

# ***SOUTHERN ALBERTA LACROSSE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS***

## **BYLAW 1 - INTERPRETATION**

### **1.01 INDEX AND HEADINGS**

The insertion of headings and the provision of an Index, are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

### **1.02 TERMS**

The terms ~~%Bylaws+~~, ~~%hereof+~~, ~~%herein+~~, ~~%hereunder+~~ and similar expressions refer to these Bylaws taken as a whole and not to any particular Bylaw or section and include any document or instrument which amends or is supplementary to these Bylaws. The word ~~%Bylaw+~~ followed by a number shall mean the particular Bylaw being part of these Bylaws.

### **1.03 SINGULAR, PLURAL, GENDER**

Words importing the singular number only include the plural and vice versa, and words importing the use of any gender include both genders.

### **1.04 PERSON**

Person, and other references to persons, includes any individual, firm, company, corporation, unincorporated body of persons, or association.

### **1.05 IN WRITING**

In writing or written include printing, typewriting, or any electronic means of communication by which words are capable of being visibly reproduced at a distant point of reception, including fax, or e-mail.

### **1.06 NOTICE**

Whenever a period of notice is required under these Bylaws, the day on which notice is given shall not be counted as part of the notice period, but the day appointed by the notice for the event to which the notice relates shall be counted as part of the notice period.

### **1.07 DEFINITIONS**

Unless the subject matter or context requires a different interpretation, the

following words and phrases shall, in these Bylaws, have the following meanings:

- (1) ALA shall mean the Alberta Lacrosse Association;
- (2) %Amateur+shall have that meaning as defined by the CLA from time to time;
- (3) %Annual Meeting+means the general meeting of the Members as provided for in Bylaw 4.01;
- (4) %Appeal+means an appeal pursuant to Bylaws;
- (5) %Appeal Fee+means that fee as defined and set out in Bylaw 11.10;
- (6) %Appellant+means the person initiating an Appeal by filing a Notice of Appeal;
- (7) %Board+means the Board of Directors of the SALA consisting of one representative from each of the member clubs and the executive Committee;
- (8) %Bylaws+means the Bylaws of the SALA as amended from time to time;
- (9) %SALA+shall mean the Southern Alberta Lacrosse Association;
- (10) %CLA+means the Canadian Lacrosse Association;
- (11) %Club+means an association, registered as a body corporate in the Province of Alberta, which has adopted bylaws and regulations that are consistent with the Bylaws, Objectives, Regulations, Rules and Policies of the SALA and ALA and are approved by the Board and operates a program in Lacrosse with one or more Lacrosse Teams.
- (12) %Coach+means a person registered with the SALA as a coach of a Lacrosse Team;
- (13) %Director(s)+means a director of the SALA;
- (14) %Discipline+means correction, chastisement, punishment, penalty, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall include suspension, fine, expulsion and posting of a bond;
- (15) %Financial Statement+means the financial statement of the Southern Alberta Lacrosse Association;
- (16) %Fiscal Year+shall have that meaning as defined in Bylaw 11.01;
- (17) %Lacrosse Team+means a group of players, as per ALA Guidelines, with at least one (1) Coach, all of whom are registered with the SALA and ALA;
- (18) %League+shall have that meaning defined by the ALA from time to time;
- (19) %Manager+means a person registered with the ALA and SALA as a manager of a Lacrosse Team;
- (20) %Member+shall mean those persons or organizations who become Members pursuant to Bylaw 2.01;
- (21) %Notice of Appeal+means that notice as provided for in Bylaw 9.09;

- (22) %Officials+means those persons who work as referees, time-keepers, goal judges, penalty-box attendants and other persons which may be required off the floor or field from time to time for the organized conduct of a game of Lacrosse;
- (23) %Officers+means the president or a person on the board of directors, or other officer of a member club;
- (24) %Parties to the Appeal+means the Appellant, Respondent, and such other persons as the Chair of the Discipline/Appeals Committee, acting reasonably, shall direct and name;
- (25) %Past President+means a former President of the SALA;
- (26) %Player+means a person registered with the ALA and the SALA as a player on a Lacrosse Team;
- (27) %President+means that person elected as the president of the SALA;
- (28) %Referee+shall mean a person registered as a referee with the ALA qualified to officiate a Lacrosse game as determined from time to time by the ALA;
- (29) %Regulations+means those regulations of the SALA for the administration and advancement of Lacrosse;
- (30) %Respondent+means that authority that has made a decision or ruling that the Appellant has appealed;
- (31) %Rules+mean those rules of the game of lacrosse as made from time to time by the SALA, the ALA, or the CLA;
- (32) %Special Resolution+shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of such Members entitled to vote as are present in person at a meeting of Members of which notice specifying the intention to propose a resolution as a special resolution has duly been given;
- (33) %Suspension+means a temporary debarring of a person from the privileges of playing Lacrosse games or association with a Lacrosse Team or Member provided that a suspension must stipulate a length of time or number of Lacrosse games, or type of Lacrosse game or any combination thereof. Expulsion means a permanent debarring;
- (34) %Vice-President+means that person elected as the vice-president of the SALA.

## **BYLAW 2 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.01 REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **2.01.1** Regular Membership to the SALA is open to the following:

- (a) An Amateur Lacrosse Team that is not within or part of a Club (hereinafter referred to as %Member Team+) that satisfies the

requirements of the SALA and whose chief place of operations is located in the bounds of the SALA.

- (b) Any Lacrosse Club (hereinafter referred to as ~~Member Club~~) whose place of operations is located in the bounds of the SALA and which satisfies the requirements of 1.07(11).

**2.01.2** Membership may be acquired by an application in writing to the Board expressing compliance with and adherence to the Objectives, Bylaws, Regulations, Rules and Policies of the SALA. Accompanying each application shall be the following:

- (a) Requisite fee for membership as established by the Board from time to time;
- (b) A copy of the applicant's constitution, objectives, bylaws and regulations;
- (c) A complete list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of the applicant's officers, which shall consist of at least a president and secretary.

**2.01.3** The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for membership in the SALA.

**2.01.4** Membership in the SALA shall take effect upon the acceptance of the application for membership in the SALA.

**2.01.5** Each Member shall notify the Secretary of the Board immediately of any amendments to its objectives, bylaws and regulations and of any changes of its officers.

**2.01.6** **RESIGNATION**

Any Member may resign from membership in the SALA by submitting its resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Board. Upon submission such member shall forfeit its rights and privileges in the SALA and the Board may consider applications to replace the Member so resigning from the SALA.

**2.01.7** **EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION**

- (a) A Member may be expelled or suspended from membership in the SALA by a resolution passed by a majority of the Members in a meeting of Members SALA for that purpose. No Member shall be expelled without being notified of the complaint against it or without having first been given a fair hearing, in accordance with the rules of natural justice by the Members at the aforesaid meeting.
- (b) The Board may, by a majority vote of the Directors, expel or suspend any Member who has failed to pay membership dues to the SALA membership duties.

**2.01.8** **LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) A Member shall cease to become a Member of the SALA only by resignation or expulsion.
- (b) A Member who is suspended loses the rights and or privileges of Membership and is deemed a non-member.

## **2.02 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2.02.1** The SALA shall have the right to approve an individual, team, or club as an Associate Member.
- 2.02.2** An Associate Membership may be acquired by application in writing to the Board and such Membership shall take effect upon approval by the Board.
- 2.02.3** The Board shall have the sole and absolute right to accept or refuse an application for Associate Membership in the SALA.
- 2.02.4** Associate Members shall not be voting members, but shall be entitled to attend and take part in meetings of the Members.
- 2.02.5** Associate Members shall be entitled to the usual services provided to other Members, including the right to send representatives to clinics and schools conducted by the SALA.

## **2.03 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2.03.1** Life Membership is the highest honor which may be bestowed by the SALA. It is to be awarded to individuals only for very distinctive services to the SALA. Nominations for Life Membership must be forwarded to the Board in writing thirty (30) days prior to the 1st day of October in each year, with the endorsement of a majority Members on the nominating papers for each proposed Life Member. Life Members shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board, exercising all of the privileges of Directors (except where otherwise restricted in the Objectives, Bylaws, Regulations, Rules and Policies) but shall not be eligible to vote on any issue.
- 2.03.2** The Board shall appoint Life Members by majority vote on any nomination for Life Membership.
- 2.03.3** Expenses of the Life Members attending an Annual Meeting shall be paid by the SALA (so long as they reside in Alberta).

## **BYLAW 3 - DUES**

- 3.01** The annual dues for Membership in the SALA shall be determined annually by the Board prior to the Annual Meeting. The dues so determined shall be subject to ratification by a vote of the Members at the Annual Meeting and upon such ratification, the dues so determined shall become the Annual Membership Dues for Membership until the following Annual Meeting.

- 3.02** In the event that the Members refuse to ratify the Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board, the amount of the Annual Membership Dues for the year immediately following the Annual Meeting shall be those Membership Dues which were in existence for the previous year.
- 3.03** The Board, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting, shall notify the Members on the Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board for the forthcoming year.
- 3.04** All Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board pursuant to **Bylaw 3.01**, shall be due and payable by May 15. In the event that the Members fail to ratify the said Annual Membership Dues, the SALA will refund to the Members all amounts paid in excess of the previous year's Annual Membership Dues.
- 3.05** A Member shall not be in good standing unless it has paid the Annual Membership Dues as determined by the Board pursuant to **Bylaw 3.01**.
- 3.06** Associate Members shall not be required to pay Annual Membership Dues unless directed by the Board.
- 3.07** Life Members shall not be required to pay Annual Membership Dues.
- 3.08** Upon payment of the Annual Membership Dues, a Member shall not be entitled to a refund except as provided under **Bylaw 3.04**.

## **BYLAW 4 - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS AND VOTING**

### **4.01 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting shall be held during the month of January, in each year, at a location within the boundaries of SALA on a day to be fixed by the Board.

### **4.02 ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At every Annual Meeting an order of business shall be presented and accepted by those in attendance.

### **4.03 SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Other meetings of the Members (hereinafter called ~~%Special Meetings+~~) shall be convened for any time and place within the boundaries of SALA by a majority vote of the Board.

### **4.04 NOTICE**

Notice of the time and place of all meetings of Members and the general nature of the business to be transacted shall be communicated to each Member seven (7) days prior notice. The notice of the meeting shall be deemed to be good and effective if sent to the last known email address of the Member..

#### **4.05**            **QUORUM**

Each club shall provide one Member to form a quorum at the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting. In the event that a majority of the Members are not present within one (1) hour of the hour given in the Notice of the said meeting, the chairperson of the meeting shall adjourn the meeting to date and time not less than twenty-one (21) days from the date of the original meeting. The Secretary shall give seven (7) days written notice to the Members of the date and place to which the meeting has been adjourned. A quorum for the adjourned meeting shall be one less than a majority.

#### **4.06**            **RIGHT AND OBLIGATION TO VOTE AT MEMBERS' MEETINGS**

**4.06.1**            At each meeting of the Members (Annual Meeting or Special Meeting) the following have the right to vote:

- (a)        Each Member of the Executive Committee shall have one (1) vote;
- (b)        Each Member at large has one vote;
- (c)        Each such person shall vote on every motion unless excused by resolution of the Meeting or, unless disqualified by reason of conflict of interest as defined in 5.13.2, in which case that person shall not vote.

#### **4.06.2**            **QUALIFICATIONS**

In order for a Member to qualify for voting privileges at meetings of Members, the Member must:

- (a)        Have had a Lacrosse Team(s) registered with the SALA in the year immediately preceding the said meeting which was involved in active competition.
- (b)        Pay the Annual Membership Dues payable for the forthcoming year if the meeting is an Annual Meeting.
- (c)        Be in good standing with the SALA.
- (d)        Be present in person or have its representative present at the meeting.

#### **4.06.3**            **MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVE**

A Member of the SALA may appoint a person or persons (the ~~%Members~~ Representative) to attend and vote on its behalf at meetings of Members.

#### **4.07**            **VOTING**

- (a)        At all meetings of the Members of the SALA, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of those entitled to vote who are present in person unless otherwise required by the Bylaws or by law. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands (having regard to the right of multiple votes of the Members) unless a poll be demanded by a Member, or Member of the Executive Committee. Unless a poll be demanded, a declaration by the Chairperson that a

resolution has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the SALA shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes accorded in favor of or against such resolution.

- (b) The demand for a poll may be withdrawn, but if a poll be demanded and not withdrawn, the question shall be decided by a majority of votes cast, and such poll shall be taken in such manner as the Chairperson shall direct and the result of such poll shall be deemed the decision of the SALA in a meeting of Members, upon the matter in question.

#### **4.07.1 CASTING VOTE**

In case of an equality of votes at any meeting of the Members, whether upon such a show of hands or at a poll, the Chairperson shall be entitled to a casting vote.

#### **4.07.2 NUMBERING VOTES**

- (a) At meetings of Members or at meetings of the Board of Directors, Members or the Presidents of the Members as the case may be, shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote.
- (b) The Members votes may not be cast by a representative who is a member of the SALA Executive.

### **BYLAW 5- OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES**

#### **5.01 AFFAIRS AND BUSINESS**

The affairs and business of the SALA shall be managed or supervised by a Board of Directors who shall serve without remuneration and who may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the SALA and are not by the Bylaws or by Statute expressly directed or required to be done by the SALA at meetings of the Members.

#### **5.02 BOARD**

The Board of Directors (herein referred to as the ~~%Board+~~) shall consist of the following:

One representative from each of the member clubs as defined in appendix a.

At the AGM in January of each year the board shall elect from its membership a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer each of whom will serve a minimum of a one year term.

#### **5.03 QUALIFICATIONS**

Each of the Directors shall be eighteen (18) years of age or over and shall reside in the Province of Alberta.



**5.04**            **RESIGNATION**

A Director may resign from office upon giving notice thereof in writing to the Secretary of the SALA and such resignation becomes effective in accordance with its terms or upon acceptance by the Board, whichever may be the earlier date.

**5.05**            **REMOVAL**

**5.05.1**            The Members may, by resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast at a special meeting of Members duly called for that purpose, remove any Director before the expiration of his term of office and may, by a majority of votes cast at the meeting, elect any person in his stead for the remainder of the term of the Director so removed.

**5.05.2**            The Board may, by a majority vote, remove a Director who, in the opinion of the Board has been or is being remiss or neglectful of duty or by conduct which impairs his/her performance as a Director.

**5.05.3**            Any Director who fails to attend Board Meetings on two (2) consecutive occasions, without just cause, which shall be determined by the Board, on motion passed by a majority of the Directors, may be removed as a Director.

**5.06**            **VACATION OF OFFICE**

The office of a Director is vacated if he resigns his office, if he is removed from office by the Members or Directors, as herein provided, or if he ceases to have the necessary qualifications.

**5.07**            **VACANCIES**

Where a vacancy occurs in the Board, or in the event that the Director is not elected, and a quorum of Directors then exists, the Directors then in office may appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If there is not then a quorum of Directors in office, the Director or Directors then in office shall forthwith SALA a meeting of the Members to fill the vacancies, and, in default or if there are no Directors then in office, the meeting may be called by any Member.

**5.08**            **PLACE OF MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Board may be held at any place within the bounds of the SALA.

**5.09**            **MEETINGS BY TELEPHONE**

Where all the Directors have consented thereto, any Director may participate in a meeting of the Board by; means of conference SALA or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and a Director participating in a meeting pursuant to this subsection shall be deemed for the purposes of these Bylaws to be present in person at the meeting.

## **5.10 CALLING OF MEETINGS**

Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once per month in February, March, April, May, and June and as well as when a special meeting is called. The President shall call meetings when directed or authorized by a majority of Directors, who shall state the business which is to be conducted at the said meeting. Notice of every meeting so called shall be given to each Director not less than forty eight (48) hours before the time when the meeting is to be held, except that no notice of a meeting shall be necessary if all the Directors are present or if those absent have waived notice or otherwise signified their consent.

## **5.11 AGENDA ITEMS**

If there are agenda items which require specific Directors or Committee Members to be present, and they are not present, the Chairperson shall immediately have those items tabled to the end of the meeting. If at the end of all other business, those Directors or Committee Members are still not present, those items shall be tabled until the next meeting.

## **5.12 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Board and Committees meetings shall include motions considered and their disposition, reports received either explicitly or as attachments and shall be distributed to Members as soon as possible and at the latest prior to the start of the next meeting.

## **5.13 VOTING**

**5.13.1** Directors and Committee Members shall vote on every motion unless excused by resolution of the Meeting from voting on a specific motion, or unless is qualified from voting by reason of a conflict of interest as contemplated pursuant to subsection 5.13.2.

**5.13.2** Directors and Committee Members shall not vote on any question:

- (a) Affecting a private company of which they are shareholders.
- (b) Affecting a public company in which they hold more than one percent of the number of shares.
- (c) Effecting a partnership or firm of which they are members.
- (d) A contract for the sale of goods, merchandise, or services to which they are a party.
- (e) On any question in which they have direct or indirect pecuniary interest, except questions of general benefit to a class of which they are, by statute, necessarily members.
- (f) Any question directly effecting the placement or discipline of any player or personnel to whom they are directly related.

Any Director or Committee Member excluded because of the above shall so

declare before discussion of the question and shall not participate in the debate, and shall be deemed absent for that specific question.

**5.13.3** No absentee voting shall be allowed.

**5.13.4** Recording: a Director or Committee Member may request his/her vote to be recorded in the minutes.

**5.14** **MOTIONS**

**5.14.1** Each Director or Committee Member, except the Chairperson, shall have the privilege of proposing motions for consideration with requirement of a seconder.

**5.14.2** The Chairperson shall rule on the validity of any point of order. If a motion is ruled ~~out-of-order~~ by the Chairperson it shall be so recorded in the minutes along with the reasons stated for the ruling.

**5.14.3** On any question, parliamentary courtesy shall be observed. The Chairperson and proposer shall have the right to open and close debate (proposer first and last), however, closure shall not take place until every Director or Committee Member choosing to speak has had the opportunity to do so.

**5.14.4** No Director or Committee Member shall speak more than twice to the same question (only once to a question of order), or no longer than five (5) minutes at one time. No Director or Committee Member shall speak a second time to a question until every Director or Committee Member choosing to speak has spoken.

**5.14.5** A proposer shall not speak against a motion, even though he/she shall have the privilege of casting a vote against.

**5.14.6** Where the right to speak on a question is itself a matter for debate, the Chairperson shall poll each Director or Committee member to ensure opportunity has been granted.

**5.14.7** A proposer has the right to withdraw the motion at any time, in which case it shall not be recorded in the minutes, and business shall proceed as if the motion had never been proposed.

**5.15** **AMENDMENTS**

**5.15.1** Each Director or Committee Member shall have the right to propose amendments to a question under consideration, providing the amendment enhances the intent of the original motion, and does not attempt to contradict its application.

**5.15.2** An amendment, if accepted by the proposer of the original motion becomes part of the motion, and is not recorded separately in the minutes.

**5.15.3** When an amendment is not accepted by the proposer of the original motion, all debate shall be confined to the merits of the amendment, unless it is of such nature that its determination practically decides the main question.

**5.16**            **DECORUM**

**5.16.1**            In debate, a Director or Committee Member shall confine comment to the question.

**5.16.2**            A speaking Director or Committee Member shall respect the Chairperson's right to speak or recognize a point of order or information. The speaking Director or Committee member shall defer to the Chairperson on such points.

**5.16.3**            Calling for the question, may be ruled out of order by the Chairperson if, in his/her opinion, the motion is being made in a frivolous manner, or in an attempt to suppress normal debate.

**5.17**            **SIGNED RESOLUTION**

A resolution signed by all Directors or Committee Members, shall be as valid and effectual as if it has been passed at a meeting of the Board or the Committee, duly called and constituted, and shall be held to relate back to any date therein stated to be the date thereof.

**5.18**            **FIRST MEETING OF NEW BOARD**

Directly following the SALA AGM, an executive board meeting shall be called for within one (1) month.

**5.19**            **QUORUM**

A majority of the Directors who have been appointed shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board.

**5.20**            **VOTES TO GOVERN**

Excepting out the Chairperson, each Director present shall have one (1) vote. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast on the question; and in case of an equality of votes, the Chairperson of the meeting has a casting vote.

**5.21**            **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS**

Every Director who has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any contract or transaction to which the SALA is or is to be a party, other than a contract or transaction limited solely to his remuneration as a Director of the SALA, shall declare his interest in such contract or transaction at a meeting of the Directors and shall at that time disclose the nature and extent of such interest.

**5.22**            **INDEMNITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

Except in respect of an action on behalf of the SALA to procure a judgment in its favor, the SALA shall indemnify a Director or Officer, and his heirs and legal representatives against all costs, charges, and expenses, including an amount

paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgement, reasonably incurred by him in respect of being or having been a Director or Officer of the SALA, if:

- (a) he or she acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the SALA, and;
- (b) in the case of a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, he had reasonable grounds for believing that his conduct was lawful.

## **BYLAW 6 – POWERS OF THE DIRECTORS**

### **6.01 POWERS OF THE BOARD**

For the purpose of carrying out the objects of the SALA, the Board shall manage the affairs of the SALA, and shall implement all of the resolutions, exercise all of the powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the SALA and are not by these Bylaws expressly directed or required to be done at a meeting of the Members or otherwise. The powers and duties of the Board includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a) supervision of the collection of fees and funds of the SALA;
- (b) supervision of the expenditure of funds of the SALA;
- (c) to establish and define the Rules and Regulations of Lacrosse in the SALA, solely, finally, absolutely and exclusively, to the exclusion of any interference from any other body, subject always to the constitution, bylaws and rules and regulations of the ALA and the CLA;
- (d) to borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money in such manner, and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems fit, and in particular by the issue of bonds, debentures, security agreements, mortgage, charge or other security on the whole or any part of the present and future property (both real and personal) of the SALA, provided, however, that none of these powers shall be exercised except in accordance with the sanction of a resolution passed by a Special Resolution of the Members;
- (e) to approve all playoff schedules as submitted and formats;
- (f) to interpret and enforce the Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations of the SALA, ALA, CLA and for the betterment of lacrosse in the SALA;
- (g) to recommend, draft and prepare changes to the Bylaws, for approval of the Members at the Annual Meeting;
- (h) to impose and enforce appropriate penalties upon the Members, Lacrosse Teams, Players, Coaches, Officials or other persons for violations or breaches of the Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations of the SALA, ALA and/or the CLA, or for any violation or breach of a decision or ruling of the Board;

- (i) to appoint those Directors or Officers who are not elected pursuant to the Bylaws, and from time to time, define the duties of Officers of SALA;
- (j) to classify Lacrosse Teams, in its sole discretion, in all Categories or Divisions;
- (k) to approve or disapprove, in its sole discretion, applications for Membership.

**6.02            BOARD’S AUTHORITY – FINAL AND BINDING**

Subject only to those rights of appeal as provided for herein and in the constitution and bylaws of the ALA and the CLA, all decisions, rulings and interpretations of the Board are final and binding upon the Members, Lacrosse Teams, Players, Officers, and Officials.

**BYLAW 7 – OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DIRECTORS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

**7.01            OFFICERS**

The Officers of the SALA, who shall serve without remuneration, shall consist of the following:

- 1.        President;
- 2.        Vice-President;
- 3.        Past President.

**7.02            EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**7.02.1**        The Executive Committee, the Members of which shall serve without remuneration, shall be elected by the Board and shall consist of the following:

- 1.        President
- 2.        Vice-President
- 3.        Past President
- 4.        Secretary
- 5.        Treasurer
- 6.        Referee-In-Chief

**7.02.2**        The Executive Committee shall generally assist in the general operations of the SALA, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a)       perform specific operations and duties as directed by the Board from time to time;
- (b)       act as a steering committee for the Board making recommendations to the Board regarding policies and direction of the SALA;
- (c)       assist in the preparation of the SALA’s Annual Budgets and have the proposed budget delivered to the Board no later than ten (10) days prior to the date of the Board meeting convened to approve the budget.

The Executive Committee may invite to its meetings such persons as the Executive Committee believes is necessary to properly conduct its business.

### **7.02.3 PRESIDENT**

The President, subject to the overall management and supervision of the Board, shall be charged with the general management and supervision of the Board, and the affairs and operations of the SALA including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

- (a) shall preside at and chair all meetings of the Members and the Board;
- (b) shall represent the SALA at all ALA meetings as required;
- (c) shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees;
- (d) shall call all meetings of the Board at such time and place as may be required from time to time to transact the business of the SALA;
- (e) shall have the power, on an emergent basis, to discipline any Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer or Lacrosse Team for unseemly conduct on or off the playing surface or for a breach of the Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations, subject always to the right of Appeal to the Discipline/Appeals Committee as hereinafter provided;
- (f) shall have the power, on an emergent basis, to discipline a Member for any reason which, in the sole discretion of the President, is sufficient, subject always to the right of Appeal to the Discipline/Appeals Committee as hereinafter provided.
- (g) Shall serve a two (2) year term elected in even number years

The President shall not have a vote at meetings of Members, the Board or Executive Committee, but in the case of an equality of votes on any question, the President shall have the casting vote.

#### **7.02.3.1** No person may be elected President unless that person:

- (a) has previously served as a Director for a period of at least one (1) year; and;
- (b) is an Officer or Director of a Member

### **7.02.4 VICE-PRESIDENT**

The Vice-President shall, in the absence or inability of the President, assume the duties of the President and shall, in that event, have all the powers, authority and restrictions of the President.

No person may be elected Vice-President, unless that Person:

- (a) has previously served as a Director of a Member for a period of at least one (1) year, and;

- (b) is an Officer or Director of a Member.
- (c) shall serve a two year term elected in odd number years.
- (d) shall chair the SALA discipline committee.

#### **7.02.5 PAST PRESIDENT**

The Past President shall act in any capacity as may be required by the President from time to time.

#### **7.02.6 SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall be the custodian of and responsible for preparing and recording all official SALA correspondence as well as the minutes of all SALA meetings . (Members, Directors and Executive Committee). Will perform such other duties as designated by the President. Will maintain and update the Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations as required.

- (a) shall serve a two (2) year term elected in even number years.

#### **7.02.7 TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall be the custodian of and responsible for all books and records of finances required to document the activities of the SALA pursuant to the requirements of the Societies Act. Will be a signing authority along with the President or designate.

- (a) shall serve a two (2) year term elected in odd number years.

#### **7.02.8 REFEREE-IN-CHIEF**

Must be a Member of the Alberta Lacrosse Referees Association. The Referee-In-Chief shall develop, maintain and implement programs for the training, instruction and certification of game officials, shall be the official SALA rules interpreter, shall be responsible for the issuance of all rule books and regulatory information shall maintain a control registry of qualified referees and shall schedule referee assignments through himself or his designate.

#### **7.02.9 STANDING COMMITTEES**

The members of the Standing Committees, and the Chairs of the Standing Committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors annually at their discretion. Duties that are not assigned to standing committees shall remain the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

#### **7.02.10 DUTIES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

##### **7.02.11 Discipline/Appeals Committee**

The Vice President will chair the Discipline Committee, unless a conflict of interest arises. In this case, the President shall appoint a chair for the committee. The Vice President, the RIC, and one (1) impartial board member will form the



discipline committee, as cases are presented. The committee shall also act as an Appeals Committee to hear from anyone who complains of a decision made by that persons club or team (in the case of a Member team)

#### **7.02.12 Promotion and Development Committee**

Plan and implement SALA policy designed to attract, retain and train players, coaches, referees and volunteers in Lacrosse. These duties will fall under the present executive. This will be the key contact for the SALA Website.

### **BYLAW 8 – RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 8.01** The Board may, from time to time, pass rules and regulations for the betterment of Lacrosse in the SALA, including, without limiting the foregoing, the better government, organization and administration of Lacrosse as the Board, in its sole and absolute opinion and discretion may consider desirable.
- 8.02** Each Member, Lacrosse Team, Player, Coach, Manager and Official shall be entitled to a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the SALA as published by the SALA from time to time.
- 8.03** Upon the Board approving and adopting a Rule and/or Regulation, the Secretary shall forthwith give notice in writing of the said rule and/or regulation to the Members.
- 8.04** All Members, Players, Coaches, Managers and Officials as a condition precedent to registration with the SALA, unconditionally agree to obey and abide by the Bylaws and Regulations of the SALA, ALA and CLA as the same may be amended or added to from time to time.

### **BYLAW 9 – VIOLATIONS OF BYLAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### **9.01 VIOLATION AND DISCIPLINE**

Any Member, Lacrosse Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer, or Official that violates or breaches a Bylaw, Rule and/or a Regulation is subject to discipline as set out herein.

#### **9.02 CODE OF CONDUCT**

All Members, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, officials and members of Members shall:

- (a) attempt at all times to work toward the goals and objectives of the SALA and the game of Lacrosse, and towards the betterment of its members;
- (b) strive to heighten the image and dignity of the SALA and the sport of Lacrosse as a whole, and to refrain from behavior which may discredit or embarrass the SALA or the Game;

- (c) always be courteous and objective in dealings with other members;
- (d) except when made through proper channels, refrain from unfavorable criticism of other members or representatives of the SALA;
- (e) strive to achieve excellence in the sport while supporting the concepts of Fair Play and a Drug-Free sport;
- (f) show respect for the cultural, social and political values of all participants in the sport;
- (g) as a guest in a foreign country, other province or other Association, abide by the laws of the host and adhere to any social customs concerning conduct.

### **9.03 NATURAL JUSTICE**

The rules of Natural Justice apply to the SALA Discipline and Appeal process and shall apply to the discipline process of the Members.

### **9.04 SUSPENSIONS**

The SALA may establish standard suspensions which accompany infractions committed during a Lacrosse game. There is no appeal from such standard suspension.

### **9.05 JURISDICTION OF DISCIPLINE/APPEALS COMMITTEE**

A discipline or appeal matter may come within the jurisdiction of the Discipline/Appeals Committee in the following ways:

- (a) receipt of a complaint;
- (b) referral by the President or Vice-President of an alleged violation;
- (c) game infractions which are subject to automatic referral to the Committee;
- (d) appeal from the decision or ruling of a Member under Bylaw 9.05;
- (e) appeal from the decision of the President pursuant to 7.02.3 (e) or (f).

#### **9.05.1 HEARING PROCESS**

Upon receipt of the notice or information referred to in 9.05, the Discipline/Appeals Committee shall, if the matter is pursuant to 9.05 (a), (b) or (d):

- (a) Within one (1) day of receipt of the information, appoint within seven (7) days a Hearing which shall be held.

#### **9.05.2** All known interested parties shall be given reasonable notice of the hearing and

are entitled to attend at their own expense. Notice must include the particulars of the complaint or allegation or Appeal.

**9.05.3**

The Committee may call witnesses and require any relevant information.

**9.05.4**

The parties to the matter have the right to read all written material presented to the Committee, hear all witnesses who attend the Hearing and be informed of all relevant information of which the Committee is aware. The parties have the right to present evidence, to be heard, and to cross-examine witnesses called by the Committee or by other parties. In the case of written material or information received other than by way of the witness being present at the hearing, either personally or by telephone, any party may apply to the Committee to have the opportunity to cross-examine the witness either at the Hearing or by telephone.

**9.05.5**

The Chair of the Committee shall appoint three (3) members of the committee to preside at the Hearing, which may include the Chair.

**9.05.6**

The decision of the Committee shall be rendered in writing with reasons within one (1) day of the completion of the Hearing and copies shall be provided within that time to all interested parties who participated in the Hearing. The decision shall also be copied, within that time, to any interested Member. The responsibility for delivering the copies of the decision is the Committee's.

**9.05.7**

The Committee may:

- (a) dismiss the complaint or alleged violation, or appeal;
- (b) fine, suspend, expel and impose probation with terms;
- (c) in the case of an Appeal, the Appeal and quash the decision appealed from and impose in its place any decision that the authority appealed from could have imposed;
- (d) in the case of an appeal, quash the decision appealed from;
- (e) in the case of an appeal, award costs to the appellant or respondent against the other, if the Committee is of the opinion that the conduct of either party was grossly unreasonable or in bad faith, but in such case, no award of costs may be made without giving the parties an opportunity to be heard on the issue of costs;
- (f) If the matter is pursuant to 9.05(c):
  - (i) There shall be no hearing unless the Chair of the Committee so directs, in which case the procedure set out in 9.05.1 to 9.05.10 shall apply (other than as it only applies to Appeals). Otherwise, the matter shall be decided solely on information provided to the Committee, which, in the discretion of the Committee, the Committee considers relevant and proper to receive. The person who committed the game infraction which led to the automatic referral to the Committee shall be deemed to know of the automatic referral and may make a written submission to the Committee. Such a person may also, upon request, receive a copy of any written material which was submitted to the Committee and have the Committee provide him or her with a

verbal summary of any other information that was provided to the Committee;

- (ii) Automatic referrals to the Committee shall be decided at weekly meetings of the Committee.  
Further disciplinary action arising out of an automatic referral shall be forthwith communicated by the Committee to the President of the disciplined person; Member or, in the case of the President of the Member being the person disciplined, to the Member's Vice-President who, shall be responsible for forthwith advising the person being disciplined; and
- (iii) In the case of an automatic referral, the person subject to the automatic suspension may be further disciplined, including suspension, notwithstanding the expiration of the automatic suspension.

**9.05.8** The Discipline/Appeals Committee shall meet as required during the Lacrosse Season unless there are no referrals, complaints or automatic referrals to the Committee.

**9.05.9** A quorum of the Discipline/Appeals Committee shall be three (3), provided that the three members are non-interested parties to the matter being described.

**9.05.10** The Discipline/Appeals Committee shall maintain a record of its decisions and prepare an Annual Report to be provided to the Annual General Meeting.

**9.06** **APPEAL FROM DECISION OF MEMBER**

In the event that a Lacrosse Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer or Official is dissatisfied with a decision or ruling made by a Member and provided that:

- (a) the decision or ruling relates to the subject matter of the Bylaws, Policies, Rules and Regulations; and;
- (b) all Appeal avenues as provided by the Member have been exhausted; the said Lacrosse Team, Player, Coach, Manager, Trainer or Official may appeal the aforesaid decision or ruling to the Discipline/Appeals Committee.

**9.07** **APPEAL TO BOARD**

An Appeal lies to the Board from the whole or any part of a decision or ruling made by the Discipline/Appeals Committee pursuant to Bylaw 9.

In Appeals to the Board the procedures applicable to Appeals to the Discipline/Appeals Committee apply, with the necessary changes in points of detail

**9.08** **EFFECT OF APPEAL**

An Appeal to the Discipline/Appeals committee and to the Board does not operate as a stay of the decision or ruling appealed from, except so far as the Chair of the Discipline/Appeals Committee or the President, as the case may be, may direct upon written application of the Appellant.

## **9.09 NOTICE OF APPEAL**

All Appeals shall be initiated by notice in writing ( ~~%~~Notice of Appeal+) addressed to the Chairperson of the Discipline/Appeals Committee in the case of an Appeal to the Discipline/Appeals Committee and to the Secretary in the case of an Appeal to the Board and filed within seven (7) days of the date of the decision being appealed. The Notice of Appeal may be filed by ordinary mail, or email.

## **9.10 CONTENTS OF NOTICE OF APPEAL**

The Notice of Appeal shall contain the following:

- (a) a statement of the decision which is being appealed, including a copy of the written decision, if any;
- (b) concise statements of the grounds for appeal in numbered paragraphs;
- (c) concise statements of the facts, in numbered paragraphs, alleged by the Applicant;
- (d) if an Appeal Hearing is provided for in these Bylaws, a summary of the evidence which the Appellant intends to produce at the Appeal Hearing, whether by document or viva voce ( with the living voice) evidence.

## **9.11 APPEAL FEES**

Appellants shall be required to pay the SALA a fee for an Appeal, which fee shall be payable with the filing of the Notice of Appeal of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). The Appeal Fee is refundable in the event of success of the Appeal.

- 9.11.1** Upon receipt of a Notice of Appeal to the Board, the Secretary shall notify the President who shall, within three (3) days appoint an Appeal Committee composed of three (3) non-interested Directors.

## **BYLAW 10 - EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION**

### **10.01 BOARD DECISIONS – FINAL AND BINDING**

All Members, Lacrosse Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, shall accept as final and binding the decisions of the Board, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board's interpretation or construction of the Objectives, Policies, Rules, Regulations and Bylaws subject only to a right of Appeal to the ALA and CLA as provided for in the Bylaws of the ALA and CLA.

### **10.02 COURT ACTIONS**

All Members, Lacrosse Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers and Officials, by virtue and because of their status as such, agree that any recourse to the law courts of any jurisdiction before all rights and remedies as provided by

these Bylaws, Policies, Regulations and Rules and the Bylaws of the ALA and the CLA have been exhausted, shall be prohibited. Further, any such recourse to the law courts as aforesaid shall be deemed by the SALA to be unsportsmanlike conduct enabling the President to suspend and/or disqualify the said persons pursuant to 7.02.3 (e) or (f).

## **BYLAW 11 – MANAGEMENT AND FINANCES**

### **11.01 FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the SALA shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January of every year to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December the following year.

### **11.02 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**11.02.1** The book and financial records of the SALA shall be reviewed annually by the reviewer appointed by the Members (the %reviewer+)

**11.02.2** The Reviewer shall make such examination of the books, records and affairs of the SALA as will enable him or her to report to the Members as required in **Bylaw 11.02.3.**

**11.02.3** The Reviewer shall report to the Members at the Annual Meeting regarding the Financial Statement of the SALA and shall state in the report whether in his or her opinion the Financial Statement presents fairly the financial position of the SALA and the results of its operations for the period under review, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding period.

**11.02.4** The reviewer in his or her report, shall also make appropriate statements in any instance that:

- (a) the financial statement of the SALA is not in agreement with the accounting records, or
- (b) he or she has not received all the information and explanations that he or she had required, or
- (c) proper accounting records have not been kept, so far as appears from his or her examinations.

**11.02.5** The Reviewer shall have access at all times to all records, documents, books, accounts and vouchers of the SALA and is entitled to require from the Directors and Officers such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his or her duties as the Reviewer.

### **11.03 EXPENSES**

All members of the Board or Committees shall be entitled to reimbursement for

the reasonable expenses incurred while engaged in business approved by the Board. The Treasurer and one other board member shall countersign all expense claims to ensure their validity.

#### **11.04 BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

Subject to compliance with the requirements of the laws of the Province of Alberta, the Bylaws may be rescinded, altered or added to by a Special Resolution provide that notice of such resolution has been given at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which it is intended to present such resolution to the Members and such Special Resolution, if passed by the Members, shall not take effect until it has been registered in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta.

**11.04.1** Any amendment in the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations which may have been adopted in the manner provided for in the Bylaws, shall not be negated by reason of any error or omission which may occur in the periodic printing of the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations.

#### **11.05 ALA MEMBERSHIP**

The SALA is a member of the ALA and subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the ALA.

#### **11.06 INSPECTION OF RECORDS**

The Members have the right to inspect the books and records of the SALA. The Members also have the right to obtain copies, at their expense, of the books and records of the SALA. The records may be inspected by making arrangements with the President, the Secretary, or the Treasurer to inspect them elsewhere at a mutually agreeable place. The SALA shall produce the books and records for inspection within a reasonable time after being requested by the Member to do so.

#### **11.07 DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS**

The SALA may, at the discretion of the board wind down its business and cease to continue to operate as a registered entity under the Societies Act of Alberta. In the event of such dissolution all remaining assets of the association shall be donated to a registered charity as designated by the Board.

# **SALA 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 SALA match who has not been a bona fide resident of that Clubs Boundary as established by the SALA since April 1<sup>st</sup> in the playing season.
- 1.02** If there is no team in the player's division in the Boundary in which the player resides, or if the player does not reside within any Boundary, players must play in the Boundary 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** If Club Boundaries of the SALA are required they will be attached in Appendix B.
- 1.04** If a player wishes to play on a team outside his or her Club Boundary and if both Members (the one releasing and the one receiving the player) agree to the release, then the player may play for the team outside his or her Boundary. If the player's resident boundary's Member does not agree, the release request must come to the Discipline/Appeals Committee. The Committee's decision will be final and binding. The request and submissions of the two (2) Members, if any, shall be in writing and there shall be no hearing. The player and the Members shall be provided with copies of the written submissions and shall have the opportunity to respond in writing. There shall be no appeal.
- 1.05** The form of release shall be per standard ALA form and unless specifically stated to be otherwise will be effective for one season only.
- 1.06** If a player changes residence from one Boundary to another Boundary, no release from the player's former Member in the Boundary he or she formerly resided in is necessary and the player shall, unless released, play for a team in the Boundary in which he or she resides pursuant to Regulation 1.01 and 1.02.

## **REGULATION 2 - TAMPERING**

- 2.0** No player or potential player shall be contacted by anyone connected to a Member of Boundary outside the Boundary in which the player or potential player resides about playing for a team in another Boundary without first receiving written permission of the President of the Member of the Boundary in which the player or potential player resides.

## **REGULATION 3 - PLAYOFF REGULATION**

- 3.0** The SALA reserves the right to place teams in whatever classification and series it may deem is in the best interest of the SALA.



## REGULATION 4 - RULES OF PLAY

**4.01** Rules of play shall be those of the ALA Lacrosse Rules for the current season, with the exception of the SALA Regulations and/or Rules as adopted by the Association.

### **4.02 TOURNAMENTS**

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

**4.02.1** Each team in every SALA Club has the right to attend one out of town tournament during the SALA season. SALA league play does take priority, and it is the travelling team's responsibility to coordinate making up the games they would miss.

## REGULATION 5 - COMPETITION

**5.01** The SALA may conduct competitions in Lacrosse in the following Divisions or Categories:

### **5.02 BOX LACROSSE**

- 1) **Senior** – open to players who are over 21 years of age.
- 2) **Junior** – open to players who are under 21 years of age on December 31 in the year in which they wish to compete.
- 3) **Midget** is open to players who are under 17 years of age on December 31 in the year in which they wish to compete.
- 4) **Bantam** is open to players who are under 15 years of age on December 31 in the year in which they wish to compete.
- 5) **Peewee** is open to players who are under 13 years of age in the year in which they wish to compete.
- 6) **Novice** is open to players who are under 11 years of age on December 31 in the year in which they wish to compete.
- 7) **Tyke** is open to players who are under 9 years of age on December 31 in the year in which they wish to compete. Tyke play shall concentrate on the development of players' skills and sportsmanship and shall be non-competitive.
- 8) **Mini-Tyke** is open to players who are under 6 years of age on December 31 in the year in which they wish to compete. Mini-tyke play shall be non-competitive.

**5.03** Any exception to this regulation must be submitted for approval to the Board of Directors prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

## **REGULATION 6 - MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY - PLAYER ELIGIBILITY VIOLATIONS**

- 6.01** Members shall be responsible to ensure that their players are eligible to play for their team in accordance with SALA, ALA and CLA Bylaws, Regulations and Rules
- 6.02** An ineligible player includes the following:
- (a) A player improperly registered within the SALA, ALA and CLA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations;
  - (b) A suspended player or team personnel;
  - (c) A player improperly released in accordance with the SALA, ALA, and CLA Bylaws and Regulations.
- 6.03** If anyone participates in a game or if his or her name appears on the game sheet while ineligible, the persons responsible be subject to immediate discipline and the team shall forfeit any points earned from any games played using an ineligible person.
- 6.04** In any disciplinary proceeding arising out of a violation of this regulation, where it is established that the person or member who or which is the subject matter of the discipline proceedings should have known of the ineligibility of the player, and if in defense of the disciplinary action, it is submitted that the ineligibility was not known, the burden of proving the lack of knowledge is on the party who is the subject of the disciplinary proceeding.

## **REGULATION 7 - BOX LACROSSE PARITY**

- 7.01** In Box Lacrosse, where a Member Club has more than one (1) team in a Division, that club shall take reasonable steps to ensure that the teams are composed so that there is reasonable parity between the said teams. If this Regulation is breached by any Member then the SALA shall direct that Member to take such steps as deemed necessary to achieve reasonable parity.
- 7.02** Any complaints about parity shall be directed to the SALA board, which shall, after considering submissions from the complainant and the Member make a ruling and, in the event that the ruling is that Regulation 7.01 has been breached, make such direction to the Member as necessary. The decision of the Committee is final and binding upon the Members, Lacrosse Teams and Players and there is no appeal therefrom.
- 7.03** The SALA board shall periodically review the performance of teams within a Member where there is more than one (1) team in a Division and assess whether the Member has complied with Regulation 7.01. If the Committee's assessment is that Regulation 7.01 has apparently been breached then such shall be considered a complaint and Regulation 7.02 shall be followed.

## **REGULATION 8 - SALA CHAMPIONSHIPS, PLAYOFFS,**

## **AND QUALIFICATION FOR PROVINCIAL PLAY**

- 8.01** The SALA champions in each Division shall be the winner of the SALA Championship Tournament.
- 8.01.1** In the event of a tie, final standing shall be determined by:
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| <u>First:</u>    | <u>Team with the greater number of wins finishes ahead;</u>  |
| <u>Secondly:</u> | <u>Team record against each other;</u>   |
| <u>Thirdly:</u>  | <u>Goals for and against between the tied teams. Team with the highest ratio finished ahead;</u>                         |
| <u>Fourthly:</u> | <u>Goals for and against ratio between each other plus common opponents. Team with the highest ratio finishes ahead;</u> |
| <u>Fifthly:</u>  | <u>Team with the lowest penalty minutes finishes ahead.</u>  |
- 8.02** At the conclusion of regular season play there shall be a Championship Tournament in the Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Divisions. The team which wins the SALA Championship Tournament shall be awarded the respective Division Championship Medals and Pennant.
- 8.03** All teams will make the playoff at all divisions.
- 8.04** The SALA board shall, by May 15<sup>th</sup>, determine the SALA Championship Tournament format.
- 8.05** The final standings in the SALA Championship Tournaments shall determine which teams are, pursuant to ALA rules, eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships, if they are held in each division.
- 8.06** There shall be no championship in the Mini-Tyke/Tyke Division.

## **REGULATION 9 - PLAYING IN A HIGHER DIVISION**

- 9.01** Players may play a maximum of four (4) games in a season in a higher division (which includes regular, SALA Championship Tournament, and ALA Provincial Tournament games, but not exhibition or other Tournament games). However, a player may play an unlimited number of games in a higher division once his/her team in his/her own division has concluded its regular season, SALA Championship Tournament, and ALA Provincial Tournament games. The SALA board may make exceptions to this rule provided there is compliance with ALA regulations, and provided that those players register with a Team in their age division and, in cases of conflict between the Team in the higher division and the Team in the player's own age division in regard to practices and games, that player, shall, unless excused by the coach of the latter team, be required to participate in the latter team's practice or game.
- 9.02** Notwithstanding 9.01, the SALA board, as the case may be, may allow a player or players to register and play in a lower or higher age division if the Member which operates the involved teams consents, special circumstances exist, it does not threaten the viability of the team in that player's age division, and meets requirements of ALA Regulations.

**9.03** There shall be no right of appeal from the decision of the SALA board under this Regulation.

### **REGULATION 10 - REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

**10.01** Each member club shall declare the number of teams for the coming season by March 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**10.02** Each club shall register their players with ALA and shall submit a list of their player registrations to SALA by May 1 of each season.

**10.03** A team cannot register more than twenty (18 players and 2 goalies) and not less than seven (7) players except through special request and approval by the Board.

### **REGULATION 11 - TRAVEL**

Teams traveling outside of the ALA boundaries must obtain a Travel Permit from the ALA.

### **REGULATION 12 - SALA SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT**

#### **12.01 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.

#### **12.02 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;

(i) equipment shall be manufactured by a CLA approved 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;

(ii) 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;

(iii) where equipment dangerous to an opponent has been used, the game officials shall report the occurrence, via the standard incident report, to SALA Board of Directors

### **12.03 BALLS**

Only CLA Balls may be used for practices and games.

### **12.04 MOUTH GUARDS**

**MOUTHGUARDS.** All players/goalies, of all age (with the exception of Mini-Tyke players/goalies) are required to use a mouthguard as it was intended by the manufacturer. Any player/goalie who does not use a mouthguard as it was intended by the manufacturer, shall be assessed a 2 minute delay of game penalty and a 10 minute misconduct. In order for the penalized player to remain in the game, the penalized player must immediately use a mouthguard. In the event the goalie was assessed the penalty, a player on the floor must serve the penalty and misconduct. In order for the goalie to remain in the game, the goalie must immediately use a mouthguard as it was intended by the manufacturer. Failure to do so will result in the goalie being removed from the floor. A second penalty to the same player/goalie, in regards to mouthguards, will also result in a game misconduct and an official game report shall be forwarded to the local governing body.

## **REGULATION 13 - COACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Each team shall follow CLA Minimum Standards

## **REGULATION 14- REPLAYING OF GAMES**

**14.01** The SALA board, 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 direction from SALA to replay the game, that member may make an application to the board. Only a member 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 SALA League or Playoff games.

**14.02** The application must be accompanied by a \$150.00 certified cheque made payable to the SALA and both must be delivered to the Vice-President. The \$150.00 fee is refundable in the event of a successful appeal.

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

1. Where there has been a gross and flagrant violation of the Rules of Play by the on-floor or off-floor officials;
2. 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 SALAs by officials which are not gross or flagrant, are not ground 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.

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## **Appendix A – SALA Boundaries**

The boundaries of the SALA shall be defined as Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation (ASRPWF) Zone 1. The approximate boundaries of Zone 1 are as follows:

South . the USA border

East . the Saskatchewan Border \*

West - the BC Border \*

North . all communities south of Nanton and Brooks including Nanton and Brooks shall be within the boundaries of the SALA.

\*teams and clubs in Saskatchewan and British Columbia may apply for membership in the SALA subject to agreement from ALA and the other respective provincial association. The completion of the appropriate inter-provincial play agreements will be required.

Founding member clubs included:

Brooks

Crowsnest Pass

Lethbridge

Medicine Hat

Pincher Creek

Additional member clubs and teams may be added upon application and acceptance by the Board.

## **Appendix B – Club Boundaries**

Each team or club that applies for membership in the SALA shall submit a description of their boundaries as part of their application. Upon acceptance of the application by the Board, and approval of the boundaries, the descriptions shall form a part of this appendix.