

**ARTICLES OF THE GLOUCESTER LACROSSE ASSOCIATION****ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND AFFILIATION**

This corporation shall be known as the Gloucester Lacrosse Association (hereafter known as the GLA) and is a member of the Ontario Lacrosse Association (hereafter known as the OLA).

**ARTICLE 2 - NUMBER OF DIRECTORS**

1. The Corporation shall have 10 directors.

**ARTICLE 3 - OBJECTIVES/PURPOSE**

1. General House League Program
  - a. To foster, encourage and improve all organized amateur lacrosse within the area under its jurisdiction.
  - b. To provide fun, recreation and healthful enjoyment through activities, development instruction and competition for all that desire to participate in lacrosse.
  - c. To teach and foster fair play and sportsmanship and within that context, to develop the lacrosse skills of the children and youth in its charge.
  - d. To provide access to organized lacrosse to players who require financial assistance or help to obtain equipment or transportation as necessary to participate.
  - e. To have and exercise a general care, supervision and direction over players, team officials and executives of the GLA with emphasis on the enhancement of good character and citizenship.
2. Competitive Program
  - a. To organize and operate a high-level Competitive program intended to offer an interactive lacrosse program and to improve the general lacrosse skills and knowledge of selected players within the Organization, at any levels where the participation is deemed to warrant it by the GLA Board of Directors.
  - b. To develop players to a level where they may be eligible to represent the GLA regionally, provincially and nationally.
  - c. To undertake to provide appropriately qualified instruction and administration for the Competitive Program as determined by the responsible Director within the Board
3. General
  - a. To provide any such other complimentary purposes not inconsistent with those objectives.

**ARTICLE 4 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

- (a) The Corporation shall have three (3) classes of members, namely, Playing Members, Adult Members, and Honorary Lifetime Members, as follows:
- i. Playing Members shall be all individuals who have been properly registered to participate in the activities of the Corporation. Playing Members who are eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend all meetings of the members of the Corporation and shall have one (1) vote at each such meeting. Playing Members under the age of eighteen (18) shall not be entitled to vote.
  - ii. Adult Members shall consist of: (a) The parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a fully paid and registered player in any of the Corporation's lacrosse programs. Each parent or legal guardian of a registered player shall be entitled to one (1) vote at meetings of the members of the Corporation. (b) Non-parent volunteers, as determined and approved by the Board of Directors, who support the activities and objectives of the Corporation. Non-parent volunteers shall be entitled to one (1) vote at meetings of the members of the Corporation.
  - iii. Honorary Lifetime Members: shall be non-playing members who have rendered extraordinary and distinguished service to the Corporation. Honorary Lifetime Members shall be entitled to receive notice of and to attend all meetings of the members of the Corporation but shall have no voting rights. Eligibility for Honorary Lifetime Membership shall be determined as set out in the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- (b) Membership in the Corporation is not transferable and automatically terminates if the Member ceases to meet the qualifications for membership as set out in the By-Laws, dies, resigns, or is otherwise removed in accordance with the By-Laws and the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 (ONCA). Upon termination, all rights of the Member, including voting rights, shall cease immediately.
- (c) No director or officer of the Corporation shall receive remuneration for their services as a director or officer. Directors and officers may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while conducting the affairs of the Corporation, as approved by the Board of Directors.
- (d) The Corporation shall not discriminate in its operations, programming, hiring, membership, or activities on the basis of race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other status protected by the Ontario Human Rights Code or applicable human rights legislation.
- (e) Upon dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, all its remaining assets, after payment of liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more qualified donees within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada), as determined by a resolution of the members at the time of dissolution.

Adopted at a Special Members meeting on December 23, 2024.

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Signing Officer: Jeff Hartley, GLA President