



ONTARIO LACROSSE AUTOMATIC MINOR BOX DISCIPLINE POLICY (2026)

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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 using the following guidelines:

1. The suspension length and fine amount for each infraction is assessed according to the chart found on Pages 4-5.
2. Each participant's suspension record is logged into the central discipline database (non-public) 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. Suspended participants may not compete while a suspension is under appeal or review.
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. 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 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.
8. Discipline assessed in zone play that will result in a hearing will be chaired by the Zone Director (or appointed representative). Discipline assessed in non-zone play that will result in a 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 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 hearing will be chaired by the appropriate event chairperson (or appointed representative).

9. 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 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.
10. Players assessed a GM 8.18.2 (Fighting), a GM 8.18.13 (Fighting Off the Playing Surface) or an MP 8.18.17 (Second Fight During the Same Stoppage) during any Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship will be subject to the discipline as outlined in the discipline chart, in addition to being disqualified from any further play in that Invitational Tournament, “A” Qualifier or Provincial Championship in any division.
11. Non-playing team personnel who are assessed a game misconduct for verbal abuse directed towards an official (GM 8.33) 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.
12. Participants who confront or engage with spectators off the playing surface will be subject to a fine of up to \$4000 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.
13. 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 \$4000 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench staff.
14. 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 \$4000 dollars plus any accumulated fines from penalties assessed, as well as an automatic OLA Review to determine the appropriate discipline for the bench personnel.
15. Participants who return to competition prior to serving their suspension will be subject to a fine of up to \$4000 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.
16. Discipline Committee Members, 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).
17. 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").

18. 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. Appeals of any discipline decision or any other policy are subject to the guidelines of the OLA Appeals Process. Appeals may not be lodged on behalf of a team for individual suspensions of five games or less, or for fines of \$125 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 four thousand dollars (\$4000.00), 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. (OR 4)

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: Appeals may not be lodged on behalf of an individual or team for suspensions of five games or less, or for fines of \$125 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 GM 8.33 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 GM 8.33 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.

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Game Misconducts			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Dangerous Equipment	GM 2.6	Balance of Game	\$25
Second Major Penalty	GM 7.3	1 Game	\$25
Butt Ending	GM 8.3	1 Game	\$25
Cross Checking	GM 8.4	1 Game	\$25
Spearing	GM 8.5	1 Game	\$25
Throwing the Stick	GM 8.6	1 Game	\$25
Slashing	GM 8.7	1 Game	\$25
Goalie Interference by an Attacking Player	GM 8.10	1 Game	\$25
Illegal Body Check	GM 8.11	1 Game	\$25
Boarding	GM 8.12	1 Game	\$25
Spearing with the Head	GM 8.13	2 Games	\$50
Checking from Behind	GM 8.14	1 Game	\$25
Elbowing	GM 8.16	1 Game	\$25
Face Masking	GM 8.17	1 Game	\$25
Fighting	GM 8.18.2	2 Games	\$50
Instigator	GM 8.18.4	1 Game	\$25
Aggressor	GM 8.18.6	1 Game	\$25
Fighting off the Playing Surface	GM 8.18.13	1-5 Game(s)	\$25/Game
Intervening in a Fight in Progress	GM 8.18.14	2 Games	\$50
Goaltender Leaving the Crease During Altercation	GM 8.18.15	1 Game	\$25
Head Butting	GM 8.19	2 Games	\$50
Dead Ball Contact	GM 8.20	1 Game	\$25
Kneeing/Kicking	GM 8.21	1 Game	\$25
Roughing	GM 8.22	1 Game	\$25
Abuse of Officials (Physical)	GM 8.33	OLA Review	OLA Review
Obscene or Profane Language or Gestures	GM 8.40	1-5 Game(s)	\$25/Game
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	GM 8.41	1-5 Game(s)	\$25/Game
Leaving the Player's Bench or Penalty Box	GM 8.42	2 Games	\$50

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Match Penalties			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Butt Ending	MP 8.3.1	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
High Sticking	MP 8.3.2	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Illegal Cross Checking	MP 8.4	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Spearing	MP 8.5	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Slashing	MP 8.7	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Goalie Interference by an Attacking Player	MP 8.8	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Illegal Body Checking	MP 8.11	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Boarding	MP 8.12	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Spearing with the Head	MP 8.13	Minimum 3 Games	\$25/Game
Checking from Behind	MP 8.14	Minimum 3 Games	\$25/Game
Dangerous Contact to the Head	MP 8.15	Minimum 3 Games	\$25/Game
Elbowing	MP 8.16	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Face Masking	MP 8.17	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Tape on Hands	MP 8.18.12	Minimum 3 Games	\$25/Game
Second Fight During the Same Stoppage	MP 8.18.17	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Head Butting	MP 8.19	Minimum 3 Games	\$25/Game
Intentional Dead Ball Contact	MP 8.20	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Kneeing/Kicking	MP 8.21	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game
Roughing	MP 8.22	Minimum 2 Games	\$25/Game

Gross Misconduct			
Infraction	Penalty Code	Suspension	Fine
Discriminatory Language	GRM 8.40	OLA Review	\$50/Game
Interference with Officials' Duties	GRM 8.41.11	OLA Review	\$50/Game
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	GRM 8.41.14	OLA Review	\$50/Game
Spitting at an Opponent, Spectator or Official	GRM 8.41.15	OLA Review	\$50/Game
Physical Contact with a Spectator	GRM 8.41.16	OLA Review	\$50/Game