

# **OLDE NEW ENGLAND LACROSSE LEAGUE CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I NAME, NATURE, AND PURPOSE**

- 1-1 The name of the organization shall be the OLDE NEW ENGLAND LACROSSE LEAGUE, hereinafter referred to as the “League”.
- 1-2 The League shall be an organization of amateur lacrosse teams or associations who wish to align themselves with the purpose of this League.
- 1-3 It shall be the purpose of the League to unite into one group, all club and other post collegiate level amateur teams, in order to promote competition and enhance the prestige of lacrosse and aid in its growth at all levels in New England. The League shall play under rule promulgated by the NCAA Men’s Lacrosse Rules, as modified by the US Lacrosse Men’s Post Collegiate Council, and with specific additional modifications and exceptions for the League.
- 1-4 Pursuant to its purposes and objectives the League may buy, hold, pledge, assign, convert, sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of property, both real and personal, tangible and intangible, and may engage in commercial enterprises.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

Membership shall be available to any club or post collegiate level amateur team or association, based within the states of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, meeting the requirements as set forth in the by-laws.

## **ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT**

- 3-1 The League shall be governed by one representative of each team, who, as a body, shall be named the Board of Directors.
- 3-2 The Board of Directors shall elect officers, who, as a body, shall be named the Executive Board, and shall consist of the League Commissioner, Deputy League Commissioner, League Secretary, League Treasurer and a Deputy Commissioner for each age division within the League, currently consisting of Over-30, Over-40 and Over-50 age divisions.

Beginning with the 2020 League season, a League officer position for Deputy Commissioner of Eligibility shall be added.

# OLDE NEW ENGLAND LACROSSE LEAGUE BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

To gain membership in the Olde New England Lacrosse League, an organization - hereinafter referred to as team, must meet the following requirements:

1. It shall be prepared to play a schedule consisting of games with all other teams within its division, sharing equally in travel.
2. It shall provide visiting teams with adequate playing facilities.
3. It shall send a representative to the annual League meeting, or show good cause to be excused.
4. It shall submit an application, detailing proposed home field location, team leadership structure and anticipated playing membership.
5. It shall agree to pay any initiation fees, and/or annual dues as directed by the Board members, and to submit to any financial assessments deemed necessary by the Board for the proper functioning of the League.
6. It shall agree to abide by all by-laws and rules of the League.
7. It shall have its application approved by a 2/3 majority of the current member teams, with not more than two dissenting votes cast from within its proposed age division.
8. All teams that played in the previous year of ONELL league shall be afforded the opportunity to sign up for the following year, provided they follow the rules regarding sign up and payment that are in place. New teams will be allowed in to the League on a first come/paid, first served basis, and new teams shall only be accepted such that each age division ends up with an even number of teams.

## ARTICLE II DUES AND FEES

- 2-1 All member teams shall pay annual dues or other fees as agreed upon by the Board members and so directed by the Executive Board. League dues shall be sufficient to provide for the necessary funding for the League to meet its financial obligations. The monetary amount of League dues per team shall also include the costs necessary to provide insurance coverage for all teams and the League, since an insurance binder is required in most cases to obtain playing fields. The insurance coverage also serves a practical financial and fiduciary purpose. Dues are currently set at \$400.00 per team for the 2008 season, but shall be amended as necessary to reflect actual or anticipated League expenses. As of the 2017 season, and going forward until amended by vote, League dues shall be \$300 per team. **For the 2022 season, Over-50 Division dues shall be \$200 per team. When the Over-50 Division reaches 3 rounds of postseason play, the dues shall be equal to those of the Over-30 and Over-40 Division teams.**
- 2-2 Annual dues shall be paid to the League Treasurer by January 15<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of the season. The absolute deadline for payment of annual dues is February 15<sup>th</sup>. A payment that is postmarked by either deadline shall be considered to be submitted by the deadline, provided that the check clears. A returning team

(defined as a team that played in the League in the preceding season) that pays annual dues after January 15<sup>th</sup> but before February 15<sup>th</sup> shall pay an additional \$100 penalty fee. New teams to the League are exempt from the penalty fee and have until February 15<sup>th</sup> to pay the annual League dues. A returning team is barred from changing its name in order to avoid the \$100 penalty fee for late payment of League dues.

- 2-3 If a team has not paid dues in the prior year, it is not entitled to vote at any upcoming meetings until and unless the arrears and current year dues are paid in full.
- 2-4 The League shall not accept team registrations from teams until they first satisfy financial obligations to other teams.

### **ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT**

- 3-1 The League shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of one representative from each member team.
- 3-2 The Board of Directors shall elect an Executive Board consisting of one League Commissioner, one Deputy League Commissioner, one League Secretary, one League Treasurer and a Deputy Commissioner for each age division (Over-30 and (Over-40), beginning with the 2009 League season. This Executive Board, along with the immediate past Commissioner (“Commissioner Emeritus”), shall be considered full members of the Board. Beginning with the 2012 League season, the Over-50 age Division is established with its own Deputy Commissioner.
- 3-3 The elected Executive Board members shall preside for terms of three years. Beginning with the Executive Board election following the 2020 ONELL season, the terms for Executive Board members shall be four years in length.
- 3-4 Executive Board members may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.
- 3-5 Elections shall be by ballot with the nominee receiving the majority of the votes cast being declared the winner. If no nominee receives a majority, ballots shall be recast with the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes be eliminated until one candidate receives a simple majority.
- 3-6 Elections shall take place at annual meetings.
- 3-7 Over-30 teams may only vote for the Deputy Commissioner of the Over-30 Division, Over-40 teams may only vote for the Deputy Commissioner of the Over-40 Division, etc. This rule will be enacted for the 2009 League season. The Over-50 Deputy Commissioner was elected by the League board members at large prior to the 2012 League season.
- 3-8 In the event of any Executive Board member not being able to fulfill his term, excluding the Commissioner, the remaining members of the Executive Board

shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy by simply majority vote for the remainder of the term.

#### **ARTICLE IV DUTIES AND POWERS**

- 4-1 The affairs and property of the League shall be conducted and managed by its Board of Directors. The Board may adopt such by-laws, rules, and regulations as are deemed necessary for the conduct of its affairs.
- 4-2 The Executive Board, composed of 8 elected officers and the immediate past Commissioner, shall have the power to transact the routine business of the League, and to carry out the objectives of the League as agreed upon by the Board members.
- 4-3 The League Commissioner shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and the Board members. He shall appoint committee chairmen for both standing and ad-hoc committees. He shall see that all the rules and regulations of the League are executed and that all other officers fulfill their duties. He shall exercise general supervision over the League.
- 4-4 The League Deputy Commissioner shall, in the absence or incapacity of the Commissioner, be vested with all the powers of the Commissioner and shall perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Commissioner or the Board members.
- 4-5 The League Secretary shall keep a written record of all meetings of the Board members and the Executive Board, shall provide each member of the meeting body with a copy of that record within two (2) weeks of the meeting. He shall send out all notices, preserve all records and have charge of all printing and publications ordered by the League. He shall maintain a directory of all team representatives, including mailing address, e-mail address and home, work and cellular phone numbers, and annually distribute a copy of this directory to all Board members. He shall be the parliamentarian. It is his duty to provide each team with necessary forms to be used for the tabulation of statistics.
- 4-6 The League Treasurer shall receive all funds of the League, and shall credit the same to the bank account of the League. From this account he shall make all approved disbursements. He shall make a financial report at the annual League meeting and at other times at the request of the Executive Board. He shall notify the Commissioner of any team(s) delinquent in its indebtedness to the League two (2) weeks prior to the first scheduled League game. He shall turn over all financial records to the auditing committee, if established, at the annual meeting. At the end of his term, he shall have all forms necessary for the transfer of the bank account in proper order for the incoming Treasurer. Beginning with the 2020 season, the League Treasurer shall provide copies of bank statements to the League Commissioner.
- 4-7 The Deputy Commissioner of Eligibility shall monitor team compliance to League rules that pertain to eligibility during the regular season and post season

play, as well as investigating any specific compliance issues that are submitted to the League. This person shall also be a member of the ONELL Rules Committee.

## **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

- 5-1 The Board members shall meet at least once a year with the annual meeting taking place between the end of the ONELL season and prior to the end of the following February. The business of the Board shall consist of budgeting, elections, scheduling, rules amendments and any other business pertinent to the operation of the League. At each annual meeting, the general location of the following year's meeting shall be agreed upon.
- 5-2 The Secretary shall notify all Board members of the time and location of the League meeting at least three weeks prior to the meeting, and shall provide an anticipated agenda with the notice.
- 5-3 Business shall be conducted under "Robert's Rules of Order" in all cases in which they are not inconsistent with the constitution or by-laws.
- 5-4 Beginning with the annual meeting for the 2018 ONELL season, if a team fails to have representation at the annual League meeting, a fine of \$100 levied, in addition to full dues payment. The \$100 fine will subsequently be donated from the League to the Shootout for Soldiers.

## **ARTICLE VI VOTING**

- 6-1 Each member of the Board, or his authorized alternate, along with each member of the Executive Board and the Commissioner Emeritus, shall have one vote. Unless otherwise specified in these by-laws, all motions shall be passed by obtaining a simple majority vote of the Board members, provided that a quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members are present.
- 6-2 No absentee ballots shall be allowed after November 2011. Each team must have either a board member or authorized alternate in attendance at the League meeting. No attendance equals no vote.

## **ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES**

Standing committee chairmen shall be appointed by the Commissioner at the annual meeting and must be ratified by the Board members. The Commissioner may, upon his request, be granted an extension before announcing appointments, if so approved by the Board members. In such a case the appointments must be made within thirty days and are subject to the approval of the Executive Board only. Appointments are for two years. Each committee shall have as one of its members, a member of the Executive Board.

A list of potential committees is presented below. As of the 2007 ONELL season, the only committee in effect is the Rules Committee.

- 7-1 Rules - Shall serve as the final and binding arbiter in the event of conflicts or disagreements between teams involving rules interpretations, officials, schedule changes, and forfeited or cancelled games, at the discretion and bidding of the ONELL Commissioner.
- In the event that an issue is brought before the Rules Committee for a determination or arbitration, the parties involved shall be informed that the Rules Committee is reviewing a matter, and input shall be solicited from all concerned parties before a decision is rendered by the Committee. The final decision, and voting record by vote count, shall be published to the League representatives after a decision is made.
  - For the sake of open discussion and debate of the issue, only the Rules Committee members and League Commissioner shall be party to the discussion and debate.
  - The League Commissioner shall only vote on a matter in the event of a tie vote within the Rules Committee (similar to the Vice President voting to break a tie vote in the U.S. Senate).
- 7-2 Public Relations – Shall be charged with the responsibility of promotion of lacrosse through the media.
- 7-3 Web Site Master – Shall be charged with the responsibility of maintaining the League web site.
- 7-4 All Star Game – Shall plan, promote, and supervise the annual all star game as well as be responsible for publishing a profitable game program. Profits derived the game or program shall be divided equally between the League and the team or teams responsible for that profit.
- Larry Simpson of the South Coast Silver Sachems shall be the head of the All Star Game Committee, as of the 2012 ONELL season.
- 7-5 Statistics – Shall compile the statistics for each game and regularly report the results to each team.
- 7-6 Auditing – Shall audit the financial records at the end of each year, report the results to the Commissioner, and return the records to the Treasurer.
- 7-7 Nominating – shall present a nominating slate prior to the election of officers.
- 7-8 The Commissioner may appoint any other committees he deems necessary with the approval of the Executive Board.
- 7-9 Facilities – Shall pursue the identification and securing of lighted central fields for League play, as well as to review situations where a field is alleged to be unsafe, hazardous or otherwise substandard. Committee created in November 2010 League meeting, however without standing membership.
- 7-10 Tournament Teams - Creation of a pool of players interested in tournament play outside of the ONELL by age and position, so as to broaden ONELL exposure

through tournaments. The role of ONELL Tournament Director was approved for the 2020 season; Jeremy Provencher volunteered for the role.

## **ARTICLE VIII SCHEDULING**

- 8-1 League scheduling shall in all instances take precedence over non-League commitments.
- 8-2 The Deputy Commissioner for each division shall be responsible for setting the schedule for their respective division, effective for the 2009 League season. Every care shall be taken so as to create a fair and balanced schedule that provides each team a balanced number of home and away games, with a majority of each team's games within their designated conference for ease of travel. Each Deputy Commissioner shall submit a final schedule to the rest of the Executive Board for approval. For the 2012 League season, the Over-50 Division will make a best effort attempt to schedule games at centrally located facilities.
- 8-3 Each age division may be divided into additional conferences for the sake of scheduling; conference membership will have no bearing on the playoffs.
- 8-4 The home team shall be responsible both providing for and paying two referees, securing a regulation size field (110 yards long and from 53 1/3 to 60 yards wide), ensuring that the field is properly lined, providing regulation goals, providing at least six balls on each end line, and promptly reporting the final score to the League. Home teams must provide 7 cones on the field for home games: one each all four (4) corners, one at each end of the substitution box area (2), and one at the midfield line across from substitution box and team benches (1). The home team shall also provide accurate directions to the field location. If the home field is determined by the officials to not be in playable condition in accordance with League rules, then the home team forfeits. The officials are paid.
- 8-5 The League voted in November 2010 to expand the ONELL All Star Game Saturday to include regular season ONELL games at the Harvard Athletics Facility, in addition to the ONELL All Star Games. The caveat is that participation in the regular season games is strictly voluntary.

## **ARTICLE IX GAME TIMES**

- 9.1 As a "summer ball" League, the ONELL season will extend from the first weekend in June through the weekend prior to the Labor Day holiday weekend, with exceptions as needed to complete League play. Games are played during the week in the evenings; the Over-40 Division shall play on Tuesday nights and the Over-30 and Over-50 Divisions shall play on Thursday nights. Beginning with the 2013 season, there shall be a "bye week" for the week of the 4th of July holiday. The regular season shall be considered to end on the Saturday following the last scheduled regular season game per the most recent published ONELL schedule.

Beginning with the 2019 season, all teams are required to have lighted home field

with functioning lights that are turned on, “as needed”, for the game, and game start times shall be no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

Teams may mutually decide to change the time and location of a scheduled game within 72 hours of the scheduled game. Officials must have 48-hour notice of any changes in time or location.

- 9-2 Any team not prepared to play within thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled game start time shall forfeit the contest, unless it is otherwise agreed upon by both coaches/captains and the referee.
- 9-3 A team that fails to give 48 hours prior notification that it will not be playing a game is responsible for paying the home team’s referees’ fees, if applicable.
- 9-4 Any team that forfeits two or more games in a single season must reapply to the League for membership. Beginning in the 2016 season, any team that forfeits two or more forfeits during the regular ONELL season shall be disqualified from playoff contention.
- 9-6 Beginning with the 2017 season, if a team makes the effort to field a team for an away game and is short of players and thus must forfeit, they shall not be required to play the same team as an away game the following season, in recognition of their attempt to at least play the game. A team that forfeits without traveling for the away game shall be required to play the same team as an away game the following season (schedule permitting).

**ARTICLE X  
TEAM ROSTERS AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- 10-1 The League is divided into three divisions, Over-30, Over-40, and Over-50, with the following restrictions:
  - Over-30 All players 30 and over, with a maximum of three (3) players ages 28-29 allowed per team, as of the 2019 season.
  - Over-40 All players 40 and over, with a maximum of two (2) players ages 38-39 allowed per team
  - Over-50 All players 50 and over, with a maximum of three (3) players ages 48-49 allowed per team; age 47 for starting goalie only.
- 10-2 Player age is determined on a calendar year basis (i.e., what age a player turns during the applicable calendar year). Each player shall be required to produce a valid and official form of identification (driver’s license or identification car, passport, visa, military id etc.) as proof of age if challenged by the opposing coach/captain prior to or during a game. If a player is unable to produce the required documentation upon a challenge, then the player is disqualified from the remainder of the game and any goals scored by the player in that game are nullified. Any post-game challenges shall have no effect on the outcome of the game. It is highly recommended that each player has valid identification with

them on the sidelines in the event of an age challenge.

- 10-3 Each team shall maintain a roster of its players, including ages and uniform numbers, if possible. Each team shall submit its roster to the League for dissemination. Teams shall also disclose to the League the names and birth dates of the two permitted players under the age limit (28/29, 38/39, etc.), if applicable. The age exemption players should be noted with an asterisk on the published team roster for purposes of identification and utilization of the age exemption allowance.
- 10-3.1 **As of the 2022 season, Team rosters are considered to be closed after the fourth regular season League game and prior to the fifth regular season League game.** No new players may be added to a team roster after that date, with one exception. The only roster changes that can take place during the season are those that involve a player changing teams with the consenting release from the original team. The team releasing the player is not entitled to add a new player to their roster, however. Beginning with the 2019 season, teams shall be allowed add a goalie after the official roster deadline in the case of injury, relocation, etc.
- 10-4 A player must attend at least three (3) regular season games in an age division in order to qualify to play in the playoffs in that age division. Each team is responsible for maintaining a team roster that includes game attendance for each player on the roster. A player need only attend a game to qualify; they are not required to have played in a game. Thus an injured player could attend three regular season age division games and not play (be on bench/sidelines), and still qualify to play in the age division playoffs. Clearly the tracking of attendance at the team level is a matter of mutual trust and honesty. Beginning with the 2018 season, at the close of the regular season and prior to the first round of playoffs, all teams that have qualified for post-season play shall report all ineligible players to the League via email distribution to the respective age Division team representatives.
- 10-5 The League voted in November 2010 to create an Over-50 Division (“Half Century”) in the ONELL in recognition that the gap from age 30 to 40 to 50 widens significantly in terms of player ability, speed and longevity. The caveat is that there must be enough critical mass to create at least two teams in this age division.

## **ARTICLE XI PLAYOFFS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 11-1 Beginning in the 2013 ONELL season, the top eight (8) teams in the Over-30 age Division and the top sixteen (16) teams in the Over-40 Division shall qualify for the playoffs, based upon the following criteria:
- 1) Overall ONELL regular season record in terms of average points per game (total points divided by total number of games played).  
Geographical conference record, if applicable for the age division, is not used.

2) Head-to-head match-ups, as determined by goals against average if more than one regular season game is played between two teams. (*Total goals against divided by the total number of games played between the two teams*). In the event that more than two teams tie in total average points per game, and they have not all played each other, then it moves to criteria #3. The exception would be the case where A beats B, B beats C, but A has not played C. In this case, the teams would be ranked A, B, C in the seeding.

3) Best record versus common opponents. The first level of comparison is win/loss for a single game. In situations where a team plays a common opponent more than once, average points per game if two games are played, and finally goals against average shall be used.

4) Relative strength of schedule (2016 season). The final regular season standings are sorted by playoff criteria #1 – Average Points per Game. In the event of a tie, all teams in the tie are assigned the same ranking, and the next ranking factors in the number of teams tied. Then, the regular season schedule is populated with the ranking of each opponent. The total sum of each team's opponents for the season is then divided by the number of games, to provide a relative strength of schedule.

5) Goals against average  
(Total goals against divided by the total number of games played in the ONELL regular season)

Two (2) points shall be awarded for a win, one (1) point shall be awarded to each team for a tie, and zero (0) points are awarded for a loss. In the event that an unequal number of regular season games are scheduled within an age division, then the overall ONELL regular season record (criteria #1 above) shall be determined by total points divided by number of games scheduled, with the highest numerical average as the #1 seed and proceeding similarly through the #8 seed as applicable.

Beginning in 2017, teams that "win" a forfeit shall have their GAA based on the number of games that they actually played. The teams that forfeit and therefore "lose" shall continue to have 10 goals counted against them for their GAA.

**Beginning with the 2022 season, any team that forfeits a regular season game shall automatically drop to the last position at all levels of the application of playoff criteria above.**

Beginning in 2013, post-season play for the Over-40 Division shall be expanded to 16 teams, with two levels of play: Gold and Silver. The top 8 seeds shall be in the Gold playoff bracket, and will play of the ONELL Over-40 Division Championship. The seeds 9-16 shall be in the Silver playoff bracket. The current League rules and post-season qualification

criteria shall apply, including field requirements, field costs and payments of officials. The Silver bracket shall differ from the Gold bracket only in the respect that there shall be no trophies or t-shirts awarded and paid for by the League for the Silver bracket.

Beginning with the 2019 season, the Over-30 Division shall have both Gold and Silver playoff brackets.

The format for the initial round of playoffs shall be as follows:

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>
#8 vs. #1	#16 vs. #9
#7 vs. #2	#15 vs. #10
#6 vs. #3	#14 vs. #11
#5 vs. #4	#13 vs. #12

For the semi-final games, the highest remaining seed shall play the lowest remaining seed, and the two middle seeds shall play each other, with the higher seeded team as the home team. For the Championship game, the highest remaining seed shall be the home team.

Beginning with the 2011 season, lighted fields are mandated for the ONELL playoff games. The top seed (home team) has the prerogative to provide a lighted field for the Championship game. If a lighted field cannot be secured by the home team, then the League shall secure a lighted field for the playoff games. It may require that two games are played on the same lighted field in succession. All playoff eligible teams shall declare if they can provide a lighted field for the Championships prior to the first playoff game, so as to provide the League with ample time to secure a potential lighted field for the Championship game(s). Field costs shall be equally split between the two teams, with the host team or League providing written proof of actual field costs.

Beginning in 2017, post season games shall not start before 7:30 p.m.

Beginning in 2017, Championship games, if possible, should be played at a neutral site as equidistant as possible between the two teams, subject (as always) to field availability.

11-2 A player must attend at least three (3) regular season games in an age division in order to qualify to play in the playoffs in that age division. Each team is responsible for maintaining a team roster that includes game attendance for each player on the roster. A player need only attend a game to qualify; they are not required to have played in a game. Thus an injured player could attend three regular season age division games and not play (be on bench/sidelines), and still qualify to play in the age division playoffs. Clearly the tracking of attendance at the team level is a matter of mutual trust and honesty.

11-3 There shall be three (3) neutral officials for all playoff games and for each championship game. The officials shall be secured by the League through a central assigning official, with the home team, visiting team and League each

paying for one official for each playoff game. The League shall provide for and pay for officials for the championship games for both age divisions.

The League shall reimburse the home teams the actual field costs for the Championship game in each division, up to a maximum of \$300, as of the 2019 season. Each team shall provide a minimum of six balls for the end lines in the Championship games. The League shall be responsible for providing Championship and runner up trophies for both divisions. The League shall provide “dry-fit” style t-shirts to the championship teams.

## **ARTICLE XII RULES OF PLAY**

League play shall be governed by NCAA Men’s Lacrosse Rules, as modified by the US Lacrosse Men’s Post Collegiate Council, and with specific additional modifications and exceptions for the League. The official rules for ONELL play are captured in a separate document. The new NCAA stick dimension rules for 2010, 2016 and 2018 shall not apply to League play.

## **ARTICLE XIII STATISTICS**

The home team of each game is responsible for reporting the score of the game to the League, or its designated representative. It is highly encouraged that representatives from both teams confirm the final game score with officials immediately following the conclusion of the game. Each team is responsible for tracking player attendance of games for playoff eligibility purposes.

## **ARTICLE XIV SUSPENSION, EXPULSION**

- 14-1 Any team may be suspended from play by a majority vote of the Executive Board, or may be expelled from the League by a majority vote of the Board members, for any actions deemed to be detrimental to the game of lacrosse or to the operation of the League. Any team charged with such an offense shall be given the opportunity to defend itself against said charges. The length of the suspension shall be determined by the Executive Board. A team expelled from the League has the right to reapply for membership as stated in the by-laws. Examples of actions that could lead to suspension or expulsion are non payment of dues and fees, repeated forfeiture, repeated fighting, or failure to abide by League by-laws or agreements.
- 14-2 Any player repeatedly involved in actions detrimental to the game is subject to suspension or expulsion by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board under the above provisions, with the exception of indebtedness and forfeiture.
- 14-3 The Executive Board shall have the authority to mete out additional disciplinary action at its discretion for egregious incidents where the rules in place put limits on the maximum disciplinary action that can be taken by the League. Any additional action taken by the Executive Board is subject to appeal by the player(s) or team(s) involved.

- 14-4 ONELL team representatives shall be notified of issues considered by the Executive Board prior to any decision being rendered, and that the decision and voting record be published to the ONELL team representatives after a decision is made. Any issue before the Executive Board shall also include the team representative(s) from the team(s) involved, and they shall have a vote in the procedure.

## **ARTICLE XV LEAGUE EXPENDITURES**

- 15-1 The Executive Board may make appropriate expenditures as are necessary for the normal operation of the League. Expenditures of up to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) may be made with the approval of two Executive Board members. A majority of the Board members must approve amounts above two hundred dollars, with the exception of payment for referees for the Championship games, per Article 11-3.
- 15-2 Officers and committee chairmen shall be eligible for reimbursements of expenses necessary for the function of their office. Actual reimbursements are to be at the discretion of the Executive Board. Examples of reimbursable expenses are postage, printing, etc.

## **ARTICLE XVI LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 16-1 Each player shall sign a written release that indemnifies the League, its officers, the teams, the team officers, the players, the officials, the home fields and team sponsors from liability for any injury or damage sustained as a result of a ONELL game, practice or event. The League shall be responsible for providing a general release template for each team to use and modify as their situation requires (for field use, sponsorship, etc.). The release shall also bind a player to the team that the player signifies on the release for the duration of the applicable season, unless the team releases the player from their roster. As of the November 2010 League meeting, the League has not provided sample release language.
- 16-2 It is highly recommended that each ONELL player become a member of US Lacrosse for several reasons:
- US Lacrosse membership promotes the game of lacrosse at all levels.
  - US Lacrosse membership allows for a portion of the dues to be channeled back to the local level.
  - US Lacrosse membership provides secondary insurance coverage for players, coaches and officials.
- 16-3 All teams must maintain an emergency contact list for their entire roster that includes emergency contact names and numbers, as well as any pertinent medical issues or conditions (heart or respiratory issues, medication allergies, etc.). A hard copy of the emergency contact list shall be kept available at the field by at least one member of each team at all times.

**ARTICLE XVII  
ALL STAR GAME**

At some point during the season, the League shall strive to undertake an annual All Star game to be played between the League's divisions. All Star games with other lacrosse Leagues shall also be encouraged. The selection process for All Stars shall be determined by the Board or a committee designated by the League Commissioner.

The All Star format shall consist of the selection of four players from each team: one defenseman or long stick midfielder, two midfielders and one attackman. Only the four selected players (2 midfield, 1 each attack and defense) from each team shall attend the ASG; no substitutions if a player cannot attend. Each team shall also nominate two opposing goalies and two "Ambassadors", who shall serve as honorary captains. The "Ambassadors" shall be nominated on the basis that they exemplify the best aspects of the League and the sport of lacrosse (i.e., the "Spirit in the Stick").

Executive Board members are given automatic selection to All Star Game rosters, in addition to the permanent bids granted to Scott McKenzie and Brad Nichols as founders of the League.

The League voted in November 2010 to expand the ONELL All Star Game Saturday to include regular season ONELL games at the Harvard Athletics Facility, in addition to the ONELL All Star Games. The caveat is that participation in the regular season games is strictly voluntary.

The League voted in 2015 to suspend the ONELL All Star Games when the Boston Cannons moved from Harvard Stadium to Gillette Stadium. The League voted for the 2016 season to further suspend the ONELL All Star Games for a number of reasons, primarily cost and attendance, despite the Cannons moving back to Harvard Stadium.

**ARTICLE XVIII  
AMENDMENTS**

These by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board members comprising the quorum present at the annual meeting, provided that notice of such change is included in the secretaries' meeting notice. The constitution may be amended by the same procedure, however, a 2/3 majority vote of all Board members is necessary.

**ARTICLE XIX  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR FIELD & LIGHT EXPENSES WHEN A TEAM FOLDS**

The League shall allow for a team to be reimbursed for verifiable field/light costs if a team folds prior to the start of the season, and the game becomes a “bye”. The reimbursement should come from the folding team’s League dues payment, after League expenses are deducted. If more than one team incurs field/light costs due to the team folding, and there are insufficient funds remaining after the League is reimbursed to fully reimburse all affected teams, then the teams shall receive pro rata refunds based upon the remaining funds and the number of teams seeking reimbursement. The teams must provide verification of expenses incurred in order to be considered for reimbursement. The Deputy Commissioner of the Division shall determine an equal distribution of remaining funds in the event that more than one team requests reimbursement for verifiable field and light expenses.

**ONELL Executive Board through 2024 Season**

Commissioner	David Williams
Commissioner Emeritus	Scott McKenzie
Deputy Commissioner	John Hauck
Secretary	Tim Johnson
Treasurer	Patrick Maddigan
Deputy Commissioner – Over-30 Division	Doug Peel
Deputy Commissioner – Over 40 Division	Jeremy Scully
Deputy Commissioner – Half Century Division	Jeremy Provencher
Deputy Commissioner – Eligibility	Vacant
Tournament Director	Jeremy Provencher

**ONELL RULES COMMITTEE  
Effective 2022 League Season**

Tim Genecco, Chris Jackson, Patrick Maddigan, Jim Parton, Tim Johnson, Eddie Villafane and David Williams (Chair)

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