

# REGULATIONS

## REGULATION 1 - REGISTRATION

- 1.01** Except as hereinafter provided, no player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a team in any GELC match who has not been a bona fide resident of that team's Association as established by the GELC since April 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season(see Regulation 1.1 -Registration Residency Requirements).
- 1.02** If there is no team in the player's division in the Association in which the player resides, or if the player does not reside within any Associations boundaries, players must play in the Association which is nearest by ordinary travel, which has a team registered 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, and are described in Regulation 16 –Boundaries Description
- 1.04** In order for a player to play on a team outside of their home association. a, request must be submitted in writing to the GELC for approval via the home President. The player must be properly registered as per regulation 1.08. Any player movement will be granted by the GELC board of Directors based on team formation requirements. The decision of the board will be final and binding.
- 1.04.01** If an association does not have an A team, players from that association may be sent to try out in the designated try out zone for that Association. The designated zone.
- a) Zones for A division play are as follows:
    - (i) Titans/Beaumont
    - (ii) Rebels/Wizards/Rams
    - (iii) Posse/Rock/Blues
    - (iv) Crush/Warriors
  - b) Any disagreement or exceptions will be resolved by the Board of Directors of the GELC. All decisions will be final and not eligible for appeal.
  - c) If cut by the A team in their zone the player reverts back to the home club for placement.
  - d) A evaluations must be concluded by the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sunday of March yearly.
  - e) Remaining evaluations must be completed by the first Sunday in April.
  - f) Any Association within a zone may host an A team as long as they have a lower division team.

- g) **The zones mentioned above are for the purposes of “A” ball and have no relationship to girls divisions play.**

- 1.05** Releases are to be done electronically using the ALA release process. Fees to be paid in accordance with the GELC fee transfer policy
- 1.06** All releases shall be effective for one season only, players revert back to their home Association at the end of the playing season.
- 1.07** If a player changes residence from one Association to another Association, no release from the player’s former Member in the Association he or she formerly resided in 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.
- 1.08** A player must be registered and fees paid in full within the ALA approved registration program with their resident Association in the year that they are requesting a release from the resident Association. A release will not be considered for any player not registered in their home association.
- 1.1** **Registration Residency Requirements**
- 1.1.1** 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.
- 1.1.2** 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 1.1.1 and the school in which the child is registered.
  - d) Once residency is established the player must register within the established Association.
- 1.1.3** If a parent or guardian knowingly registers a player outside of their resident Association that player shall be ineligible for a player transfer, and may only play on a team in the Association in which they reside. The parent may appeal this decision to the GELC Board of Directors. If the Association in which they reside does not have a team at the player’s division, the parent in future years shall be requested to provide proof of residency prior to registering any child in lacrosse within the GELC.

## **REGULATION 2 - TAMPERING**

- 2.0** No player or potential player shall be contacted by anyone connected to a Member of an Association outside the Association 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 Member of the Association in which the player or potential player resides. Failure to adhere to this regulation will result in discipline.

## **REGULATION 3 - RULES OF PLAY**

- 3.0** 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 Association.

### **3.1 TOURNAMENTS**

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

## **REGULATION 4 - COMPETITION**

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

### **4.02 BOX LACROSSE**

1. Post Midget
2. Midget
3. Bantam
4. Pee Wee
5. Novice
6. Tyke
7. Mini Tyke

- 4.03** Any exception to this regulation must be submitted for approval to the Board of Directors prior to or at the team declaration meeting

**REGULATION 5- MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY - PLAYER , TEAM  
OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY VIOLATIONS**

- 5.0** Members shall be responsible to ensure that their players, team officials are eligible to participate with their) play for their team in accordance with GELC, ALA and CLA Bylaws, Regulations and Rules.
- 5.01** An ineligible player, or Team official includes the following:
- (a) A player or team official improperly registered within the GELC, ALA and CLA bylaws, Rules and regulations:
  - (b) A suspended player or team (official) personnel;
  - (c) A player improperly released in accordance with the GELC,ALA and CLA Bylaws and Regulations.
  - (d) A player improperly affiliated to a team in accordance with the GELC affiliation regulations.
- 5.02** Any complaints about parity shall be directed to the Vice President of Organizational Development. Who shall, after considering submissions from the complainant and the Member Association make a ruling and, in the event that the ruling is that Regulation 7.01 has been breached, make such direction to the Member Association as necessary The decision of the Vice President will be final and binding upon the Member Associations, Lacrosse Teams and Players and the decision is final and binding.
- 5.03** The Vice President of Organizational Development shall periodically review the performance of teams within a Member Association where there is more than one (1) team in a Division and assess whether the Member Association has complied with Regulation 7.01. The reviews will take place within two (2) days after each member Association has before the regular season commences, conducted mandatory inter squad games between its teams in each category; and within two (2) days after one third of the Regular Season schedule has been completed. If the Vice Presidents assessment is that Regulation 7.01 has apparently been breached; then such shall be considered a complaint and Regulation 7.02 shall be followed.
- 5.04** This regulation shall apply, with the necessary changes in detail, to all divisions, including the "A" Division.

**REGULATION 6 - GELC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 601** Regulations for the GELC Championship playoffs.

- 6.01.1**            In the event of a tie, final standing shall be determined by:
- First:            Team with the greater number of wins finishes ahead;  
                    Secondly:        Team record against each other;  
                    Thirdly:            Goals for and against between the tied teams. Team with the highest ratio finished ahead;  
                    Fourthly:          Goals for and against ratio between each other plus common opponents. Team with the highest ratio finishes ahead;  
                    Fifthly:            Team with the lowest penalty minutes finishes ahead.
- 6.01.2**            In the event that a division has an uneven number of games played in it, the standing shall be ascertained by a formula as follows:  
                    Points  
                    Total points available
- 6.02**                The team that finishes first in the double knockout playoff of the Division after Regular Season play shall be awarded the respective Division Championship..
- 6.03**                At the conclusion of regular season play there shall be a Championship Tournament in the Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Divisions. There may be two (2) or more Divisions in the Tournament being the GELC Championship and the subsequent GELC Consolation Divisions.
- 6.04**                The GELC Board of Directors shall, before the start of the Regular Season, determine whether there will be one or more Divisions in league play in each Division and, if so, how teams shall qualify for each Divisions championship round. All league play will be based on complete round robin formats. Where there are two (2) or more Divisions for Championship play in a Division, the GELC Championship Division will be composed of teams which finish with more points in the standings than the teams which participate in the GELC Consolation Division(s).
- 6.05**                The GELC reserves the right to place teams in whatever classification and series it may deem is in the best interest of the GELC.
- 6.06**                There shall be no championship in the Tyke, or Mini Tyke Division but there may be an Event to follow the regular season.

## **REGULATION 7 – AFFILIATION RULES**

- 7.0**                Players may play a maximum of four (4) games in a season in a higher division or level which includes regular, GELC Championship Tournament, but not exhibition or other Tournament games.
- a)    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.

- b) Novice teams may only affiliate tyke players. They cannot affiliate novice players.
- c) No team may affiliate a player from within their own division, including playoffs.
- d) In girls divisions they may affiliate 6(six) times.
- e) Exceptions may be made for goalies, with permission of the GELC Board.
- f) Once a player's own division has concluded its regular and GELC Championship Tournament, he/she may play an unlimited number of games in a higher division or level.

**7.01** Teams in Associations where there are no available affiliates may affiliate players from another Association from within their own zone only, to the maximum affiliates.

**7.02** Teams must ensure that they have consulted with player's parents or guardians of the players and the head coach of the player's rostered team. Rostered team's games take precedence.

**7.03** Teams may affiliate only to their registered roster size, with the exception of players suspended by the GELC, who cannot be replaced while suspended. Teams with registered roster size of less than 16 shall be allowed to affiliate up to 16 players.

**7.04** The GELC Board of Directors, may allow a player or players to register and play in a lower (only upon presentation of medical documentation indicating physical or mental developmental issues) or higher age division (if the Member which operates the involved teams consents, special circumstances exist and it does not threaten the viability of the team in that player's age division.) **Overaged approved players may not compete in provincials as per ALA.**

**7.05** There shall be no right of appeal from the decision of the GELC Board of Directors as the case may be, under this Regulation

**7.06** Affiliation rules specific to girls box lacrosse in the GELC shall follow Regulation 7 formatting with the exception that girls may also affiliate to boys teams at the same division or higher.

**7.06.1** Novice Girls may not affiliate to novice boys teams. Novice girls playing on boy's teams may affiliate to pee wee girls.

### **REGULATION 8- 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.

**8.01** All GELC member Associations must provide to the GELC on the approved registration system, a player roster for each team by the Team's first scheduled season game.

- 8.02** A team cannot register more than twenty (20) and not less than twelve (12) players, Novice and up.
- 8.03** A team at Mini Tyke, cannot register more than nine (9) and less than six (6) players.
- 8.04** A team at Tykes, cannot register more than sixteen(16) and less than eight(8) players
- 8.05** If 10.02, 10.03 and 10.04 cannot be abided by in an Association, notification must go to the GELC Board of Directors

## **REGULATION 9- GELC SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT**

### **9.01 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.

### **9.02 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.

**9.03 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. and a representative from the team to have a copy of the filed exemption.

**9.04 Mouth Guards**

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.

**9.05 SHOES**

Outdoor shoes are not permitted on playing surfaces.

**9.06 GROIN PROTECTION** It is strongly recommended that all players wear such equipment.

**9.07 KNEE PROTECTORS**

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

**REGULATION 10 - COACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**10.00** Box lacrosse coaches shall comply with minimum CLA standards for coaches as per the ALA approved regulations.

**REGULATION 11- REPLAYING OF GAMES**

**11.00** The GELC Board of Directors has the jurisdiction to direct that a game that has been played or partially played, be replayed either in whole, or in part. In the event that a Member seeks a direction from the Board, or the Vice President of Organizational Development to replay the game, that member may make an application to the Board. Only a Member Association can make such an application. For greater certainty, an individual or team cannot make such an application.



An application may only be made in regard to Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council (GELC) League, or Playoff games.

The application must be accompanied by a \$200.00 certified cheque made payable to the GELC and both must be delivered to the Vice President of Organizational Development via the GELC office.

The \$200.00 fee is refundable in the event of a successful appeal.

The only grounds upon which a game may be directed to be replayed in whole, or in part, are as follows:

- a) Where there has been a gross and flagrant violation of the Rules of Play by the on-floor or off-floor officials;
- b) Where there has been a deliberate violation of the Rules of Play by the on-floor or off-floor officials.

For greater certainty, mere errors in judgment or interpretations or missed calls by officials which are not gross or flagrant, are not grounds to grant the application.

This regulation shall not be interpreted to contradict any rule of the ALA or the CLA which requires that, in certain circumstances, games be replayed in whole or in part.

## **REGULATION- 12 ABUSIVE CONDUCT BY SPECTATORS**

### **12.01**

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 favour 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 Discipline Committee, which may result in further action.
- d) If no other action is taken the ejection shall be for one additional game.

## **REGULATION 13- FORFEITURE OF GAMES**

### **13.01**

All games being forfeited must be done in writing to the GELC office and to the offended team. All forfeited games may be forwarded to the Discipline committee for review by the Vice President of Administration.

### **13.02**

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

## **REGULATION 14 – BOUNDARIES DESCRIPTION**

### **14.0**

The boundaries of the GELC shall be as follows:

#### **A) The city of Edmonton will be divided into three areas:**

- i) The West Edmonton Blues shall be responsible for the area north of the North Saskatchewan River to the City of Edmonton limits on the west side of St. Albert Trail and northern limits of the city. As well, the boundaries of the Blues shall extend to highway 60 north of the North Saskatchewan River.
- ii) The South Edmonton Warriors shall be responsible for the area south of the North Saskatchewan River, to the City of Edmonton limits on the west, south and east sides.
- iii) The North Edmonton Wizards shall be responsible for the area north of the North Saskatchewan River to the City of Edmonton limits on the east side of St. Albert Trail, and the northern limits of the city. The boundaries of the Wizards shall include the military housing at Namao.

#### **B) Other Member Boundaries:**

- i) The Sherwood Park Titans shall be responsible for the County of Strathcona.
- ii) The Fort Saskatchewan Rebels shall be responsible for the City of Fort Saskatchewan and the communities north such as Gibbons and Redwater, and Bon Accord.
- iii) The Leduc Crush shall be responsible for the City of Leduc and surrounding area, including the communities of Calmar, Thorsby and Millet, and the rural municipalities surrounding Leduc.
- iv) The St. Albert Rams shall be responsible for the City of St. Albert and such communities as Morinville, Riviere Qui Barre and the rural municipalities surrounding St. Albert.
- v) The Westlock Rock shall be responsible for the communities of Westlock, Barrhead and surrounding municipalities.
- vi) The Parkland Posse shall be responsible for the Communities of Spruce Grove and Stony Plain, and the rural municipalities surrounding them.
- vii) Beaumont Raiders shall be responsible for the area 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 15 – GELC Club Tiering Format**

## 15.01 The Tiering Chart

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

**15.02** An Association may make an application to the GELC Board of Directors to move a team to a higher or lower tier in a division.

**15.03** Novice boys, at the complete of one half the season, the teams shall be divided in groups based on numbers of teams and shall be seeded into the groups based on the first half season schedule.

**15.04** In all girls divisions where 8 or more teams are competing at the completion of 6 games the division may be divided into two or more divisions by recommendation of the GELC Board of Directors.

### **Regulation 16 Discipline Procedures**

**16.00** The discipline committee of the GELC shall hear any complaint arising from the bylaws, regulations, policies or rules of the GELC as per bylaw 10.

**16.01** All complaints must be in writing addressed to the discipline chair. Complaints shall be delivered by hand or courier to the GELC office. It may also be send via

email however it is the complainant's responsibility to follow up to ensure that it is delivered.

- 16.02** Upon receipt of the complaint, the chair shall appoint a committee of three persons, one of which may be the chair. The members of the committee shall be non-interested parties to the complainant.
- 16.03** The committee composition, time, date and location of the hearing shall be set within 14 days of receipt and acceptance of the complaint. It will be communicated in writing to all known interested parties.
- 16.04** The hearing shall be held within in 30 days of receipt and acceptance of the complaint.
- 16.05** The decision shall be provided in writing to all interested parties within 30 days of the completion of the investigation.
- 16.06** All decisions of the discipline committee shall be communicated to the complainant's member Association President.

### **Regulation 17 Appeal Procedure**

- 17.00** The GELC board shall hear any appeal arising from the bylaws, regulations policies or rules of the GELC as per bylaw 10.
- 17.01** All appeals must be in writing and addressed to the president. Complaints shall be delivered by hand or courier to the GELC office. The appeal must be accompanied by a \$300.00 appeal fee.
- 17.02** Upon receipt of the appeal, the board shall appoint a committee of three persons, one of which may be the President. The members of the committee shall be non-interested parties to the complaint.
- 17.03** The committee composition, time date and location of the hearing shall be set within 14 days of receipt, and acceptance of the appeal and communicated in writing to all known interested parties.
- 17.04** The hearing shall be held within 30 days of receipt and acceptance of the complaint.
- 17.05** The decision shall be provided in writing to all interested parties within 30 days of the completion of the hearing.
- 17.06** All decisions of the appeal shall be communicated to the appellant's member Association President.

### **Regulation 18– Social Media**

The GELC board of directors and membership shall adhere to the ALA regulation on Social media.

### **Regulation 19 - GELC Tournament Permit**

All GELC teams wishing to participate in tournaments inside and outside of Alberta must have a league Tournament permit issued.

- 19.01** In order to have a Tournament permit issued the team must conform to the following:
- a) Minimum of 2 team officials from each teams coaching, management and training staff must have attended any mandatory Coaches training event as declared by the GELC for the current playing season.
  - b) Tournament permits will only be issued by the GELC office.(The club presidents will receive a copy of the signed permit as well as the team
  - c) Additionally teams with 45 penalty minutes or more in a single game, for two or more games, may not be granted a tournament permit or have their permit revoked by the GELC Board. This may be done within 48 hours via email.
  - d) Exceptions to this regulation and or appeals may be made to the GELC Executive and their decision on the matter shall be final.
- 19.02** Teams entering tournaments without the GELC tournament permit. The head coach shall be suspended for the number of games that were played by their team in the non- permitted tournament. A second occurrence will result in the head coach being required to attend the GELC discipline committee meeting.
- 19.03** Teams must email copies of all tournament games sheets to the GELC office within 48 hours of the completion of the tournament.