



ONTARIO LACROSSE AUTOMATIC MINOR BOX DISCIPLINE POLICY (2025)

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The Ontario Lacrosse Association's Automatic Discipline Policy is in effect for all participants (players, bench personnel, volunteers) of the U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, U22 and corresponding girls' and womens' divisions of OLA box lacrosse, whether or not the team's participants are "dressed" for the game or event, when attending any OLA-sanctioned events. All fines and suspensions are automatic once they have been recorded on the OLA game sheet and signed off by the officials. It is the sole responsibility of the penalized team to adhere to the OLA's Automatic Minor Discipline Policy throughout the entire season; regardless of whether or not the team has been formally notified by zone or tournament representatives.

Discipline is assessed according to the appropriate division charts, using the following guidelines:

1. For U7, U9, U11 and U13 participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart on Page 4. For U15, U17 and U22 participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart on Page 5. For U13 players who are competing as Affiliated Players in the U15 Division, discipline will be assessed according to the U15, U17 and U22 chart.
2. Each participant's suspension record is maintained by the Zone Statistician (or designated zone executive) for the duration of the season.
3. Each participant's suspension is served in subsequent OLA-sanctioned previously scheduled exhibition, regular season, playoff and/or championship games until the suspension has been served in full, regardless of which calendar year the infraction occurred. Suspensions that are not served in the calendar year (by reason of injury, release, transfer, roster allocations or any other case) will be carried over to any subsequent season of involvement, regardless in which division the suspension was assessed.
4. Automatic indefinite suspension until a hearing chaired by the appropriate representative will be in effect for any Gross Misconducts and/or Match Penalty.
5. For suspensions assessed to an affiliated player competing for a higher category team, the suspension will be served in the division in which the player is registered, and the player is ineligible to participate in any capacity at any level until the suspension is served in its entirety.
6. With the exception of Clause 10, any non-playing bench personnel who are disciplined under this policy must serve their suspension with the team with which they received their suspension, and the individual is ineligible to participate in any capacity at any level until the suspension is served in its entirety.
7. Suspended participants may not compete while a suspension is under protest/appeal/review.
8. Suspended participants may not be at any arena during OLA games until their suspension has been served in its entirety. For violation of this section, Automatic OLA Review will result.
9. Discipline assessed in zone play that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the Zone Director (or appointed representative). Discipline assessed in exhibition play or non-zone play that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the Zone Director (or appointed representative)

in which the game took place. Discipline assessed in an invitational tournament that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the Tournament Convener (or appointed representative). Discipline assessed in an “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the appropriate event chairperson (or appointed representative).

10. The head coach of any team who accumulates 26 penalty minutes in U11 or below, or 36 penalty minutes in U13 or above, will receive an automatic game misconduct in accordance with the OLA's Total Penalty Minutes Policy. Zone Directors and Tournament Convenors are responsible for administering this policy. Where the team's head coach is improperly listed as an assistant coach to circumvent this rule, the game will be forfeited and a fine will be assessed.
11. Discipline that results in fines incurred at tournaments, “A” Qualifiers and Provincial Championships will be payable to the Ontario Lacrosse Association. Discipline that results in fines incurred in exhibition, zone or non-zone play will be payable to the zone in which the infraction occurred in. Associations have 30 days from the date of receipt of the OLA invoice to ensure that payment for any fine has been received in full.
12. Players assessed GM45A (Fighting), GM45C (Restarting a Fight) or GM45D (Fighting Off the Playing Surface) during any Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship will be subject to the discipline as outlined in the appropriate chart, in addition to being disqualified from any further play in that Invitational Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship in any division.
13. Non-playing team personnel who are assessed a game misconduct for verbal abuse directed towards an official (GM28) during any Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship will be subject to the discipline as outlined in the appropriate chart, in addition to being disqualified from any further play in that Invitational Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship in any division.
14. Participants who confront or engage with spectators off the playing surface will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 dollars, plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic five-game suspension, provided an official report is submitted to the OLA.
15. Teams involved in any “bench clearing” situation (defined as two or more players leaving either team's bench and/or penalty box in order to engage in an altercation on or off the floor) will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench staff.
16. Teams involved in any pre-game or post-game altercations (defined as actions which would result in penalties being assessed during the game, whether on or off the floor) will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel.
17. Participants who return to competition prior to serving their suspension will be subject to a fine of up to \$1000 plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic three-game suspension in addition to the balance of the original suspension. If any team personnel are determined to have been involved in directing the participant to return to competition prior to serving their suspension, an OLA Review will be scheduled to determine the appropriate discipline, including forfeiture of the game at the discretion of the OLA.

18. Zone Directors, Tournament Directors or other representatives may not, under any circumstances, intervene in a discipline matter to modify, reduce, vacate or otherwise alter the discipline policy without the written permission of the OLA VP of Minor Box (or appointed designate).
19. Associations and/or teams failing to adhere to the Ontario Lacrosse Association Automatic Minor Discipline Policy may be subject to additional sanctions, based on the nature of the violation and any other mitigating circumstances deemed relevant by the Ontario Lacrosse Association, which may include one or a combination of additional suspensions assessed; additional fines assessed; forfeiture of the team's games; forfeiture of the team's provincial championship series; forfeiture of the association's performance bond; any other discipline as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the OLA's VP of Minor Box (or appointed designate), in consultation with the appropriate Zone Director (referred to as "OLA Review").
20. In addition to these guidelines, participants are governed by the OLA's policies, procedures, bylaws, rules, regulations, including the specified discipline charts on the following pages. Protests/appeals of any OLA Automatic Minor Discipline or any other policy are subject the guidelines of the OLA Appeals Process. Protests/appeals may not be lodged on behalf of a team for suspensions of five games or less, or for fines of \$100 or less. Only the OLA's VP of Minor (or appointed designate) reserves the right to intervene in discipline matters based on the best interest of the game.

Notwithstanding any of these guidelines, the OLA's Board of Directors may fine a club or team in any sum not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), or may suspend or expel a club, team, member or player for notorious and continued foul play, or unfair, unsportsmanlike, ungentlemanly conduct, individually or collectively, on the field or at any place where a lacrosse match is being played, or at any meeting or gathering in the interest of the game, for neglecting to pay assessments made by the Board of Directors or for rules of the Corporation, for neglecting to obey or carry out any persistent infringement of the laws of the game, or the rules of the Corporation, for neglecting to obey or carry out any order of the Board of Directors transmitted by the President or Executive Director. (MR10.01)

Note 1: Automatic OLA Review is defined as an indefinite suspension to the participant until a ruling has been issued by the chair of the discipline committee, which may include a hearing.

Note 2: Protests/appeals may not be lodged on behalf of an individual or team for suspensions of five games or less, or for fines of \$100 or less.

Note 3: For second offense players and non-playing bench staff in the same calendar year under the same infraction category, the suspension length and fine amount will be automatically doubled.

Note 4: For GM28 penalties assessed during zone play, the Zone Discipline Committee has latitude to determine the length of suspension based on the following conditions: the age division of the players, the experience of the official(s), the nature of the infraction, or any other objective factor that may influence the decision.

Note 5: For GM28 penalties assessed during tournaments, the Tournament Discipline Committee has latitude to determine the length of suspension based on the following conditions: the age division of the players, the experience of the official(s), the nature of the infraction, or any other objective factor that may influence the decision. The reason for the decision must be included in the convenor's tournament report for on issues of significance.

OLA U7, U9, U11 AND U13 DISCIPLINE

Game Misconducts			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Infractions within the Exchange Box	GM3	1 Game	\$20
Illegal Helmet	GM11	Balance of Game	\$20
Illegal Equipment	GM13	Balance of Game	\$20
Verbal Contact at Intermission	GM17	1 Game	\$20
Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Reviewable)	GM28	1–5 Game(s)	\$20/Game
Attempt to Butt-End	GM35	1 Game	\$20
Checking from Behind	GM38	1 Game	\$20
Fighting	GM45A	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Restarting Fight	GM45C	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Off the Playing Surface	GM45D	3 Games	\$60
Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area	GM45E	1 Game	\$20
High-Sticking	GM50	2 Games	\$40
Attempt to Kick	GM57	1 Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: End of Period	GM60B	Balance of Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: Altercation	GM60C	2 Games	\$40
Attempt to Spear	GM65	1 Game	\$20
Third Player into an Altercation	GM67	1 Game	\$20
Second Major Penalty	GM77	1 Game	\$20
Second Misconduct Penalty	GM78	1 Game	\$20

Gross Misconducts (Automatic Hearing Required)			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Derogatory Comments	GRM48 i	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Obscene Gestures	GRM48 ii	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Persists in USC Behaviour	GRM48 iii	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Making a Travesty of the Game	GRM48 iv	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game

Match Penalties (Automatic Hearing Required)			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Boarding	MP33	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Butt-Ending	MP35	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Charging	MP37	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Checking from Behind	MP38	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Cross-Checking	MP40	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Elbowing	MP42	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Fighting	MP45	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
High-Sticking	MP50	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Kicking	MP57	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Kneeing	MP59	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Abuse of Officials	MP62	OLA Review	\$500
Slashing	MP64	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Spearing	MP65	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Throwing the Stick	MP69	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game
Unnecessary Roughness	MP72	Minimum 2 Games	\$20/Game

OLA U15, U17 AND U22 DISCIPLINE

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Checking from Behind	GM38	1 Game	\$20
Fighting	GM45A	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Restarting Fight	GM45C	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Off the Playing Surface	GM45D	4 Games	\$80
Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area	GM45E	1 Game	\$20
High-Sticking	GM50	2 Games	\$40
Attempt to Kick	GM57	1 Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: End of Period	GM60B	Balance of Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: Altercation	GM60C	4 Games	\$80
Attempt to Spear	GM65	1 Game	\$20
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