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Date: November 30, 2012

To: CLA Member Associations

Cc: CLA Staff, Board of Directors, and Sector Chairs

From: Equipment Review Committee

Re: Facemask and Helmet Requirements for January 1st, 2013

Effective **January 1, 2013**, all players must comply with CLA policy 12.4.

12.4. Helmets & Facemasks

12.4.1. Lacrosse is a sport with intrinsic hazards and participation in the sport implies the acceptance of some risk of injury. When used as intended for lacrosse and in accordance with the manufacturer's fitting instructions, the use of the helmet certified under these standards is intended to reduce the frequency and severity of head injuries.

12.4.2. For Box and Men's Field Lacrosse, all players are required to wear a helmet which must meet either of the following standards:

12.4.2.1. A National Organizing Committee for Safety in Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) approved helmet and facial protector, approved as a complete unit, for lacrosse.

12.4.2.2. A Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved for Ice Hockey helmet with the appropriate CSA approved facemask for lacrosse.

12.4.2.3. A Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved for Ice Hockey helmet with the appropriate CSA approved facemask for hockey with the following exceptions:

12.4.2.3.1. The facemask shall be designed to cover the wearer's entire face to the lower line of the jaw, and prevent the ball or the head of the stick from touching the face of the wearer.

12.4.2.3.2. The facemask must be finished so that it does not create a risk of injury to the wearer or another person when it is used as it is intended.

There are currently four (4) CSA approved lacrosse facemasks on the sporting goods market and these are noted on the page below.

Equipment which violates the directives contained in this bulletin will be removed from the game and, where required, appropriate penalties will be given.

Should you have any questions in regard to this bulletin, please contact the CLA Office at info1@lacrosse.ca or at 613-260-2028.

2013 CSA Approved Lacrosse Facemasks

Gait Box Senior Lacrosse Mask



OTNY Intermediate/Senior Lacrosse Cage Kit



Gait Box Junior Lacrosse Mask



OTNY Junior Lacrosse Cage Kit



**Visit your local lacrosse retailer for recommended
facemask/helmet fitting tips**