

Masters Box Lacrosse League Agreement 2007

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Article One: Name

The name of the organization shall be the Masters Division.

Article Two: Application

The agreement of this organization shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the British Columbia Lacrosse Association and Canadian Lacrosse Association.

Article Three: Purpose

The purpose of the organization shall be to administer the Masters Division of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association.

Article Four: Objectives

The objectives of the organization shall be:

- (a) To foster and promote good sportsmanship and a sense of play in a team sport.
- (b) To improve the image of lacrosse in general.
- (c) To provide an opportunity for senior level men to play lacrosse in a safe environment; to show our game.

Article Five: Membership and Eligibility

Membership in the organization shall be open to all teams providing that players are thirty-five years and older, within the calendar year. Proof of age will be required. Players who have signed either a Senior A or B registration card in the same calendar year are ineligible to play in the Master Division tournament. Players who have signed Senior C cards or equivalent or signed a Masters Division registration card with a provincial regulatory body may play in any Masters tournament division provided that the player meets the age eligibility.

Article Six: Amendments

This document may be amended by a two thirds vote of the Division members in good

standing at the Annual Masters Division Meeting.

Such proposed amendments must be forwarded in writing from each member of the club at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting to the Commissioner.

This document may also be amended by a unanimous vote to open, and then a two thirds vote to amend, at a properly called Masters Division Meeting.

Section One: Governing Body

- 1.1 The Governing body of this organization shall consist of the Executive.
- 1.2 The Executive shall consist of one representative of each participating region plus the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner(s).
- 1.3 There shall be six regions within the province, namely:
 1. Okanagan
 2. Vancouver Island
 3. Central Interior
 4. Kootenay
 5. North Coast
 6. Lower Mainland

Section Two: Executive Officers

- 2.1 The Commissioner shall be elected by the Executive and shall serve for a term of two years.
- 2.2 The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Commissioner. This Office shall have no voting privilege.
- 2.3 Assistant Commissioner(s) may be appointed by the Commissioner, with no voting privileges except in the absence of the Commissioner.

Section Three: Duties of the Executive Officers

- 3.1 It is the duty of the Executive Officers to:
 - (a) Administer the affairs according to policy as directed by the governing body. The Commissioner shall represent this organization on the Senior Directorate of the BCLA and carry the Masters Division vote.
 - (b) Call and chair all Masters Division meetings and cause to be circulated to all member clubs, the minutes of such meetings and shall give seven days notice of such meetings.
 - (c) Be responsible for ensuring that all players are properly registered before appearing in any sanctioned event, and that teams are properly registered with the BCLA and CLA according to the Constitution and Bylaws of those associations.
 - (d) Bill or cause to be billed, each club member for the Masters Division expenses.

(e) Annually prepare and distribute the Masters Division Agreement to the executive. Such agreement shall incorporate parts of the Operating Policy and other requirements as indicated by the Executive of the BCLA or the CLA Constitution and By-laws required.

(f) Represent the Masters Division in all discussions with the BCLA and be responsible for the negotiating of any fee structure or grievance between them and of the organization, and for handling the financial affairs of the Masters Division as directed by the Commissioner.

3.2 Assistant Commissioner(s): It may be his or her duty to:

(a) Perform all or any of the aforementioned duties as directed by the Commissioner.

Section Four: Responsibilities of Membership

4.1 It shall be the responsibility of each member region to:

(a) Designate in writing its delegate(s) and alternate(s) to the Commissioner by December 1st each year.

(b) Attend all scheduled meetings as called by the Commissioner.

(c) File a list of officers, their addresses and telephone numbers, with the Commissioner, by December 1st of each year.

(d) Ensure that all players and teams have filled registration forms prior to participating in any sanctioned event.

Section Five: Discipline

5.1 The Commissioner or his Assistant shall be responsible for the settling of disputes from member clubs.

5.2 The Commissioner or his Assistant shall bring to the attention of the individual club management any actions considered not acceptable to the Masters Division or the public, and may cause said club executive member or player to post a performance bond. Suspensions may also be assessed.

5.3 When a club feels a protest is in order the procedure is as follows:

(a) The Commissioner or his Assistant is to be notified in person or by telephone within 24 hours following the incident.

(b) The Commissioner or his Assistant is to be advised by letter, signed by the club Manager of the protesting team, not more than 48 hours (post marked) following the incident.

Section Six: The Game and Equipment

6.1 The maximum number of players on each team shall be twenty-five.

- 6.2 The game will be played in three twenty minute periods with a ten – minute rest between periods. The game will be played in running time except for the last 10 minutes of the third period which will be stop time if the game is within 5 goals or less.
- 6.3 There will be a 30 second rule applied throughout the game.
- 6.4 In the event of a tie after regulation time, there will be one ten minute, stop time, sudden victory overtime period. If there is a tie, there will be a five player shootout.
- 6.5 A registration fee to be determined by the Masters Division must be paid by each team.
- 6.6 Players Movement: Players may move across in the same division, but cannot move up or down. In the extreme cases where injuries leave a team in difficulty, the Commissioner may rule that in the best interest of the Tournament a team may pick up a player(s).
- 6.7 There will be no cash prizes.
- 6.8 Shoulder pads with hard reinforced covers will not be allowed in any of the divisions. Ruling on the suitability of shoulder protection will be at the discretion of the referee, game or tournament officials or the Commissioner.
- 6.9 All players are required to wear helmets and face protection.

Section Seven: Penalties

- 7.1 The general rules of lacrosse will be in effect as set out in the CLA Officials Association Rule Book, with the addition of the following:
 - (a)“UNNECESSARY ROUGHNESS” will not be permitted. Body contact must be relaxed. The defensive player shall only be allowed to place and push thereby steer his opponent. The placing of the stick shall have no force or impact except stick on stick contact. A minor or major penalty will be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who uses roughness during a game. Examples of excessive violent infractions are charging, slashing and high sticking.
 - (b)“CROSS CHECKING” A player may not check an opponent with that part of the handle of the crosse, which is between the hands. (This means the hands of the player must be together on the stick shaft when making body contact on the opponent.)
 - (c) “SIX FOOT RULE” When a loose ball is less than six feet from the boards, the referee shall immediately yell out the team colour of the player who is closest to the ball. That closest player wearing the colour indicated by the referee shall be awarded the ball if any body contact is made. There shall be zero tolerance for body on body contact with respect to this rule. The player not closest to the ball may use his stick to reach around to pick up the ball. The instant there is any body contact, the play shall be stopped and the ball awarded to the player of the non offending team. (The player not closest to the ball is encouraged to back off and let his opponent pick up the ball.)

- (d) “DANGEROUS SHOT RULE” If any player takes an uncontrolled shot and hits an opposing player (other than the goalkeeper), that player will be given a two minute unsportsmanlike penalty. It shall be at the discretion of the referee whether or not the shot is uncontrolled. The referee may elect not to call a penalty if he/she feels the opposing player(s) intentionally moved themselves into the path of the ball to entice a penalty or to block the shot.
- (e) “EXPULSIONS” Any player who receives a major, match, or three minor penalties will be expelled from the game. Any player who receives two 10minute misconduct penalties will be expelled from the game.
- (f) “FIGHTING” Any player who is assessed a penalty for fighting shall be expelled from tournament play or until the Commissioner rules on the incident. When a fight has occurred in a game the referee shall submit a game report to the Commissioner immediately following the game.

Section Eight: The Annual Tournament

- 8.1 There will be an annual B.C. Tournament on or near July 1st weekend each year.
- 8.2 The Annual Tournament will be held on the Lower Mainland two years in a row, and then travel to the region of the Province on a rotating basis every third year, providing the region is capable of organizing and hosting the event.
- 8.3 The host organization is a member club and is granted the right to host the Tournament by the member clubs at least two years in advance. Member clubs are defined as clubs who have completed in the Tournament in the previous year.
- 8.4 The Host Organization must have access, in close proximity, to appropriate arena facilities to stage up to 40 games over a three day period.
- 8.5 Invitations to out of province teams, who express an interest in attending the Tournament is permitted and encouraged.
- 8.6 Host organizations may impose a late fee of up to \$250 for the receipt of late entries or tournament fees after the deadline of May 31 preceding the tournament.

Section Nine: Duties of the Host Region for the Annual Tournament

- 9.1 The host region will:
 - (a) Prepare a budget for the Tournament and present it to the Commissioner for their approval, prior to sending out invitations to teams. The budget must provide that team entry fees must cover all direct operating expenses including arena rental, referees, scorekeepers, timekeepers, game balls, awards, Masters League fees, BCLA Insurance and social.

(b) Present trophies for the winners of each of the divisions, and special recognition such as the most sportsmanlike team, goaltending and the Tournament's Oldest Player.

(c) Provide all scorekeepers, timekeepers, referees, game balls, etc., necessary for the tournament.

(d) Budget and pay for all related costs of the Tournament.

Section Ten: League Fees

10.1 All teams participating in the Annual Tournament must contribute \$50 each to finance the office of the Commissioner. This fee will be collected by the Host Organization as part of the tournament registration fee and remitted to the office of the Commissioner at the conclusion the tournament.

10.2 The Commissioner must account for the funds received and the disbursements at each Annual General Meeting.