

Okotoks Raiders "Spring Classic" Tournament Rules –2025

1. This is a **ZERO TOLERANCE** Tournament. Abuse of any kind will not be tolerated. Teams, coaches, individual players or families may/ can be ejected from the tournament if they are in contravention of this rule. We take player, ref, facility staff and spectators safety very seriously. Please ensure all siblings are watched at all times, no child can be left without parent supervision. The facility reserves the right to ask unattended children and their family to leave the building.
2. The intent of this tournament is to provide a fun atmosphere for development of Players, Coaches and Officials. Over aged Players are not permitted unless granted an exception from ALA Executive (written proof sent to the tournament coordinator required). If a team has an overaged player without an approved exemption the team will be fined \$750.00 and the player will be removed from the tournament, the team may also face expulsion from the tournament. If your team is over rostered the over roster exemption must be sent to the tournament coordinator. The tournament committee reserves the right to move a team up a level if they feel they will be better suited in a higher division. **ALL teams are to provide their own first aid to players (ice, bandages, tensor, etc)** the tournament cannot guarantee the facility will have ice/ first aid on hand.
3. Any changes to the team roster must be provided to the Tournament Organizer 72 hours PRIOR to start of the team's first game. **No changes** will be allowed later than 72 hrs before the tournament starts. Teams may only play the players on the roster submitted to the tournament coordinator. Any players not on the roster will be ejected from the tournament.
4. As per ALA rules Affiliated players must be from your team's division or lower. Teams can't pull down. If a team has an affiliate player that player's first commitment is to their team. They cannot play back to back games, they must have a 2 hr rest in between. Any teams (both AP and the team they played on) found in violation to this rule will have points removed from their game(s). AP players will also face possible ejection from the tournament. Out of province teams are NOT permitted to play on ALA teams (no affiliating onto out of province teams.). Out of province teams are required to have a valid travel permit and submit it to the tournament coordinator no later than 1 week prior to the start of the first tournament game.
6. Teams supply their own warm-up balls, with the "home" team supplying the game balls. There are to be **NO balls off the playing surface**. Any balls found off the playing surface will be confiscated, and teams 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 VISITOR has 2, VISITOR team will change jerseys.

Team management (coaches and managers) 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 must wait until the previous team has left the playing field completely. As per ALA rules. Any team found in violation of this rule will be deducted 1point from that playing game.

7. Game sheets will be available at the game sheet table 15-30 minutes prior to the games. The white copy must be returned to the game sheet table after the game. Scores will NOT be entered for either team until the white copy is returned to the game sheet table. The **Home** team will be responsible for picking up the game sheet from the table and giving to visitor team to add stickers. The **Visitor** team is to return the game sheet immediately after the game. All 3 copies of the game sheet must have stickers on them or they will not be accepted.

8. The Tournament will provide all game referees.

9. The "Home" team will provide three Minor Officials, 1 for timekeeper, 1 shot clock and 1 for penalty door. The "Away" team will provide two. 1 for game sheet, 1 for penalty door. Team managers are NOT permitted in the penalty box or the time clock area, they must remain in the stands with their team at all times. The Okotoks Raiders will be the home team, unless otherwise stated on the Tournament schedule.

10. All decisions of the referee will be final on the floor. Any official protest shall be submitted in writing/ email and accompanied by a \$300 fee payable to the Okotoks Raiders Lacrosse Association. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final.

The appeal must be made in writing and must be received no later than **30** minutes after the conclusion of the game. If game conclusion time is missing from the game sheet the scheduled game time conclusion shall be used. 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.

11. All match, game or gross misconducts will be referred to the Okotoks Raiders "Spring Classic" Discipline Committee. The decision of the Discipline Committee will be final. Any resulting suspension(s) must be served in the subsequent game. Any team failing to do so will have one point deducted from the Round Robin standings or may be stripped of a final medal. All suspensions will follow ALA regulation 21.

12. A player receiving a fighting major will be subject to disciplinary action by the Discipline Committee, RIC and tournament chair, and may result in expulsion from the remainder of the Tournament.

13. Yelling towards refs or other officials will **NOT** permitted and may result in players, parents. Or coaches being asked to leave the tournament and teams may forfeit all points won in that game. Banging of the boards/ glass is strongly discouraged. The facilities reserve the right to ask teams to leave if the banging of sticks is excessive. If teams are asked to leave, they forfeit all points for that game.

14. **Teams will NOT be allowed into dressing rooms until 30mins prior to their game NO EXCEPTIONS. Dressing rooms are expected to be left in a clean and acceptable manner after each game. Each team must provide a dressing room supervisor, as any damage to the dressing room will be the responsibility of the team. The facility reserves the right to fine a team for any damages done to the facility by that team. Bags must be removed from the dressing room between games.**

15. Each team is responsible for the conduct of its players, fans and coaches. Teams will be held responsible for any damages to the facility, dressing rooms, and/or playing surfaces. Teams may be ejected with no refund from the Tournament at the discretion of the Tournament Discipline Committee.

16. **HAVE FUN!** It is the most important rule of all! We are committed to the growth of the game of lacrosse and at these young, developmental ages, that starts with having fun!

At the conclusion of the medal games, the tournament trophies are to be returned to the tournament office at there respective locations.

GAME STRUCTURE AS PER ALA RULES

Mercy Rule • If a goal differential of 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 4 goals, the clock shall return to stop time at that time.

ALA rule 9.04 In U11, U13, U15, and U17 lacrosse, if five (5) minutes before the scheduled end time of the game time slot for league games, there is more than five (5) minutes left on the clock, the clock shall be reset to two (2) minutes and play shall continue in stop time to the end of the game, for each of U13, box lacrosse and **straight time for U11**. As required, a game may be called at this time if an injury is present and cannot be taken care of in a timely fashion. with the exception of Medal games which will have 30 extra minutes to be played.

| <u>Division</u> | <u>Alloted time</u> | <u>warm up</u> | <u>Periods</u> | <u>Rest</u> |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--|-------------|
| U11 (novice) | 60 minutes | 5 minutes | 3x15 minutes; stop time as per ALA rules clock stoppage | 3 minutes |
| U13 (Peewee) | 75 minutes | 5 minutes | 3x15 minutes; stop time as per ALA rules clock stoppage | 3 minutes |

- Games will start no later than 5 minutes after allocated start time. "**Delay of game**" may be assessed to the team that is not ready and 1 point will be deducted from the game score for that team. If both teams are not ready then both will be deducted 1 point.
- Round Robin games will end at the conclusion of game time, if game is tied each team will receive 1 point.
- **Overtime will take place in Medal games only as per Lacrosse Canada o Rule 20:** exception is made to rest time between periods, which will be five minutes. In Overtime, there will be one 5-five-minute run time period, if still tied at the end of 5 minutes it will go to a 3 man shootout until the first goal is scored. No player will go twice until all players have gone once. There will be one-minute rest period between the five-minute period and the shootout. The teams will not switch ends.
- **Tie Breaker-** In the event of a tie in point standings in a competition, final standings shall be determined as follows: If two teams are tied, if the teams played each other, then the winner of the game or games between the two teams' advances.
- If a tie still exists, the team with the least penalties based on all games played will advance.
- Otherwise, GOALS AGAINST FORMULA: Using goals for and against in all games played by the tied teams. GOALS FOR _____ GOALS FOR + GOALS AGAINST The formula is applied once to rank all tied teams

Points will be awarded as the following: Win 2pts, Tie 1 pts, Loss 0 pts

Locations of Arenas:

South Calgary Soccer Centre 7000 48th St. S.E Calgary, AB T2C 4E1

Fields: in main building: South, North, West, East

in Annex building: Alpha