

2023 Floorbusters Memorial Tournament



Lethbridge Lacrosse Association is pleased to host "B" teams in U11 to U17 age divisions at the ALA sanctioned Floorbusters Memorial Tournament scheduled to be played May 26-28, 2023.

This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE** Tournament. Abuse of any kind will not be tolerated. Teams, coaches, individual players and/or their families may/can be ejected from the tournament if they are in contravention of this rule. In-game issues, player / team staff / spectator conduct at Tournament facilities and any complaints from community partners (hotels, restaurants, etc.) will be referred to the Floorbusters Disciplinary / Appeal Committee (see Rule 6 below.)

Each team must sign an acknowledgement they have read and agree to abide by these rules which must be sent back to the [Tournament Coordinator](#) prior to May 19th, 2023.

Tournament Rules

1. All teams MUST meet the requirements as set out in all ALA Regulations and Bylaws:
 - Rosters are as per the ALA registration system. All players MUST be registered with the ALA. Our-of-province players are not permitted on ALA teams.
 - Participating out-of-province teams must submit their travel permit to the [Tournament Coordinator](#) with the Registration Roster.
 - **Overaged players are not permitted *unless* granted exemption from the ALA Executive.** If exemption has been granted, **overage players must be clearly marked on the Registration Roster as well as all game sheets.** Proof of exemption must be submitted to the [Tournament Coordinator](#) with the Registration Roster.
 - Affiliates are not permitted.
 - Teams *may* submit an oversized roster. Proof of approval for the team's oversized roster from the Association and LGB must be submitted to the [Tournament](#)

Coordinator with the Registration Roster. **Notwithstanding the number of players on a team, only 18 runners and 2 goalies may play in each game.** “Extra” players may access the bench area between periods to refill water bottles, etc. but SHALL NOT enter the playing surface (either during pre-game warm ups or following the game) nor be on the bench during game play.

- All coaches are required to meet Lacrosse Canada Minimum Coaching Standards.
 - All trainers are required to meet Lacrosse Canada Standards.
2. Teams must submit their Registration Roster and *accurate* Team Manager / Contact information (both e-mail and mobile number are required) to the [Tournament Coordinator](#) not later than 12:00 midnight on May 22nd, 2023.
- Only those players listed on the team’s Registration Roster may participate in Floorbusters 2023.
 - Roster changes submitted after the deadline and/or playing a non-rostered player can result in the team expulsion from Floorbusters and forfeit of their tournament fee.
3. Each team is responsible for the conduct of its players, coaches, families and fans both inside and outside the arenas:
- **All teams must be prepared to provide their own first aid to any injured players (ice, bandages, tensor, etc.)** Floorbusters cannot guarantee the facilities will have ice / first aid on hand.
 - Teams and/or individuals will be held responsible for any damages to the facility, dressing rooms, and/or playing surfaces which may include but is not limited to expulsion from the Tournament with no refund, billed for damages, and/or civilly prosecuted.
 - **Teams will NOT be allowed into dressing rooms until 30 mins prior to their game NO EXCEPTIONS. Each team must declare an adult dressing room supervisor who should be prepared to provide car keys in exchange for dressing room keys. Dressing rooms are expected to be left in a clean and acceptable manner after each game and any damage to the dressing room will be the responsibility of the team. Tournament facilities reserve the right to fine a team for any damages done to the facility by that team.**
 - Teams and/or individuals will be held accountable for any complaints received from facility staff or any community partners (hotels, restaurants, etc.) while attending Floorbusters which may include but is not limited to team / individual expulsion from the Tournament with no refund and/or refusal of service.
 - Teams will **NOT** permit any of their players to enter the playing surface while any

players from the previous game remain on the floor. All players, coaches and minor officials must wait until both previous teams have left the playing field completely. Any team found in violation of this rule will be deducted 1 point from the game to be played.

- All players entering the playing surface at **ANY** time shall wear CSA approved helmets and facemasks or will be subject to a fine per ALA Regulations.
- Teams shall supply their own warm-up balls. Floorbusters will provide game balls. **There are to be NO balls off the playing surface.** Any balls found off the playing surface will be confiscated. Teams found to be in violation of this rule may face ejection from the tournament with no refund.
- If teams have similar jersey colors the **HOME** team will be asked to change. If the **HOME** team only has 1 set of jerseys and **AWAY** has 2, **AWAY** team will change jerseys.

4. Floorbusters game structure will follow ALA Regulation 28.

- Schedule:
 - Maximum games allowed per team and/or player in a single day is three (3).
 - Teams cannot be scheduled for more than three (3) games in any given day and need to have at least a 2-hour break between each scheduled game.
- Length of Games:

Division	Allotted Time	Warm up	Periods	Rest
U11	60 minutes	5 minutes	3 – 15 minute run time periods	2 minutes
U13	75 minutes	5 minutes	2 – 15 minute stop-time periods 1 – 20 minute stop time period	2 minutes
U15	90 minutes	5 minutes	3 – 20 minute stop-time periods	2 minutes
U17	90 minutes	5 minutes	3 – 20 minute stop-time periods	2 minutes

- Mercy Rule: If a goal differential of six (6) or more goals is present at any time 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.

- Game Officials:
 - Floorbusters will provide all game referees.
 - The **HOME** team will provide **three** Minor Officials (timekeeper, shot clock & penalty door).
 - The **AWAY** team will provide **two** Minor Officials (game sheet & penalty door.)
 - The Lethbridge Cudas will be the **HOME** team, unless otherwise stated on the Tournament Schedule.

- Overtime:
 - 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 minute period.
 - In Medal games only as per Lacrosse Canada Rule 20: Exception to be made relative to rest time between periods which will be five (5) minutes.

- Tie-Breaker:
 - In the event of a tie in point standing in a competition, final standings shall be determined as follows:
 - 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 below will be used.
 - If three or more teams are tied, and if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, that winning team shall advance.
 - GOALS AVERAGE FORMULA: The team with the highest ratio advances:
 - In games between the tied teams; or if necessary
 - In games between each other plus common opponents; or if necessary
 - Goals for and against in all games played by the tied teams;

GOALS FOR / GOALS FOR + GOALS AGAINST

5. Game sheets shall be collected by the **HOME** team from the facility tournament table 30 minutes prior to game. The **WINNING** team is to return the **white** game sheet to the floor manager immediately after the game (winning team keeps yellow copy; losing team gets

pink copy.) Scores will **NOT** be entered for either team until the white copy is returned.

- If stickers are used they **must line up** and be placed on all three copies of the game sheets or they will not be permitted.
- Players shall be *legibly* listed by first and last name in numerical (jersey #) order limited to a maximum of 18 runners and 2 goalies. Designated team Captain and/or Assistants shall be marked “C” or “A” on the game sheet. Overage players must be also be clearly marked.
- Affiliate players are not permitted in Floorbusters.
- ALL bench personnel must be listed.
- In situations where an organization has more than one team operating within an age division, it must be CLEARLY indicated which team the game sheet covers.

6. **DISCIPLINE:** Floorbusters 2023 must follow ALA Regulation 12 regarding discipline and suspension.

- Tournament infractions will be dealt with at the Tournament by the **Floorbusters 2023 Tournament Discipline / Appeal Committee** (the “Committee”) made up of the [Tournament Coordinator](#), the RIC, and one Director representative from the Board of the Lethbridge Lacrosse Association.
- Players and/or bench personnel who have been assessed penalties which carry automatic suspensions as set out in this Rule will be dealt with at the earliest possible time following the game.
- The Committee will conduct such interviews as may be necessary and render their decision which will be communicated to the Team Manager / Contact as reported on the team’s Registration Roster in writing by text and/or email by the [Tournament Coordinator](#). **The Team Manager / Contact will be responsible for communicating the Discipline Committee’s decision to the suspended party and team coach if applicable.**
- Teams who have person(s) serving suspension need to indicate that on the game sheet (example: susp 1/1 or susp 2/3). The use of a suspended or ineligible player(s) will result in forfeiture of the game plus referral to the ALA Discipline Committee (or the governing association for out of province teams.)
- Suspensions are to be served consecutively, and for the team that the suspension was given. The individual shall be suspended from participating in the applicable number of remaining tournament games and those games shall count toward the automatic suspension. If not fully served during Floorbusters, the tournament suspension shall carry forward into regular season and/or league/provincial playoff games only. **Any team failing to do so will have one point deducted from the**

Round Robin standings or may be stripped of a final medal.

- Coach suspensions must be served on the team the offence occurred on—any suspended Coach is not permitted to coach on any other team until the suspension is fulfilled.
- **Within 48 hours following the conclusion of Floorbusters 2023** a report shall be filed with the ALA Office and SALA outlining any discipline problems, accompanied by the corresponding game sheet (if applicable) which resulted in five-minute penalties and any suspensions of any official, player, coach, manager, or other person. If the suspended Official, player, coach, manager, or other person is not a member of or subject to the jurisdiction of SALA (i.e. a visiting team from another LGB or MA) SALA shall, within 48 hours of receipt of such report, forward a copy of same to such suspended parties’ LGB or equivalent authority which has jurisdiction over such suspended Official, player, coach, manager or other person.

Infraction	Automatic Consequence (no appeal)	Discipline Committee Action, if any
ABUSING OFFICIALS	Automatic MATCH PENALTY with the individual being suspended from further ALA sanctioned activities	Incident referred to Committee. The Committee’s decision will be an AUTOMATIC INDEFINITE SUSPENSION until dealt with by the Team’s LGB.
MATCH PENALTY	Individual being suspended from all ALA sanctioned activities.	An incident report will be immediately filled out and sent to the committee.
GROSS MISCONDUCT	Automatic MATCH PENALTY with the individual being suspended from all further ALA sanctioned activities.	Incident referred to Committee
RECKLESS AND ENDANGERING PLAY	MATCH PENALTY, with the individual being suspended from all further ALA sanctioned activities.	Incident referred to Committee
MISCONDUCT OFF PLAYING FLOOR	Individual being suspended from all further ALA sanctioned activities.	Incident referred to Committee. The individual remains suspended until the Committee directs otherwise.
GAME MISCONDUCT	Individual suspended for the remainder of the game and must immediately leave the venue or go to the dressing room.	All coach game misconducts are subject to referral to Committee.
2nd GAME MISCONDUCT IN THE SAME GAME	Player suspended for the remainder of the game and must immediately leave the venue or go to the dressing room.	Incident referred to Committee. Player remains suspended until the Committee directs otherwise.
CHECKING FROM BEHIND	Player will receive: ➤ a double minor penalty OR ➤ a major penalty and a game misconduct OR ➤ a MATCH PENALTY.	
ABUSE BY FANS	As perceived by a Referee: will result in having the referee have the coach ask his/her “fan” to immediately remove him/herself from the arena and not to return for the remainder of the game. The game will not resume until said fan is completely removed from the arena. If the fan refuses to leave within a reasonable time, the team to which	An incident report will be sent to the committee. For the safety of Floorbusters participants, our players, families, spectators and facilities staff, Floorbusters Tournament personnel are authorized, in urgent or emergent situations, to act as immediate agents of the Committee and take steps to eject unruly fans without direction

	the fan is related will forfeit the game. Such removal and/or forfeit shall be noted on the game sheet and an official game report shall be completed by the Tournament.	<p>from the Referee.</p> <p><i>Any person who enters into acrimonious discussions, makes abusive or obscene comments, gestures, or threats to Officials, the league, or Tournament RIC, the Tournament Chair/Representative, Minor Officials, or... staff, shall be fined a minimum of \$100 and suspended for a minimum of two (2) games.</i></p> <p><i>All such incidents shall be reviewed by the ALA Discipline Committee to determine if further action is warranted.</i></p>
FIGHTING	A major penalty and a game misconduct will be assessed to any player/goalkeeper who fights.	
FIGHTING IN THE LAST 10 MINUTES	A major penalty, a game misconduct, and an additional one (1) game suspension in Minor lacrosse.	
FIGHTING OFF THE FLOOR	Player shall be suspended from any further lacrosse activities.	An incident report will be forwarded to the Committee. The player remains suspended until the Committee directs otherwise.
INSTIGATING A FIGHT OR BEING AN AGGRESSOR	Player shall receive a Major for Fighting and a Game Misconduct. An instigator or aggressor in a fight, a major penalty plus any other penalties shall be assessed to the offending player(s). The player will be suspended for the remainder of the game, immediately leave the venue or go to the dressing room.	The incident will be referred to Committee. The player remain suspended until the Committee directs.
RESTARTING A FIGHT	Player assessed a MATCH PENALTY	
SPEARING	Player will automatically receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a major penalty AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a MATCH PENALTY AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ an automatic two (2) game suspension 	The incident will be referred to Committee which may add a further suspension.
ATTEMPT TO SPEAR	Player will automatically receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a 5-minute major penalty AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a game misconduct AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ an automatic one (1) game suspension 	
BUTT ENDING	Player will automatically receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a major penalty AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a MATCH PENALTY AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ an automatic two (2) game suspension 	The incident will be referred to Committee which may add a further suspension. The player may return to play if not notified by the Committee.
ATTEMPT TO BUTT END	Player will automatically receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a 5-minute major penalty AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a game misconduct AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ an automatic one (1) game suspension 	
KICKING	Player will automatically receive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a major penalty AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ be assessed a MATCH PENALTY 	The incident will be referred to Committee which may add a further suspension. The player may return to play if not notified by the Committee.

	<p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ an automatic two (2) game suspension 	
ATTEMPT TO KICK	<p>Player will automatically receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a 5-minute major penalty <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ a game misconduct <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ an automatic one (1) game suspension 	
REFUSING TO START PLAY	<p>A) With both teams on the floor, after the game has started, a team for any reason refuses to play after being ordered to do so in accordance with Rule 63 of the LC Rule and Situation Handbook, the designated Head Coach for that team shall receive a minimum six (6) game suspension from which there is no appeal.</p> <p>B) If prior to the start of a game or period, a team fails to begin play in accordance with Rule 63 of the LC Rule and Situation Handbook, the designated Head Coach for that team shall receive a minimum six (6) game suspension from which there is no appeal.</p> <p>The six (6) game suspensions referred to in subsections (a) and (b) shall begin immediately following the game in which the team refused to start play.</p>	<p>ESCALATION TO ALA:</p> <p>The circumstances involving the suspension of the Head Coach shall automatically be referred to the ALA Discipline and Appeals Committee in the form of a complaint pursuant to section 10.01.5 of the ALA Bylaws. Once referred, and should it deem necessary, the ALA Discipline and Appeals Committee may conduct a hearing in accordance with the Bylaws and Regulations of the ALA so as to determine whether further sanction and direction is warranted.</p> <p>The ALA Discipline and Appeals Committee may sanction any other Team Official of that team which refuses to start play in a manner determined by that Committee, but only after conducting a hearing in accordance with the Bylaws of the ALA.</p>
THIRD GAME MISCONDUCT IN ONE SEASON	Two (2)-game suspension	Referral to Committee, which may further suspend , although the individual has finished the two (2) game suspension and resumed participation in lacrosse.

7. **PROTESTS:** All referee decisions will be final on the floor. Any official protest may be made by:

- To place an appeal, the appealing team must put forward a non-refundable bond of \$300 payable to the Lethbridge Lacrosse Association.
- The appeal must be made in writing and received not later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the game. Protests may be submitted by text, email or in person to the [Tournament Coordinator](#).
- If game conclusion time is missing from the game sheet, the scheduled game time conclusion shall be used.
- The decision of the Appeals Committee will be final.
- If the appeal is won, the fee will be refunded.
- If any game or portion thereof is to be replayed, the refund will be given after that conclusion.

8. **HAVE FUN!** It is the most important rule of all! We are committed to the growth of the game of lacrosse and that starts with having fun!
9. At the conclusion of the medal games, the tournament trophies are to be returned to the tournament office at their respective locations.

End

The undersigned

(name)

authorized representative of

(Team Name / Division / Association)

confirms our Team has read and understood these Tournament Rules and agrees to abide by and be subject to them this ____ day of _____, 2023.

(Signature)

****** Return signature page to Tournament Coordinator prior to May 19th, 2023. ******