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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
- Middies Age 11-12
- Juniors Age 13-14

B. Age Determination

A player's age is determined as described below

Birthdate	Age Bracket
Born between 9/01/2009 and 8/31/2011	U15 – Junior
Born between 9/01/2011 and 8/31/2013	U13 – Middle
Born between 9/01/2013 and 8/31/2015	U11 – Lightning
Born between 9/01/2015 and 8/31/2018	U9 - Tyker
Born between 9/01/2018 and 8/31/2020	Pockets

C. Entry Requirements

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

2. Tykers – Will be broken down into A, B and C divisions. Tykers will play 8 v 8 and may play on a smaller field.

3. Lightning, Middle and Juniors -The league alignment criteria are in place for all Lightning, Middle 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 Tyker, Lightning, Middle 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 strong C.

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 asked to follow league alignment the following year. Breaking alignment will require a vote among other program directors.

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, Middle 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. Rosters should be submitted electronically; league fee should be mailed to:

MYLA
PO Box 5313
Timonium, MD 21094-5313

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. If there is no scorer, the referees will keep time on the field.

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.

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. Only 3 coaches per team are permitted on the sideline.

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.
5. All balls must be Nocsae approved. Games will not be played with any other ball.

L. Time of Play

Tykers – Two 20 minutes running time per half (maximum)

Lightning – Four 10 minute quarters, running clock after goals

Middie – Four 12 minute quarters, running clock after goals

Junior – Four 12 minute quarters, running clock after goals

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

M. Time Outs

Tykers, Lightning, Middie 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. Lightning- modified checking below the shoulder

c. Middie - modified checking below the shoulder

d. Juniors - regulation checking per US Lacrosse Pilot Program

2. Passing rules

a. Tykers - 2 passes anywhere on the field, no dumping (goalie pass counts) - **the ball must be playable by a defender for it to count as a pass**

b. Lightning – no pass rule

c. Middie- no pass rule

d. Junior - no pass rule

3. No cross checking or body contact.

O. Four Goal Rule for Tykers/ 6 Goal Rule for Lightning, Middie and Juniors

This rule applies to all leagues and conferences. If a team is behind by 4 goals in tykers and 6 goals in all other divisions, 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, Middie, 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 will be invoiced by the league and then reissued through REF PAY. No money will be exchanged on the field.

If only one official is present, the fees are 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

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.

T. Post Season Play

Post season play applies to Tyker, Lightning, Middie and Junior divisions:

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

The championship round: The winner of the top bracket (1 v 4) plays the winner of the second bracket (2 v 3), the winner of the third bracket (3 v 6) plays the winner of the fourth bracket (2 v 7). These games shall take place during the MYLA championship weekend.

The MYLA awards medals to the winning team.

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.