

**GUIDELINES**

**of the**

**MID-ATLANTIC WOMEN'S LACROSSE**  
**LEAGUE**

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**ARTICLE I**  
**Conference Definition and Organization**

- a) The Mid-Atlantic Women's Lacrosse League (MAWLL) is comprised of Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Organization (WCLO) institutions that comply with all WCLO constitutions and Bylaw requirements

**ARTICLE II**  
**Membership**

To gain membership into the Mid-Atlantic Women's Lacrosse League (MAWLL), a candidate must comply with all Bylaws and Guidelines and:

- a) Complete a WCLO Team Application, WCLO Roster Verification Form, pay WCLO membership dues
- b) Pay MAWLL membership dues, which are to be handed in by November 1<sup>st</sup>
- c) Attend the mandatory Annual League Meeting in the fall
- d) Not be found giving Lacrosse athletic scholarships; those who do shall not be eligible to be a member of the WCLO.

**ARTICLE III**  
**Team Representatives/League Communication**

1. Each team will have one representative that will be responsible for returning emails in a timely matter.
2. Email responses are due in seven days from the original day the email was sent. If an urgent response is needed, the League Commissioner will post the response time in the subject line of the email. If there is no response within that time, the vote will count as abstained.
3. A Division I and Division II representative must be on the Recognition Committee and the Rankings Committee. A total of 4 representatives.
4. A MAWLL Representative must be at the WCLO Annual Summer Meeting and serve as a board member for the WCLO

**ARTICLE IV**  
**Dues and Fees/Monetary Use**

1. All members of the Mid-Atlantic Women's Lacrosse League shall either pay \$800 monetary fee that is non-refundable to the WCLO if your team is considered full-time status, or a \$500 monetary fee that is non-refundable WCLO if your team is considered new status (Provisional).
2. All members of the Mid-Atlantic Women's Lacrosse League shall pay a monetary fee of \$400 that is non-refundable and will be used to operate the business of the league.
3. Below is a layout of how late fees will be assessed for each required item, (mailed items are based on postmarked dates): all are appealable



- a. November 1<sup>st</sup> : MAWLL Dues: \$50/1<sup>st</sup> month late, \$100/each month after
- b. November 1<sup>st</sup> : WCLO Application due to WCLO (online) - \$20/day
- c. March 1<sup>st</sup> : WCLO Player Verification to League Commissioner - \$20/day
- d. February 1<sup>st</sup> (or 1<sup>st</sup> game): Team Schedules to League Commissioner - \$10/day
- e. There will be a \$100 monetary fee with cancelled games that were not communicated to the League Commissioner and the opposing team. (See Article VI)

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Competition/Scheduling**

1. All WCLO Teams must play 8 games against WCLO teams
  - a. 6 games must be played against teams in your Division
  - b. 2 games may be played against a different division if wanted
2. There are no ties
3. Schedules must be completed and entered into the scheduler on the WCLO website by February 1<sup>st</sup>; or by teams first game (If before February 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - a. Must include all single games (date, opponent, and time)
  - b. Must include tournament name/place
    - i. Though opponents may not be known, please include a name slot for the tournament
  - c. Any games added after February 1<sup>st</sup>, which are not in a tournament or rescheduled due to weather, do not count towards your WCLO minimum games for Nationals
4. The MAWLL members are responsible for dictating the following guidelines for competition between member teams:
  - a) Division of competition for regular season play. This must be accomplished during the annual meeting.
  - b) Regular season scheduling match-ups within division to include assignment of Home/Away status or neutral site location for the contest. Each team will host the game against each opposing league team every other year so as to switch off who hosts each year. Individual teams are responsible for coordination with opponent team contacts to clarify specific date, time and other details concerning the playing of the contests.
  - c) Postseason playoff selection and seeding criteria
  - d) Determination of Divisional recipient of the Automatic Qualification slot to the National Championship.
5. The MAWLL members are responsible for showing up and competing at each scheduled game.
  - a. If a team cancels a game due to any other reason besides weather they will automatically be put on probation. If this team repeats the offense for a second time in a season they will have the potential to be voted out of the league at the next annual fall meeting.



## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Home Team Responsibilities**

- a) Host teams must provide water and ice at the game facility for the visiting team. The host is responsible to maintain end line balls throughout the game to avoid delays. The host must schedule and pay for officials, unless otherwise agreed upon. Playing fields, including indoor facilities, must meet WCLO specifications. Prior notice must be provided and accepted by visiting team if field is not to specifications.
- b) Due to the MAWLL region and weather instability, teams will not be penalized for cancelling games, but will be penalized for not communicating to the League Commissioner and the opposing team. There will be a \$100 monetary fee with cancelled games that were not communicated to the League Commissioner, Officials, and the opposing team.
- c) If possible, notify the assigning official and the assigned officials at least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled time of the contest.
  - a. In the event any home team fails to give proper information to the appointing authority and/or fails to appropriately notify the assigned officials of the time, location or cancellation of a game with sufficient time to avoid travel by the officials, the officials shall be paid for the contest by the home team.
  - b. In the event the problem is due to the visiting team's failure to appear and/or appropriately notify the home team, the visiting team shall be responsible for such costs in addition to any other action deemed appropriate by the MAWLL Executive Committee.
  - c. In the event that the officials do not show up for a scheduled game, the opposing team must wait 30 minutes after scheduled game time. If the officials still have not shown up it will become a forfeit for the home team if there is no agreed upon rescheduled game time.
- d. For games that are canceled or postponed due to inclement weather, as long as the officials are properly notified with sufficient time to avoid travel, there shall be no penalties.
- e. It is the responsibility of the home team to report game scores to the WCLO Website on their team page. This must be done within 12 hours following the game played.



## **ARTICLE VII**

### **League Standings**

1. League standings will be determined by win/lose record within the divisional regional games.
2. Tie breaking procedures: If one or more teams have identical regional records, the team to win the tie breaker will be determined as follows:
  - a. Overall winning percentage
  - b. Head to head
  - c. Executive Committee decision
3. The MAWLL is split in to two divisions, Division I and Division II. A team has the opportunity to petition moving to the other division. This petition must be submitted by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - a. Division I teams:
    - i. Split into conferences determined before each season based on the amount of teams that are apart of the League and geographical location
    - ii. Must play each MAWLL Division I team in your conference one time during the regular season, only first time counts towards standings if you play a team twice
    - iii. Mandated to compete against at least **8** WCLO teams. **6** must be played within Division I and two “flex” games are allowed. Can be played against a Division I or II team.
  - b. Division II teams:
    - i. Split into conferences determined before each season based on the amount of teams that are apart of the League and geographical location
    - ii. Must play each member of respected conference, first game against member counts towards regional standings if you play a team twice
    - iii. Mandated to complete against at least **8** WCLO teams. **6** must be played within Division II and two “flex” games are allowed. Can be played against a Division I or II team.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **League Championships**

The top team from each conference will be awarded a bid to the League Championship. This will be determined by the league standings and tie breaking procedures listed in Article VII, Section 2. The teams will be ranked in order by WCLO National Poll and/or Executive Committee, if not ranked.

The location of the league championship is to be decided upon by MAWLL Executive Committee. Proposals to host the tournament are due December 15<sup>th</sup> following the annual Fall meeting. The host team is required to reserve fields and provide the equipment for the championships along with having at least two people at every score table.

The winner of the League championships will receive an automatic bid to the WCLO National Tournament, if applicable.



## **ARTICLE IX**

### **Uniforms/Equipment**

Each team is responsible to have appropriate uniforms and equipment in accordance with the Official Rules for Women's Lacrosse approved, or promulgated, by the Women's Division of Lacrosse.

- a) This shall preferably include two sets of numbered game shirts with different colors. (Dark colors for away games and light colors for home games.)
- b) The teams should coordinate the choice of shirt colors with the opposing teams for each game to avoid similar color shirts for the games.
- c) In the event of a conflict, the home team shall be responsible for changing shirts to avoid the conflict or shall be responsible for providing numbered pennies or vests and wearing them.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **Player Eligibility**

1. For all WCLO contests, the MAWLL abides by the rules of WCLO; only WCLO eligible students of the member organization shall be entitled to play.
2. Below are important interpretations from the WCLO Bylaws/Guidelines:
  - a. A current NCAA student athlete has until February 15<sup>th</sup> to decide whether to continue on her NCAA career or to join her club team. If she decides by the date given to play club lacrosse, she must stop all financial aid assistance given to her for playing lacrosse at the NCAA level.
  - b. Any player who has a disability that impedes her from being a full time student, the WCLO will allow that player to participate with proper documentation.
  - c. Must be a full time student at a WCLO institution, unless in your final term for graduation.
    - i. You may also participate as a graduate student, however, you must be considered full time through your university/college and have eligibility
3. Games played with ineligible player(s) will result in a forfeit
  - a. Ineligible player(s): player not on the WCLO Roster Verification Form or a student who drops below full time status after the semester begins

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Automatic Qualification**

1. For all WCLO contests, the MAWLL abides by the rules of the NCAA and WCLO.
2. Below are important interpretations from the WCLO Bylaws/Guidelines:
  - a. Games that count towards WCLO minimums must take place between January 1<sup>st</sup> and MAWLL Regional Championship
    - i. DI requires 8 games
    - ii. DII requires 8 games



- b. A League must have at least 9 FULL members
- c. National AQ's will abide by the League's divisional alignments
  - i. If a MAWLL DII team receives an AQ to Nationals, they will go to the DII National Championship, not DI, and vice versa
- d. For an At Large opportunity to the National Tournament:
  - i. DI teams must play at least 6 DI teams – 8 WCLO games total
  - ii. DII teams must play at least 6 DII teams – 8 WCLO games total

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Meeting**

The annual meeting of the teams in the Mid-Atlantic Women's Lacrosse League shall be at a such time and place that is agreed upon by the members, if at all possible, be held in September/October of each year. The meeting is held online via ZOOM. Each team must have two representatives present at every annual fall meeting. Failure to have a representative present will result in immediate expulsion unless there is institutional reasoning.

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