



Official League Rules

THE TEAM

1. All Aurora Masters players must be 22 years old or older or attain their 22nd birthday in the year they participate.
2. Maximum number of dressed players per team is 16 per game.
3. An individual can play for more than one team during the regular season or playoffs if league approved. Goalies may play for another team only if the regular goalie is injured or absent due to illness.

THE GAME AND EQUIPMENT

1. The game will be a maximum of 3 - 15 minute periods, with a 1 - minute rest between periods. Play will be straight time, except for the last 3 minutes of the 3rd period which will be stop time if the score differential is 3 goals or less. There is no overtime for regular season games. One 30 second time-out per team will be awarded per game. Each team will receive a 30 second time-out for overtime.
2. There will be a 5 -second possession rule applied. This rule is waived if the player RECEIVES THE BALL ON A BREAKAWAY WITH ONLY THE GOALTENDER TO BEAT.
3. All players, excluding the goalie, must wear the same coloured sweaters.
4. CSA APPROVED helmets with a shield/cage which covers the face and gloves are mandatory. Helmets must have ear protection and properly worn chin cups. Facial and/or dental injuries will NOT be covered by OLA insurance if unauthorized facial protection is used by a player.
5. All goaltender equipment worn above the waist (except the helmet) must be fully covered by the sweater. Sweaters must conform to the body of the goaltender (no extra material under the arms) and not to exceed past the pant inseam.
6. There will be no stick measurements, only box regulation sticks allowed.
7. The end of the stick's shaft must be covered with a plastic or tape knob.
8. Any equipment considered dangerous by the referee will be removed immediately.
9. Any team who fails to field a minimum number of players from their official team roster (5 runners and 1 goalie) will forfeit the scheduled game. The other team will receive a 5 – 0 win.

Any team who forfeits their game will be fined \$75. This fine must be paid before the next scheduled game or another forfeit along with another fine will be applied. Teams will not play until all fines have been paid in full.

REGULAR SEASON & PLAYOFFS

The 13 week season will comprise of 2 weeks of exhibition play, 5 weeks regular season, 5 weeks of play-off rounds and the final championship games. The aggregate total of points from the regular season and play-off rounds will determine the championship pairings for the final week.



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SCORING SYSTEM

- i. Points will be awarded for only a win or tie.
- ii. Two (2) points shall be awarded for a win.
- iii. One (1) for a tie.

TIE BREAKERS

1. Head to Head
2. (GF-GA)/GF Ratio
3. Fewest Penalty Minutes for the season

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

1. Championship games are as follows: Gold Championship: #1 vs. #2, Silver Championship: #3 vs. #4, and Bronze Championship: #5 vs. #6.

All Championship Games tied at the end of regular time will be resolved with 5 Minute Sudden Death Overtime Periods.

PENALTIES AND VIOLATIONS

1. The first player to a loose ball along the boards is awarded possession.
2. The ball carrier may not run past more than ONE player when ADVANCING TOWARDS THE NET in the offensive zone. A loss of possession will result if this infraction is called by the official.
3. Over and back will be called when the short handed team proceeds pass the offensive line and allows the ball to cross the back over the offensive line without making contact with a defensive player or the goal post. A change of possession at centre will result.
4. No team may use a ZONE DEFENSE when teams are at even strength. Any ZONE defence will result in a bench minor penalty to the defensive team.
5. Possession of the ball will be awarded to the opponent of the team who was last to touch the ball before it went out of bounds. The only exception to this rule is if the ball strikes the goalie's head before leaving the playing surface. Play will be stopped when the ball strikes the goalie in the head. Possession will be given to the goalie when play resumes.
6. Team in possession retains possession for restart after stoppage for ANY injury. The shot clock will start from the point of the stoppage.



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7. Face-offs: Only the players facing off may be within the restraining lines before the ball leaves the face-off circle, or is in possession of a player.
8. Face-off players may not kick, hit, hold, or step on the stick of an opponent. Non-face-off players may reach into the restraining zone for the ball, but must not hit the stick of either face-off player. Any infraction will result in the non-offending team having possession at the centre.
9. Face-offs: Only the head of the stick may be used to move the ball from the 2' circle. No other part of the stick or body may be used to move the ball from the circle. Using the shaft of the stick on the other player's body or stick is called a Spike and is subject to a game suspension.
10. Face-offs: Players can not make any contact (body or stick) with the other player in the circle.
11. Face-offs: A player can not trap the ball and hold it within the face-off circle. A player may cover the ball as he pulls it from the circle. If this motion is stopped before the ball leaves the circle that person will lose possession.
12. Face-offs: If the ball becomes trapped in the player's stick during play, the referee will blow the play down and give possession to the other team at the point of the infraction.
13. After a penalty is assessed to a player, play shall resume with the non-offending team having possession at centre.
14. The team has 30 seconds to place a shot on the opposing goal. Otherwise, change of possession will occur were time expired. The shot clock will be reset when a shot which hits the goalpost or goalie, or if the defending team gains possession of the ball.
15. A shot at the net can originate from anywhere on the playing surface except from behind the offensive goal line. A dangerous shot penalty will be administered if a shot from behind the offensive goal line hits anyone including the goalie.
16. Any player hitting any other player or official with the ball while shooting at the goal will be assessed two - 2 minute minor non-releasable penalties. The penalized team remains short handed for the duration of four minutes unless two goals have been scored. NOTE: It is not a penalty if the defensive player is hit while in the crease or if the defensive player makes a deliberate move to stop the shot and is hit with the ball.
17. In the event of a follow-through penalty on a shot, the player will incur a two minute minor penalty and any goal scored on that shot WILL NOT count.
18. There is absolutely NO DELIBERATE STICK OR BODY CONTACT.
 - i) NO Offensive or Defensive Picks.
 - ii) NO defensive player moving their stick to strike an opponent's stick.
 - iii) NO defensive player bumping an opponent on the way to the net or pushing them with their hands. (With defensive player hands on or off the stick)
 - iv) NO offensive player running recklessly into a stationary defender resulting in heavy contact.

THESE ARE EXAMPLES ONLY, NOT ALL INCLUSIVE. ANY DELIBERATE CONTACT OR DANGEROUS BEHAVIOUR FROM ANYWHERE ON THE FLOOR WILL BE PENALIZED AS A MATCH PENALTY.



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19. An unsportsmanlike penalty will be assessed to any player who deliberately holds his stick in the face of his opponent.
20. Any unsportsmanlike penalty will result in a penalty shot and a 4 minute minor penalty. If the team scores on the penalty shot then the offending team plays at full strength while the offending player sits in the box for the duration of the 4 minute penalty and will be released during the next dead ball. If the team does not score during the penalty shot, then the offending team will be short until the penalty expires or a goal is scored against them. The offending player officially has two penalties towards the three penalty expulsion rule. If no goal is scored on the penalty shot, play will restart with possession to the non-offending team at centre. **ANY FOUL LANGUAGE WILL BE DEEMED AS UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOUR!**
21. No team will be more than two players short as a result of penalties. Any subsequent penalties shall result in that player sitting in the box until one of the previous penalties has expired or been released due to a goal. The referee will immediately stop play when another infraction occurs if a team already has a delayed penalty. Play will restart with possession to the non-offending team at centre.
22. Any penalties on the ball carrier during a breakaway shall result in a penalty shot. If no goal is scored, play will restart with possession to the non-offending team at centre.
23. Any player receiving 3 penalties in the game will be expelled from the balance of the game. If the third penalty occurs after the end of the game, the player will miss the next scheduled game.
24. If the offensive team is caught with too many players on a fast break, the play will be stopped and play restarted with possession to the non-offending team at centre. If the defensive team is caught with too many players this will result in a minor penalty.
25. Only the captain or one of the two assistant captains may discuss a call with any official. Any team member other than one of these representatives who argues or questions a call will receive an unsportsmanlike penalty. The second incidence in that game for same player will result in a game misconduct including another unsportsmanlike penalty.
26. Any player receiving a major penalty will be expelled from the game PLUS the next scheduled game. If the expulsion takes place in the last game of the season, the suspension carries over to the next scheduled game. The non-offending team will be awarded two penalty shots.
27. Any player receiving a match or gross penalty will be immediately suspended until the incident is reviewed by the Aurora Masters Lacrosse League Executive along with a disciplinary committee. The non-offending team will be awarded two penalty shots.
28. Any player penalized for fighting and deemed to be the aggressor, will be expelled from the Aurora Masters Lacrosse League.