



# Lacrosse is an exciting game with a proud history in Canada.

Lacrosse for Life is a player development pathway that helps Canadian kids get into lacrosse, have fun, learn skills, and develop to their full potential over the long term. It's based on the best practices in sport training and coaching from around the world, and it's our way of keeping lacrosse fun and safe for kids of all ages and sizes, even while we develop the champions of tomorrow.

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### **Growing with Lacrosse**

Lacrosse for Life identifies seven basic stages for developing lacrosse players:



Active Start Young children begin basic play.



**FUNdamentals** 

Later childhood provides more structure but emphasizes FUN.



Learning to Train

Pre-teens prepare for structured training.



Training to Train Early teens

build training capacities.



Learning & Training to Compete

Older teens start training to compete for titles.



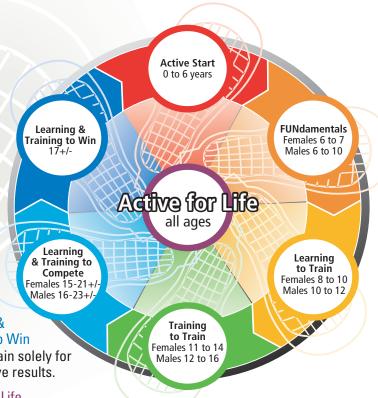
Learning & Training to Win

Players train solely for competitive results.



#### Active for Life

Players move from formal competition and focus on wellness.



### **Doing It Right**

How we behave as players, coaches and parents has a big impact on the development of our sport. Lacrosse for Life suggests we set the right example.

#### PLAYER Code of Conduct

- Honour the game.
- Play by the rules.
- Respect your opponents.
- Be a team player attend all practices and games.
- Remember that winning isn't everything have fun, improve skills, and do your best.
- Acknowledge the good play of ALL players both teammates and opponents.
- Play because you want to, not because your parents or coaches want you to.
- Show respect to all coaches, officials, players and fans.

#### **COACH Code of Conduct**

- Set a positive example in conduct and coaching.
- Put players' interests and welfare above your own.
- Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, ethnicity, colour or other traits.
- Direct coaching comments at performances, not persons.
- Make training activities suitable for player age, experience, ability and fitness level.
- · Pursue opportunities for coaching development.
- Treat opponents and officials with respect.
- Respect your players' academic needs.

#### PARENT Code of Conduct

- Remember that your child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not yours.
- Teach your child that the effort is more important than the outcome.
- Praise your child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Applaud good playing performances by both your child's team and the opponents.
- Do not force your child to participate in sports.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Respect game officials, team members, opponents and fans.
- Show appreciation for volunteers.

#### **Find Out More**

Interested in learning more about coaching or playing lacrosse? The Canadian Lacrosse Association and your Provincial Lacrosse Association can direct you to lacrosse programs and clubs near you. They can also provide you with information on upcoming courses for coaches and referees.

www.lacrosse.ca

### THE MATRIX

In recognition of the variance of talent and availability of time and resources between its member associations, the Canadian Lacrosse Association has created a matrix of options for implementation for a number of the stages in this document. The affected stages will be split up into Options L, A and X. The amount of variance differs between member associations and therefore each member association has been classified as type 1, 2 or 3.

TYPE 1 MAs: Clubs can choose to implement Option L, A or X

at each stage.

Type 1 MAs: BCLA, ALA, OLA

TYPE 2 MAs: Clubs can choose to implement Option A or X at

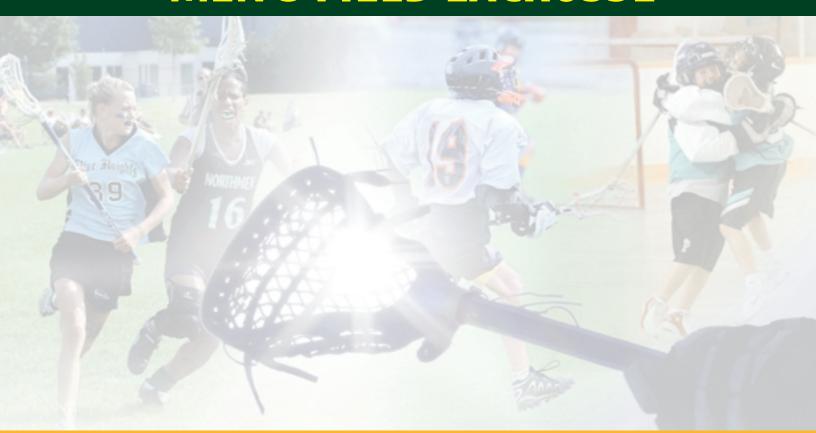
each stage.

Type 2 MAs: FCQ

**TYPE 3 MAs:** Clubs must implement Option X at each stage.

Type 3 MAs: SLA, MLA, LNB, LNS, Can-Am, ILA

# **MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE**





### MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Active Start Mini-Tyke: 6 and under

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### FUN

- · Introduce skills
- Basic rules & fair play
- · Physical activity
- Play agility games (i.e. tag)

# LEVEL SIHL SKILLS INTRODUCED AT

#### **TECHNICAL**

Offence: cradling. scooping, catching, overhand pass & shot Defence: defensive body position. lifts

#### TACTICAL

Offence: cutting, give-and-go, changing pace, running to space

#### **GOALIES**

Goalies at this stage - rotate all players



12-15 players per team

VISITORS

**SCOREBOARD** 

Differential of more

than 5 goals is not

displayed.

### NET DROP NET goals off the drop net

Modified nets Field net with drop board or 4x4 net Regulation crease



#### **EQUIPMENT**



Helmet, mask, mouthguard, jock strap, soft hall. Stick max, 36 inch. Knee, elbow & shoulder pads optional

#### **OFFICIATING**



Coaches remain on field. Referees may be introduced. Modified CLA rules.

#### **SUBS**

HOME

Equal participation 3 minute shifts

#### **SESSIONS**



10 min. warm-up, 2x20 straight time 5 min. break. cool down. Face-offs optional

#### **SUSTENANCE**



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar





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Offence: cradling, scooping, catching, overhand pass & shot Defence: defensive body position, lifts

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#### GOALIES

Goalies at this stage - rotate all players



VISITORS

#### EQUIPMENT

NET

DROP NET

goals off the drop net

Modified nets

Field net with drop

board or 4x4 net

Regulation crease



Helmet, mask, mouthguard, jock strap, soft ball. Stick max. 36 inch. Knee, elbow & shoulder pads optional

#### CONTACT



hand only

#### OFFICIATING



Coaches remain on field. Referees may be introduced. Modified CLA rules. No players sent to penalty box.

#### SUBS

No scores displayed.

Roster sheet kept for

legal purposes.

HOME



Equal participation 3 minute shifts

#### SESSIONS



skill training 2 x 15 min. games No face-offs

#### **SUSTENANCE**



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar





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- Play agility games (i.e. tag)

# SKILLS INTRODUCED AT THIS LEVEL

#### TECHNICAL

Offence: cradling, scooping, catching, overhand pass & shot Defence: defensive body position, lifts

#### TACTICAL

Offence: cutting, give-and-go, changing pace, running to space

#### GOALIES

No goalies at this stage



VISITORS

#### EQUIPMENT



Helmet, mask, mouthguard, jock strap, soft ball. Stick max. 36 inch. Knee, elbow & shoulder pads optional

# DROP NET NO goals off the drop net

NET

Modified nets
Field net with drop
board or 4x4 net
Regulation crease

#### CONTACT



hand only

### OFFICIATING



on field.
Referees may
be introduced.
Modified CLA
rules

#### SUBS

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Roster sheet kept for

legal purposes

HOME



Equal participation 3 minute shifts

#### SESSIONS



skill training 2 x 15 min. games No face-offs

#### SUSTENANCE



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar



### OPTION L

# MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 1 Tyke: 7-8

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### FUN

- · Introduce skills
- Basic rules & fair play
- · Physical activity

# SKILLS INTRODUCED AT THIS LEVEI

#### **TECHNICAL**

Offence: cradling, stick protection, scooping, catching, overhand pass & shot, face-off Defence: Defensive body position, lifts, poke check

#### **TACTICAL**

Offence: cutting, giveand-go, face-offs, changing pace, running to space

#### **GOALIES**

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots





DROP NET

goals off the drop net

board or 4x4 net

Helmet, mask, mouthguard, jock strap, soft ball (optional). Stick max. 36 inch. Knee, elbow & shoulder pads optional





Referees introduced. Modified CLA rules.





Equal participation 3 minute shifts All play goal

#### SESSIONS



10 min warm-up, 2x20 straight time, 5 min break, cool down

#### SUSTENANCE



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar

FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; equal participation; teamwork; win with dignity & lose with grace; volunteering



# MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 1 Tyke: 7-8

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### FUN

- · Introduce skills
- · Basic rules & fair play
- · Physical activity

# SKILLS INTRODUCED AT

#### **TECHNICAL**

Offence: cradling, stick protection, scooping, catching, overhand pass & shot, face-off Defence: Defensive body position, lifts, poke check

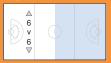
#### TACTICAL

Offence: cutting, giveand-go, face-offs, changing pace, running to space

#### GOALIES

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots

#### FIELD SIZE 1/2 field width-wise



12 to 15 players per team



board or 4x4 net





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Roster sheet kept for

#### **EQUIPMENT**



ball (optional). Stick max. 36 inch. Knee, elbow & shoulder pads optional



Penalties optional



All play goal



2x20 straight time



Water bottle, healthy

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# MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 1 Tyke: 7-8

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### FUN

- · Introduce skills
- Basic rules & fair play
- · Physical activity

# SKILLS INTRODUCED AT THIS LEVE

#### TECHNICAL

Offence: cradling, stick protection, scooping, catching, overhand pass & shot, face-off Defence: Defensive body position, lifts, poke check

#### **TACTICAL**

Offence: cutting, giveand-go, face-offs, changing pace, running to space

#### GOALIES

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots



PLAYERS PER TEAM 6 on 6, plus goalie 12 to 15 players per team

#### NET



Modified nets Field net with drop board or 4x4 net Regulation crease

#### CONTACT



Contact on botto hand only

#### SCOREBOARD



No scores displayed. Roster sheet kept for legal purposes.

#### EQUIPMENT



Helmet, mask, mouthguard, jock strap, soft ball (optional). Stick max. 36 inch. Knee, elbow & shoulder pads optional

#### OFFICIATING



Coaches manage games. Modified CLA rules. No players sent to penalty box. Coaches stop play and explain whistles.

#### SUBS



Equal participation
3 minute shifts
All play goal

#### SESSIONS



skill training
2 x 15 min.
2 x 15 min.
games
No face-offs

#### SUSTENANCE



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar

# MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - FUNdamentals 2 Novice: 9-10

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### **FUN**

- · Introduce skills
- · Basic rules & fair play
- · Physical activity
- · ABCs, emphasize speed & flexibility

#### **TECHNICAL**

Offence: Bounce shot, bull dodge. split dodge, face dodge, switching hands

#### **TACTICAL**

Offence: field positions, line changes, clears Defence: rides

#### **GOALIES**

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots

### FIELD SIZE



PLAYERS PER TEAM 16 to 18 players per team



board or 4x4 net





#### **EQUIPMENT**



(5' goalie shaft)





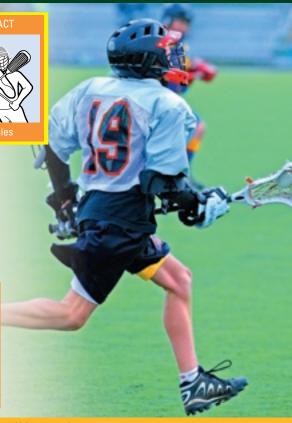
All play goal

#### **GAME SESSIONS**





Water bottle, healthy



**SKILLS INTRODUCED** 



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# LTAD OBJECTIVES

SKILLS INTRODUCED

#### FUN

- Introduce skills
- Basic rules & fair play
- Physical activity
- ABCs, emphasize speed & flexibility

#### TECHNICAL

Offence: Bounce shot, bull dodge, split dodge, face dodge, switching hands

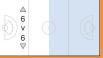
#### TACTICAL

Offence: field positions, line changes, clears Defence: rides

#### **GOALIES**

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots

#### FIELD SIZE 1/2 field width-wise



PLAYERS PER TEAM 6 on 6 (2-2-2), plus goalie, 12-15 players per team

#### NET



Modified nets Field net with drop board or 4x4 net Regulation crease

#### CONTACT



Contact on bottom hand only

#### **SCOREBOARD**



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#### **EQUIPMENT**



Regulation equipment Stick min. 34 inch Modified long poles (5' goalie shaft) soft ball (optional)

#### OFFICIATIN



on field. Referees introduced.
Modified CLA rules. Penalties optional.

#### SHRS



3 minute shifts
All play goal

#### SESSIONS

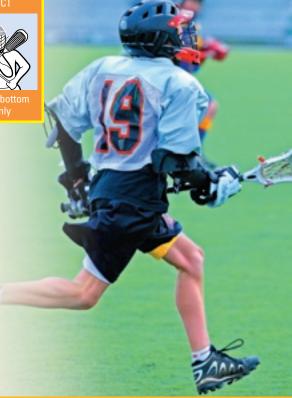


10 min warm-up, 2x20 straight time, 5 min break, cool down. Face-offs optional

#### SUSTENANCE



Water bottle, healthy snacks. No pop, chips or sugar



### MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Learning to Train Pee Wee: 11-12

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### FUN & physical activity

- Introduce competition
- Introduce mental training
- Basic rules & fair play
- ABCs, emphasize speed & flexibility

# SKILLS INTRODUCED AT THIS LEVEL

#### **TECHNICAL**

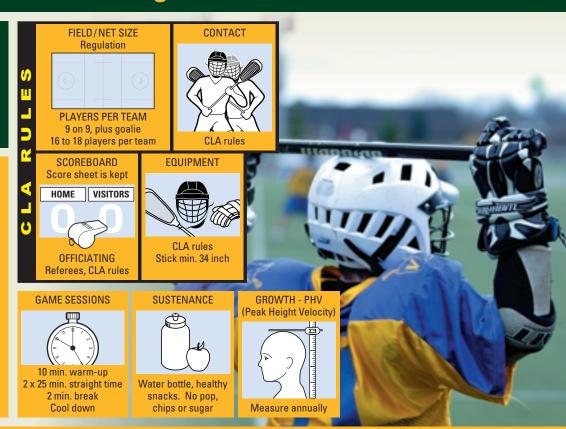
Offence: inside shooting, faking, driving from x, roll dodge, shooting on run, stick skills
Defence: mid-pointing, open field defence, slap check, defensive footwork, defensive body position, take away checks

#### **TACTICAL**

Offence: team offensive systems, picks and screens, power plays, face-offs Defence: sagging defence, man short

#### **GOALIES**

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots, communication



## MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Training to Train 1 Bantam: 13-14

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### FUN & physical activity

- Ethics & fair play
- Introduce select teams
- Begin talent identification
- ABCs, emphasize stamina & aerobic capacity

# SKILLS INTRODUCED AT THIS LEVE

#### **TECHNICAL**

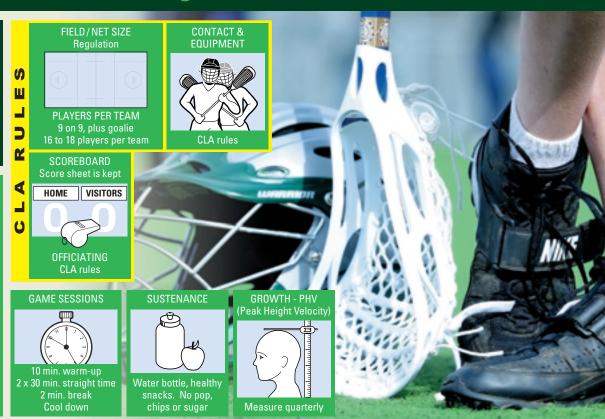
Offence: underhand shot, sidearm shot, feeding, combo dodges Defence: holds

#### **TACTICAL**

Offence: 2-1s and 3-2s, set plays
Defence: slide, defending 2-1s and 3-2s, double-teaming, team defence

#### **GOALIES**

Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots



## MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Training to Train 2 Midget: 15-16

# LTAD OBJECTIVES

#### FUN & physical activity

- · Ethics & fair play
- Specialization by position
- Offer late-entry
   APCs amphasize
- ABCs, emphasize speed & aerobic power

# THIS LEVE

**SKILLS INTRODUCED AT** 

#### **TECHNICAL**

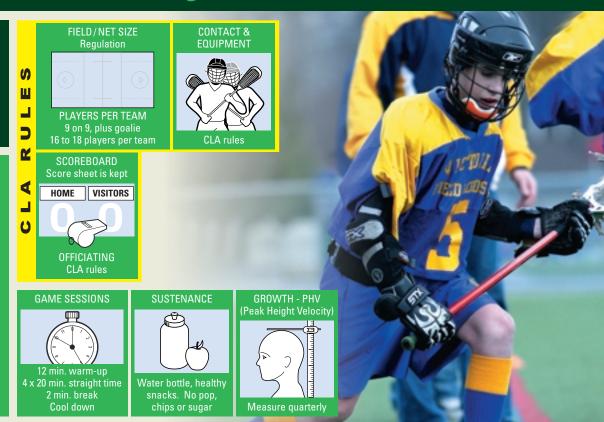
Offence: over-theshoulder pass, body positioning checks Defence: pole passing, advance checks

#### **TACTICAL**

Offence: inverts, 2-man game, situational lacrosse Defence: long stick middie

#### GOALIES

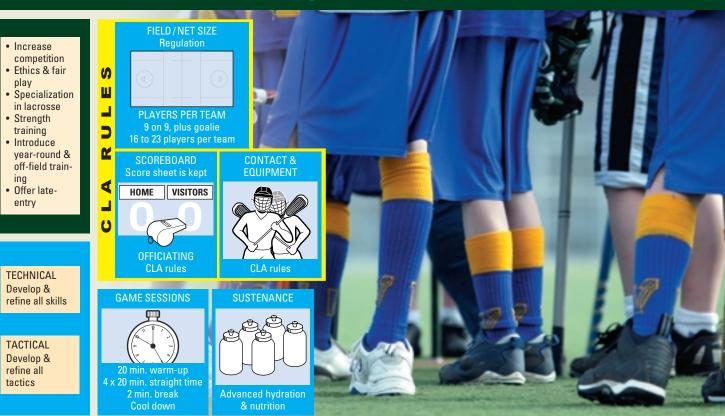
Stance, angles, passing, stopping shots, communication



LTAD OBJECTIVES

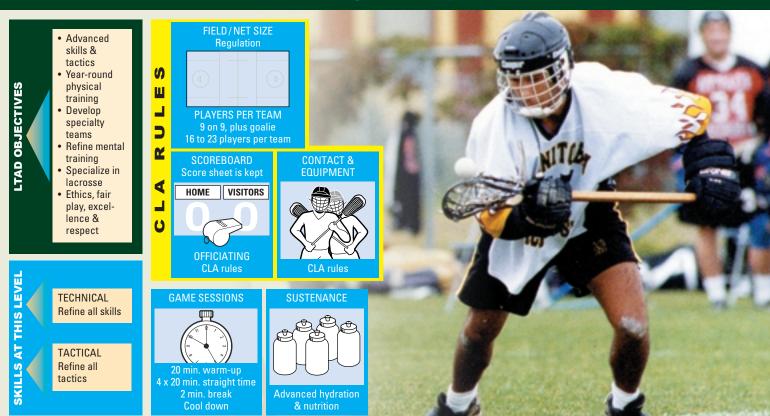
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# MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Learning to Compete Junior: 17-19



FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; win with dignity & lose with grace; personal & team goals; volunteering

# MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Training to Compete Senior: 17+

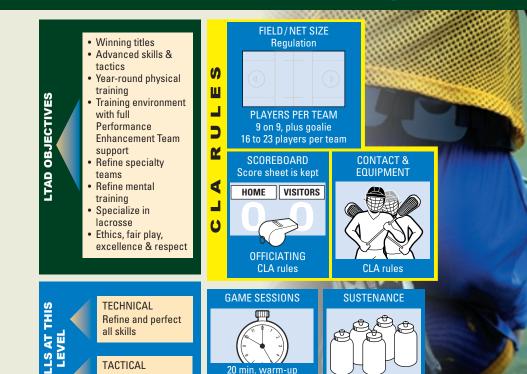


FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; win with dignity & lose with grace; personal & team goals; volunteering

Refine and perfect

all tactics

## MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Learning to Win National Team: 17-19 & Senior A: 21+



4 x 20 min. straight time

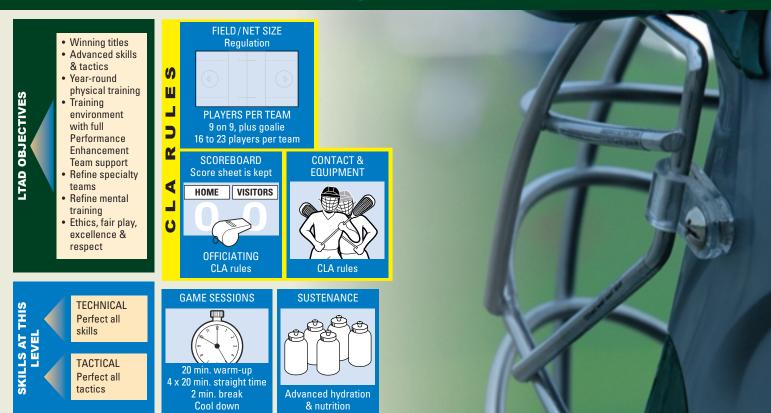
2 min. break Cool down

FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; win with dignity & lose with grace; personal & team goals; volunteering

Advanced hydration

& nutrition

## MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Training to Win National Team: 20+



FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; win with dignity & lose with grace; personal & team goals; volunteering

### MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Active for Life

#### Competitive (Senior) / Recreational (Masters)



#### Wellness and recreation

- Divisions bv skill. competition and recreation
- Giving back to lacrosse
- Fun. fairness & staying healthy



**TECHNICAL** Maintain all

**TACTICAL** Maintain all tactics



CONTACT Competitive: CLA rules

Recreational: Contact on bottom hand only

#### **OFFICIATING**



Competitive: CLA rules Recreational: Modified CLA rules

#### **EQUIPMENT**



**CLA** rules

### GAMES SESSIONS



Competitive: 20 min warmup, 4x20 min. straight time,

2 min breaks, cool down Recreational: 10 min warm-up, 2x25 min straight time, 10 min break, cool down

#### **SUSTENANCE**



Competitive: Advanced hydration & nutrition Recreational: Water





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