

**OHIO SCHOOLGIRLS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
BYLAWS**



BYLAW 1 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1-1-1. Ohio Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association member teams, coaches and student athletes shall adhere to the eligibility bylaws of the OHSAA (Bylaw 4), the General Sports Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, the OSLA Bylaws, the OSLA Lacrosse Regulations and the US Lacrosse Rules and these bylaws.
- 1-1-2. In the event the OHSAA Sports Regulations and/or the US Lacrosse Rules conflict with any provision of these Bylaws, the specific provisions of these OSLA Bylaws and OSLA Lacrosse Regulations shall supersede and take precedence.
- 1-1-3. Penalties for violations of the OSLA Constitution, OSLA Bylaws, OSLA Lacrosse Regulations, OHSAA Bylaws or Sports Regulations or US Lacrosse Rules shall be assessed at the discretion of the Commissioner of the OSLA. All penalties as assessed by the Commissioner may be appealed to the Board of Directors in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

BYLAW 2 – FINANCES

- 2-1-1. The Board of Directors shall establish and approve an annual budget. The annual budget shall be published and made available to all member teams.
- 2-1-2. As part of the annual budgeting process, the Board of Directors shall establish the annual dues for each member team.
- 2-1-3. Any team that has not paid its dues or monies owed by the due date as set by the Board of Directors may be determined to be ineligible for post season tournament play. Furthermore, no athlete who is a member of a team that has outstanding dues, fines or assessments shall be considered eligible for individual awards or recognition such as All-Star Team, All-District Team etc.

BYLAW 3 – CLASSIFICATION AND ORGANIZATION

- 3-1-1. The OSLA shall be divided into three (3) Regions known as the Greater Cincinnati Region, the Greater Columbus Region and the Greater Cleveland Region. Teams shall be placed in a Region by the Commissioner of the OSLA based upon the team's proximity and location with a Region.
- 3-1-2. Teams within a Region shall be divided into three Divisions: Division I School Teams, Division II School Teams and Division III – Club Teams. For purposes of this Bylaw, a "school team" is one that is recognized by their school on the same level as the school's other varsity sport teams and/or receive some or all of its financial support from their local school district, either directly or in-kind. Coaches for such teams shall have either a license or pupil activity permit. "Club teams" are those teams that are not recognized by

any school district/system as a varsity sport and receive no financial support from a school district/system whatsoever.

- 3-1-3. The placement of a team in a division shall be done bi-annually by the Commissioner's Office by placing an equal (or near equal) number of school teams in each division within each region. OSLA shall use the OHSAA numbers for girls in grades 9, 10, 11 included in the October EMIS report for the determining the number of girls in participating member schools.
- 3-1-4. High schools that consolidate during the school year will be classified on the basis of the school enrollment of girls in grades 9, 10 and 11 at the legal date of consolidation. In the event of the opening of a new high school or transfer of territory under Section 3311.38 of the Ohio Revised Code, member school classification assignments will be based on actual number of girls in grades 10, 11, and 12 as of September 10 of the current year.
- 3-1-5. In the case of the opening or closing of a high school in a multi-high school district, the member high school classification assignments for all high schools within the district shall be based on the actual number of girls enrolled in grades 10, 11, and 12 as of Sept. 10 of the current year.

BYLAW 4 – PARTICIPATION.

Section 1. The Athlete

- 4-1-1. Every athlete on a team must meet all eligibility requirements of OHSAA Bylaw 4 in order to be eligible to participate on an OSLA member team.
- 4-1-2. A student will be eligible to participate on an OSLA member team if the student attains their fifteenth birthday before August 1 or when the student attains ninth grade standing and is enrolled in the participating member school or affiliated club team school as a ninth grader.
- 4-1-3. A member of an OSLA member lacrosse team shall not participate as an individual or member of a non OSLA member lacrosse team or club during the OSLA regular season as defined as the period from the first practice date until the conclusion of her OSLA team's tournament season. Participation shall be defined as any try-out, practice, or contest sponsored, hosted or convened by the non member club. The exception is try outs and participation for a Great Lakes team sponsored by the Ohio Schoolgirls Lacrosse Coaches Association and local U S Lacrosse Chapter (see 4-1-4).
- 4-1-4. A member of an OSLA member lacrosse team may participate in tryouts, both local and regional, and contests associated with the US Lacrosse Women's National Tournament and under the supervision of the OSLA Coaches Association.

- 4-1-5. A member of an OSLA member lacrosse team may participate on a non-OSLA member team prior to and following the OSLA season under the following conditions:
- a. The number of players from the same OSLA team on the non-OSLA team shall be no more than six (6) for participation in any contest that fields a team of twelve (12) players for competition.
 - b. There is no limit on the number of players from the same OSLA team participating on a non-OSLA team from June 1 – July 31.
- 4-1-6. Participation in Indoor or Box lacrosse before or after the OSLA season is not a violation of OSLA regulations, provided contests are played using seven (7) or fewer players per team. Indoor or Box lacrosse teams are not subject to the six player limit. Member team coaches are prohibited from coaching members of their high school team during indoor or box lacrosse activities.
- 4-1-7. Individual skill instruction may be received by any player of an OSLA member team at anytime in individual or group lessons by a non-OSLA member team coach. Any OSLA member team coach may not conduct individual or group lessons for a member of his/her team except for a maximum of 10 days during the period of June 1-July 31 and during the defined lacrosse season.