



TEAM MANAGER BULLETIN

2023

Dear OLA Team Managers:

Welcome to the 18th annual Ontario Lacrosse Festival! Thanks very much for all your great volunteer service helping to grow the game in Ontario! Please also share our sincere appreciation to your coaching staff for their commitment and dedication to your team and the game!

We hope this Team Manager Bulletin helps ensure the Festival experience is a great one for your team. The Festival will welcome 55 more teams this year for a total of 388 teams competing for 34 provincial championships.

Essential information for you to review prior to attending the Festival:

1. Please find schedules & results, along with age division brackets, arena directions, additional background information and photos and video from previous seasons, at the new Festival website at:
www.ontariolacrossefestival.com
2. Due to the scope of the event, some playing times and arena locations are subject to change, so please check back to confirm the most recent information prior to team departures to Durham Region
3. Please note the following documents attached are included to provide clarity to all club representatives and participants prior to the start of the event:
 - Participant Rules & Guidelines
 - Playing Rules Advisory
 - OLA Affiliated Player Movement for Provincial Championships
 - Festival Tie-Breaker Formula
4. Team Welcome Packages (including Festival caps and Souvenir Programs) are available to be picked up at Iroquois Park Sports Centre (in Whitney Hall) by Team Managers anytime after the beginning of the tournament your team participates in (ie: for U9 teams, after the first game of the CT JumpStart U9 Provincials)
5. During the Festival, all results will be circulated via the Festival Scoreboard Alert Service, updated on the Festival website and OLA App. See attached to sign up for the Festival Scoreboard Alert Service
6. Gamesheet Inc. (GSI) is the electronic game sheet of the provincial championships. No players or bench staff may be added to GSI without proper

proof of registration and the approval of an Arena Convenor. After each game, it is the responsibility of each Team Manager to review the game sheet for any suspensions

7. The attached memo from the OLA Executive Director, titled **Minor Box Spectator Conduct**, has been circulated to all club Presidents. Please review and share the direction with your team parents
8. Returning to the Festival for their sixteenth year is Authentic Memories Photography & Framing Services. See attached ad for more information.

On behalf of the OLA, and the 75 volunteers dedicated to another successful edition of the largest youth box lacrosse event in the World: we look forward to seeing your teams in action!

See you soon!

2023 Ontario Lacrosse Festival Committee



2023 OLA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

PARTICIPANT RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Only OLA registered Team Coaches and/or Team Managers will be permitted to represent their own clubs at the OLA Registration Desk.
2. All teams should report to the OLA Registration Desk at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled game times.
3. Team Coaches and/or Managers must produce the following documents at every registration:
 - (a) All OLA-approved player registration forms signed by the Club, Zone and OLA;
 - (b) All OLA-approved bench personnel forms signed by the Club, Zone and OLA.

Please note the maximum of five (5) bench personnel per team. Of the approved bench personnel, the OLA recognizes only one mandatory trainer per team. Should clubs be unable to produce these documents, players, coaches and/or trainers will be ruled ineligible to participate.

4. Prior to the start of each game, each bench personnel must sign the electronic game sheet.
5. GM45A (Fighting) assessed to any player in any Ontario Lacrosse Festival game results in automatic disqualification from any further Provincial play, in any age division, in 2023.
6. GM28 (Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Abuse of Officials) assessed to any coach or trainer in any Ontario Lacrosse Festival game results in automatic disqualification from any further Provincial participation, in any age division, in 2023.
7. The 2023 OLA Provincial Championships: Playing Rules Advisory should be referenced for clarifications on playing rules, stop-time, time-outs and overtime game regulations for both Round Robin and Championship games.
8. The OLA Provincials Tournament Committee will not entertain any protests of any game or game outcome based on any timekeeper's and/or game official's calls/conduct/decisions/rulings (see MR10.08).
9. In all cases of any misunderstanding of tournament rules between OLA representatives and clubs, the Participant Rules and Guidelines will be used as the basis for final decision.

2023 Ontario Lacrosse Association Provincial Championships: Playing Rules Advisory

OLA MINOR LACROSSE RULE	AGE DIVISION					
	U9 (TYKE)	U11 (NOVICE)	U13 (PEE WEE)	U15 (BANTAM)	U17 (MIDGET)	U22 (INTERMEDIATE)
Goaltender Warm-Ups	Goaltenders who enter a game already in progress are not permitted a warm-up. Warm-ups are only permitted prior to the game's start time.					
Rule 19(a) Game Length	Periods: 3 x 15 minutes Stop Time: Last 2 minutes of the 3rd period Intermission: 3 minutes			Periods: 3 x 15 minutes Stop Time: Last 5 minutes of the 3rd period Intermission: 3 minutes		
Rule 20(a) Qualifying Game Overtime	In the event of a tie in round-robin format competition, there are no overtime periods (ie. a tie game stands). In the event of a tie in a qualifying game, the game continues with 10-minute stop time periods of sudden victory (the first goal decides the winner). Before the overtime period, there is a 3-minute intermission. Teams will not change ends at any time.					
Rule 20(b) Championship Game Overtime	In the event of a tie in championship competition, the game continues with one full 10-minute stop time period. If the score remains tied at the end of the first overtime period, the game continues with 10-minute stop time periods of sudden victory (the first goal decides the winner). Before any overtime period, there is a 3-minute intermission. Teams will not change ends at any time.					
Rule 39(a) 5-Second Rule	Rule enforced.					
Rule 45(a) Fighting Rule	Major penalty and a game misconduct penalty (GM45a) + disqualification from any further provincial play, in any age division, in the current year.					
Rule 66(a) 10-Second Rule	Does not apply.	Rule enforced.				
Rule 66(b) Over-and-Back Rule	Does not apply.	Rule enforced.				
Rule 68 30-Second Rule	Does not apply.	Rule enforced.				
Rule 70(a) Team Time-Outs	One 60-second time-out per team per game. Unused time-outs may be carried into overtime periods, but overtime does not grant a team an additional time-out.					
Offense/Defense Policy	First infraction: bench minor penalty assessed to the head coach of the offending team. Second infraction: gross misconduct penalty assessed to the head coach of the offending team.				Does not apply.	

OLA Affiliated Player Movement for Provincial Championships

		HIGHER AGE DIVISION TEAM RATING				
LOWER AGE DIVISION TEAM RATING	Skill Category	A	B	C	D	E
	A ↑	5	3	0	0	0
	B ↑	5	5	3	0	0
	C ↑	5	5	5	3	0
	D ↑	5	5	5	5	3
	E ↑	5	5	5	5	5

MR4.02

The Corporation will permit the movement of box players from the next lower age category team in the same organization in the following sequence:

From an equal or lower division, up to 5 players may move up.
 From the next higher division, up to 3 players may move down.
 No movement is permitted downward from any higher than one division.

(ie) FROM:

C up to A (5 players)

C up to B (5 players)

C to C (5 players)

C down to D (3 players)

No movement permitted from C down to E (or lower division)

NOTE 1: Any player of a minor lacrosse team, whose name appeared on the game sheet for the winning team in a minor lacrosse provincial championship game, will not be eligible to participate in any other minor lacrosse provincial championship tournament in that sector in the current year.

NOTE 2: Box and Field

If the next lower age category shall cover an age difference of more than two years, prior approval of the OLA shall be required prior to participation.



2023 OLA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

TIE BREAKER FOR TWO TEAMS

1. The team that won the greater number of points in games played, during the competition, between the teams tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position. (HEAD TO HEAD)
2. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored in the games during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.
3. If a tie still exists, the team with least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
4. If a tie still exists, then a coin toss will decide the advancing team.

TIE BREAKER FOR THREE OR MORE TEAMS

1. The team(s) that won the greater number of points in games played, during the competition, between the team(s) tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position. (HEAD TO HEAD TO HEAD)
2. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. Only goals scored in games between the tied teams during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.
3. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored in all games during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.
4. If a tie still exists, the team with the least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
5. If a tie still exists, then a coin toss will decide the advancing team.

THE GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA

The Goal Average formula is calculated as “Goals For” divided by the sum of “Goals For” plus “Goals Against”

$$\frac{GF}{(GF + GA)}$$

The team with goal average closest to 1.0 shall be declared the winner.

DATE: August 1st, 2023
TO: OLA Minor Box Club Representatives
CC: Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors
RE: Minor Box Spectator Conduct

Dear Club Presidents,


The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) prioritizes the safety and well-being of all players, coaches, officials and volunteers as an integral part of its operations. As we approach the Ontario Lacrosse Festival Provincial Championships, I am writing to encourage all club presidents to speak with their teams about expectations for conduct prior to the big event. While the overwhelming majority of guests in our arenas are positive and supportive to teammates, opponents, officials and volunteers, it is necessary to formally address the escalating intensity of spectator misconduct that has been reported to us over the past several weeks.

All clubs are responsible for the conduct of their spectators, and our preference is to work with associations and teams to remind parents of the vital role they play in the growth and development of children; their partnership with the OLA in creating safe and supportive environments for fair competition; their presence at the Festival as a representative of your organization and community; and their influence as positive role models in their own children's lives.

Please be advised that during the Festival, OLA representatives and/or officials may remove spectators or guests who violate our Code of Conduct; engage in intimidating behaviour, use abusive language, make discriminatory remarks or engage in any other action that is detrimental to our sport. There have also been an increasing number of reports of the consumption of alcohol by spectators before and even during games. **Alcohol is prohibited from minor lacrosse games, tournaments or events.** A copy of the OLA's Substance Misuse Policy, which is always in effect, is attached to this memo for your reference and circulation.

In order to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all players, coaches and officials for the remainder of the season, all Club Presidents are asked to ensure that teams within your organization are aware of our expectations.

We look forward to welcoming friends and family to the 2023 Ontario Lacrosse Festival. To follow along with the action, visit www.ontariolacrossefestival.com.


Jeramie Bailey
OLA Executive Director

Sent on behalf of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board of Directors

The Ontario Lacrosse Association recognizes the detrimental effects of tobacco, drug and alcohol use as it relates to lacrosse. This policy identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of all OLA members and participants, including players, guardians, parents, coaches, trainers, team managers, officials, volunteers, committee representatives and administrators. Under this policy, OLA members must refrain from any activity or behaviour which may disrupt or interfere with competition, or endanger the safety of themselves or any other person. Violations of this policy may also be addressed under the OLA's Code of Conduct process.

1. **Minor lacrosse.** The use of tobacco in any form, recreational and/or non-prescribed drugs, and alcohol by all members before or during Ontario Lacrosse Association sanctioned minor lacrosse practices, games and events is strictly prohibited. Spectators, including parents of participating players, may be ejected from any venue where an administrator or event representative suspects or believes that this section of the policy may have been violated.
2. **Direct participants in junior and senior lacrosse.** The use of tobacco in any form, recreational and/or non-prescribed drugs, and alcohol by all active participants (players, team personnel, officials, administrators and individuals in similar positions) before or during Ontario Lacrosse Association sanctioned junior and senior lacrosse practices and games is strictly prohibited.
3. **Spectators in junior and senior lacrosse.** The responsible use of alcohol, legal recreational drugs and tobacco for personal use by all other attendees at Ontario Lacrosse Association sanctioned junior and senior lacrosse events is permitted only in areas which are designated, licensed and/or approved for such activities, and only in a manner which does not discredit or disgrace the OLA or the sport of lacrosse, or disrupt any game or event in progress.
4. **Other OLA events.** The responsible use of alcohol, legal recreational drugs and tobacco for personal use by members of the Ontario Lacrosse Association at other OLA events, including the hospitality portions of the Annual General Meeting and Semi-Annual General Meeting, the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Golf Tournament and any similar event which is not explicitly stated in this section, is permitted only in areas which are designated, licensed and/or approved for such activities, and only in a manner which does not discredit or disgrace the OLA or the sport of lacrosse.
5. **Know the rules.** The sale or provision of alcoholic beverages or spirits by the sponsoring club or hosting organization at any minor event sanctioned by the Ontario Lacrosse Association is prohibited. Disciplinary action will be taken by the Board of Directors on any violation of this regulation (MR 7.12[a]). Any player, coach, manager, club official or game official who is in charge of a team or comes into direct contact with a team during games in league or tournament play, whose actions appear to be caused by drugs or alcohol, may be given a minimum of one year's suspension and must apply for reinstatement upon termination of suspension (MR 10.11). No coach, manager, club official, player or game official shall be allowed to smoke or use any tobacco products in the player's bench, penalty box or dressing room (MR 10.12).
6. **Applying this policy.** Members of the Ontario Lacrosse Association are encouraged to contact police services or other appropriate authorities when individuals are involved in practices or behaviours that violate this policy. Administrators are not accountable for directly engaging anyone suspected of infringing any section of this policy, as it may place them in danger. The Ontario Lacrosse Association is committed to fully cooperating with law enforcement in criminal investigations where the use or misuse of tobacco, drugs and alcohol are involved, including in situations that may result in civil and/or criminal liability for individuals who violate this policy. Notwithstanding any part of this section, game officials are authorized to remove and report any individual suspected of infringing any section of this policy.
7. **As times change.** No matter its legal status within Canada, marijuana/cannabis remains classified as a prohibited substance in sport under the Canadian Anti-Doping Program and World Anti-Doping Agency, both of which the OLA complies with. Separately, the provincial government of Ontario has begun permitting "tailgating" at semi-professional sporting events, which may include Junior-Senior games. If these instances, only parking lot or venues within a reasonable distance from a major sports complex would be eligible to apply for a [Special Occasion Event Tailgating Permit](#) for the date and time of the event. Without a Special Occasion Event Tailgating Permit, all applicable provincial laws and municipal bylaws surrounding public consumption and intoxication remain in effect. Minor Lacrosse events are ineligible for Special Occasion Event Tailgating Permits under this policy. Notwithstanding any of the above, OLA members and attendees are required to act lawfully at all times.



FESTIVAL SCOREBOARD ALERT SERVICE

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The Festival Scoreboard Alert Service is back to provide you with game scores from your favourite divisions! You can subscribe to any or all Festival events and receive real-time final game scores as they happen right to your phone! The Alert Service has other benefits and by subscribing you can:

- Get up to the minute scores
- Learn who is moving onto the next round
- Be the first to know of any schedule changes
- Receive information on vendor offers
- Get tips on where to dine and play in the area

There is no charge or fee to subscribe to the Festival Scoreboard Alert Service, but standard text messaging fees from your wireless carrier may apply. Don't miss results from all the Festival action by subscribing today!

To subscribe from your mobile phone, text the appropriate keyword to **1-833-636-1717**.

FESTIVAL EVENT	KEYWORD	TEXT TO
CT Jumpstart U9 PROVINCIALS	U9	1-833-636-1717
Sport Durham U11 PROVINCIALS	U11	1-833-636-1717
Booster Juice U13 PROVINCIALS	U13	1-833-636-1717
Monkey Team Sports U15 PROVINCIALS	U15	1-833-636-1717
Ontario U17 PROVINCIALS	U17	1-833-636-1717
Gatorade U22 PROVINCIALS	U22	1-833-636-1717
Sports Durham GIRLS BOX PROVINCIALS	GBOX	1-833-636-1717
OLA "A" Qualifiers FINAL SIX	QUALIES	1-833-636-1717

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LACROSSE FESTIVAL PHOTO PROGRAM



DIGITAL PROGRAM

**TEAM: 1 GAME - \$250 (approx 150-200 images)
or 2 GAMES - \$350 (approx 350 images!!)**

PLAYER : 1 GAME: \$65 (approx 15-20 images)



**PLEASE BOOK PRIOR YOUR EVENT
ACTION PHOTOS TAKEN BY REQUEST ONLY**



PRINTED PHOTO OPTIONS:

8 X 12 PHOTO- \$35 ea -----FRAMED 8x12-\$60 ea



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