

BY-LAWS OF THE MARYLAND YOUTH LACROSEE ASSOCIATION
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GIRLS DIVISION

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The By-laws of the Maryland Youth Lacrosse Association (hereafter called MYLA) consists of a.) all the rules and regulations governing MYLA and b.) all interpretations of constitutional provisions and by-laws which are found in the minutes of the secretary.

A. League Structure

Tykers Age 6-7-8	
Lightnings Age 9-10	(not less than 7)
Midgets Age 11-12	(not less than 9)
Juniors Age 13-14	(not less than 11)

B. Age Determination

A player's age is determined as described below	
Born on or after 9/1/1996	Juniors
Born on or after 9/1/1998	Midgets
Born on or after 9/1/2000	Lightning
Born on or after 9/1/2002	Tykers

C. Entry Requirements

1. Programs with one team in the Tyker, Lightning, Midgets, and Junior age groups are eligible to enter that team in the MYLA.

2. Lightnings – Will be broken down A, B, and C divisions. The league alignment dictates that if a program has 4 teams one must be an A. To break league alignment you must acquire a waiver from the board.

3. Tykers – Will be broken down into A and B divisions (no C division). Tykers will play 7 v 7 and may play on a smaller field.

4. Midget and Juniors -The league alignment criteria is in place for all Midget and Junior teams. If you are entering:

1 team - play B (or above)

2 teams - play B and C (or above)

3 teams - play A, B, and C (must have A)

4 teams - play A, B and 2 Cs

5 teams - play A, 2Bs, and 2 Cs

6 teams - play A, 2Bs and 2 Cs

Teams not adhering to this alignment are not eligible for the playoffs. (E.g., If a program has 3 Junior teams and places 1 A and 2 Cs then all Junior teams are not eligible for the playoffs.)

D. Conference Alignments

The Lightning, Midget and Junior leagues shall be divided into A, B and C conferences with the strongest teams in the A division, next strongest B and the least strongest C.

The Tykers have only A/B divisions and have the option of playing 7 player or 10 player games. The 7 player Tyker games can be played on a smaller field.

E. Conference Re-alignments

All programs are encouraged to play at the highest level. Teams that break league alignment and have a winning record will be required to follow league alignment the following year.

F. Dues

Annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors

G. Officials

Volunteer or paid officials may be used in the Tyker division. Tyker coaches may be on the field of play and participate if agreed upon by both teams.

All other league games (Lightning, Midget, and Junior) games shall be refereed by BBOWS assigned officials.

H. Rosters

Team rosters and league fees shall be submitted to the President prior to receiving game schedules. This needs to be done no later than the Sunday prior to the first league game. A \$20.00 late fee will be assessed to any team that does not submit a complete roster in time. League fees can be submitted in person at the opening meeting or mailed to

MYLA
PO Box 2313
Timonium, MD 21094

Rosters **MUST BE AVAILABLE** for exchange with opposing coaches prior to each game. It is the responsibility of the program to have rosters. A standardized league roster shall be used and should be signed by all coaches to verify the accuracy of the information. The roster should include player's name, birth date, age, and uniform number. Failure to provide a roster will result in a free position at the start of the game.

I. Roster Revisions

Each team is allowed roster revisions prior to the third game of the current season. Any changes made after that date must be approved by the Board.

J. Home Field Responsibilities

1. The home field coach or program shall insure that the playing field is in proper condition (lined correctly). There should be a table, a horn, scorebook, a timekeeper, and a clock. The scorer's table shall be staffed by no more than 2 people at one time.

2. Note: A first aid kit shall be provided by the home team for both teams use. Ice, fresh or chemical cold packs, shall be available for injured players. A container of Bleach must be available for use on equipment in case of a bleeding injury.

3. Shall a field be unplayable, the home team must inform the opposing team and game officials two hours prior to the starting time. An effort to reschedule should occur at that time and all parties notified, including referees.

4. No parent should be on the bench side of the field at all. Only coaches and players on the roster may be in the team area. One warning by the game official and then a delay of game penalty will be assessed to the offending team.

5. The home team is responsible for providing a safe site on which to play the game. The safety of the site is not subject to compromise. The decision of the referee in this respect is final.

K. Equipment

US Lacrosse Youth rules apply with the following exceptions:

1. No jewelry may be worn by any player.
2. Goalkeepers may wear padding on hands, arms, legs, shoulders, and chest.

- Gloves must cover entire hand and have no webbing.
3. Goggles must be worn by every player except the goalie.
 4. Close fitting gloves are permitted for field players.

L. Time of Play

Tykers - 20 minutes running time per half (maximum)

Lightnings - 20 minute running time per half (maximum)

Midget - 25 minute running time per half (maximum)

Junior - 25 minute running time per half (maximum)

*Teams may chose to play four quarters, but total playing time should not exceed the maximum time for each age group.

M. Time Outs

Tykers- 4 time outs per half

Lightning, Midget, and Juniors - 2 time outs per game

N. Penalties

US Lacrosse Youth Rules apply with notations

1. Checking rules vary according to age;

a. Tykers - no checking

b. Lightnings - modified checking below the waist

c. Midget - modified checking below the shoulder

d. Juniors - regulation checking per US Lacrosse Pilot Program

2. Passing rules apply differently:

For all ages with pass rules- the ball must be playable by a defender for it to count as a pass

a. Tykers - 2 passes anywhere on the field, no dumping (goalie pass counts)

b. Lightning A - no pass rule

c. Lightning B and C - 2 pass rule anywhere on field, no dumping (goalie pass counts)

d. Midget - no pass rule

e. Junior - no pass rule

3. No cross checking or body contact.

O. Four Goal Rule

This rule applies to all leagues and conferences. If a team is behind by 4 goals, the draw is suspended. A draw shall be done at the beginning of the half. The team that is behind has the option of doing a draw instead of a free position.

P. Game Schedule

Lightning, Midgets, and Juniors shall play a 10 game schedule. 7 games played on weekends and 3 weekday games when possible. Tykers shall play a 7 game schedule.

NO GAMES SHALL BE SCHEDULED ON EASTER WEEKEND.

Q. Official Fees

Teams utilizing BBOWS officials will be assessed a scheduling fee per official, to be paid to the Commissioner of Officials.

Game fees are to be split between each team and are due prior to the start of the game. If only one official is present, the fees are still split. If no official is present the game may be rescheduled. However, if both teams agree an unofficial referee may reside over the game in order so the game may be played.

R. Rescheduling of Games

No games are to be rescheduled. Exceptions to this are weather and field conflicts such as when two games are scheduled at the same time. All games are to be played as scheduled.

S. Minimum Play

1. All players shall participate to the fullest extent possible and must participate at least the equivalent of one quarter of every game. The coach is responsible for carrying out this rule. Failure to do this results in a forfeiture of the game.

2. If a coach feels, after half time, that the other team has players who have not participated at least one quarter, he/she may request the game official to check with the players in question. If the players indicate that they have not played, they must play at least one half of the second half in order for the team to be eligible to win the contest.

3. This rule remains in effect during the playoffs and championship games.

T. Post Season Play

Post season play applies only to Midget and Junior divisions:

In each division the top eight teams shall be eligible for the playoffs. The first round: the top seed will play the eighth seed, the second seed plays the seventh seed, the third seed plays the sixth seed, and the fourth seed plays the fifth seed. The first round of games must take place during the first week of playoffs.

The second round: The winner of the top bracket (1 v 8) plays the winner of the second bracket (4 v 5), the winner of the third bracket (3 v 6) plays the winner of the fourth bracket (2 v 7). These games shall take place the second week of playoffs. The 2 winning teams shall then play in the MYLA championship game.

The MYLA does not award trophies. The winning team may not present trophies at the game site. Teams not complying with this rule will be considered the loser of the game.

U. Bleeding

Any player who is bleeding must leave the field and have the injury immediately tended to with a cleansing agent and bandage. The player may return with approval from the coach.