

BYLAWS OF THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE LACROSSE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this association shall be the NEW HAMPSHIRE LACROSSE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

The Purpose of the Association shall be:

1. To unite the members of the association including active high school and prep school officials.
2. To help develop among the members a thorough understanding of the official rules of the game and to encourage every official to enforce these rules in spirit as well as in the letter.
3. To surround the game of lacrosse with proper safeguards: to aid and assist with the spirit of sportsmanship, honest and fair play, and to foster a cooperative atmosphere between the official, principal, coach, player, and athletic director.
4. To cooperate with other organizations officially connected with the game of lacrosse in furthering its interests and ideals.
5. To generate interest in potential candidates to ensure future growth in the association through trained and capable officials.

ARTICLE III

Members

1. Any persons 18 years of age or older who are physically and mentally fit and who are interested in the objectives of the Association and in the development of the game of lacrosse and lacrosse officiating are eligible for membership and may become active members by giving satisfactory proof to the Executive Committee of their qualifications.
2. Membership levels in this Association shall be probationary, active, associate, life time and honorary.
3. Applicants for Active Membership must file with the Secretary/ Treasurer an application accompanied by the application fee. All persons must pass a written examination on the rules of lacrosse and a field test. Qualified applicants shall remain on probation for a period of one year. At or within two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee shall review the record of each candidate and decide whether the candidate shall be accepted into active membership or continue on probation.
4. Transfers. Upon approval of the Executive Committee, an active member of a like association may be accepted into membership in this Association for the balance of the season as a Probationary Member. At or within two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee shall review the record of each candidate and decide whether the candidate shall be accepted into active membership or continue on probation.
5. Probationary. A person who has not completed their first year and has not been approved as an active member by the Executive Committee.
6. All active members shall be required to attend two of four meetings of the Association during the lacrosse season. Failure to attend the required number of meetings may result in suspension from the Association subject to the action of the Executive Committee

7. Associate Member. May consist of those persons officially connected with the game of lacrosse and those interested in becoming lacrosse officials. Applicants for Associate Membership must be approved by the Executive Committee. These members shall pay dues as established by the Executive Committee but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office.

8. Honorary Membership. Any member of this association who ceases to be an active (works no more than 3 games per season) , providing the member has been in good standing for a period of at least five years or any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Association or to the game of lacrosse, may when nominated by the Executive Committee and voted by a majority of the members of the Association, become an honorary, non-contributing, non-voting member of the Association.

9. Life Membership. Any member of the Association who ceases to be an active official (works no more than 3 games per season), providing that the member has been in good standing for a period of at least fifteen years, or has held the office of Chairman, shall, when nominated by the Executive Committee and voted by a majority of the members of the Association, become a non-contributing, non-voting, member of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

1. The officers of this Association shall be: Chairman, Assistant Chairman, Supervisor of Officials, Secretary/Treasurer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer immediate Past Chairman and three members at large. These members shall constitute the Executive Committee.

2. Every two years the Chairman shall solicit nominations for officers. Officers shall be elected by a majority of the members present and voting at a meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. These Officers shall take office after the Annual Meeting and shall hold office for a period of two years or until such time as their successors

are elected. If at any time an office becomes vacant, the remaining members on the Executive Committee shall elect a member to complete the unexpired term. All elections shall be by majority vote of those present and voting.

3. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. The Chairman shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The Chairman shall appoint a rules interpreter and mechanics supervisor. The Chairman may appoint a parliamentarian who shall advise the Chairman.

4. The Assistant Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

5. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. He/she shall attend to all correspondence of the Association and shall maintain a complete roster of members with full addresses, phone numbers and emails. The Secretary/Treasurer shall perform such other duties as may be delegated from time to time by the Executive Committee. In addition, he/she shall be custodian of the funds of the Association and shall be prepared to present a statement of receipts and expenditures at each meeting. The expenses incurred by members of the Executive Committee (or members the Association approved by the Executive Committee) in conducting the business of the Association shall be paid from the funds of the treasury. All disbursements shall be made by the Secretary/Treasurer.

6. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be compensated in the amount to be determined at a meeting prior to or at the Annual meeting. If no action is taken, the current level of compensation shall prevail for the next season or until action is taken.

7. The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer shall assume the responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer. The Assistant Secretary/Treasurer shall conduct an annual audit of the funds of the Association and report their findings to the Association.

8. The Supervisor of Officials shall maintain, and use in determining assignments, a record of open and closed dates to all active members as well as their qualifications

to actively officiate. He will assign active officials to individual schools, conferences and leagues. Each season, The Supervisor of Officials will endeavor to ensure that each member with three or fewer years of experience will work at least one game with a veteran member of the Association. He shall notify all officials and school officials of assignments and duties prior to the start of the season. The Supervisor of Officials shall be compensated in an amount to be determined at a meeting prior to or at the Annual Meeting. If no action is taken, the current level of compensation shall prevail for the next season or until action is taken.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

1. The Annual Meeting of the Association shall be held at the call of the Executive Committee, prior to April 1 of each year.
2. Regular meetings shall be held during the lacrosse season as determined by the Executive Committee.
3. Special meetings shall be held as the Executive Committee or the Chairman may direct and shall be called by the Chairman when requested to do so by a written petition including at least 25 percent of the current membership to active officials.
4. A quorum shall consist of 30 percent of the active members of the Association.

ARTICLE VI

Dues and Assessments

The dues, assessments and deadline for payment of dues and assessments shall be fixed annually at a regular meeting of the Association. If no action is taken, the current level and policy regarding dues and assessments shall prevail until action is taken.

ARTICLE VII

Suspension of Members and Termination of Membership

Any member found guilty of violating the Bylaws of the Association may be censured, suspended or expelled from active membership in the following manner:

1. The report of violation shall be referred to the Executive Committee for investigation.
2. The Executive Committee, by majority vote, may censure, suspend or expel a member from the Association after having given the individual an opportunity to appear before the Executive Committee.
3. Specific actions which may lead to the above-mentioned disciplinary action include but are not limited to:
 - a. Failure to pay dues as scheduled.
 - b. Repeated inattention to Association obligations and responsibilities.
 - c. Violation of attendance requirements at scheduled meetings.
 - d. Failure to take the annual exam.
 - e. Any conduct not in the best interests of the Association or which tends to discredit the Association.

ARTICLE VIII

Standing Committees

1. The Banquet Committee shall consist of two or more members.
2. The Budget and Finances Committee shall consist of two or more members.
3. The ratings Committee shall consist of three or more members, including the Supervisor of Officials.
4. The Chairman shall appoint members of the above committees and the members of any special committees he/she wishes to create.

ARTICLE IX
Appeals

Any member of this Association who desires to appeal a decision or action shall have the right to submit in writing a Statement of Appeal to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall, in a timely manner, make the final determination regarding the action being appealed.

ARTICLE X
Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in the current edition of the Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE XI
Mail/Electronic Vote

The Association may adopt any rule of conduct or procedure, or pass any motion in conformity with these bylaws by mail or (by electronic means) in the following manner. Such a proposal shall first have the approval of the Executive Committee. Thereafter, the will of the association may be determined by mailing (or sending by electronic means) to each voting member a statement of the question and allowing a period of at least 10 days from the date of the mailing for a written or oral reply. Such a proposal shall be considered as having passed if a majority of the votes shall be in the affirmative.

ARTICLE XII
Amendments

Amendments to the bylaws may be made at a regular or special meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting provided that the proposed amendments have been submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Association at the regular or special meeting prior to that which the vote is to be taken.

ARTICLE XIII
Effective Date

These bylaws shall become effective when ratified by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at a meeting at which a quorum is present and shall remain in effect until otherwise amended through the process establishes within.