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1. Purpose

In alignment with USA Lacrosse's emphasis on athlete-centered development, safety, and age-appropriate participation, Mounds View Irondale Lacrosse Association (MVI) has established this policy to provide clear guidance for athletes participating in lacrosse programs across age levels. As opportunities for involvement in high school lacrosse continue to expand, this policy is intended to ensure that participation decisions support long-term athlete development, promote fair competition, and uphold the integrity of MVI programs while prioritizing athlete well-being.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all MVI Lacrosse athletes and is particularly applicable to participants in the **12U and 14U boys' and girls' programs**, where considerations related to overlapping participation and developmental readiness are most likely to arise. All participation decisions will be guided by USA Lacrosse recommendations and MVI's commitment to providing a safe, developmentally appropriate, and positive experience for every athlete.

3. Policy

Any player who chooses to play high school-level lacrosse will not be permitted to register for Mounds View Irondale Youth Lacrosse. High School level lacrosse includes, but is not limited to, Varsity, Junior Varsity, "B" Squad, and high school affiliated 7/8th grade teams. If a player is registered for MVI and it is later determined that the player is participating in high school-level lacrosse, their roster position will be forfeited, and registration fees may be refunded (uniform cannot be refunded).

4. Reasoning

MVI is committed to maximizing participation opportunities for youth within our enrollment area by supporting the greatest number of players, from kindergarten through eighth grade. We strive to do so through responsible use of resources, reasonable program fees, and thoughtful program management.

Based on years of experience, MVI has determined that integrating high school lacrosse participation into the youth association season is not feasible due to significant scheduling, competitive, and operational conflicts between the two levels of play. High school lacrosse presents distinct demands that differ from youth and club lacrosse, which often allows for greater scheduling flexibility and year-round participation.

5. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the MVI Board annually. Season feedback will be considered in this annual review.



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