

## **OLA Minor Box Automatic Discipline Policy**

The Ontario Lacrosse Association's Automatic Discipline Policy is in effect for all participants (players, bench personnel, volunteers) of the Tyke, Novice, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget, Intermediate and corresponding girls' divisions of OLA box lacrosse, whether or not the team's participants are "dressed" for the game or event, when competing in the following sanctioned occasions:

1. Exhibition / Pre-Season Games
2. Zone Games
3. Non-Zone Games
4. Invitational Tournaments
5. Ontario Lacrosse "A" Qualifiers
6. Ontario Lacrosse Provincial Championships

All fines and suspensions are automatic once they have been recorded on the OLA game sheet and signed off by the referees. It is the sole responsibility of the penalized team to adhere to the OLA's Minor Box Automatic Discipline Policy throughout the entire season. Discipline is assessed according to the attached charts, using the following guidelines:

1. Each participant's suspension record is maintained by the Zone Statistician (or designated zone executive) for the duration of the season;
2. 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 cause) will be carried over to any subsequent season of involvement, regardless in which division the suspension was assessed;
3. For suspensions assessed to an affiliated player competing for a higher category team, the suspension may be served in the division in which it was assessed or in the division in which the player is registered;
4. Suspensions may be served only in one division, and the participant may not compete in any division (in any capacity) until the suspension is served in its entirety;
5. Suspended participants may not compete while a suspension is under protest/appeal/review;
6. Automatic indefinite suspension\* until a hearing chaired by the appropriate representative will be in effect for any Gross Misconducts and/or Match Penalty.

Associations and/or teams failing to adhere to this Automatic 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:

- a. Additional suspensions assessed;
- b. Additional fines assessed;
- c. Forfeiture of the team's games;
- d. Forfeiture of the team's provincial championship series;
- e. Forfeiture of the association's performance bond;
- f. Any other discipline as deemed appropriate at the discretion of the OLA's VP of Minor Box, in consultation with the appropriate Zone Director (referred to as "OLA Review").

In addition to these guidelines, participants are governed by the OLA's policies, procedures, bylaws, rules, regulations, including the discipline guidelines on the following pages. Protests/appeals of any OLA Automatic 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 reserves the right to intervene in discipline matters based on the best interest of the game.

## **Additional OLA Discipline Measures Not Covered by the CLA Rulebook:**

1. Discipline assessed in zone play that will result in a Zone/IT Hearing will be chaired by the Zone Director (or his/her 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 his/her 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 his/her 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 his/her appointed representative).
2. For Tyke, Novice and Pee Wee participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart on Page 4. For Bantam, Midget and Intermediate participants, discipline will be assessed according to the attached chart on Page 5. For Pee Wee players who are competing as Affiliated Players in the Bantam Division, discipline will be assessed according to the Bantam, Midget and Intermediate chart on Page 5.
3. The head coach of any team who accumulates 26 penalty minutes in Pee Wee or below, or 36 penalty minutes in Bantam or above, will receive an automatic game misconduct at the conclusion of the game. For the first and second occurrences in the same season, a one game suspension and a fine of \$20 will result. For the third occurrence in the same season, a two-game suspension and a fine of \$40 will result.
4. 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.
5. Players assessed GM45A (Fighting), GM45C (Restarting a Fight) and/or GM45D (Fighting Off the Playing Surface) during any Invitational 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.
6. Participants who confront or engage with spectators off the playing surface will be subject to a fine of \$200 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 by the referees.
7. Participants who return to competition prior to serving their suspension will be subject to a fine of \$200 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 automatic OLA Review will be scheduled to determine the appropriate discipline.
8. 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 \$200 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel.
9. Teams involved in any pre-game or post-game altercations (defined as actions which would result in penalties being assessed during the course of the game, whether on or off the floor) will be subject to a fine of \$200 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel.
10. Zone Directors or Tournament Directors 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.

Notwithstanding any of the guidelines above, the 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)

# OLA Graduated Discipline Chart: Tyke, Novice and Pee Wee Divisions

## 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
Abuse of Officials	GM28	1 Game	\$20
Checking from Behind	GM38	1 Game	\$20
Fighting	GM45A	1 Game	\$20
Fighting: Restarting Fight	GM45C	1 Game	\$40
Fighting: Off the Playing Surface	GM45D	3 Games	\$40
Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area	GM45E	1 Game	\$20
High-Sticking	GM50	1 Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: End of Period	GM60B	Balance of Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: Altercation	GM60C	2 Games	\$40
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 1 Game	\$40
Obscene Gestures	GRM48 ii	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Persists in USC Behaviour	GRM48 iii	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Making a Travesty of the Game	GRM48 iv	Minimum 1 Game	\$40

## Match Penalties (Automatic Hearing Required)

Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension*	Fine
Boarding	MP33	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Butt-Ending	MP35	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Charging	MP37	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Checking from Behind	MP38	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Cross-Checking	MP40	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Elbowing	MP42	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Fighting	MP45	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
High-Sticking	MP50	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Kicking	MP57	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Kneeing	MP59	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Abuse of Officials	MP62	OLA Review	\$75
Slashing	MP64	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Spearing	MP65	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Throwing the Stick	MP69	Minimum 1 Game	\$40
Unnecessary Roughness	MP72	Minimum 1 Game	\$40

**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.

**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.

# OLA Graduated Discipline Chart: Bantam, Midget and Intermediate Divisions

## 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
Abuse of Officials	GM28	1 Game	\$20
Checking from Behind	GM38	1 Game	\$20
Fighting	GM45A	1 Game	\$20
Fighting: Restarting Fight	GM45C	2 Games	\$40
Fighting: Off the Playing Surface	GM45D	4 Games	\$40
Fighting: Failure to Clear the Area	GM45E	1 Game	\$20
High-Sticking	GM50	1 Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: End of Period	GM60B	Balance of Game	\$20
Leaving the Bench: Altercation	GM60C	4 Games	\$40
Third Player into an Altercation	GM67	2 Games	\$20
Second Major Penalty	GM77	1 Game	\$20
Second Misconduct Penalty	GM78	1 Game	\$20

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Derogatory Comments	GRM48 i	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Obscene Gestures	GRM48 ii	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Persists in USC Behaviour	GRM48 iii	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Making a Travesty of the Game	GRM48 iv	Minimum 2 Games	\$40

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Boarding	MP33	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Butt-Ending	MP35	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Charging	MP37	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Checking from Behind	MP38	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Cross-Checking	MP40	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Elbowing	MP42	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Fighting	MP45	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
High-Sticking	MP50	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Kicking	MP57	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Kneeing	MP59	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Abuse of Officials	MP62	OLA Review	\$100
Slashing	MP64	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Spearing	MP65	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Throwing the Stick	MP69	Minimum 2 Games	\$40
Unnecessary Roughness	MP72	Minimum 2 Games	\$40

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