

RANGERS LACROSSE CLUB

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1- ORGANIZATIONAL NAME

This organization shall be known as the Rangers Lacrosse Club, hereinafter referred to as "the Organization"

ARTICLE II- PURPOSE

Vista Ridge Rangers Lacrosse Mission Statement

To grow and support a competitive Varsity Lacrosse team which strives to win at the state level, and a developmental Junior Varsity Lacrosse team which focuses on individual and team skills improvement, and grow the sport of Lacrosse in the Vista Ridge area. Through development of our own Lacrosse feeder program, quality coaching and training, an emphasis on player participation and sportsmanship, and active parent involvement, we will build a premier Texas high school and feeder Lacrosse program.

The Purpose of the Organization shall be to:

1. Organize, support and promote a Men's Lacrosse Club for the students and athletes of Vista Ridge High School in Cedar Park, Texas, hereafter referred to as "the High School Team," as part of the Texas High School Lacrosse League,
2. Organize, support and promote a Youth Lacrosse Club for the students and athletes of any Middle School or Elementary schools that feed into Vista Ridge High School, hereafter referred to as "the Feeder Program" as part of the Central Texas Youth Lacrosse Association.
3. To provide monetary means to fund such teams (High School, Middle School and Youth) through annual dues, team fundraising events, donations by sponsors, and by any other means as deemed necessary and appropriate in order to fund team expenses such as, but not limited to: team equipment, uniforms, officiating costs, field costs, coaching stipends, tournament fees, and other expenses required for the functioning of the team.
4. Support the Coaching staff as they build team skills, develop leadership abilities, and promote good sportsmanship and citizenship in our students/athletes.

5. Increase the visibility of Lacrosse as a sport and facilitate communications between the Organization, the Coach, parents and players, Vista Ridge High School, all feeder schools to Vista Ridge High School, and the Leander ISD.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership to the Organization shall be open to all players and parents/guardians of students at Vista Ridge High School, Artie Henry Middle School and any other schools that feed to Vista Ridge High School or others interested in supporting the team.
2. Membership dues to the Organization will be determined by the Board based on the approved budget no later than September 30th of each year. When a member's dues are paid in full (or according to agreed installments), and all the registration paperwork is completed and turned in, the player and his parents/guardians become members in good standing. Membership dues will cover the current school year. In order to prevent financial constraints from keeping an interested player from joining, the Team's membership chairperson, treasurer, registrar, or appointed board member, will work out payment plans or bring scholarship candidates to the board for consideration. A limited number of full and/or partial scholarships will be awarded each year by the Board.
3. Members registering and paying dues for the High School team that choose to leave the club during the school year will be entitled to a refund of dues as follows:
 - A. Players who withdraw for any reason prior to Jan 14, full refund.
 - B. Players who withdraw for any reason after January 15th but before the 1st game of the season, will receive a 50% refund of dues.
 - C. After February 1st and the start of games, refunds for medical conditions preventing play will be considered. A doctor's note must accompany the request given to the board.
4. Players will be required to meet eligibility requirements set by Leander ISD, THSLL or CTYLL (depending on grade), sign and adhere to a Code of Conduct agreement and execute a Liability Waiver. Parents and coaches will also be subject to LISD Code of Conduct.
5. The payment of dues does not guarantee all players will get equal playing time.
6. The Board may remove a member from the Organization for such good cause as but not limited to Violation of the Code of Conduct. In certain circumstances a written warning may be issued before instead of removal, with any further violation resulting in removal.

ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

The organization will have a Board of Directors consisting of at least five voting Executive officers. The Executive officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President — Youth Teams (feeder program). In addition, the Executive officers can appoint, by a majority vote, additional voting Directors for responsibilities such as fundraising, Communications, Field Operations and any other position deemed necessary by a majority of the Board. The Board can also form various committees as deemed appropriate to support the work of the Board and the needs of the Team.

1. EXECUTIVE OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES:

President - The President shall preside over all business meetings of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall represent the Organization as necessary. The President shall have the authority to write and negotiate checks in the absence of the Treasurer. The president shall work with the Coach to ensure coordination between the school calendar, events and game/practice schedules. The president will ensure to the best of their ability that the Organization and Teams needs are being met.

Vice President - Varsity Program: The Vice President of Varsity Program will assist the President in helping to execute those duties mentioned above and any other duties assigned by the President of the Organization. In the absence of the President, the Vice President of the Varsity Program will assume the responsibilities of the President. The Vice President of Varsity Program will also be responsible for overseeing field operations at all Varsity and Junior Varsity teams home games.

Vice President - Feeder Program: The Vice President of Feeder Program will assist the President in helping to execute those duties mentioned above and any other duties assigned by the President of the Organization. In the absence of the Vice President of the Varsity Program, the Vice President of Feeder Program will assume the responsibilities of the Vice President of Varsity Program. The Vice President of Feeder Program will also be responsible for overseeing field operations at all Feeder team home games.

Secretary - The Secretary shall keep a record of all Board or Directors Meetings, and circulate minutes wherever possible. The Secretary shall coordinate player registration and maintain a database of player information. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the Board Calendar. The Secretary shall be responsible for communications between the Board and the Members (players and parents).

Treasurer - The Treasurer shall keep records of all funds of the Team including: receipts, budgets, invoices, and paid receipts; and make disbursements as authorized by the Board. The Treasurer will present a financial statement when requested, maintain records of registration fee payments, and the moneybox for events as needed. The Treasurer will also respond to member requests for review of books, records and financial statements.

2. DIRECTORS TERMS AND VACANIES

1. All Executive officers and other Directors shall serve for a term of one year. The term of office shall be from June 1 to May 31.
2. It is the goal of the Organization to have Directors that are parents/guardians of players' at all different grade levels in order to ensure the smooth transition of responsibilities as families leave the Team and to promote the long term-interests of the Organization. There must be Directors representing a minimum of two different High School grade levels and one Youth Team (feeder program) parent on the Board at all times.

3. Vacancies occurring in an elected office shall be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, or appointed by the President.
4. In the event the office of President shall become vacant, the Vice President shall serve the remainder of the term, or until a replacement is found.
5. Executive Officers and Directors shall not serve on the Board more than 2 years in the same position and no more than 5 years total in multiple positions.
6. Any Director can be removed from the Board with a majority vote of Directors or by petition of a majority of the Members.

ARTICLE V - BUDGET AND FINANCES

1. The fiscal year of the organization shall be from June 1st to May 31th.
2. The budget shall be developed by the Treasurer in consultation with the President. The Board of directors must approve the budget by a majority vote no later than August 31. The budget of the Organization shall be made available to Members at the time of registration, at the mandatory season kick-off meeting and upon written request to the Treasurer or President.
3. The Board of Directors may authorize expenditures of funds outside the scope of the budget when it's deemed in the best interest of the team. Board approval is required for any unbudgeted expenditure over \$200.
4. The President, Treasurer and one other Director shall have signature authority on all Organization bank accounts. Any disbursement over \$1,000 shall be approved by the President in advance of expending the funds.
5. All receipts and disbursements shall be documented with receipts and maintained on file by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall maintain the books of the Organization on Quicken or a similar program and update the books at least monthly including reconciliation of the bank account. From September — May the Treasurer shall give a financial report to the Board monthly. By June 30 the Treasurer shall present to the Board the complete financial results of the Organization for the entire fiscal year.

ARTICLE VI - COACHING

1. The Board is responsible for interviewing, hiring and terminating the coaching staff as well as determining coaching stipend amounts.
2. The Coaching staff will be expected to adhere to the LISD Code of Conduct at all times and LISD background check.
3. The Coaching staff will not have a position or a vote on the Board. However, the Board will consult and collaborate with the Coaching staff when making decisions as much as possible.
4. The Board desires that issues between players and coaches or parents and coaches be resolved by the parties directly. However, if necessary, the Board will act as an intermediary and will take the actions it deems necessary to resolve the dispute.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

1. The Board will meet as needed, generally monthly, although more frequent meetings may be necessary at certain times and less frequent meetings at other times. The date, time and location of the next Board meeting will be posted on the Team website at least 7 days in advance. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings. In certain situations a private Board meeting may be necessary to handle individual disputes or issues of a confidential nature. The executive Board may vote via email.
2. Emergency Board Meetings may be called by two or more Directors.
3. Decisions will be made based on the will of the majority of Directors at any meeting as long as a quorum is present. A quorum will be considered to be greater than half (50%) of the Directors.
4. The Organization will hold a mandatory season kick-off meeting. Players and parents are required to attend. The Organization will hold one meeting in the early fall and another in the early January to ensure everyone is able to attend. The meeting will cover topics such as: introductions of Directors and Coaches, registration information, expectations of Members and players, Code of Conduct, grievance process, grade eligibility, practice schedule and game schedule if available, overview of the budget, financial requirements of Members, volunteer requirements and any other topic the Board deems appropriate.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended after a two-two thirds (2-3) vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

In the event of formal dissolution, the net assets of the Organization shall be distributed evenly to The Texas High School Lacrosse League and Central Texas Youth Lacrosse Association.