



# MAYLA Member Program Guidelines and Compliance

In order to encourage good member program behavior and to protect those teams that have followed MAYLA's mission and spirit of the league, MAYLA has developed operational and organizational guidelines with categories of member program status to ensure that all teams support and nurture MAYLA's efforts.

## Program Operational Guidelines

1. The program should have a preseason meeting with interested parties within their program boundaries to communicate about the spring lacrosse program. One coach from each level of play should be a party to this meeting.
2. Programs should work with municipal, school, and private parties to secure playing fields for practices and games.
3. Programs should manage registrations of participants to match the available playing fields and coaching staff, and be able to register teams with MAYLA as requested.
4. Programs should create and maintain a website to communicate organization, news, registrations, and related activities.
5. Programs should send voting members to the annual MAYLA meeting.
6. Programs should secure adequate staffing levels for each planned team and require that all coaches be US Lacrosse certified, per the MAYLA coaching policy. It's requested that each team have its own individual head coach. Programs should train all of their coaches and players to follow US Lacrosse Youth rules of play and any MAYLA modifications.
7. Programs should implement specific responsibilities for coaches, players, and parents and annually reinforce that adults must always be positive role models for the players.

## Game Day Operational Guidelines

1. Programs have to respect the published schedule and make honoring the schedule a priority over all other lacrosse interests.
2. Programs should confirm scheduled games each week with the opposing teams. Initiate game confirmation 3- 4 days before the scheduled game.
3. Home teams need to confirm that certified lacrosse officials will referee all games. If there's no official listed for a game, then contact should be made to the MAYLA Assigner for an update on available officials.
4. Home or host teams are expected to pay all official fees for games hosted.
5. Home or host teams are expected to provide a safe field for play per US Lacrosse dimensions with the specified field lines and goals.

6. Home or host teams are responsible for parking and spectator control.
7. Home or host team coaches should welcome visiting coaches and teams to their facility and initiate the pre-game checklist before each game.
8. Home or host teams should provide scorekeepers, game timers and keep the game and penalty times.
9. Home or host teams should have cones at the field corners, midfield, and the substitution box on the team sideline.
10. All teams must provide a sideline manager/culture keeper for each game.

## **Member Program Status:**

**Good Standing** - No organizational or operational issues.

**Good Standing with organizational deficiencies** - this status is most applicable for new programs as it is difficult to start a program and have the depth of help required to execute on all the organizational guidelines. There should be a plan with how and when a program can get 100% compliance.

**1<sup>st</sup> Warning** - MAYLA has issued a warning regarding a programs' financial standing, behavior, or other issue.

**Probation** - MAYLA has issued a 2<sup>nd</sup> warning either regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> warning that was not fixed or for a separate issue. Program representative must meet with MAYLA League Commissioner and provide or create a plan of action for correction before permitted to re-enroll the next year.

**Expulsion** - MAYLA is expelling all of the program's teams from the league for one year.

## **Examples of Inappropriate Behavior**

- Unsportsmanlike conduct not in keeping with US Lacrosse and/or MAYLA's mission or spirit of the game.
- Repeated unsportsmanlike conduct from the program's board, coaches, players, and/or parents.
- Conduct that's detrimental to the growth of lacrosse in a program.

## **Examples of Operational Deficiencies**

- Fielding teams where all players are not registered US Lacrosse members.
- Failure to have all coaches be registered US Lacrosse members.
- Failure to comply with coaching requirements.
- Not honoring the game schedule: Failure to play a game because of a lack of desire to drive the distance.

- Not honoring the game schedule: Canceling or postponing a game less than 1 week before the scheduled event (unless due to weather or field closure).
- Failure to make honoring the schedule a priority over all other lacrosse interests.
- Failure to adhere to the home team's responsibilities (confirming games and officials, safe fields with firm footing within bounds, lined fields, functional goals, cones at corners, game and penalty timer).
- Failure to create evenly balanced teams if more than one team at same level in a league.
- Withdrawing a team after the game schedule is released.

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