

OFSAA BOYS' FIELD LACROSSE FESTIVAL

The sole basis for the very existence of high school sport is the contribution it makes to the general educational experience of those students who participate.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

1. **Date:**

The OFSAA Boys' Lacrosse Festivals shall be held as follows:

A/AA on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the first full week in June; and
AAA/AAAA on the Thursday and Friday of the first full week in June;
unless extraordinary circumstances dictate a change

2. **Location:**

The location of the Festivals shall be decided not later than the OFSAA Annual Meeting held in April of the school year prior to the Festivals.

3. **Classifications:**

There shall be two classifications of Festivals - "A/AA" and "AAA/AAAA" for Boys' Lacrosse. Associations shall classify their school teams based on the criteria found in By-Law 5, Section 2(b).

4. **Tournament Structure and Procedure:** (See Appendix I)

- (a) The OFSAA Lacrosse Festivals shall be one of the structures outlined in Appendix I. The two (2) semi-final losers on the Championship side of the draw shall play in the Bronze medal game.
- (b) Semi-final games shall be run concurrently whenever possible.

5. **Seeding:**

- (a) All teams shall be seeded.
- (b) Teams of the same association shall not be placed in the same pool or bracket where possible.
- (c) Seeds shall be determined by the Convening Committee in consultation with the Sport Advisory Committee.
- (d) Seeding shall be based on past records, Association strengths and tournament results.

6. **Entry:**

- (a) Entries will be accepted from Association Convenors or designates only.

(b) **NO APPLICATION OF ENTRY RULES BELOW SHALL PROVIDE FOR MORE THAN TWO (2) ENTRIES FROM ANY ONE ASSOCIATION.** However, additional entries may be awarded to the host Association provided that the additional entries to the previous Association medallists have been exhausted.

(c) Entries for both the “A/AA” and “AAA/AAAA” festivals shall be as follows: one team from each Association declaring an entry.

Should it be necessary to facilitate the draw, additional entries shall be selected from:

- (i) the host Association;
- (ii) the gold medal Association of the previous year;
- (iii) the silver medal Association of the previous year;
- (iv) the bronze medal Association of the previous year;
- (v) the antique bronze medal Association of the previous year.

(d) Any suspension or disciplinary actions in Association play shall be carried forward into OFSAA Festival competition. The Association convenor shall be responsible for reporting such players and the nature of the disciplinary action on the OFSAA entry form. Any disciplinary action is subject to appeal to the Competition Committee.

(e) For associations withdrawing a team(s) after the commitment deadline the minimum sanction imposed will be a fine equal to the entry fee. Further, if the withdrawal takes place at a time that impacts on the convenor, financially or logistically, a further fine may be issued. This fine may encompass costs incurred by the convenor for entry fee, banquet meals, banners, etc. as reviewed and approved by OFSAA. The association and/or school may also be brought forward to the Board of Reference sanctions.

ENTRY DEADLINES

Championship Play Begins	Entry Deadline
Monday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm
Tuesday	The preceding Wednesday @ 11:59 pm
Wednesday	The preceding Thursday @ 11:59 pm
Thursday	The preceding Saturday @ 11:59 pm
Friday	The preceding Monday @ 11:59 pm
Saturday	The preceding Tuesday @ 11:59 pm

7. Expenses:

An Entry Fee shall be charged which shall be sufficient to cover the operating costs of the tournament. Any Association that does not meet its entry commitment after it has declared an entry into the Championship will be required to submit the entry fee and a report will be made to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

Those schools having entries are responsible for arranging and financing their own travel, meals and accommodation for the event.

8. Eligibility:

(a) Team Eligibility

To be eligible to compete at the OFSAA Championship a school lacrosse team must participate in a minimum of six (6) regulation length games or two (2) separate tournaments during a minimum four-week period under the supervision of the teacher-coach.

(b) To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation a student **must:**

- (i) be eligible for competition under the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules (Playing Regulations) of the Association to which his school belongs;
- (ii) be certified as eligible by the Principal of the school;
- (iii) meet the following age requirement: the individual's birth certificate indicates that he has not reached his 19th birthday by January 1st prior to the start of the school year in which the competition is held;
- (iv) be in Grades 9-12;
- (v) be eligible under the OFSAA Transfer Policy (By-Law 5, Section 4(f));
- (vi) be eligible for no more than five (5) consecutive years from date of entry into Grade 9 (By-Law 5, Section 4(g));
- (vii) have signed the Rules of Behaviour signature form for the competition;
- (viii) Any athlete participating in an OFSAA Championship or an OFSAA qualifying event must have participated as a member of a bona fide high school program during the current season under the supervision of a teacher-coach as certified by the school principal.

(c) Teams must submit as part of their registration package, an eligibility sheet with the following information:

- i. Players' full names
- ii. Players' age as of Dec. 31st of the current year
- iii. Players' birth dates and date of entry to grade 9
- iv. Secondary schools attended in the previous 12 months
- v. Date cleared by transfer committee (if applicable)
- vi. Signatures of coach, athletic director/headmaster/principal

(d) In addition teams must submit as part of their registration package, a team roster with the following information in the following order:

- i. Players' uniform number and full name
- ii. Players' position, height, weight and grade level

9. Rules and Officials:

Revisions to rules governing play at the OFSAA Festivals shall be reviewed by the Sport Advisory Committee and approved by the Representatives' Council prior to implementation at any Festival. All OFSAA festival games will be officiated by a minimum of two currently certified referees, at least one of which must hold a minimum of Level II Field Lacrosse referee certification..

All participating teams must provide a timer/scorer and a ball boy for each game in which it participates during Festival play. Teams must ensure that these minor officials are trained prior to the Festival.

The current ILF rulebook shall govern play at the OFSAA tournament with the following exceptions:

(a) Playing Time

Pool, round robin or preliminary games:

These games will consist of four (4) 10 or 12 minute quarters with the last one (1) minute of the 4th quarter being stop time. Overtime, if necessary, will immediately go to successive sudden death 4-minute periods with no rest interval until a winner is declared. Teams shall change ends at the end of each period.

Bronze medal and gold medal games:

These games will be four (4) 12 or 15 minute quarters, the last three (3) minutes of the 4th quarter being stop time. Overtime, if necessary, will be as per the ILF rulebook.

All games will allow for a minimum 10 minute warm-up period. All games will have the following intervals between periods: 2 minutes between the 1st and 2nd quarters, 5 minutes at half time, and 3 minutes between the 3rd and 4th quarters. Teams who are not ready to begin on time shall be assessed an "avoidable lateness" technical foul to start the game. Teams that are more than 10 minutes late to start the match shall forfeit the match at the discretion of the tournament Jury of Appeal.

Teams will be allowed 2 one minute timeouts per half regardless of the timing format.

A game which has finished the third (3rd) quarter is deemed complete if play is stopped by the referee at or beyond this point. Any game which is stopped prior to the end of the third (3rd) quarter will be considered a "suspended game" and will be continued from the point that the game was stopped once play can resume. The time remaining, score, penalties, game sheet etc. will all continue from the point that the game was suspended.

(b) Roster Limits

There will be no roster limit for the tournament, however only 30 medals will be given to each team as applicable. Each team shall submit an eligibility list of players who shall be eligible to play in the tournament. Teams will be allowed to dress 25 players per game. These designated players must be properly listed on the game sheet. All other players must

be in alternate strip or track suits if they are in the bench area.

(c) Tie Situations

- (i) There are no tie games in field lacrosse. All games are to be played until a winner is declared. See 9 (a) above.
- (ii) Ties in pool standings will be broken as follows:
 - a. point total from win/loss/tie record in pool play;
 - b. if still tied, result of head to head competition between tied teams;
 - c. if still tied, point differential in head to head competition between tied teams;
 - d. if still tied, fewest points against in head to head competition between tied teams;
 - e. if still tied, point differential using all pool games;
 - f. if still tied, fewest points against in all pool games;
 - g. if still tied, fewest minutes in personal or expulsion penalties in all pool games;
 - h. if still tied, coin toss.
- (iii) Process
 - a. In the event that two or more teams are tied and the process is able to successfully rank the teams and no ties now exist, this ranking will be used to seed the teams.
 - b. If the process is only able to reduce the number of tied teams by one or more and a tie still exists;
 - * the teams that are no longer tied will assume their new ranking
 - * the process involving only the remaining tied teams shall commence again from the beginning with '(ii) a.'
 - c. The maximum point differential for tie breaking calculation in any single game will be 5 points.

(f) Player Equipment

All players must wear:

- (i) CSA approved helmet and mask with chinstrap properly fastened on both sides
- (ii) Full fit interior mouth guard at all times when on the field of play
- (iii) Gloves with fingers fully encased
- (iv) Shoulder pads
- (v) Arm pads
- (vi) Athletic support and protective cup

Goalies must wear a throat guard and chest protector.

All offending equipment must be repaired or removed subject to the referee's discretion.

(g) Suspensions and Ejections

- (i) A player is ineligible for OFSAA competition if previously suspended for a breach of the rules while playing under the jurisdiction of the school Association, assuming that the suspension period covers the OFSAA Festival dates.
- (ii) Any player given an intent to injure penalty (including off-the-ball leg slashes, and pulling the face mask) will be ejected from Festival play.
- (iii) The third man into an off-play altercation will be ejected from Festival play.
- (iv) Players who accumulate four (4) minutes in personal fouls will be suspended for the duration of that match.
- (v) Any expulsion penalty must be reported to both the Referee-in-Chief and the Festival Convenor, and will result in suspension for the remainder of Festival play.
- (vi) Goaltenders receiving a penalty shall serve their own penalty provided that the team has a second goaltender dressed. Where a team only has one goaltender dressed, they must declare a “designated defender” prior to the game, who shall serve all goaltender time served penalties other than expulsion
- (vii) Only Captains may speak to officials.

10. Uniforms and Equipment:

All teams must wear matching shirt and shorts. Shirts must have minimum 8” numbers on the front and minimum 10” numbers on the back. No duplicate numbers shall be permitted on the same team. Track suit trousers or leggings may be worn by any player but, for a particular team, they must be of the same colour. In cases where teams have similar coloured jerseys, it is the requirement of the home teams to wear contrasting jerseys/pinnies. Where no home team is identified, the team named first on the schedule will be required to wear contrasting jerseys/pinnies.

All uniforms must be intact at the start of each game. The Convenor must provide a second set of uniforms in the event of a colour conflict.

All competitors are expected to dress in uniforms that are neat, clean and which maintain the integrity of the school's/Association's name, colours and logos. No sport club insignia on uniforms shall be permitted. A sport club is defined as a community, provincially or nationally based organization whose primary purpose is participation in organized competition in single or multi sport programs. Sponsorship recognition is permitted to be visible but must conform to the placement guidelines outlined in By-Law 6, Section 2(h). These criteria must be met both on and in the immediate vicinity of the competitive area and during the awards ceremonies.

Student-athletes must remain fully clothed in the appropriate team uniform in the competition area, AND use the designated locker room or change area to change to and from competition attire. Incidents of non-compliance shall be forwarded to the Competition Committee for resolution.

Any knee braces must be approved by the head official at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the Festival.

All games will be played on cut and clearly lined fields marked by 7 pylons as per the ILF

rulebook. The penalty areas will have a table, 3 stop watches, four chairs and an official score sheet. Any football, rugby or soccer goal posts that are in play shall be sufficiently padded.

The Tournament Convenor shall provide 7 CLA approved white game balls for each games (1 game ball and 3 on each end line).

11. Awards:

Members of the championship team shall receive gold medallions (30). The school represented by the championship team shall receive a banner to be retained by the school.

Members of the runner-up team shall receive silver medallions (30).

Members of the winning team in the bronze medal match shall receive bronze medallions (30).

Members of the losing team in the bronze medal match shall receive antique bronze medallions (30).

OFSAA-ineligible athletes, who were permitted to compete at the local league or Association level, shall not receive medals, either at the Festival or after the event.

OFSAA participation certificates may be provided by the Tournament Committee.

12. Supervision: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 1)

A teacher is defined as a member of the Ontario College of Teachers or a holder of an Ontario Teacher's Certificate or equivalent

- (a) For team sports ("A team consists of all athletes from the same school who qualify for Federation competition as a unit..." {reference By-Law 5, Section 3}), a teacher from the same school, or a retired teacher, as approved by the principal of the school, must accompany and be responsible for the team and serve on the bench as a coach or supervisor for the entire game.
- (b) Where the teacher, as indicated in (a) above, is not of the same sex as the athletes, and where the athletes are required or might be required to stay overnight, a supervisory adult, as approved by the principal of the school, of the same sex as the athletes, must be present and available at the accommodation site for the duration of their stay in the accommodation.

13. Registration:

Registration materials will only be given to the teacher accompanying the team, upon receipt of a completed Rules of Behaviour signature form, signed "Release of Liability" forms and photo forms.

14. Department: (Reference By-Law 6, Section 2)

- (a) A team is defined as, "All participants representing the same school at an OFSAA

Championship event".

- (b) A participant is defined as, "Anyone who has been granted proper authorization to enter a restricted area." "Restricted area" includes "those areas occupied by athletes and to which access by the general public is restricted or prohibited."
- (c) All participants are expected to abide by the, "Rules of Behaviour for Participants to OFSAA Championships". (See Appendix to By-Laws)
- (d) Supervising adults are responsible for the behaviour of participants for the duration of the Championships.
- (e) Teams are open to censure for failure of its participants to abide by the "Rules of Behaviour".
- (f)
 - (i) All coaches are expected to adhere to the Code of Ethics for Coaches to OFSAA Championships. (See Appendix II)
 - (ii) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Statement of Principle on Recruiting. (See Appendix IV)
 - (iii) Spectators are expected to adhere to the Code of Behaviour for Spectators. (See Appendix III)
 - (iv) All coaches are expected to adhere to the "Return to Play Guidelines". (See Appendix VI)
 - (v) School personnel and coaches are expected to adhere to the Policy on dispensing drugs, medication and food supplements. (See Appendix IX)
- (g) All schools entering a Federation Championship shall, by signature of the school principal on the Championship Entry Form, acknowledge responsibility for making restitution for damage resulting from misconduct by their participants.
- (h) No artificial noisemakers are permitted at OFSAA Championship events.

15. **Social:**

If a special event is arranged all team members and coaches must attend. At this event each coach and captain shall be introduced.

Dress Code for Banquets:

- no person shall wear jeans, shorts or a hat;
- boys shall wear dress pants, a dress shirt and a tie;
- girls shall wear dress pants or skirt with a dress top;
- if a themed event is planned by the convenor, then the convenor must apply to the OFSAA office for permission to vacate these rules;
- should there be an instance of improper attire, the Competition Committee shall deal with the matter and forward a report to the OFSAA Board of Reference - Sanctions.

16. **Medical:**

Provision shall be made by the Convenor to have a medical doctor in attendance or readily available and to follow appropriate hygienic precautions with regard to bodily fluids and communicable diseases. (See Appendix IV to the By-Laws.) Qualified sport therapist(s) and equipment must be readily available at the Festival site(s). Coaches shall provide all consumable medical supplies (e.g. tape, band aids) for their athletes. In the event of any serious injury, the sports therapist will determine the continuation of play for the injured player.

17. **Jury of Appeal:**

The Jury of Appeal shall consist of three (3) individuals: the chairperson of the OFSAA Lacrosse Sport Advisory Committee or designate, a tournament committee member and one (1) other member appointed by the Championship Convenor. The Jury of Appeal shall handle disputes which fall within the realm of:

- (a) Tournament Structure and Procedure;
- (b) Rules and Officials;
- (c) Uniforms and Equipment;
- (d) Scoring.

Tournament structure and procedure concerns shall be addressed no later than the end of the coaches' meeting.

Within five (5) minutes of the conclusion of the game, the coach of a team wishing to lodge a protest, must notify the head official and the opposing coach of their intent to appeal.

A dispute must be submitted in writing to the Convenor or Designate together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within thirty (30) minutes, except as provided within specific sport governing regulations, of the conclusion of the game in which the incident under dispute occurred. Decisions of the Jury of Appeal shall be final.

A report of the Jury of Appeal decisions shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

18. Competition Committee:

- (a) The Competition Committee shall consist of three (3) individuals: the Championship Convenor, or designate; an OFSAA staff or Executive Committee Member, or designate; and the Chairperson of the OFSAA Lacrosse Sport Advisory Committee, or designate. The Competition Committee shall handle disputes regarding:
 - (i) Eligibility;
 - (ii) Deportment;
 - (iii) Supervision and registration;
 - (iv) Social;
 - (v) Medical personnel;
 - (vi) Awards.

If a dispute cannot be resolved by the Competition Committee within a reasonable period of time, the event will continue and the dispute may be referred to a Board of Reference - General. (Please note that eligibility under the OFSAA Transfer Policy cannot be addressed at OFSAA events (By-Law 5, Section 4 (f)).

Disputes which fall within the jurisdiction of the Competition Committee must be received in writing to the Convenor or designate, together with a \$50.00 fee (refundable if dispute is upheld) within a reasonable time frame.

Appeals to the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be addressed to the Board of Reference - General.

A report of the decisions of the Competition Committee shall be forwarded to the Board of Reference - Sanctions.

- (b) The Competition Committee shall be the body empowered to delay/cancel an event(s) due to unforeseen circumstances at the site(s).

***All Federation Championships and Festivals are non-smoking events.
This includes the use of all tobacco related products.***

Participants must obey the Ministry of Education's Code of Conduct

Appendix I

TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURE

All OFSAA Lacrosse Festivals shall follow one of the following tournament formats depending on the number of teams participating. All tournaments will use advantage seeding format.

- (a) For an 8 team draw there shall be two (2) pools of four (4) teams each.

(i) Each pool shall play a round robin series. The top two teams in each pool will play a semi final game with A1 v. B2 and A2 v. B1. The winners of these two matches shall play for the gold medal and the losers shall play for the bronze. The same crossover format will be used for the third and fourth place teams in each pool with the winners meeting for the Consolation Championship and the losers shall play in the Consolation Bronze match.

Pool A	Pool B
1	2
4	3
5	6
8	7

- (b) For a 12 team draw there shall be four (4) pools of three (3) teams each.

(i) Each pool shall play a round robin series, The four (4) pool winners will play a semi-final with Pool A winner vs. Pool D winner and Pool C winner vs. Pool B winner. The winners of these two matches shall play for the gold medal and the losers shall play for the Bronze. The 2nd place pool finishers shall play the same format for 5th to 8th place, and the 3rd place pool finishers shall play the same format for 9th to 12th place. This format guarantees every team exactly 4 games. All games must be completed as they will be considered for seeding of associations in the following year.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
12	11	10	9

- (c) For a 16 team draw there shall be four (4) pools of four (4) teams each.

(ii) Each pool shall play a round robin series, The four (4) pool winners will play a semi-final with Pool A winner vs. Pool D winner and Pool C winner vs. Pool B winner. The winners of these two matches shall play for the gold medal and the losers shall play for the Bronze. The 2nd place pool finishers shall play the same format for 5th to 8th place, and the 3rd place pool finishers shall play the same format for 9th to 12th place, and the 4th

place pool finishers hall play the same format for 13th to 16th place. This format guarantees every team exactly 5 games. All games must be completed as they will be considered for seeding of associations in the following year.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
9	10	11	12
16	15	14	13

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