

ALA Tournament Guidelines 2020 v.2

All ALA Tournament play (Invitational and Provincial Championships) will follow rules as set forth in the CLA Rule Book and the ALA Bylaws and Regulations. Regulation 28 applies to all rosters and game play. All rosters are as per the ALA Registration System, affiliations as per ALA Regulation 28.



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TOURNAMENT CHECK LIST

1. Club set up tournament committee including chair and discipline committee
2. Club to assure appropriate floor time can be secured
3. Club to apply to the ALA for Tournament Sanction as per deadlines in ALA Regulations
4. After receiving confirmation of sanctioning, request assignment of Referee in Chief from ALRA
5. Draft schedule based on floor time acquired; ALA Regulation 28 game times apply
6. Draft tournament package to circulate to interested teams – including fees, ALA rules, location, hotels, etc
7. Promote tournament and recruit teams to attend
8. Order trophies and awards and merchandise
9. Schedule Volunteers – Administrative volunteers, merchandise, gaming, time keepers, etc
10. Communicate tournament updates to teams attending- including ALA rules, sponsors, hotels, restaurants, etc
11. Program printing including tournament rules as per ALA Regulation 28
12. Assure ALA approved Balls and game sheets are in stock
13. Identify Lead Volunteers
14. Develop an Emergency Action Plan for the Tournament and Circulate to Teams attending
15. Assure rosters are as per ALA Registration System
(affiliations as per Regulation 28 and teams have the schedule)
16. Use media for promotion and results
17. Assure team managers leave cell phone numbers for emergency contacts
18. Submit Tournament Standing report to ALA Office within 48 hrs
19. Send Tournament Discipline log and games sheets to the ALA Office within 48 hrs of completion of the tournament.

UPON COMPLETION OF TOURNAMENT (WITHIN 48 HOURS) YOU MUST COMPLETE FOR EACH DIVISION THE TOURNAMENT STANDING REPORT; DISCIPLINE LOG (WITHIN 48 HRS) If not received club will be fined \$500 for each report not provided
EMAIL TO

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TEAM INFORMATION

- All teams must meet requirements in the ALA Regulations
- All rosters are as per the ALA Registration System. Affiliations as per Regulation 28
- Overaged Players are not permitted unless granted an exception from ALA Executive (written proof required)
- **Tournaments permitting overaged players will be fined \$750 per player.**
- All Players must be registered with the ALA; **out of province players are not permitted on ALA teams**
- All coaches must meet CLA Minimum Coaching standards
- All Trainers must meet ALA Requirements as per ALA Regulations
- All out of Province teams **MUST** have a valid travel permit

HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

All Hosts must clearly indicate the level of tournament to interested teams. ie – A, B Parity, B Tiered, C

TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Their role is to oversee the operations of the ALA Sanctioned Tournament by ***Supervising registrations....Ensuring ALA rules of play are followed***

- All hosting applicants must ensure that tournament rules as per ALA Regulations are sent out with the application forms. The rules are to comply with the CLA rule book and ALA Bylaws and Regulation. All tournaments follow **ALA Regulation 28** for game play. Failure to comply will result in a \$750.00 fine.
- A completed schedule **must be emailed** to Lisa Grant (lisa@albertalacrosse.com) at the ALA office at least 2week prior to the start of the 1st game of the Tournament and the ALRA RIC assigned to your tournament.
- **The host organization will provide all arena officials. Only appointed officials will be permitted in the time box.**
- Refer to on-site assigned ALRA RIC, questions regarding:
 - ✓ game rules interpretation
 - ✓ complaints regarding referee conduct
 - ✓ problems with timekeeping
- Ensure that Game Structure, Overtime Rules, and Suspension Guidelines as per **ALA Regulation 28** have been posted in an accessible spot adjacent to the score board.
- Score sheets – Score sheets must be completed for all team players and bench personnel. IF a team chooses to use stickers they **must line up** and placed on all 3 copies or they are not permitted.
- Request ALRA RIC to advise timekeeping officials that copies of score sheet must be returned to registrar's desk.
- Upon completion of tournament, make sure the discipline chair ensures that the following information is sent to the ALA **office within 48 hrs** after the final game of the tournament.
 - ✓ All Game Sheets
 - ✓ Discipline Log and Committee Report
- Upon competition of tournament, make sure the tournament chair ensures the tournament

Standing report is provided to the ALA office within **48 hrs** after the final game of the tournament.

The sale or provision of alcoholic beverages or spirits by the sponsoring club or hosting organization at any minor event sanctioned must be pre-approved by the ALA Office

GAME SHEETS

Only ALA game sheets are to be used for all tournaments. ALA game sheets can be ordered through the ALA for a \$ 8.25 for packages of 15 game sheets. As the game sheet is the legal record of the event, it is essential that it be made out as **clearly** and **concisely** as possible. With this in mind, we REQUIRE the following procedures be implemented. All game sheets must be numbered and filled out clearly and concisely and as follows:

- ✓ Game sheets are to be completed with players in numerical order according to sweaters
 - ✓ Game sheets must be prepared 15 minutes prior to the scheduled game time.
Game sheets will be available at the Host Table prior to each game.
 - ✓ Rosters are to maximum 18 runners and 2 goalies
 - ✓ Overaged players are not permitted
 - ✓ All bench personnel must be listed
 - ✓ The first and last name of all players must be printed legibly
 - ✓ At the conclusion of the game, both referees must sign the game sheet
 - ✓ Any incidents must be reported to the host chair immediately
 - ✓ Team captain and/or assistants shall be determined by a letter beside their name (Captain - 'C', Assistant - 'A')
 - ✓ Affiliated players are permitted as per Regulation 28 and must be listed as "AP"
 - ✓ If team colors are similar, the HOME team will be required to change jerseys.
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- In situations where an organization has more than one team operating within an age category, it must be clearly indicated which team the game sheet covers

 - Referees will check the completed game sheet to ensure it is accurate. Only when the referees are sure the game sheet is complete and accurate, should they sign it. The accuracy of a game sheet is the responsibility of the referees. This includes but not limited to the number of players on the floor and bench personal on the bench.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURES

ALL INFRACTIONS ARE TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE TOURNAMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 'MATCH PENALTY – ABUSE OF AN OFFICIAL' THIS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE A SUSPENSION UNTIL DEALT WITH BY THE TEAMS LGB.

ALL major penalties are to be handled by the discipline committee. This committee will be made up of the chair of the tournament, RIC, and one other volunteer from the host committee. Please see ALA regulation 20 for automatic suspensions.

All 5 minute penalties and suspensions must be reported to the ALA Office within 48 hours.

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ALA SUSPENSION GUIDELINES – AS PER ALA REGULATION 21

Everyone must realize that for our game to grow, we must deal with the players and bench personnel in a manner that will make it evident that any deviation from good sportsmanship and the rules of the game will not be tolerated.

ALL SUSPENSIONS ARE TO BE SERVED CONSECUTIVELY TOURNAMENT-LEAGUE-PROVINCIALS AND ON THE TEAM THAT THE SUSPENSION WAS GIVEN ON AS PER ALA REGULATION 24

USE OF A PLAYER OR BENCH STAFF UNDER SUSPENSION

The use of a suspended or ineligible player(s) will result in a forfeiture of the game plus a referral to ALA discipline.

SUSPENSION INFORMATION

- ALA Regulation 21 – Automatic Suspensions
- Players and/or Bench Personnel who have received penalties calling for suspensions will be dealt with at the earliest possible time following the game.
- The Discipline Committee will conduct such interviews as may be necessary and render a decision as to the length of a suspension.
- The result of any decision must be communicated to the suspended party and their coach **AT THE TOURNAMENT** by the Discipline Chair.
- Teams who have person(s) serving suspension MUST indicate their names on the game sheet.
- Suspensions levied by the Tournament Discipline Committee must be reported to the ALA within 24 hours

REFEREES AND GAME OFFICIALS

ALL REFEREES MUST BE CURRENTLY CARDED ALRA OFFICIALS

In Invitational Tournament play, the assigned Referee-in-Chief (RIC) will appoint referees for the approved competition.

REFEREE FEES

Fees as per ALA Regulation 32

ALRA Invoices are to be paid within **10 days** of receipt of invoice.

GAME STRUCTURE

- No team or player will be allowed to play more than three (3) games in any one day.
- Teams cannot be scheduled for more than 3 game in any given day and less than two (2) hours apart.
- **Length of Games**
 - 6U**- as per CLA Rule Book Option L
 - 8U** - games will be three (3) fifteen minute runtime periods, no clock stoppage (1 hr time allowance).
 - 10U** - games will be three (3) fifteen minute runtime periods, no clock stoppage (1 hr time allowance).
 - 12U**- games will be two (2) fifteen minute and one (1) twenty minute (20) stop time periods, (1.25 hr time allowance).
 - 14U and 16U**- games will be three (3) twenty minute (20) stop time periods (1.5 hr time allowance).
- **Mercy Rule** - If a goal differential of six (6) or more goals is present at anytime during the game, at the next whistle to start play, the clock will run at straight time. If the goal differential is brought within four (4) goals, the clock shall return to stop time at that time.
- **Game Officials** - TIME KEEPER will be provided by the HOME team; the SCOREKEEPER will be provided by the VISITOR; and both will provide penalty box personnel.
- **Overtime** - In Round Robin there will be five (5) minute sudden victory periods until a goal is scored. There will be one (1) minute rest period between each five (5) minute period. In Medal games only as per CLA. Rule 20: exception is made to rest time between periods, which will be (5) minutes.
- **Tie Breaker** - In the event of a tie in point standings in a competition, final standings shall be determined as follows:
 - If two teams are tied, the winner of the game or games between the two teams advances. If a tie still exists, the goal average formula listed below will be used.
 - If three or more teams are tied, and if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, the team shall advance.
 - Otherwise 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
 - Otherwise GOALS AVERAGE FORMULA: Only the goals scored in games between each other plus common opponents are used in the goal average for tie breaking. The team with the highest ratio advances.
 - Otherwise GOALS AGAINST FORMULA: Using goals for and against in all games played by the tied teams.

GOALS FOR GOALS FOR + GOALS AGAINST

The formula is applied once to rank all tied teams

COURTESY BETWEEN COMPETITORS

- Team management will not permit any of their players to enter the playing surface while any players from the previous game remain on the floor.
- Any players entering the playing surface between scheduled games shall wear CSA approved helmets and facemask or will be subject to a fine as per ALA Regulations.

PROTESTS

To place an appeal, the appealing team must put a \$300 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.

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE 8U DIVISION (MANDATORY)

- Game Play as per CLA Rule Book Option L
- All individual players must be recognized in the same way. I.e. trophies, medals, hats, etc.
- Team achievement and performance will not be recognized. NO victory laps with a big trophy.
- All tournament competition structures are non-seeded, round-robin formats. Teams participate within a round robin group but **DO NOT** advance to a championship final.
- No ratings structure will be in place for this division.

**REMEMBER THE FOCUS AT
THIS AGE IS:**

FUN AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT!!!

There is absolutely no affiliated player movement allowed. Three and four year old participants are strictly developmental.

