**REGULATION 27– ALA MINOR BOX PROVINCIALS**

**27.01 General Policy**

27.01.1 All participants shall abide by all Canadian Lacrosse Association Rules of Box Lacrosse.

27.01.2 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 Director High Performance or designate. The decision of the ALA Director of High Performance will be final.

27.01.3 Local Governing Bodies, Clubs, or Member teams, wishing to participate in Provincial tournaments MUST register using the “Provincial Championship Intent Form” to participate along with a $750.00 Provincial Championship intent fee per team by the date indicated on the Intent Form. If the Local Governing Body, Club, or team fails to provide representation after submitting an intent at the Provincial Championship then the intent fee will be forfeited and the club will be fined $ 2000.

27.01.4 All provincial divisions require two (2) teams that are recognized by the ALA.

27.01.5 Competition intent fees are due to the ALA office by June 1.

**27.02 Team Qualification**

27.02.1 All teams participating in Provincial Championships must be registered with the ALA registration system. The rosters for the Provincial Championship will be those that are registered with the ALA, as per the ALA registration system.

27.02.2 Teams may affiliate two players and a goalie to a maximum roster size of 15 players if the roster attending provincials is less than 15 players. Any affiliate goaltenders must be dressed as goaltenders, on the bench, and will only be eligible to participate as a goaltender during Provincials.   ALL affiliates must be drawn from the same club and in a lower division or lower tiered team in the applicable division competing. Clubs teams without a division below may affiliate to another team in their Local Governing Body. Players may not be affiliated if a conflict with their normal team exists. All players’ first obligation is to their regular club team.

27.02.3 Affiliates must be signed off by LGB President prior to submission for approval at the ALA office. All changes must be approved by ALA Office 48 hours prior to the first game of the applicable Provincial Championship.

27.02.4 Suspended players cannot be affiliated. If suspended, as an affiliate player, the suspension must be served with the players original ALA Registered Team.

27.02.5 Teams leaving players at home for affiliated players will forfeit all provincial games and the head coach will be referred to discipline.

27.02.6              There are NO exceptions to the affiliation regulation.

27.02.7 Local Governing Bodies who do not have a recognized league must register these teams with the ALA to qualify to participate in the Provincial Championship Tournament. Intent fees are due to the ALA office by June 1.

27.02.8All tournament formats are to be approved by the ALA Director of High Performance. The preferred format will be Round Robin.

**27.03 Final Standings Tie Break Formula**

27.03.1In the event of a tie in point standings in a competition, final standings shall be determined as follows:

27.03.2 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.

27.03.3If 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

27.03.4OtherwiseGOALS AVERAGE FORMULA: Only the goals scored in games between each other plus common opponents are used in the goal average formula for tie breaking. The team with the highest ratio advances.

27.03.5 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

**27.04 Player Eligibility**

All players must be duly registered with the ALA registration databank and listed on the team’s roster, for the current year. Overaged players are not permitted in Provincial play.

**27.05 Coach and Trainer Eligibility**

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

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

27.05.03 All Coaches must meet CLA Coaching Standards.

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

**27.06 Playing Area**

 Only ALA authorized coaching/trainer personnel, player personnel, officials, LGB representatives and the ALA representative are permitted in the dressing room, bench area and playing surface during game play.

**27.07 Minor Box Provincial Rules**

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

27.07.1 **Minor Box Playing Rules**

a) The Canadian Lacrosse Association Rules of Box Lacrosse apply with the exception of punishments for infractions of the rules where those punishments are by ALA Rules more severe than the CLA’s.

b) 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 Representative.

c) All games will start on time unless otherwise decided upon by the ALA Representative.

 WARM UP: there will be a three (3) minute warm-up before game time.

e) Game Times:

**Novice** games will be three (3) fifteen minute runtime periods, no clock stoppage (1 hr time allowance).

**Pee Wee** games will be two (2) fifteen minute and one (1) twenty minute (20) stop time periods, (1.25 hr time allowance).

 **Bantam and Midget** games will be three (3) twenty minute (20) stop time periods (1.5 hr time allowance).

 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.

f) The 30-second clock will be in effect for all minor levels

g) STRAIGHT TIME PENALTIES: a two (2) minute penalty running time, to start at start of play (whistle).

h) STOP TIME: the clock will stop only when: 1. A penalty is called, 2. A

face-off takes place, 3. A goal is scored, or 4. A referee signals for the clock to stop.

i) There will be a three (3) minute rest period between periods

j) HOME teams must be prepared to change their jersey if asked to do so by the Referee.

k) SHOT CLOCK: will be operated by an ALRA official; TIME KEEPER will be provided by the HOME team; the SCOREKEEPER will be provided by the VISITOR; and both will provide penalty box personnel.

 l) OVERTIME: all games are to be played out (including round robin).

m) 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.

n) In Medal games only as per CLA. Rule 20: exception is made to rest time between periods, which will be (5) minutes.

o) All games are to be played out (including round robin). TWO points for a win and ZERO points for a loss are awarded.

**27.08 Discipline at Provincials**

27.08.1 **General**

See Bylaw 10, and Regulation 20

27.08.2 **Procedures**

The ALA Representative will adhere to and interpret the ALA Bylaws and Regulations.

27.08.3 **Appeals**

To place an appeal, with the Provincials Discipline Committee, the appealing team must put a $300 non-refundable fee 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. the appeal is won the fee will be refunded.  If any game or portion thereof is to be replayed.  The decision of the Provincials Discipline Committee is final unless the sanction carries beyond the tournament.

**27.09 ALA Representative**

In the regulations for Provincial Championship Tournaments, the ALA Representative will be that person who is appointed by the Director of High Performance.

**27.10 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 to the replacement value of the trophy which there is no appeal. Damaged trophies will be invoiced to LGB.