multiple infractions by a Program for use of an ineligible player will result in further sanctioning of the Program as determined by the Board of Directors.

12.6. EJECTIONS -MISCONDUCT BY PLAYERS and/or COACHES

12.6.1. Upon any ejection, the Head Coach or Program representative to the Board of the penalized Program shall report to the Board by email within 12 hours of the ejection. Failure to properly report ejection within the 12 hours will result in a \$100 fine upon the program and may result in further player or coach suspension.

12.6.2. An ejection carries an automatic 1 game suspension for the player or coach. The player or coach is ineligible for all contests (at any level) until suspension has been served.

12.6.2.1. For floating players or coaches of multiple teams, the player or coach must serve the suspension for the game at all levels for which they played or coached.

12.6.3. A suspended player is considered an ineligible player. A suspended player may not be suited up, participate in any manner (including warm ups), or allowed on the sideline in a game for which they are suspended. Violations will be considered the use of an ineligible player and handled in accordance with paragraph 12.5.

12.6.4. A suspended coach may not be in the facility or on the field in any manner

from the beginning of warm-ups (or 45 minutes prior to contest start time, whichever occurs first) through the conclusion of the contest. Violation of the suspension criteria carries an automatic additional game suspension. The Board of Directors may consider additional penalties.

12.6.5. The suspension as result of ejection may be appealed but only if properly reported within 12 hours and evidence exists to refute the suspension. The Board of Directors will consider the matter and vote whether to uphold the suspension or not. The Program representative of the ejected player or coach may not participate in the vote.

12.6.6. Multiple ejections of the same coach or player within a season will be handled by the Board of Directors as highly egregious. Penalties will be handled in accordance with paragraph 12.4.3.

13. SPECIFIC LVLA LACROSSE RULES AND REGULATIONS

13.1. Minimum Practice Days Per Individual Player Prior to Contest: 10

13.2. CONTEST RULES

13.2.1. A Program's high school teams will follow the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) lacrosse rules for high school boys' lacrosse, except as stated below in paragraph 14.3.

13.2.2. Middle School will follow the US Lacrosse Rules for Boys Youth Lacrosse, except as stated below paragraph 13.3

13.3. RULE EXCEPTIONS: All rule exceptions for high school and middle school rules for LVLA contests will be approved by the board of directors and published for programs and coaches no later than January 15th. Rule exceptions will be published as a separate document.

13.4. LVLA PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

13.4.1. During the LVLA high school season, starting with the first allowable practice date, through the end of the championship series, LVLA athletes may not practice or play lacrosse with any outside team or program other than their LVLA Program.

13.4.2. Any LVLA player participating in any lacrosse activities with an outside program during the LVLA season will be considered an ineligible player and will be handled in accordance with paragraph 12.5.

13.5. OFFICIALS

13.5.1. If no officials are assigned to or fail to show for an LVLA League Event, the League Event must be postponed and rescheduled.

13.5.2. If no officials are assigned to or fail to show for a Sub-Varsity League Event (JV or youth) the League Event may be played at the discretion of the coaches and officiated by, as agreed upon, assistant coach(es) or other Program administrator(s).

13.6. LEAGUE STANDINGS & TIE-BREAKERS

13.6.1. League standings are kept on the LVLA website.

13.6.2. Standings are in the MLL format for league games only:

13.6.2.1. Games behind, then

13.6.2.2. Winning Percentage, then

13.6.2.3. Wins.

13.6.3. Two Team Tie-Breaks:

13.6.3.1. Head-to-head (best win-loss percentage in games between the teams involved).

13.6.3.2. Head-to-Head Goal Differential (best GD in games between the teams involved).

13.6.3.3. Overall Least Goals Allowed (in LVLA scheduled games only)

13.6.4. Three Team Tie-Breaks:

13.6.4.1. Head-to-head (best win-loss percentage in games among the teams involved).

13.6.4.2. Head-to-Head GD (best GD in games among the teams involved).

13.6.4.3. Overall Least Goals Allowed (in LVLA games only)

13.7. PLAYOFFS

13.7.1. High School Levels:

13.7.1.1. Varsity will have single elimination playoffs at the end of the regular season to determine the division champion. Seeding for the playoffs will be determined by the standings at the end of the regular season and tie breaker calculations in accordance with paragraph 13.6.

13.7.1.2. Junior Varsity will have an end of year tournament. The tournament will be designed to ensure a minimum of a 2-game guarantee.

13.7.2. Youth Level:

13.7.2.1. 14U and 12U divisions will have an end of year tournament. The tournament will be designed to ensure a minimum of a 2-game guarantee. The purpose of the tournament is to promote healthy competition while generating playing opportunities for all players involved. Seeding for the tournament will be by a random draw and not determined by any end of regular season results.

13.7.2.2. 10U division will not have any end of season tournament.