

RED RIVER LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

OPERATING POLICIES

Section 1 – Performance Bond

- 1.1 Each Zone Association must post a \$500.00 performance bond to the R.R.L.A
- 1.2 In order to remain in good standing the Zone Association must maintain the permanent performance bond at its full value. If it has been depleted the R.R.L.A. for cause, the bond must be replenished to the specified amount not later than FOURTEEN (14) days after notice of a deduction.
- 1.3 Fines may be levied for any scheduled game that is not played. The executive committee will determine if a fine is warranted and will advise the responsible zone(s) in writing. The fine will be equal to the total cost of the game for that particular age group. The cost is determined by adding the full cost of the facility rental and all officials' fees. The Zone(s) will be responsible for this fine and it will be deducted from the performance bond. If both teams are determined to be responsible then the cost will be split evenly.

Section 2 – Coaching

- 2.1 All coaching staff must be properly certified as per CLA minimum coaching standards.

Section 3 – Age Categories

- 3.1 Tyke – 8 and under
- 3.2 Novice – 9 and 10
- 3.3 Pee Wee – 11 and 12
- 3.4 Bantam – 13 and 14
- 3.5 Midget – 15 and 16
- 3.6 Intermediate – 17, 18 and 19
- 3.7 Junior – 21 and under
- 3.8 Senior – 22 and over
- 3.9 Each age category will have a convener (non-voting) to attend meetings when requested.

Section 4 – The Season

- 4.1 Tyke and Novice – start the season will be no earlier than the third week of April and no later than May 1st Depending on rink and official availability the season must end prior to the July long weekend.
- 4.2 Pee Wee B, Bantam B and Midget B – start the season will be no earlier than the third week of April and no later than May 1st Depending on rink and official availability the season must end prior to the July long weekend.

- 4.3 Pee Wee A, Bantam A and Midget A – start the season no later than first week of May and end no later than the 3rd. weekend of July.
- 4.4 Intermediate, Junior and Senior – start the season no earlier than first week of May and must end no later than the August long weekend.
- 4.5 Due to rink and official availability, play dates and times will be determined by the RRLA and are not limited to specific days of the week.
- 4.6 Play-offs for all Divisions except Tyke. Format to be determined by the RRLA based on number of teams, standings and age group of the divisions.
- 4.7 Twelve (12) game schedules for Tyke, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget. Intermediate, Junior and Senior will have a fourteen (14) game schedule.

Section 5 – Equipment

- 5.1 Please refer to Canadian Lacrosse Association standards.
- 5.2 Mouth guards are **mandatory** for all age groups as per Manitoba Lacrosse Association policy.

Section 6 – Teams

- 6.1 All Zones within the R.R.L.A are encouraged to have at least one 'A' team in the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget age categories. Failure to enter enough teams may result in the A League for a given age group not being formed. The RRLA at its discretion may move a team up or down a division.
- 6.2 Zones that have a large number of players registered in one age category shall be formed by dividing the total number of registered players in each Division by the maximum roster number to obtain the number of teams to be entered according to the following chart:

Number of Teams	A	B	Option – A or B
1			1
2	1		1
3	1	1	1
4	1	2	1
5	2	2	1
6	2	2	2
7	3	2	2
8	3	3	2
9	3	3	3
10	4	4	2
11	4	4	3
12	4	4	4
13	5	5	3
14	5	5	4
15	5	5	5

- 6.3 Roster size for all age categories – Minimum of 12 runners and 1 goaltender. Maximum size– CLA Rule # 14 A.- unless a variance is granted for less players.

6.4 Team Selection Process

- 6.4.1 The Zone should select two certified coaches for each team.
- 6.4.2 The Zone should run a minimum of two evaluation practices. The coaches and the Zone will evaluate the players. The Zone evaluations should be given to the coaches prior to team selection.
- 6.4.3 The coaches must advise the Zone prior to the team selection of any players that should be on their team due to special circumstances. (i.e. son, daughter, step-child, nephew, niece, etc.)
- 6.4.4 The Zone should provide the coaches with a list of players that have requested to play together.
- 6.4.6 At the end of the team selections , upon mutual agreement of the coaches and the Zone, players can be traded to accommodate requests from item 6.5.3. The Zone can also instigate trades to correct any perceived inequities in the teams. The Zone will have the final say in the matter.
- 6.4.7 Any players that register after team selection will be assigned to a team at the sole discretion of the Zone. If teams are actively recruiting to bring their numbers up to a more manageable level, the Zone should give extra consideration to the teams that are putting in the effort to attract additional players.

Section 7 – Eligibility and Registration

- 7.1 A \$500.00 non-refundable team deposit must be submitted to the R.R.L.A. by April 1st.
- 7.2 All players must be registered with the R.R.L.A. zones by April 15th. The Zone whose boundaries capture the players' primary residence is considered the Players home zone. Registration must take place with that Zone.
- 7.3 All team registration forms along with final payment must be submitted by April 15th. to the R.R.L.A.
- 7.4 Players may not be registered on more than one (1) box lacrosse team during the box season.
- 7.5 In the R.R.L.A. a player may play above their registered age group as long as the coach from their registered team has given consent. A player may play only one age classification higher.
- 7.6 Players are only allowed to play for the Zone for which they are registered. Alternate Players (AP) will be allowed to bring a team roster up to the number of players the team registered for the regular season. Any coach caught sitting players in favor of call-ups will be reprimanded by the disciplinary board who will determine what punishment is warranted. Alternate Players must be from a lower league in the same age group (B to A) or from a younger age group. (Bantam to Midget etc.). Goaltenders will be an exception, providing no other goaltender is available, a goaltender from another team within the same zone and at the same age group and level can be used (i.e. Novice goalie from same zone can play for another novice team within that zone). Major Lacrosse (Intermediate, Junior and Senior) shall follow CLA rules for roster sizes and alternate players.

- 7.7 Midget aged players being called up to play on Junior level teams must never be allowed to play when the Junior team is playing Senior aged teams.
- 7.8 Coaches eligibility – as per CLA minimum coaching standards. CLA Form 100's must be completed and submitted to the MLA office with the team registration forms by April 15th.
- 7.9 Addition/Deletion forms must be completed and submitted to the MLA office by May 15th. Inter-provincial transfers are governed by CLA rules.

Section 8 - Facilities

- 8.1 Each zone will be responsible for providing rink time and availability to the Scheduler for all home games. Zones are responsible to determine the facility costs for games in their zone. The zones are to separate the zone and RRLA costs and submit the invoice for payment to the RRLA for game costs. The RRLA will issue a cheque within 14 days of receipt of invoice.
- 8.2 These dates must be provided to the Scheduler by April 1st.
- 8.3 If dates are not provided the R.R.L.A. Scheduler will assign games where availability exists.
- 8.4 The R.R.L.A. will assign play-off games in cooperation with the Zone representatives. The R.R.L.A. will be responsible for paying facility costs for play-offs.

Section 9 – Travel Permit for Out of Province Tournaments

- 9.1 Teams planning on traveling out of province must notify the MLA in writing 1 month prior to travel. Submissions after this deadline may or may not be approved by the MLA. Requests for “No play dates” for teams traveling must be submitted to the scheduler by April 1st. Changes to the schedule will not be contemplated for failure to provide this notice.
- 9.2 Please refer to the MLA travel policy on the MLA website at www.manitobalacrosse.mb.ca

Section 10 – Tournaments

- 10.1 The request for hosting of tournaments must be submitted to the R.R.L.A. by April 1st.
- 10.2 The R.R.L.A. will review all request for tournaments and if approved will provide the MLA with notification.
- 10.3 All tournaments must also be sanctioned by the MLA.

Section 11 – Boundaries

11.1 Zone 1 – East

- West of the Red River
- North to the Perimeter
- East to the Perimeter
- South to Dugald Road
- Includes Dugald, Oakbank and East St Paul

11.2 Zone 2 – North

- West of the Red River
- North to the Perimeter
- South to the Assiniboine River
- East of Route 90
- West at East St. Paul on Highway No. 8 and West

11.3 Zone 3 – West

- North – South of the Assiniboine River
- South Perimeter
- East of Wilkes
- West of the Perimeter
- Oak Bluff, Headingly, Portage etc.

11.4 Zone 4 – South

- All the rest
- St. Norbert, LaSalle, Niverville, Ste. Agathe, Sanford, Ile Des Chenes, Lorette, Taches, Domain, Steinbach etc.

Please refer to the map

11.5 Zone 5

- South of Dugald
- North of Pine Falls
- East of Highway 11
- West of Highway 7 to the perimeter

11.6 Zone 6 - Sagkeeng

10/17/2009 – The RRLA will strike a committee to clarify and publish zone boundaries. Amendments are to be submitted at 2010 AGM