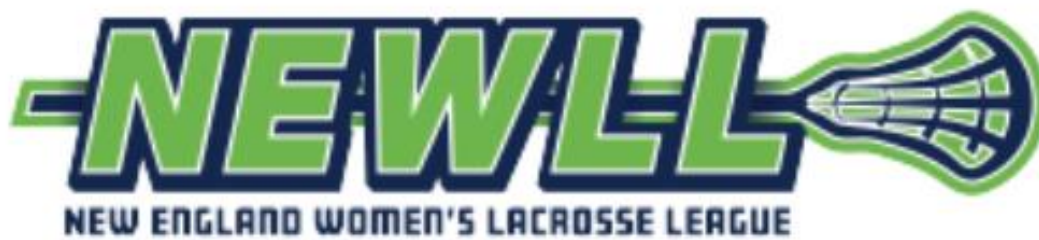


GUIDELINES

of the

New England Women's Lacrosse League



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ARTICLE I
Conference Definition and Organization

- a) The New England Women's Lacrosse League (NEWLL) is comprised of Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Organization (WCLO) institutions in the New England area that comply with all WCLO constitutions and Bylaw requirements

ARTICLE II
Membership

To gain membership into the New England Women's Lacrosse League (NEWLL), a candidate must comply with all Bylaws and Guidelines and:

- a) Pay WCLO membership dues and complete a WCLO Roster Verification Form
- b) Pay NEWLL membership dues, which are to be handed in by December 1st
- 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 President will post the response time in the subject line of the email.
- 3. NEWLL must have a representative must be on the Recognition Committee and the Rankings Committee.
- 4. A NEWLL 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 New England Women's Lacrosse League shall pay \$800 monetary fee that is non-refundable to the WCLO if your team is considered full-time status.
- 2. All returning members of the New England Women's Lacrosse League shall pay a monetary fee of \$200 that is non-refundable and will be used to operate the business of the league.
- 3. All new members in their first year in New England Women's Lacrosse League will not owe league dues for their first year in our League.
- 4. 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. There will be a \$100 monetary fee with cancelled games that were not communicated to the League President, opposing team and officials. (See Article VI)
- b. Scores must be submitted to the WCLO website within 24 hours of game completion with the exception of Sunday – game scores are due at 8pm EST. There will be a late fee of \$10 per game enforced by the WCLO. The home team is responsible for inputting the score.

ARTICLE V

Competition/Scheduling

1. All WCLO Teams must play 8 games against college club lacrosse teams in a formal league
 - a. 6 games must be played against teams in the WCLO
 - b. Remaining games can be played with WCLO or WCLA teams; games with WCLA teams should not exceed 40% of total game schedule (i.e. 10 games for the season, 6 games within WCLO, 4 against WCLA teams)
2. There are no ties
3. Schedules must be completed and entered into the scheduler on the WCLO website by February 1st
 - 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 1st, which are not in a tournament or rescheduled due to weather, do not count towards your WCLO minimum games for Nationals
4. The NEWLL 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. 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 NEWLL members are responsible for showing up and competing at each scheduled game. If a team cancels a game due to any other reason they risk being put on probation and unable to compete in post-season play this season.

ARTICLE VI

Home Team Responsibilities

- a) Host teams must have appropriate field conditions for play. Playing fields, including indoor facilities, must meet WCLO specifications. The host is responsible to maintain end line balls throughout the game to avoid delays.
- b) The host must schedule and pay for officials, unless otherwise agreed upon. If there is a playday at Team A's fields, but Team B and C are playing each other. Team B & C split the cost of the refs.
- c) Due to the NEWLL region and weather instability, teams will not be penalized for cancelling games, but will be penalized for not communicating to the League President and the opposing team. There will be a \$100 monetary fee with cancelled games that were not communicated to the League President, Officials, and the opposing team.
- d) 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 NEWLL 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 (excluding wins from forfeit of another team)
 - b. Head to head
 - c. Executive Committee decision
- 3. The NEWLL is split in to two sections: NEWLL North & NEWLL South

- a. NEWLL North & NEWLL South 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 at least **8** games within the NEWLL/WCLO.

ARTICLE VIII

League Championships

The top two teams from each conference will be awarded a bid to the League Championship. There will be two League Championships held. NEWLL North Championship and NEWLL South 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.

- a. The location of the league championship is to be decided upon by NEWLL Executive Committee.
- b. 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.
- c. NEWLL will pay for the referees and medical assistants.
- d. The winner of each League championships will receive an automatic bid to the WCLO National Tournament.

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 NEWLL 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 1st 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 NEWLL 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 February 1st and NEWLL League Championship
 - i. A total of 8 games is required
 - b. A League must have at least 9 FULL members
 - c. National AQ's will abide by the League's divisional alignments
 - i. NEWLL will receive **two** AQ bids to the National Tournament
 - ii. NEWLL North will receive one bid and NEWLL South will receive one bid
 - d. For an At Large opportunity to the National Tournament:
 - i. Your team must be in good standing with the League
 - ii. Your team must have completed 8 games

ARTICLE XII

Meeting

The annual meeting of the teams in the New England 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 one representative present at every annual fall meeting. Failure to have a representative present will result in possible expulsion unless there is institutional reasoning.