

BY-LAWS OF THE METRO ATLANTA YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
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GIRLS SELECT AND JUNIOR SELECT DIVISION

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

A. Player Age Divisions

To be eligible for Jr. or Sr. Select you have to be 14 or younger as of 12/31/09.

Junior Select – 6th-7th grade.

Senior Select – 8th grade.

9th graders are ineligible for the Junior and Senior Select League.

8th graders are ineligible to play Junior Select.

Players can “play up” (i.e. 7th grader can play Senior Select) but cannot “play down”.

B. Age Determination

The age control date is Dec 31 for the 2010 season and then Sept 1 for years thereafter.

C. League Structure

Select (aka Middle School League) – Programs can enter an unlimited number of teams in the MAYLA. The Select League is considered to be “competitive”. Programs are allowed to hold try-outs and select players on the basis of ability. Programs with multiple teams do NOT need to balance the teams.

D. Conference Alignments

On a year to year basis, the Board of Directors may choose to organize the leagues into Conferences based on geography. This organizational structure will be agreed upon at the fall meeting.

E. Dues

Annual dues shall be established by the Board of Directors

F. Umpires

The home Program is responsible for providing certified umpires (minimum of 2) for all contests. At least one adult umpire is required for all Select League games.

G. Rosters

Team rosters shall be submitted to the Commissioner 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 at that time. 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 players name, address, phone, birth date, age, school and uniform number.

Failure to provide a roster will result in a free position at the start of the game.

H. 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 Commissioner.

In general, if a girl is moved up to Senior Select after the 3rd game of the season, she must remain on that Senior Select Team for the remainder of the season and cannot move back down to Junior Select.

I. 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.
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 umpire in this respect is final.
6. MAYLA programs are responsible for ensuring appropriate behavior by players, coaches, parents and spectators. The US Lacrosse Sportsmanship Card program is an excellent way to encourage appropriate sideline behavior and is highly recommended.

J. Rules

US Lacrosse Youth rules apply with the following exceptions:

1. Goggles must be worn by every player except the goalie.
2. Close fitting gloves are permitted for field players.

K. Time of Play

Select - 25 minute running time per half (maximum).

No Overtime for regular season games. Games can end in a tie.

L. Time Outs

Select - 2 time outs per game. Time outs can be called after a goal is scored or during any dead ball by the team with possession (this is a new rule for 2010).

M. Penalties

US Lacrosse Youth Rules apply with notations

1. Checking rules

Junior Select – no checking

Senior Select – Modified checking per US Lacrosse

2. Passing rules:

Junior Select – no predetermined number of passes before shooting are required.

Senior Select - no predetermined number of passes before shooting are required.

3. No cross checking or body contact.

4. Red Cards given in a game require that the athlete be withheld from play for the remainder of the current game as well as the following game (per US Lacrosse).

Notification of a Red Card incident will be made to the select commissioner immediately after a game by the referee (and coaches) to include the players name and number. The commissioner will notify the next opponent of the team who received the Red Card.

N. Professional Conduct

1. Team players, coaches, parents, officials, and all other participants are to be professional at all times.

2. Players involved in fighting and flagrant fouls can be removed from the game.

Coaches, officials, and fans involved in fighting or acting unprofessional will be asked to leave the facility. Coaches are coaching youth athletes and need to use appropriate skills when dealing with the players. Any and all home field rules and regulations are applicable above and beyond related aforementioned provisions.

3. Game / field control is the responsibility of the game officials, team coaches and the Sidelines Managers as outlined by US Lacrosse.

4. All Head Coaches are required to attend Positive Coaching Alliance training prior to the start of the season. A coach who is recruited to coach after the PCA training date can apply to the Commissioner for a waiver for that season, but must complete the training in order to coach in a subsequent season.

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.

P. Game Schedule

Select League – MAYLA will develop an 8 or more game schedule with games beginning in mid-February. No games will be scheduled on the two Saturdays that fall in the public school spring break. Teams can schedule additional games on their own, but these games will not count in the official MAYLA standings.

Q. Official Fees

Officials fees shall be set and paid by the home program.

For 2010, Standard Fees are \$40 per game per adult referee and \$35 per High School.

R. Rescheduling of Games

Programs are expected to adhere to the master schedule to the maximum extent possible.

Should re-scheduling be necessary, both teams must agree and the Executive Director must be notified. Games postponed due to weather should be re-scheduled on a date agreeable to both teams.

S. Minimum Play

Select League – there are no minimum play rules, however programs are encouraged to contribute to the development of all players on the team by providing meaningful playing time to all players.

T. Post Season Play

Jr & Sr. Select – season(s) will conclude with competitive playoffs.

For 2010, All teams are invited to participate.

Teams will be seeded based season record (winning percentage). If teams have equal winning percentages then their head-to-head play will determine higher seed. If head-to-head records are even then the team who had the lowest goals scored against will be seeded higher. If goals against are even, then a coin toss will determine the higher seed.

- Regular Season Game Outcome and Scores shall be emailed to the commissioner after each game.
- Regular Season Games can end in a tie. There is no overtime play permitted for regular season play. Ties will count as a loss as winning percentages determine seedings.

For Senior Select 2010, Region 1 will occupy the first 9 seeds and Region 2 will occupy the final 5. Region 2 was established to allow new and developing programs an opportunity to play like teams however the final tournament will include all teams and priority seedings to Region 1 teams prevent these teams from being penalized for playing a harder regular season schedules.

Best Efforts will be made to complete the playoffs over the May 1 weekend. Location and tournament rules to be determined.

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.