

OMLA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS



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CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is: "OCEANSIDE MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION "
2. The purposes of the Society are:
 - a. To promote the game of lacrosse for juveniles in our community
 - b. To provide meaningful opportunities and enjoyable experiences in a safe sportsmanlike environment
 - c. To promote physical fitness, team spirit and pride through playing lacrosse.
3. Upon the winding up or dissolution of the OMLA (the "Association"), the assets that remain after payment of all costs, charges and expenses which are properly incurred in the winding up shall be distributed at the discretion of the Executive in accordance with the BC Societies Act (to an eligible nonmember funded society, registered Charity or community service co-operative).

The Association wishes to acknowledge the generous support of:

Our local sponsors
The RDN, City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach
Community Gaming Branch of the Province of British Columbia
BCLA, VIMLC, & VIYFLL

BYLAW A - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in OMLA (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") shall be limited to those who have who have applied, either through association by registration, or through participation at an annual or special meeting, or as a volunteer apply as a Member, as outlined below, subsequent to the incorporation of the Association.
- B. Membership shall be open to any parent or legal guardian of a youth who can play lacrosse or wishes to learn to play lacrosse (a minor shall hereinafter be referred to as "a player") and who can fulfill the following- requirements:

The priorities are as follows and shall be confined to:

- i) A registered player residing with his parent, or legal guardian, within the geographical boundaries of the Oceanside catchment area as defined by BCLA.
- ii) Players duly transferred according to regulations as set by the Associations.
- iii) Membership in the Association shall be open to anyone over 19 years of age, who has an interest in organizing and growing the sport of lacrosse in the Oceanside catchment area. Such member(s) shall be known as an Associate Member and subject to yearly dues as set out by the Executive on an annual basis. Associate Members shall be granted admission at the discretion of the Executive.
- iv) Membership in the Association shall be for a period of one (1) year commencing on the day of registration subject only to the following provisions regarding a member deemed or determined not to be in good standing with the Association.
 - v) Except for the period of time of suspension, membership by a Member in the Association shall immediately cease upon such Member being determined to be "not in good standing" with the Association or one of its affiliate bodies (VIMLC, VIFLC or BCLA), or upon:
 - vi) Providing twenty (20) days written notice of resignation to the Secretary on behalf of the Association (and hence the Executive Committee)
 - vii) Providing ten (10) days verbal notice of resignation to the Secretary on behalf of the Association (and hence the Executive Committee)
 - viii) Failing to register or reregister a player with the Association within the time allotted each year for registrations

BYLAW B - FINANCES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- A. The Association Executive shall have the power to raise money by whatever means lawfully available to the Executive Committee from time to time and shall have the discretion to apply all monies or any part of the monies so acquired in any manner the Executive Committee deems appropriate to further the objects and purposes of the Association as outlined in the Society's Constitution. Without limiting the foregoing, the Executive Committee may purchase, lease or otherwise acquire and dispose of any or all of the same for the benefit of Association and the account(s) and property of the Association.
- B. The Association Executive shall not cause the Association to issue any mortgage, bond or debenture without first obtaining the approval of the Membership of the Association, by special resolution of the Membership, at a meeting called for that purpose.

BYLAW C - NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- A. Notice of, and proposed Agenda for, an Annual General or an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association shall be presented to the membership at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Meeting, or any General Meeting of the Membership of the Association. Notice of a general meeting shall specify the place, day and the hour of the meeting and, in case of special business, the general nature of that business.
- B. Items for the Agenda must be received by the Secretary of the Association, 21 days prior to the Meeting.

BYLAW D - MEETINGS

- A. The General Meeting of the Association shall be held within 120 days of the fiscal year-end at such a place as prescribed by the Executive Committee, *unless in extraordinary circumstances*. The fiscal year of the Society shall end on the last day of July in each year.
- B. The General Meeting mentioned as Bylaw E-A), shall be called the Annual General Meeting. All other general meetings shall be called Extraordinary or Special General Meetings.
- C. The Executive Committee may, as appropriate, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. An Extraordinary General meeting may also be convened on the written requisition of ten per centum (10%) or more of the Membership of the Association, in good standing.
- D. A quorum at any general meeting of the Membership shall be no fewer than five 5

Members who are in good standing and present at the meeting; unless otherwise prescribed by the Societies Act, a simple majority vote shall be sufficient to pass any resolutions properly proposed for consideration of the Membership;

- E. Executive Committee meetings shall be held as required, or at minimum of once each month, except in extraordinary circumstances. If a director is unable to be present, arrangements will be made for their monthly report to be available with the circulation of the agenda for that meeting. Quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be a simple majority of the Executive Committee.

BYLAW E - VOTING

- A. All Members of the Association shall have one (1) vote at any General or special Meeting of the Association.
- B. The President shall have a deciding vote in the event of a dead-lock or tie on any vote taken on any motion duly presented for consideration of the Membership.
- C. No proxies shall be allowed or permitted at any meeting of the Membership of the Association.
- D. At all meetings of the Association, voting shall be by a show of hands unless a poll is demanded and the Membership in attendance decides upon a ballot.
- E. Resolutions duly proposed need only a simple majority of votes in favour either by a show of hands or by votes cast by ballot subject only to such matters so governed by the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia.
- F. Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote and may be amended only at an Annual General Meeting.
- G. Elections for executive positions shall be secret ballot at an Annual General Meeting, or where a vacancy exists during the regular course of business, the executive may appoint other members who have demonstrated interest in the vacancy on an interim basis until the next special or general meeting.

BYLAW F - EXECUTIVE

Elected Directors

- A. The elected directors of the Association, hereinafter referred to collectively as "Executive" of the Association, are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 4th Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Registrar.
- B. Each member of the Executive shall serve a term not beyond the next election at the Annual General Meeting or by resignation or special resolution. Executive members need not be parents of players in the Association. It is expected that each Executive member will attend all Executive meetings and special meetings as required. Notification of valid

absence from scheduled meetings must be forwarded to the Secretary in writing. Absence of three or more regular meetings may result in a review by the Executive

- C. Only Elected positions will be able to vote at Executive meetings.
- D. Terms for each Director commence on the day after the Annual General Meeting for a one-year (1) term or until the next general meeting.
- E. Filling Vacancies
Should a vacancy arise amongst the Executive, that position may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Executive members. The person filling such vacancy shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
- F. Appointing Committees
The Executive shall have power to appoint special committees from the membership of the Association if needed.
- G. Removal of Executive Members
A member of the Executive may be removed by majority resolution of the membership at a meeting, called for the purpose of considering such resolution, shall cease to hold office immediately.
- H. Conflict of Interest
Anyone who may be in a conflict of interest must disclose such potential conflict to the President (or if the President, to the 1st Vice President). That member would be expected to abstain from voting on any matter related to the conflict were an Executive member, he/she would be excluded from any vote or decision process considering the matter.

BYLAW G - AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

- A. Resolutions to amend or alter the Constitution or Bylaws shall only be made at the Annual General Meeting or, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.
- B. Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote of the Members at an Annual General Meeting.

BYLAW H - PROCLAMATION

- A. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon acceptance and ratification and filing of the same with the Registrar of Companies of the Province of British Columbia pursuant to the Societies Act of the Province of British Columbia.