



Beaumont Raiders Lacrosse Association

Regulations



Definitions

- a) "BRLA" – Beaumont Raiders Lacrosse Association
- b) "GELC" – Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council
- c) "ALA" – Alberta Lacrosse Association
- d) "CLA" – Canadian Lacrosse Association
- e) "BOD" – Board of Directors

Preamble

The Regulations of the Beaumont Raiders Lacrosse Association are subject to terms and conditions imposed by the Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council (GELC), Alberta Lacrosse Association ("ALA"), the Canadian Lacrosse Association ("CLA") and the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League ("RMLL"). Where a conflict arises between these Regulations and the Regulations (or Bylaws) of the GELC, ALA, CLA or RMLL, the GELC, ALA, CLA, or RMLL Bylaws will govern.

REGULATIONS

REGULATION 1 - REGISTRATION

- 1.01** Except as hereinafter provided, no player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a BRLA team in any GELC, ALA or CLA match who has not been a bona fide resident of the BRLA as established by the GELC since April 1st of the current playing season(see Regulation 16 - Registration Requirements).
- 1.02** If there is no team in the player's division in the BRLA, players must play in the Association which is nearest by ordinary travel or as directed by the GELC, which has a registered team in his/her Division. A player may not establish residency for the principal purpose of playing or practicing Lacrosse.
- 1.03** The Boundaries of the GELC Associations are posted in the GELC Regulations, in Appendix A, are described in GELC "Regulation 19 – Boundaries Description" and BRLA "Regulation 17 - BRLA Boundaries"
- 1.04** If a player wishes to play on a team outside of the BRLA, all such requests must be brought to the BRLA BOD for approval, and in turn, brought to the GELC box committee for approval and for all Associations to be made aware of such transactions. If the BRLA does not agree with the request, the release request must go to the GELC Box Committee as outlined in the GELC Regulations.
- 1.04.01** If the BRLA does not have an A team, players from that association may be sent to try out in the designated try out zone (designated by the GELC) for the BRLA.



- a) GELC Zones for A division play are as follows:
 - A) Titans/Beaumont
 - B) Rebels/Wizards/Rams
 - C) Posse/Rock/Blues
 - D) Crush/Warriors
- b) Any disagreement will be resolved by the Board of Directors of the GELC.
- c) If cut by the Zone A team, the player reverts back to the BRLA for placement.
- d) The zones in "1.04.01 a" are for the purposes of "A Ball" and have no relationship to girls divisions play.
- e) A Evaluations are to be complete by the 3rd Sunday in March. (per GELC)
- f) B and C Evaluations are to be complete by the 1st Sunday of April. (per GELC)

1.05 Releases are to be done electronically using the ALA release process.
Fees to be paid in accordance with the GELC policy

1.06 The release shall be effective for one season unless specifically stated to be otherwise.

1.07 If a player changes residence from BRLA to another Association, no release from the BRLA is necessary and the player shall, unless released, play for a team in the Association in which he or she resides pursuant to Regulation 1.01 and 1.02.

REGULATION 2 - TAMPERING

2.01 No player or potential player of the BRLA shall be contacted by anyone connected to a Member of an Association outside the BRLA in which the player or potential player resides' about playing for a team in another Association without first receiving written permission from the President of the BRLA.

2.02 No player or potential player which resides outside of the BRLA shall be contacted by anyone connected to a Member of the BRLA about playing for a team in the BRLA without first receiving permission from the President of the BRLA and the President of the Association in which the player resides.

REGULATION 3 - PLAYOFF REGULATION

3.0 The BRLA will place teams in whatever classification and series as approved by the GELC

REGULATION 4 - RULES OF PLAY

4.0 Rules of play shall be those of the CLA and ALA Lacrosse Rules for the current season, with the exception of the GELC Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by the BRLA.



REGULATION 5 - TOURNAMENTS

- 5.0** No player or team registered with the BRLA shall compete in any tournament in Alberta unless that tournament has been sanctioned by the ALA.

REGULATION 6 - COMPETITION

- 6.01** The BRLA may compete in Lacrosse in the following Divisions or Categories. The breakdown of these divisions shall be consistent with those of the GELC, ALA, and CLA.

- 6.02** Box Lacrosse:

- 1) Midget
- 2) Bantam
- 3) Pee wee
- 4) Novice
- 5) Tyke
- 6) Mini Tykes

- 6.03** Any exception to this regulation must be submitted for approval to the GELC Board of Directors prior to April 15th of the current year.

REGULATION 7 - MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY VIOLATIONS

- 7.01** Members shall be responsible to ensure that their players are eligible to play for their team in accordance with BRLA, GELC, ALA and CLA Bylaws, Regulations and Rules.

- 7.02** An ineligible player includes the following:

- (a) A player improperly registered within the BRLA, GELC, ALA and CLA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations;
- (b) A suspended player or team personnel;
- (c) A player improperly released in accordance with the BRLA, GELC, ALA, and CLA Bylaws and Regulations.
- (d) A player improperly affiliated to a team in accordance with the BRLA, GELC and ALA affiliation regulations.

- 7.03** If anyone participates in a game or if his or her name appears on the game sheet while ineligible, the persons responsible will be subject to immediate discipline' and the team shall forfeit any points earned from any games played using an ineligible person, as appointed by the GELC.



- 7.04** In any disciplinary proceeding arising out of a violation of this regulation, where it is established that the person or member who is the subject the discipline proceedings should have known of the ineligibility of the player, and if in defense of the disciplinary action, it is submitted that the ineligibility was not known, the burden of proving the lack of knowledge is on the party who is the subject of the disciplinary proceeding.

REGULATION 8 - BOX LACROSSE PARITY

- 8.01** In a season where the BRLA has more than one (1) team in a Division, the BRLA shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the teams are composed so that there is reasonable parity between the said teams.
- 8.02** This regulation shall apply, with the necessary changes in detail, to all divisions, including the "A" and "C" Division.
- 8.03** If after the completion of less than 1/3 of the season and before the end of the third week of the season, it is felt by the BRLA that a team has been incorrectly placed in the A, B, or C tier of a division, the BRLA may make a request for team movement to the Box Committee. If the team is moved to a higher tier in the division the team may maintain their roster. If the team moves down a division and the BRLA has a team in the tier lower, the BRLA must make player movement to ensure parity exists between the member associations teams in that tier of the division. Pursuant to GELC Regulations.

REGULATION 9 – AFFILIATION RULES

- 9.01**
- a) Players may play a maximum of four (4) games in a season in a higher division or level. Including GELC league games and the GELC championship Tournament, but not exhibition or other Tournament games.
 - b) Players who are playing at an A level of a division may not play up on a C level team in the division higher, but they may play on a B or A level team.
 - c) Novice teams may only affiliate tyke players. They cannot affiliate novice players.
 - d) No team may affiliate a player from within their own division, including playoffs.
 - e) In girls divisions they may affiliate 6(six) times.
 - f) Exceptions may be made for goalies, with permission of the Box Committee. Once a player's own division has concluded its regular season and GELC Championship Tournament, he may play an unlimited number of games in a higher division or level.
- 9.02** Teams must ensure that they have obtained permission from the coach of the team that the player is registered on, and permission from an appropriate Association Director.
- In cases of conflict between the Team in the higher division and the Team in the player's own age division in regard to practices and games, that player, shall, unless excused by the coach of the latter team, be required to participate in the latter team's practice or game.
- 9.03** Teams may affiliate only to their registered roster size, with the exception of players suspended by the GELC, who cannot be replaced while suspended.
- 9.03.01** As per ALA & GELC, teams with a roster of less than 16, may affiliate up to a total of 16 players.



- 9.04** Players looking to register and play at a lower level due to medical, physical, or mental reasons, will apply for, and be subject to, approval from the GELC.
- 9.05** There shall be no right of appeal from the decision of the Box Lacrosse Committee, or the Field Lacrosse Committee, as the case may be, under this Regulation.
- 9.06** Affiliation rules specific to girls box lacrosse in the GELC shall follow Regulation 9 formatting with the exception that girls may also affiliate to boys teams at the same division or higher.
- 9.06.1** Novice Girls may not affiliate to novice boys teams. Novice girls playing on boy's teams may affiliate to pee wee girls.
- 9.06.2** Girl's teams requiring an exception to affiliate to a number higher than their registered roster must have permission of the GELC Box Committee.

REGULATION 10- REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Deadline for player registrations as determined by the ALA shall be May 15th. Late player registrations may be accepted by the Registrar up to and including May 30 but there will be a \$50.00 penalty assessed to the registering Member for each player the Member so registers.

- 10.01** All GELC member Associations must provide to the GELC on the approved registration system a player roster for each team by the first day of a team's regular season.
- 10.02** A team cannot register more than twenty-five (25) and not less than twelve (12) players, Novice and up.
- 10.03** A team at Mini Tyke, cannot register more than eight (9) and less than six (6) players.
- 10.04** A team at Tykes, cannot register more than ten (16) and less than eight (8) players.
- 10.05** If 10.03 and 10.04 cannot be abided by, notification must go to the GELC box committee.

REGULATION 11 – TRAVEL

- 11.01** Teams traveling outside of the ALA boundaries must obtain a Travel Permit from the GELC Vice President and the ALA.
- 11.03** All teams participating in tournament or exhibition games outside the GELC jurisdiction shall supply the GELC office with copies of all games sheets played while out of the GELC area, within twenty four hours of the completion of the tournament or exhibition game. Any and all discipline shall be recorded on the game sheet.



REGULATION 12 - SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT

12.01 SAFETY POLICY

The fundamental concepts of the safety policy are to establish a standard of care intended to reduce the risk of injury from contact which is inherent in and incidental to the sport and to identify the responsibilities of the various participants.

12.02 GENERAL

Player safety and the use of proper equipment is the responsibility of many parties including:

- (a) players and parents (of minor players: 17 years of age and under as of January 1 of the current year) are responsible for providing and maintaining proper equipment;
- (b) coaches, trainers and team personnel are responsible for inspecting players' equipment and preventing the use of improper equipment;
- (c) game officials are responsible for enforcing the rules of the game;
- (d) all players are required to wear protective equipment as described and/or limited in the rules of play approved by the ALA and CLA;
- (e) in Box Lacrosse the use and/or prohibition on the use of protective equipment shall be as published by the ALA and CLA in the Rules of Box Lacrosse;
- (f) equipment shall be manufactured by a professional manufacturer, and shall not be altered in any way which will decrease the protection to the player, increase the risk of injury to an opponent or void the manufacturer's warranty;
- (g) any equipment which violates this policy and/or the rules of play will be removed from the game and, where required, appropriate penalties will be given;
- (h) where equipment dangerous to an opponent has been used, the game officials shall report the occurrence, via the standard incident report, to the appropriate governing body.
- (i) Home team shall supply a minimum of 20 practice balls prior to home games for use by both teams, novice through midget divisions

12.03 EQUIPMENT - HELMETS, FACE MASKS, GLOVES, GOALTENDING EQUIPMENT

Please see the current regulations of the ALA and the CLA in regards to playing equipment.

All goaltender exemptions to be filed with GELC & CLA. A representative from the team to have a copy of the filed exemption.



12.04 FACIAL PROTECTION

All minor players, excluding mini-tykes, during games, shall wear approved mouth guards. The mouth guards should all be of the type that fits to the upper teeth of the player.

12.05 SHOES

All Players are required to wear suitable athletic shoes. No shoe will be permitted which includes cleats, in Box, and, in Field, that are made of metal or with a metal tip. Outdoor shoes are not permitted on playing surfaces.

12.06 GROIN PROTECTION

It is strongly recommended that all players wear such equipment.

12.06 KNEE PROTECTORS

It is recommended that all players in Mini-Tyke, Tyke, Novice, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget shall, in games, wear kneepads.

REGULATION 13 - COACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

13.00 Each team shall comply with minimum applicable CLA and/or ALA standards for coaches.

REGULATION - 14 ABUSIVE CONDUCT BY SPECTATORS

14.01 Referees shall have the power to eject any spectator for conduct which is, in the view of the referee, detrimental to the game.

- a) The Game shall stop until the spectator has left the arena.
- b) Management of both teams shall co-operate with the official in identifying the spectator in question. Should the spectator refuse to leave the arena, the game shall be declared a forfeit in favor of the team not connected to the offending spectator.
- c) This shall be the subject of an official's game report, which shall be referred to the GELC Discipline Committee, which may result in further action.
- d) If no other action is taken the ejection shall be for one additional game.

REGULATION 15 – FORFEITURE OF GAMES

15.01 All games being forfeited must be done in writing to the GELC office and to the offended team. All forfeited games shall be forwarded to the GELC Discipline committee for review.

15.02 Forfeiture of games during GELC playoffs will result in the forfeiture of the playoff.



REGULATION 16 - REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

16.01 All players must if requested provide proof of residency, as of April 1 of the current playing season. Acceptable proof is two pieces of the following documentation: parental or player’s driver’s license with current address on it, utility or cable bills documenting residency.

16.02 For all players within the GELC whose parents do not reside together, the following will apply in determining residency:

- a) Residency will be determined by the parent who has custody of the player. Players must reside with at least one of their parents, or a legal guardian. Legal guardianship rules will apply.
- b) If parents share custody, the residency will be determined by where the player habitually resides.
- c) If there is no habitual residence, the GELC Box Committee will determine residency of the player based on documentation provided in 18.1 and the school in which the child is registered.
- d) Once residency is established the player must register within the established Association.

REGULATION 17 – BRLA BOUNDARIES

17.01 Beaumont Raiders shall be responsible for the arena from 41 avenue SW (TWP 512) east to RR221, south to Highway 21 following highway 21 northwest to Airport Road (TWP 502), west to the QE II highway, and then back north to 41 Avenue SW. (TWP512)

Regulation 18 – GELC Club Tiering Format

18.01 The Tiering Chart

Team/Div	A	B	C
1	0	1	0
2- Pee Wee/Bantam	0	2	0
or	1	0	1
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	2
5- Pee Wee/Bantam	1	2	2
6	2	2	2
7	2	2	3
8	2	3	3
9	2	3	4
10	2	4	4

18.02 The Midget lacrosse division would have a 50-50 A to B ratio. The extra team would be placed as a B level team.



18.03 The BRLA may make an application to the Box Committee to move a team to a higher or lower tier in a division.

18.04 Pursuant to GELC Regulation 20.04 - Associations able to field an "A" team must also form a team in a lower division. Teams must meet the ALA minimum roster specifications. Players will not be released from a lower division to assist an "A" program, regardless of the intent, to other clubs without prior approval from the GELC Box committee. All decisions made by the box committee will be final. There shall be no appeal.

Regulation 19 – Discipline Procedures

19.01 Complaints arising from the bylaws, regulations, policies or rules of the BRLA shall be heard by the President or Vice President and listed on the agenda for discussion at the next available BRLA BOD meeting providing the time frame does not contradict BRLA "Bylaw 3.14.5".

19.02 All Player, Coach and any other Team Level complaints, must be directed to the appropriate Divisional Director as per the "BRLA Discipline and Complaints Policy" and will follow the procedures as listed within the policy.

Regulation 20 – Appeal Procedure

20.01 Any Individual who is affected by a decision of the BRLA will have the right to appeal that decision in accordance to the "BRLA Appeals Policy" and follow the procedures as listed within the policy.

Regulation 21 – Social Media

21.01 The Beaumont Raiders Lacrosse Association (BRLA) recognizes the vital importance of participating in online conversations and is committed to ensuring that we participate in online social media the right way. The BRLA *Social Media Guidelines* has been developed to help empower members to participate in this connected world and represent our Association by sharing the vision and mission of our organization and the story of our historic game.

The BRLA encourages all Local Governing Bodies, Clubs, Teams, Players, Coaches, Trainers, other Team Personnel, Officials, volunteers, parents and/or guardians of BRLA players to explore and engage in social media communities at a level at which they feel comfortable.

Approach online communication in the same way one does in person -- by using sound judgment and common sense, by adhering to the BRLA's values, and by ensuring that all the BRLA's Bylaws, Regulations and Policies are not breached.

Social media enables people and organizations to share opinions, insights and experiences on the web using tools to connect, interact and maintain and develop relationships. Social media is should be used for connecting and engaging with members, fans, followers and supporters.

21.02 The BRLA expects that all members are aware of and respect the *BRLA Social Media Guidelines*



21.03

If anyone is found to be in violation of the guidelines to the extent that it is damaging to the BRLA, it will be handled using BRLA Bylaw 3.10, BRLA Regulation 19 or the BRLA Complaints and Discipline Policy. Non-compliance with this policy may be considered as misconduct, harassment, discrimination, or in certain circumstances contravention of the law. Those who fail to comply with the guidelines maybe disciplined.