



KW Minor Lacrosse Association
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March 28, 2021

Dear KWMLA Families,

Thank you for the over whelming success of our Back-to-Basics program for the month of March. We hope all participants were as excited and enjoyed the time on the floor as much as we did operating it. **Do not believe all your read or may see on social media regarding OLA sanctioned clubs.** Contrary to what may be being portrayed in the community **KWMLA is very much working towards a minor lacrosse for the 2021 season.**

KWMLA is pleased to announce that we are opening registration as of today, March 28th, 2021. Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, we have modified our program from previous years. We will be offering a safe, fun, challenging, high-quality program that is responsive to the ever-changing health measures and restrictions we will face this upcoming season.

While adhering to the provincial and local public health authorities, the City of Kitchener and Waterloo facilities management plan, and the Ontario Lacrosse Association's RETURN TO ACTIVITY guidelines, we have developed a program to get our kids back to playing lacrosse from April to August.

Recently, the Ontario Lacrosse Association released their RETURN TO ACTIVITY guidelines that will govern box lacrosse in Ontario this summer. Check it out by clicking on the following link: <https://ontariolacrosse.com/administration/covid-19>

After observing how various hockey associations navigated through their winter season, KWMLA Board of Directors worked to use best practices to safely design a program that gets our players back doing what they love. As well, the program's design and implementation must be nimble enough to pivot between colours in the Ontario COVID-19 response framework.

KWMLA will offer two streams for box lacrosse play this upcoming season: a recreational or house-league stream for players who want to play in a fun, fitness-focused, and skill development program, and an intense or competitive stream for players who want to continue their lacrosse development to be the best they can be.

Tryouts are not possible this year. Therefore, those players who are looking for a higher intensity season, will be grouped using their previous years playing experience. For players who do not have competitive experience, but are interested in participating in a higher intensity, more competitive program, KWMLA will try our best to accommodate your request. Understand that if we are unable to accommodate this request your child will be offered a spot in our recreational stream.

At U7 (formerly paperweight), all players will register in our recreational stream. At the conclusion of this program, any U7 players interested in continuing play in a higher intensity program can register for



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competitive play through July into early August. More details will follow for U7 competitive teams as the recreational season progresses.

Here are the program objectives:

Recreational (House-League) and Rep (Competitive) Program Objectives

- Lacrosse skill development appropriate for age and ability
- Skill is not just scooping, cradling, catching, passing, shooting. Skill also includes teaching rules, positioning, offensive plays, footwork, etc.
- Combination of practice and scrimmage options (3v3, 4v4, and 5v5), following modified rules
- Challenging – based on age and ability
- Physical Activity
- Mental Wellness
- Full and open communications with parents and guardians
- Flexible format to be communicated given pandemic impact on operations

Here is a breakdown of the programs we can offer:

Boys and Girls Recreational (House-League) Framework

- April 19 to June 27
- Aim for 2 X 1 hour sessions per week
- Interlock with other zone associations is a possibility depending upon numbers
- Players will be assigned to teams based on ability/experience Evaluations may occur.
- Up to 24 players per team, including 2 goalies (if possible)
- If we fall to or stay in red – control in the COVID framework, we pivot by splitting the team into smaller teams, floor time would be reduced to 1 session per week. Efforts will be made to secure an extra hour every two weeks for each team
- Regular registration covers cost of season
- No movement of players between teams; any requests for friends to play together will be consider but based upon availability and experience
- Scores not to be kept in scrimmages; emphasis on coaches to balance teams when scrimmaging



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Boys and Girls Rep (Competitive) Framework

- April to approx. beginning of August
- Aim for 2 X 1-hour sessions per week
- Evaluations will take place, players assigned to teams based on 2019 season and evaluation results, to fill cohort previous coaches can provide feedback
- We will do our best to accommodate players without competitive experience, should the family think this stream is the best fit for their child
- Up to 24 players per team, including 2 goalies (if possible)
- If we fall to or stay in red – control in the COVID framework, we pivot by splitting the team into 2 smaller teams, floor time may be reduced to 1 hr session per week, efforts will be made to secure an extra 1 hour session every week
- Intense (competitive) teams may require outdoor sessions
- An extra team fee is required to cover additional floor time for practice/scrimmage and potentially referees/timekeepers. The team fee will cover these costs to run the team after our house league season ends. Typically, from July 1 to early August
- Estimated team fees would be in the ballpark of \$200 and up
- Interlock with another associations is the plan. KWMLA is working with other local associations if ‘best scenario’ works out, there may not be game play outside of KWMLA association for all competitive teams – that’s just the way it is, some things are not possible in 2021

Paperweight Framework

- Max players per session, with 3 to 4 coaches depending upon Control colour
- If we fall to red – control in the COVID framework, weekly session may need to shift floor time.
- 45-minute sessions

Health and Security Protocols

- KWMLA and all members must follow all the health protocols mandated by the Ontario Government, Region of Waterloo Public Health, the Ontario Lacrosse Association, and the City of Kitchener and Waterloo.



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- Players/coaches/volunteers will be required to submit to a wellness questionnaire prior to entering the facility before each session.
- Should the KWMLA receive a notification from Region of Waterloo on a positive test from one of our members, Public Health protocols and recommendations will be followed, the entire playing group may be shut down for the time recommended by Region of Waterloo Public Health
- If sessions are cancelled by our City partners, we will inform people of any refund based on our financial obligations.
- All KWMLA coaches \ managers \ trainers \ volunteers will wear a mask when not on the floor or field at an official KWMLA sanctioned practice \ scrimmage \ game.

REGISTRATION INFO

Please follow the following steps (all must be completed)

Please register at Sportzsoft [here](#) Choose 2021 TRY Lacrosse

Please complete google form and pick the program below you are interested in and click on the registration link [here](#)

Send Payment via etransfer to etrasfer@kwminorlacrosse.com

Covid 19 Waiver Form link [here](#)

The KWMLA website has been updated with registration information.

Official Sportzsoft Registration will close by mid-April and must be completed before the participant steps on the floor.

Refund Policy – updated for KWMLA Box Lacrosse Program 2021

NOTE: We have modified our refund policy should a child withdraw. Additionally, if the program is shut down by the Province, Region of Waterloo Public Health, or the City of Kitchener or Waterloo for health reasons, please understand that KWMLA is still obligated to fulfill contractual obligations. If the program is unable to return, and after we have met our financial obligations, KWMLA will explore refunds to our membership.

Requests to withdraw and receive a registration refund will be subject to a \$30 administration fee (used to cover the costs KWMLA incurred to register the participant with the OLA). All registration refund requests need to be made prior to the season beginning. Once the season starts, refunds will only be issued in special circumstances, as determined by the KWMLA Board of Directors. If a refund is required please email president@kwminorlacrosse.com or treasurer@kwminorlacrosse.com.



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Note: we will work as quickly as we can to process your refund, but this can take up to 21 days

2021 Registration Fee Structure

KWMLA operational costs have significantly increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however KWMLA prioritizes increasing participation in our sport. To this end we have made every effort to minimize the cost to families.

The price you see reflected in the table below is for **new registrations only (anyone who is paying registration fees this year)**.

If you have a \$25 credit carried over from your 2020 registration fee with the KWMLA, we will apply this credit to you fees.

AGE DIVISION	Cost	FREQUENCY per week
U7 (Paperweight)	\$100.00	1 session per week (45 min)
U9 (Tyke)	\$250.00	2 sessions per week
U11 (Novice)	\$250.00	2 sessions per week
U13 (Peewee)	\$250.00	2 sessions per week
U15 (Bantam)	\$250.00	2 sessions per week
U17 (Midget)	\$250.00	2 sessions per week
U22 (Intermediate) (depending upon numbers)	\$250.00	2 session per week

Payment Options

- All payments must be made via e transfer to etransfer@kwminorlacrosse.com
- Registration is not completed until payment and Wavier form has been completed

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kevin Schmitt President at president@kwminorlacrosse.com

Sincerely,

Kevin Schmitt

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President