

REGULATION 25 – ALA MEN’S FIELD PROVINCIAL INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

25.01 General Policy

- 25.01.1 All participants shall abide by all Canadian Lacrosse Association Rules of Field Lacrosse.
- 25.01.2 The Canadian Lacrosse Association’s Coaches Code and the CLA Coaching Philosophy for Minor Lacrosse must be adhered to. Adherence to these guidelines will be monitored and interpreted by the ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition. The ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition decision will be final.
- 25.01.3 Member teams wishing to participate in Provincial tournaments MUST register using the “Provincial Invitational Participation Form” to participate along with a \$200.00 Provincial Invitational intent fee per team by July 31. Out of Province teams will submit a \$400 fee. If the Member team fails to provide representation at the Provincial Invitational Tournament then the intent fee will be forfeited.

25.02 Team Qualification

- 25.02.1 To participate, the local governing body must sanction teams with all players, coaches and team management being members in good standing. In the event that the local governing body fails to sanction Provincial participants then the VP of Provincial and National Competition shall determine eligibility for Provincial play.
- 25.02.2 All teams participating in Provincial tournament must provide the ALA with rosters for verification and approval of affiliates 48 hours prior to the commencement of the first game of the Provincial Tournament. Submitted rosters will be frozen at that time.
- 25.02.3 All rosters and player identification must be readily available at all provincial tournament games.
- 25.02.4 Teams can have a maximum of 23 players (including goalies) on their roster. Teams must have a minimum number of 12 players to participate.
- 25.02.5 Teams may affiliate ONLY up to a maximum roster size of 23 players (including goalies). ALL affiliates must be drawn from the same club and in the same division or a lower division. Affiliates must be identified and listed on the initial roster submission.
- 25.02.6 Exceptions to this affiliation regulation can be made for teams that only have one team registered with the ALA in a division and will not have enough players to participate. These teams may be allowed to affiliate from a different club subject to the approval of the ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition. Overage players will not be permitted.
- 25.02.7 A player may not play for more than one team per division in Provincial Tournaments in a given year.
- 25.02.8 All tournament formats are to be approved by the ALA VP of Provincial and National Competition. The preferred format will be Round Robin with a playoff. If there are only two teams entered in a Division the preferred format is a best of three series.

25.03 Final Standings Tie Break Formula

- 25.03.1 In the event of a tie, final standings shall be determined by:
- a) team record against each other
 - b) GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA: Only the goals scored in games between the tied teams are used in the goal average formula for tie breaking. Team with the highest ratio advances
 - c) GOALS AVERAGE FORMULA: Only the goals scored in games between each other plus common opponents are used in the goal average formula for tie breaking. Team with the highest ratio advances
 - d) GOALS AGAINST FORMULA: Using goals for and against in all games played by the tied teams
 - e) The team with the lowest penalty minutes advances

GOALS AVERAGE FORMULA

$$\frac{\text{Goals For}}{\text{Goals For} + \text{Goals Against}}$$

- 25.03.2 If more than two (2) teams are tied, the rest of the tie will be broken by reverting to the initial process as per Regulation 24.03.1

25.04 Player Eligibility

All Alberta players must be duly registered with the ALA registration databank and listed on the team's roster, for the current year. Any visiting teams must be registered and in good standing with their provincial organizations for the current year.

25.05 Coach and Trainer Eligibility

25.05.01 All coaches must be duly registered as coaches with the ALA registration databank for the current year.

25.05.02 All Trainers must be duly registered as trainers with the ALA registration databank for the current year.

25.05.02 All Coaches must meet CLA Coaching Standards.

25.05.03 All trainers must meet ALA Standards as per ALA Regulations,

25.06 Men's Field Provincial Tournament Rules

All teams or Associations that host a Provincial Tournament within the Province of Alberta will comply with the rules set out as follows.

25.06.1 Field Playing Rules

- a) The Canadian Lacrosse Association Rules of Field Lacrosse apply.

- b) The Canadian Lacrosse Association's Coaches Code and the CLA Coaching Philosophy for Field Lacrosse must be adhered to. Adherence to these Guidelines will be monitored and interpreted by the ALA Representative.
- c) All games will start on time unless otherwise decided upon by the ALA Representative.
- d) WARM UP: there will be a five (5) minute warm-up before game time.
- e) Game Times: full games will be run consisting of 4-15 minute quarters with the exception of the Novice division which will be 2-25 minute halves.
- f) Overtime: after a 5 minute rest, team will switch ends and the game will continue until the first sudden victory goal. Overtime periods will be 4 minute stop time periods with 2 minute rest in between
- g) A game is considered complete if 80% of the game time has elapsed.
- h) An interrupted game will restart at the point of the interruption.
- i) If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships was not completed due to weather related closures or cancellations, then the tournament will be cancelled and no medals will be awarded.
- j) If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships was completed, then the standing will be determined by the round robin games completed. The Tie Break formula will apply.

25.07 Discipline at Provincials

25.07.1 General

See Bylaw 10

25.07.2 Procedures

- a) The ALA Representative will adhere to and interpret the ALA Bylaws and Regulations.
- b) The Provincial Host in conjunction with the ALA Representative will Oversee, organize and interpret all rules, guidelines on behalf of the ALA. The Provincial Discipline Committee will consist of ALA Representative, Tournament RIC and Member of Host Committee. The membership of the provincial discipline committee will be announced to all teams prior to commencing tournament play.

25.07.3 Appeals

To place an appeal, with the Provincials Discipline Committee, the appealing team must put a \$100 non-refundable bond forward. The appeal must be made in writing and must be received no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game. If game conclusion time is missing from the game sheet the scheduled game time conclusion shall be used. If the appeal is won the fee will be refunded. If any game or portion thereof is to be replayed, the refund will be given after that conclusion. The decision of the Provincials Discipline Committee is final unless the sanction carries beyond the tournament.

25.08 ALA Representative

In the regulations for Provincial Tournaments, the ALA Representative will be that person who is appointed by the VP of Provincials and Nationals Competition.

25.09 Provincial Trophies

Provincial Trophies are to be returned to the ALA office by the ALA AGM of the completion year at the club's cost. Clubs failing to return trophies by the deadline will be fined \$250 per month which there is no appeal. Damaged trophies will be invoiced to LGB.

25.10 Provincial Categories

Novice to Midget will strive to create an A and B provincials where team numbers allow. By July 31st associations will complete the Provincial Invitational Tournament Declaration form summarizing the number of A teams and B teams that each association will send to the tournament. A minimum of two teams per division are required for play to occur for the provincial championships. The maximum number of teams allowed at each age division will be determined by the host organization.

25.10.1 Clubs entering two (2) teams or more in a division must ensure these teams are parity teams.