



Lacrosse is an exciting game with a proud history in Canada.

Lacrosse for Life is a player development pathway that helps Canadian kids get into lacrosse, have fun, learn skills, and develop to their full potential over the long term. It's based on the best practices in sport training and coaching from around the world, and it's our way of keeping lacrosse fun and safe for kids of all ages and sizes, even while we develop the champions of tomorrow.

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Growing with Lacrosse

Lacrosse for Life identifies seven basic stages for developing lacrosse players:



Active Start Young children begin basic play.



FUNdamentals

Later childhood provides more structure but emphasizes FUN.



Learning to Train

Pre-teens prepare for structured training.



Training to Train Early teens

build training capacities.



Learning & Training to Compete

Older teens start training to compete for titles.



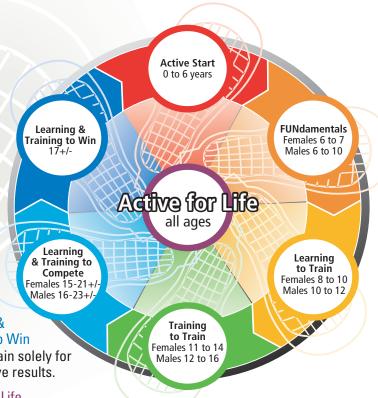
Learning & Training to Win

Players train solely for competitive results.



Active for Life

Players move from formal competition and focus on wellness.



Doing It Right

How we behave as players, coaches and parents has a big impact on the development of our sport. Lacrosse for Life suggests we set the right example.

PLAYER Code of Conduct

- Honour the game.
- Play by the rules.
- Respect your opponents.
- Be a team player attend all practices and games.
- Remember that winning isn't everything have fun, improve skills, and do your best.
- Acknowledge the good play of ALL players both teammates and opponents.
- Play because you want to, not because your parents or coaches want you to.
- Show respect to all coaches, officials, players and fans.

COACH Code of Conduct

- Set a positive example in conduct and coaching.
- Put players' interests and welfare above your own.
- Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, ethnicity, colour or other traits.
- Direct coaching comments at performances, not persons.
- Make training activities suitable for player age, experience, ability and fitness level.
- · Pursue opportunities for coaching development.
- Treat opponents and officials with respect.
- Respect your players' academic needs.

PARENT Code of Conduct

- Remember that your child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not yours.
- Teach your child that the effort is more important than the outcome.
- Praise your child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Applaud good playing performances by both your child's team and the opponents.
- Do not force your child to participate in sports.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Respect game officials, team members, opponents and fans.
- Show appreciation for volunteers.

Find Out More

Interested in learning more about coaching or playing lacrosse? The Canadian Lacrosse Association and your Provincial Lacrosse Association can direct you to lacrosse programs and clubs near you. They can also provide you with information on upcoming courses for coaches and referees.

www.lacrosse.ca

THE MATRIX

In recognition of the variance of talent and availability of time and resources between its member associations, the Canadian Lacrosse Association has created a matrix of options for implementation for a number of the stages in this document. The affected stages will be split up into Options L, A and X. The amount of variance differs between member associations and therefore each member association has been classified as type 1, 2 or 3.

TYPE 1 MAs: Clubs can choose to implement Option L, A or X

at each stage.

Type 1 MAs: BCLA, ALA, OLA

TYPE 2 MAs: Clubs can choose to implement Option A or X at

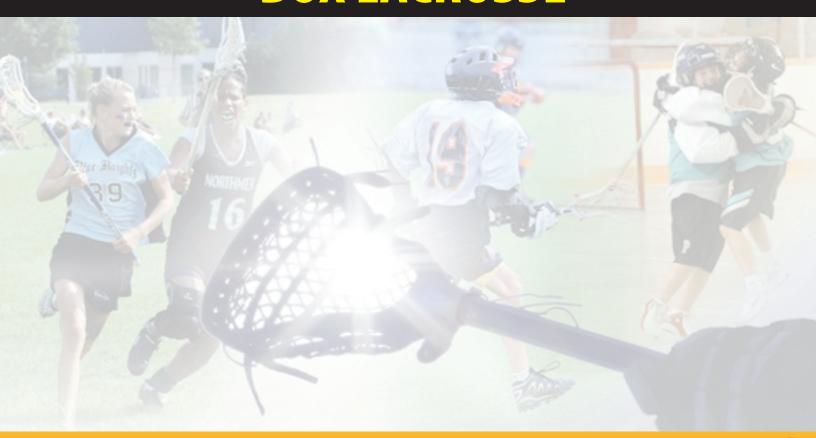
each stage.

Type 2 MAs: FCQ

TYPE 3 MAs: Clubs must implement Option X at each stage.

Type 3 MAs: SLA, MLA, LNB, LNS, Can-Am, ILA

BOX LACROSSE



BOX LACROSSE - Active Start Mini-Tyke: 6 and under

LTAD OBJECTIVES

FUN

- · Introduce skills
- · Basic rules
- Fair play Physical activity
- Plav agility games (i.e. tag)

BOX SIZE Regulation х о **PLAYERS PER TEAM** 5 on 5, plus goalie, 12-15 players per team **SCOREBOARD**







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INTRODUCED

TECHNICAL Cradling, trap and scoop, catch, overhand pass, overhand shot. defensive body position

TACTICAL Give-and-go. cutting

GOALIES Goalies at this stage - rotate all players



No scores displayed No score sheets

EQUIPMENT



Helmet, mask, knee pads (optional), small stick, soft ball, jock/jill strap. Goalies: Category 1 equipment.

OFFICIATING



Coaches remain on floor. Referees may be introduced Modified CLA rules. Fall back rule (optional).

SUBS



Equal participation 3 minute shifts

SESSIONS



3x12 straight time, 3 min breaks, cool down

SUSTENANCE



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar





BOX LACROSSE - Active Start Mini-Tyke: 6 and under

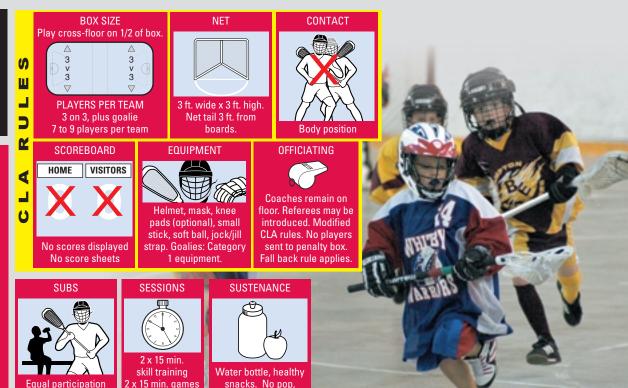
LTAD OBJECTIVES FUN Introduce skills · Basic rules

- Fair play Physical activity
- Play agility games (i.e. tag)



cutting

GOALIES Goalies at this stage - rotate all players



chips or sugar

No face-offs

3 minute shifts

BOX LACROSSE - Active Start Mini-Tyke: 6 and under

LTAD OBJECTIVES FUN Introduce skills · Basic rules Fair play Physical activity Plav agility games (i.e. tag)

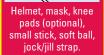


this stage













Coaches remain on floor. Referees may be introduced. Modified CLA rules, Fall back rule applies.







skill training 2 x 15 min. games No face-offs



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar



BOX LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 1 Tyke: 7-8



LTAD OBJECTIVES

FUN

- Introduce skills
- · Basic rules
- Fair play
- Physical activity
- Train ABCs

BOX SIZE

12-15 players per team



TECHNICAL

SKILLS INTRODUCED AT

Cradling, scoop, catch, overhand pass, overhand shot, defensive

body position. face-off, creating space

TACTICAL

Give-and-go. cutting, face-off, floor positioning

GOALIES

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots

VISITORS HOME

EQUIPMENT



Helmet, mask, knee pads



duced. Modified



All play goal.





Water bottle, healthy



BOX LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 1 Tyke: 7-8



LTAD OBJECTIVES

SKILLS INTRODUCED AT

FUN

- Introduce skills
- · Basic rules
- Fair play
- Physical activity
- Train ABCs

8 to 10 players per team

BOX SIZE

Play modified floor length





TECHNICAL

Cradling, scoop. catch, overhand pass, overhand shot, defensive body position. face-off, creating space

TACTICAL

Give-and-go. cutting, face-off, floor positioning

GOALIES

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots



Use roster sheet for

EQUIPMENT





floor. Referees may



All play goal.





Water bottle, healthy



FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; equal participation; teamwork; win with dignity & lose with grace; volunteering

BOX LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 1 Tyke: 7-8



LTAD OBJECTIVES

SKILLS INTRODUCED AT

FUN

- Introduce skills
- · Basic rules
- Fair play
- Physical activity
- Train ABCs

6-9 players per team

BOX SIZE





Body position

TECHNICAL Cradling, scoop,

catch, overhand pass, overhand shot, defensive body position, face-off, creating space

TACTICAL

Give-and-go. cutting, face-off, floor positioning

GOALIES

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots

VISITORS HOME

Use roster sheet for

EQUIPMENT





games, Modified CLA sent to penalty box.



3 minute shifts. All play goal.





Water bottle, healthy



BOX LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 2 Novice: 9-10

LTAD OBJECTIVES

FUN

- · Introduce skills
- · Basic rules
- Fair play
- · Physical activity • Train ABCs
- · Emphasize speed, flexibility

TECHNICAL

Cradling, scooping, catching, overhand pass, overhand shot, bounce shot, bull dodge, rolling, face-off, defensive body position. cross-checking, creating space

TACTICAL

Floor positions, Giveand-go, cutting, line changes, breakout, face-off

GOALIES

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots





12 to 15 players per team



HOME

VISITORS

EQUIPMENT



Stick no shorter than 86.36 cm (34")



duced. Modified



Options A and X



Water bottle, healthy chips or sugar



play goal



5 min warm-up, 3x12

BOX LACROSSE - Learning to Train Pee Wee: 11-12

LTAD OBJECTIVES

FUN

- More advanced skills & tactics
- Introduce competition
- Introduce mental training
- Basic rules & fair play
- Physical activity
- Train ABCs
- Emphasize speed, flexibility

SKILLS INTRODUCED AT THIS LEVEL

TECHNICAL

Inside shooting, faking, dodging, mid-pointing, open floor defence

TACTICAL

Picks & screens, set plays, 2-1s and 3-2s, breakout, sagging manto-man defence, power play offence and defence, man-short offence

GOALIES

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots, communication





CONTACT





Helmet, gloves, mask, mouthguard. Knee (optional), elbow, shoulder, arm & kidney pads, jock/jill strap. Stick no shorter than 86.36 cm (34"). Goalies: Category 2 equipment

GAMES

OFFICIATING

CLA rules



10 min. warm-up
2 x 15 min. straight time
1 x 15 min. stop time
3 minute breaks
Cool down

SUSTENANCE



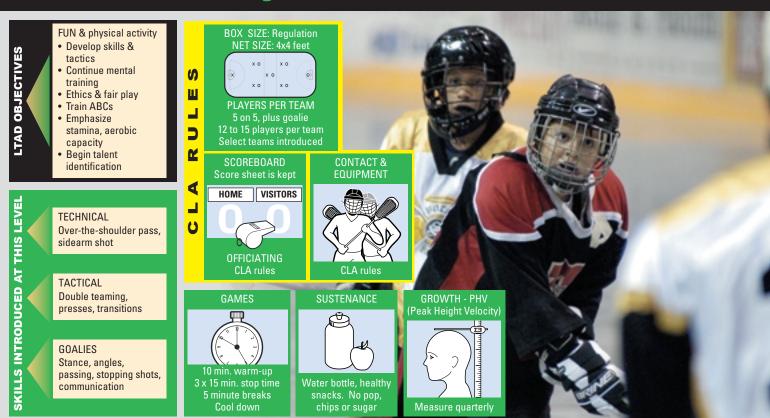
Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar

GROWTH - PHV (Peak Height Velocity)





BOX LACROSSE - Training to Train 1 Bantam: 13-14



FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions. PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; equal participation; win with dignity & lose with grace; personal & team goals; volunteering

BOX LACROSSE - Training to Train 2 Midget: 15-16

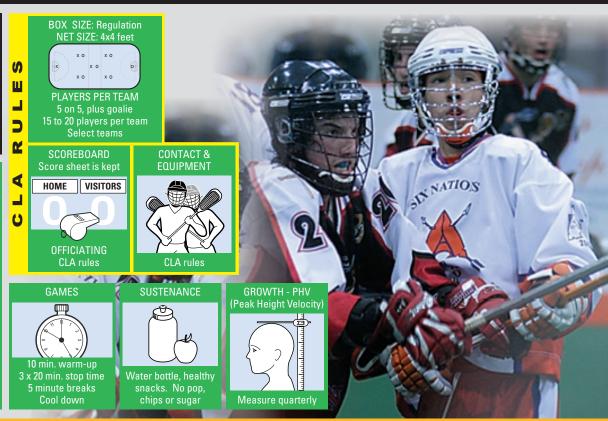
Increase competition Develop skills & tactics · Continue mental training · Ethics & fair play · Emphasize speed, aerobic capacity Offer late-entry **TECHNICAL** Develop and refine all skills SITL **TACTICAL** Walling, 6-5, SKILLS INTRODUCED

situational lacrosse

shots, communication

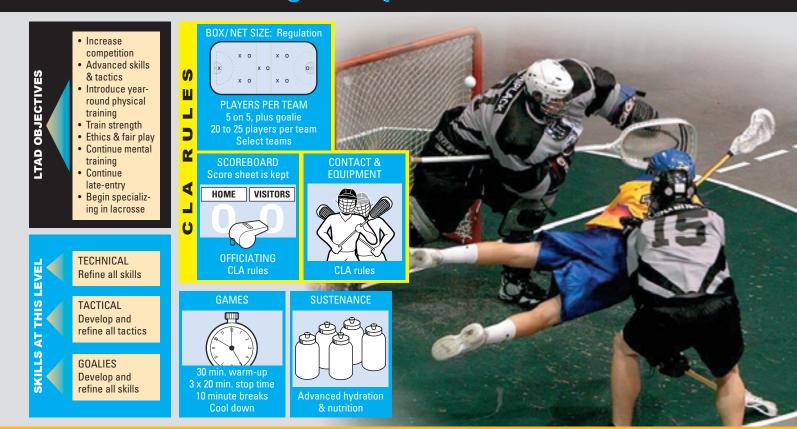
GOALIES Stance, angles, passing, stopping

FUN & physical activity

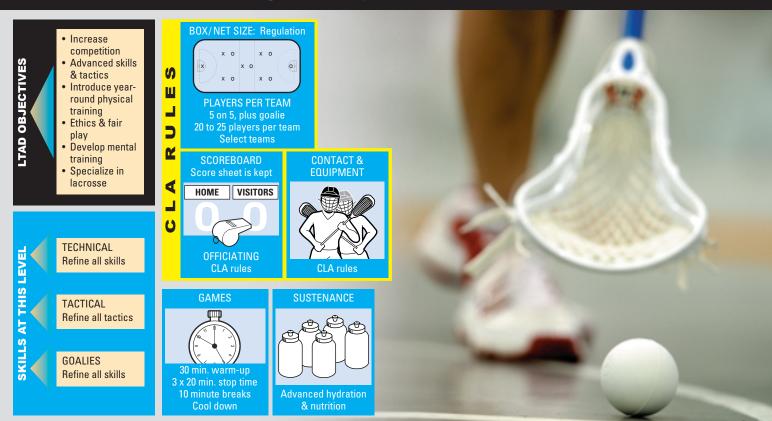


FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions. PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; equal participation; win with dignity & lose with grace; personal & team goals; volunteering

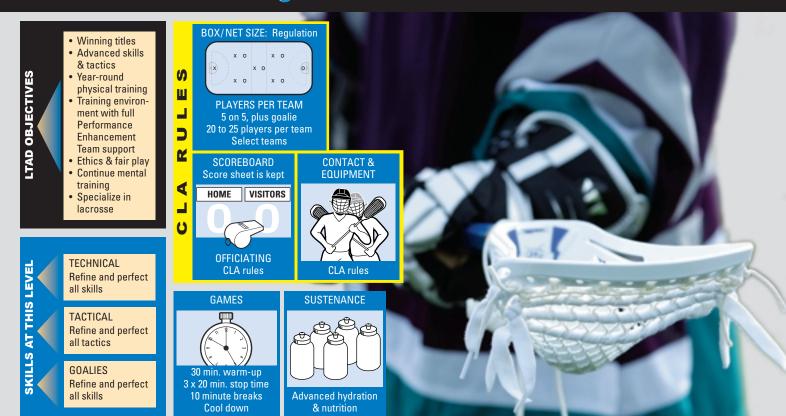
BOX LACROSSE - Learning to Compete Intermediate/Junior: 17-19



BOX LACROSSE - Training to Compete Junior: 20-21

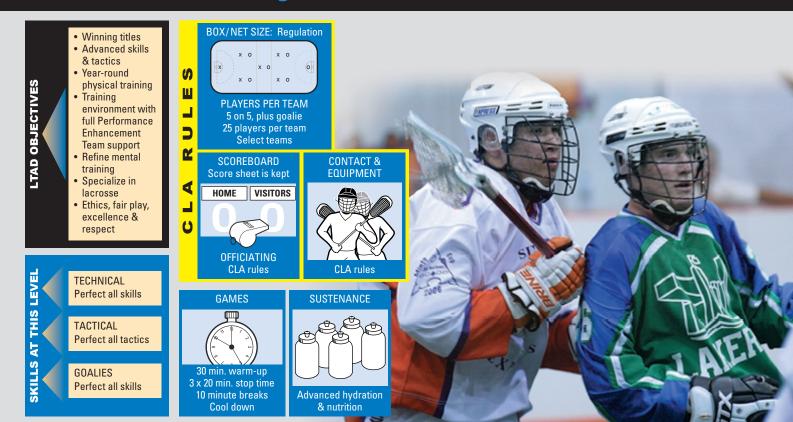


BOX LACROSSE - Learning to Win Junior A/Senior B: 20+

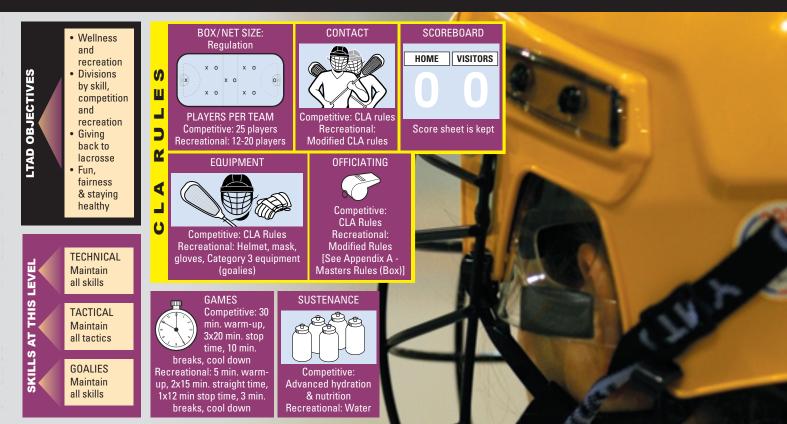


FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; win with dignity & lose with grace; personal & team goals; volunteering

BOX LACROSSE - Training to Win Senior A/Major/National Team: 20+



BOX LACROSSE - Active for Life Competitive (Senior B&C)/Recreational (Masters)





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