



2008
Reference
Manual



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1.0 – League Contact Info

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Team Contacts:

All team contact information is available online at www.oregonlax.com/ghs



2.0 – League Requirements

Head Coach Minimum Requirements (Varsity and JV)

- Must be 21 years of age or older
- Have intermediate level knowledge of lacrosse
- Be CPR and 1st Aid Certified (training class to be announced)
- Be a member of US Lacrosse
- Proof of certification and membership due no later than Feb 11th.

Assistant Coach Minimum Requirements

- Must be a member of US Lacrosse
- CPR and 1st Aid certification strongly encouraged
- Proof of certification and membership due no later than Feb 11th.

Team Requirements

- Teams must pay League Fees: \$325 Fee per Varsity team – for returning teams, \$225 Fee per Junior Varsity team – for returning team, and \$125 Fee per first year teams – for new schools (JV Only - This does not apply to returning schools adding a new team.)
- Teams must pay a minimum salary of \$700 per full-time coach
- Coaches must submit proof of US Lacrosse membership and CPR/1st aid certification to OGLA (official email) prior to start of season **by Feb 11th**
- All Coaches must sign OGLA Coaches' Code of Conduct
- One (1) Parent Rep per team registered with League
- One (1) Parent to be a JV Jamboree or State Tournament Representative
- Must have uniforms that meet US Lacrosse requirements
 - **Note: In 2007, requirements will be 6-inch numbers on front and 8-inch numbers on back.**
 - Teams must have 2nd set of jerseys or regulation (numbered) pinnies available for use in the event of jersey conflicts. Home team is responsible for resolving conflicts.
- Practice and game field availability. Game field MUST comply with USL Women's Rulebook.
- Comply with OGLA By-Laws and Rules.

US Lacrosse Membership (check www.uslacrosse.org for additional details and benefits):

- Player Membership in the USLA is **strongly recommended** but not required for play during the 2008 season.
- **USLA membership will be required for individuals in the following instances:**
 - If participants do not have health insurance coverage in effect during the season*
 - If school district or high school requires U.S. Lacrosse membership
 - If player plans to participate in any level of play outside of your high school lacrosse team including: *indoor lacrosse, clinics, camps, tournaments, tryouts and/or competition on Oregon Elite or NW Regional Teams, or wish to be considered for All-American or Academic All-American recognition during 2007 season.*
 - **All Coaches must be registered USLA members per OGLA rules**



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- USLA membership includes seasonal insurance coverage for players. This coverage is not comprehensive but would be beneficial in case of major injury.



3.0 – Important Deadlines/Dates

2008 OGLA Dues:

- \$325 per Varsity team
- \$225 per JV team
 - JV and Varsity are considered separate teams, therefore a school with one (1) Varsity team and one (1) JV team will owe \$550 total to OGLA
- **FIRST YEAR JV PROGRAMS** pay \$125 - this applies to new school programs only, not programs adding a JV team

Deadlines:

- **January 4, 2008 :**
 - Full team fees due via registration on OGLA League website at www.sportability.com/ogla
 - Coach(es) contact info
 - Team Parent Info
 - Field Availability / No Play dates
 - Game schedule times – Please mark the dates on the Game Schedule worksheet for the dates and times you **cannot** play to facilitate data entry
 - Consult sPortability Handbook for details

• **Important Dates (as of 10/17/07):**

- November 15 Division home hosting dates due to OGLA scheduler
- January 4 Deadline for team registrations
- January 8 CPR/First Aid recertification (renewals only), 6-10 pm
- January 15 Draft game schedule available
- January 18-20 US Lacrosse National Convention (Philadelphia)
- January 26 OWLUA new umpires training (Beaverton), 9 am – 4 pm*
Additional OWLUA new umpire trainings TBD (2 evening option)
- February 15 Final game schedule available
- February 2 U of O 7v7 Tournament, presented by OGLA (Eugene)
- February 2 OWLUA new umpires training (Eugene) (Tentative)
- February 5 Positive Coaching Alliance/Sportsmanship clinic hosted by Century HS, 7 pm
- February 11 USLA membership and CPR certification numbers due to OGLA
- February 18 Official start date for team practices
- February TBD College Recruiting clinic
- March TBD Goalkeeper Clinic
- March TBD Stats/Scoring Clinic
- March 8 OGLA JV Jamboree + Umpires on-field training
- **March 10 First contest date**
- April 11 Nominations due for Oregon Elite team
- April 19 & 20 Tryouts for Oregon Elite team
- April TBD Tryouts for NW Regional Team
- May 9 Last contest date or make up games
- May 10 Play-in game day if necessary



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- **May 13 -22 Playoffs**

* First aid/CPR, Team scoring/Stats and College Recruiting Clinics will be scheduled, keep an eye on oregonlax.com/ghs and league mailings for updates and amendments to this calendar.



4.0 - RULES

The Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association closely follows OSAA guidelines, with the additions and exceptions noted below which have been developed by the Board to encourage the growth of the Game. **Rules of play are defined by US Lacrosse.** League Rules are as follows:

Contest Limitations

SEASON - Defined

The season shall begin on February 18, 2008 and end with the State Championship on May 22, 2008. There is a **18 game contest limitation**, exclusive of Playoffs / State Championships. A Team may not compete in more than 18 games at each level of competition. Varsity teams will play a 16-game schedule in 2008. JV will play 14 games. All contests beyond the scheduled season must be reported to the Board for tracking purposes at least 2 weeks prior to play.

- Home team to email President contest dates. Secretary will track for all teams.

Q. Can my team compete in an in-season tournament (such as Western States)?

A. Yes, as long as the Board is notified and approves. These games count towards the season limit.

Q. Can my team scrimmage other teams? What about college, alumni and club teams?

A. Yes, you are encouraged to scrimmage other HS programs! As with in season tournaments, the Board will just need to be notified for tracking purposes. Due to the complexity of NCAA regulations and the desire to protect the players' college eligibility, scrimmaging college / post college club teams is not allowed. One alumni game is allowed annually, schools are responsible for ensuring their athletes' are properly insured and their NCAA eligibility is not compromised.

Q. Do special events – like clinics and team events sponsored by University of Oregon, OGLA and US Lacrosse count towards the contest limit?

A. No.

JAMBOREE - Defined

Each school may compete in one Jamboree at the Varsity level and one at the JV level (if JV1 and JV2 teams exist, both may compete at JV Jamboree), which does not count against their contest limit. A Jamboree is defined as an event in which three or more teams gather to compete in non-tournament format, and each school may play not play an opponent more than once. Jamboree can only be held in the first 6 weeks of the season. A team may play any number of mini-games on that day, but no more than 90 total minutes of play. Scores may be kept, but championship events are not allowed. **A fee may be charged to cover costs (officials, field rental) of the event, but teams cannot use said event to profit off other teams in the League.**

- In the event team elects to participate in out-of-state Jamboree, Team must notify President, and Secretary will track.

In the event a Team is found in violation of these contest limitation rules, the Board will take appropriate action, which may include Team losing playoff eligibility.

The Board will review any special requests involving opportunities to play out of state contests beyond the contest limits.



GAME PLAY

1. For all league contests, only bona fide players of the member organization shall be entitled to play. A player may play for only one team during the year. For good cause, and after notice to the Board of Directors, the Board may grant exceptions to this rule.
2. All contests between member teams shall be played under the Official Rules for Women's Lacrosse approved, or promulgated, by US Lacrosse-Women's Division unless clarified differently in this rule section.
3. All contests shall be officiated by officials assigned by the Oregon Women's Lacrosse Umpires Association, OWLUA.

TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each team is responsible to have appropriate uniforms and equipment in accordance with the Official Rules for Women's Lacrosse approved, or promulgated, by US Lacrosse-Women's Division and preferably shall include two sets of numbered game shirts with different colors. (Dark colors for away games and light colors for home games). 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 pinnies or vests and wearing them.
2. It shall be the home team's responsibility to have the playing field, including goals and table area, available and appropriately marked. The home team shall be responsible for providing a score book, timing devices, balls, timekeeper and scorekeeper, and pay all of the agreed fees and costs of the officials unless other arrangements are made. The home team shall be responsible for reporting the game scores to the designated league scoring official.
3. All game scores must be reported in sPortability. Both teams are responsible for entering game scores. **BOTH TEAMS MUST ENTER THE GAME SCORE BEFORE THE SCORE WILL BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL.** Once the score is verified, the score will be published to the site. Should the scores entered by both teams not match, Scheduler will be notified by the web site. She will contact the Home Team to resolve the discrepancy. The HOME TEAM scorebook is considered the game's official record and should be signed by both referees before they leave the field.

GAME CHANGES, DELAYS, CANCELLATIONS, & FORFEITS

1. Each team must play each scheduled league contest and the failure to do so or the failure to appropriately notify the opposing team of cancellation shall be referred to the Board of Directors for review and appropriate action, which may include, but is not limited to, declaring a forfeit. **League must approve any & all changes.**
2. Weather-related game changes – The following procedures shall be followed when there is inclement weather.
 - a. Game changes made due to inclement weather shall be made prior to 12:00 the day of the game.



- b. If the home team determines that their field is unplayable or that a contest cannot be safely played on that day, then a representative from the home team shall contact (via telephone) the OWLUA assigning official to discuss the situation. A contact phone number for the OWLUA assigning official will be issued prior to the start of the season.
 - c. The OWLUA is the only entity who shall determine that the game is officially postponed or cancelled. If the game is postponed or cancelled, then the OWLUA assigning official will contact the assigned referees. The home team shall be responsible to contact the visiting team's coach/team delegate (via telephone) and the OGLA president (via telephone or email).
 - d. In the event that the home team fails to notify the OWLUA assigning official with sufficient time to avoid travel by the assigned officials, then the OWLUA may charge the home team for no more than ½ the referee's normal fee. For games that are cancelled or postponed due to inclement weather, as long as the OWLUA assigning official is properly notified, there will be no cancellation fee.
3. Non-weather related changes – In the event a member team is unable to appear and play a scheduled contest, it shall first notify OGLA to seek approval for the reschedule. If granted, school must notify the other team as soon as possible, but at least 1 week prior to the scheduled time of the contest. Once approval has been received for the new date and/or time from the opposing team, the Home team will request a change with the OWLUA assigning official (who will notify the assigned officials). **ONLY AFTER BOTH OF APPROVALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED WILL THE HOME TEAM NOTIFY OGLA SCHEDULER TO CONFIRM A GAME CHANGE.** The home team will be responsible for coordinating with OGLA and the OWLUA assigning official. If a team changes a scheduled contest with less than 1-weeks notice, then that team may be charged the referees costs for that game.
4. If a team cancels or forfeits a game (unrelated to weather) within 24 hours of the scheduled game time, the team will be required to pay a cancellation fee determined by the OWLUA. On a case-by-case basis a violating team may have to pay costs incurred to the visiting team for travel as approved by OGLA.
 5. A team may choose to play a game with a minimum of 9 field players, however if they have less than 9 players available to play at the start of the game they shall forfeit the game.
 6. The start of a game will be delayed for no more than 15 minutes awaiting either the home or visiting team's readiness.

MEMBER CONDUCT

1. In the event any player team or person associated with a member organization shall commit any act considered excessively unsportsmanlike or otherwise detrimental to the purposes of the league, such may be reported by any member coach, team delegate or official in writing to the Board of Directors via use of the official grievance process. The Board will investigate and take appropriate action.
2. Any fans and supporters will abide by **all** rules concerning conduct, use of alcohol, parking or other rules required or requested by the host team or host institution.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

1. A student must play for the team of the school in which she is enrolled. If the student's school does not have a team that participates in OGLA, she may play for the school closest to which she resides. If the student attends a private school that does not field an OGLA team, then she must play for the public school that she would have attended. If a student is a senior and her family moves to a different school district, or a new team is started at her school, this senior may continue to play with her current club if she



desires; this option is available for seniors only. All such situations must be brought to the attention of OGLA or team may risk game forfeitures.

- 2. NEW Program clarification: Since each new program starts at the JV level, any player who has played and been a contributor on a varsity roster at another school in the prior season may continue with that team. When their school team moves to Varsity level in year two, all non-senior players must play with new Varsity program at the school they attend. Only Seniors will be grandfathered and allowed to play with their current club.**

DURATION OF PLAY

1. VARSITY TEAMS will play **50-minute games (two 25-minutes halves) with stop-time after goals**. If the score is tied at the end of the 50-minute game, the US Lacrosse tie-breaking procedures below shall be followed.
2. JUNIOR VARSITY teams will play for **50 minutes [two 25 minute running time halves]**. Junior varsity teams will not play overtime.
3. All other duration of play rules shall follow the Women's Lacrosse Rule Book.

PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS

1. A student shall not participate in more than two (2) halves of play per day. For the purposes of this rule, participation during the same day in two (2) halves at different levels (varsity or JV) shall be considered participation in one (1) game. Thus a JV player may swing up to varsity and a varsity player may swing down to JV, but the total sum of their game playing time may not be more than a total of 2 halves. NOTE: The intent of this rule is to allow those players with skills that are on the borderline of varsity and JV levels the ability to experience both levels of play. A team shall not purposely swing down a clearly experienced varsity player to a JV game with the intent of dominating that JV game. Any team who feels the intent of this rule has been violated shall submit a formal complaint following the existing OGLA Grievance Procedure. EXCEPTION: the participation limitation rule does not apply for tournament games or for games in which OGLA has scheduled more than one game per day.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

1. Tie-breaking procedures for league games are as follows:
 - When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time, both teams will have a 5-minute rest and then will toss a coin for choice of ends.
 - Six minutes (two 3-minute periods) of stop clock overtime will be played. The clock will be stopped after 3 minutes of play in order for teams to change ends with no delay for coaching. The game will be restarted be a center draw. The team that is ahead at the end of six minutes wins the game.
 - If the teams are still tied after six minutes has elapsed, the teams will have a 3-minute rest and change ends.
 - The winner will then be decided on a 'sudden victory' stop-clock overtime of no more than 6-minutes in length with the teams changing ends after three minutes. The game will be restarted by a center draw. The team scoring the first goal wins the game.



- Play will continue with 'sudden victory' stop-clock overtime periods of six minutes in length with change of ends half way through the period (with no delay for coaching) until a winning goal is scored. There will be a rest of 3 minutes in between each period.
- If daylight is a factor, it is recommended that the first six-minute overtime be omitted and the teams go directly into 'sudden victory'.

INTERRUPTED CONTESTS

1. If a contest is cancelled due to inclement weather or other reasons, the contest is declared official if at least one (1) complete half of the game has been played. If less than one-half of the game has been played, it is declared "no contest" and is completely replayed unless two (2) teams mutually agree otherwise.
2. A guideline for resuming a game after a lightning/thunder storm is to wait 30 minutes after the last visible sign of lightning and/or audible sound of thunder. The officials should consult with the coaches, athletic trainer or other school officials to determine their lightning policy. School regulations and guidelines governing waiting time take precedence.

DOUBLE YELLOW, RED CARD POLICY AND PLAYER SUSPENSIONS

1. Any player who receives a double yellow game suspensions must be reported to OGLA no later than 10 am on the day after game misconduct occurs. Coach of player receiving suspension must notify OGLA. Any player who receives two (2) such suspensions in a single season may be subject to review and discipline from the OGLA board.
2. A player who receives a single red card for misconduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, rough and dangerous play, deliberately endangering another player, or any foul listed in RULE 18-E of US Lacrosse Rules & Regulations (Misconduct and Suspensions) will be suspended from the remainder of that game and from the next game. Coach is responsible for reporting **all** red cards to OGLA. OGLA will contact opposing coach of next game to notify of suspensions. Additionally, the umpires will report **all** red cards to the OWLUA Commissioner, who will report to OGLA Board. Any player who receives two (2) such suspensions in a single season will be subject to review and discipline from the OGLA board.
3. All school suspension and subsequent eligibility issues shall be handled according to OSAA and the school's disciplinary policy. In the event a player is disciplined or suspended from school, that team is responsible for contacting the school administration and obtaining all policy information pertaining to such suspension or disciplinary action, and must communicate in written form (via fax or email) to the OGLA President within 24 hours. All decisions regarding the suspension (i.e. length and conditions) will be made by the school administration. OGLA will then communicate to any relevant opposing coaches the necessary information.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

1. The official league schedule will be posted on the league's website at www.oregonlax.com. All teams are encouraged to regularly check the official schedule to assure alignment in game times, locations and assigned referees.

OFF-SEASON PRACTICE RULES (not including Summer)

1. Off-season practice rules will follow the OSAA Practice Limitation Rule. The following off-season practice rules will apply from August 15th through the first day of the OGLA lacrosse season, which is designated prior to the season each year. The mission of OSAA is to "foster well rounded individuals. The purpose of interscholastic athletes is to help educate boys and girls and not to prepare students for college athletics, which is a by-product of interscholastic competition available to a very small percentage of high school



athletes. For most students, specialization in a single athletic activity is not in their best long-term interests. Students should be encouraged by coaches, administrators, and parents to participate in a variety of school activities, including more than one sport during the school year." This OSAA rule also states that "schools should not allow use of school equipment and facilities by non-school organizations that promote a philosophy contrary to the above statements."

- a. The spirit of the off-season practice rules is to ensure that all OGLA members have the same opportunity to practice prior to their first game.
- b. A team may not make any attempt to gather more than two (2) members of the same high school program together per day outside the defined lacrosse season to receive specialized athletic instruction from any coach associated with the high school program (paid or volunteer). [All coaches in a program are collectively allowed to work with no more than two (2) students from that program on any given day (e.g., it is not acceptable for the varsity coach to work with 2 students, and the assistant coach to work with 2 more students)] **OSAA Rule Policy 57**

Q: Can a team travel to an out of season tournament (such as the East-West or Warrior tournaments)?

A: No. Coach cannot have out of season contact with team.

- c. Attempts to circumvent the rule by encouraging team members to attend out-of-season practices or camps, other than through general dissemination of information, shall be considered a violation of this rule. **Board will take appropriate action if such violation occurs.**
- d. Coaches may conduct off-season conditioning sessions, however no sticks / balls are allowed. Participation in conditioning activities must be optional. Conditioning is defined as a session where players work on physical fitness and conditioning by use of weights, running, and/or exercises. Conditioning does not allow for the use of individualized sports equipment.
- e. The off-season practice rules do not apply during the summer. They apply from August 15th through the first day of lacrosse season.
- f. A school coach may work for a lacrosse organization (YMCA, Lacrosse Northwest, etc.) as long as the school coach is not involved in directly **and deliberately** coaching more than two (2) players from his or her team on any given day. The Oregon Elite and the Pacific Northwest Regional teams are deemed exempt from this provision.
- g. A coach may allow a parent to coach the team in an out-of-season program as long as the high school coach does not organize or require members of the team to participate in the session.
- h. A coach may work with 8th graders before they enter high school. OGLA only governs 9th through 12th graders.
- i. Open facilities are allowed. The basic philosophy of an open facility is that it is a recreational opportunity open to anyone and that no instruction is occurring

2. In the event a Team is found in violation of these rules, the Board will take appropriate action, which may include Team losing playoff eligibility.



2008 US Lacrosse Rules Changes Synopsis

The following are some of the US Lacrosse rules changes for the upcoming season. These rules, along with a few other rules dealing with procedural issues, will be in effect for the season and will be covered in depth for coaches and umpires at pre-season clinics and meetings. The completely revamped US Lacrosse Official Rules for Girls and Women's Lacrosse rule book will be available for purchase after from USLA. (Source: <http://www.uslacrosse.org/news/2007/rulechangewomen.phtml> (10-14-07)).

Rule 2 – Equipment and Uniforms

Section 8 – Beginning with the 2009 season the mouthpiece shall be of any readily visible color other than clear or white. This currently applies to only NFHS affiliated schools.

Section 12 – Added that the goalie may also wear pants/shorts that are gray in color.

Rule 3 – Game Personnel

Section 11 – Added as one of the duties of the official scorer that they must notify the umpire when a fourth card is given to the same team.

Rule 4 – Time Factors and Scoring

Section 1 – When the 10-goal rule is in effect no time out will be called for a redraw. [Other sections in the book will also be reworded to reflect this change.]

Rule 5 – Play of the Game

Section 11 – If the goalkeeper who is still in her goal circle is the closest to the ball when it crosses the boundary, she will be awarded the ball and can remain in her circle to restart play. This will now be consistent with what happens when the goalie is closest when a shot goes out of bounds.

Section 15 – This section was changed to allow the shooter to follow through with her stick over the goal circle on a shot and to allow the player directly defending the shooter to also have her stick over the goal circle. This change will NOT be in effect for Youth level play and a specific foul for being in the goal circle (body or stick) has been added to the Youth Rules.

Rule 6 – Fouls

Section 1.g – Added another example to illustrate illegal use of the crosse – lowering the head of the crosse below the shoulder AND initiating crosse to body contact.

Section 2.f – Reworded the body ball foul – player may not allow any part of her body to deliberately impede, accelerate or change the direction of the ball. We will no longer focus on "distinct advantage".

Rule 7 – Penalty Administration

Section 29-31 – In an effort to clarify the section on cards a number of changes have been made to the wording in these sections. Two yellow cards to any player will signify that she is to be removed from participation in that game, and the reference to a red card has been removed. A red card will now be indicative of a flagrant foul or misconduct that calls for immediate removal from the game. Changes will also be made in Rule 8 – Definition of Terms to reflect this rewording.

Rule 9 – Manufacturer's Specifications

Section 26 (new) – Added specific wording to prohibit the use of additional materials covering any of the pocket strings (i.e., tubing, beads, etc.)



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Section 27 – Added a note following this section to give some examples of things that might prohibit free ball movement in the pocket.

Stick Testing Procedures – The rules will continue to allow the submission of pre-production models to the lab for testing but only a preliminary approval will be given for this type of stick. Final approval and listing on the web site will only result when a final production model has been submitted and passed all testing.



5.0 – Playoff Format & Dates

LEAGUE STRUCTURE (*Schools in italics are JV only. New Varsity teams in **BOLD.***)

Metro	Northwest OR	TRL	PIL	South
Beaverton	Glencoe	Lakeridge	Grant	Sheldon
Sunset	Century	Lake Oswego	St. Mary's	Thurston
Southridge	Hillsboro	West Linn	Lincoln	West Salem
Westview	Liberty	Oregon City	Wilson	Roseburg
Aloha	Wilsonville	N. Clackamas	OES	South Eugene
Tigard	Sherwood	Hood River	Cleveland	Marist
<i>Jesuit 09</i>		<i>Estacada 09</i>		<i>Central Oregon 09</i> <i>Corvallis 09</i> <i>Sprague 09</i>

- A total of 16 Varsity games will be scheduled by OGLA. JV will play a 14 game schedule.
- Teams are required to play each Varsity LEAGUE team TWICE.
- The remainder of game calendar is completed with non-league games (assigned randomly by computer program).
- The point structure will be 2 points for a win, 1 point for an overtime loss and 0 points for a loss.
- For practicality with regards to travel, the South League may have slightly different game assignments. Many teams this year will be travelling south for games...if a team cannot travel for a game, that team must forfeit the game.
- Note that teams are allowed to schedule up to four (4) scrimmage games outside of what OGLA assigns, but the points from those games will not be recorded in the overall point tally and refs will assign these games only after the official schedule has been taken care of.

PLAYOFF STRUCTURE

12 Teams will qualify

Due to the size and structure of the league, and the continued rapid growth of the sport, it is not possible for all teams to have an equally strong schedule. That being said, it is the goal of



OGLA to provide a structure by which the strongest teams in Oregon have the opportunity to compete for the State Championship.

While there is no exact formula that can be implemented to fairly calculate the draw, the following guidelines have been implemented to ensure that no teams are penalized or rewarded for the League they are in or the strength of schedule they draw.

A Playoff Committee will be selected by the Board and named prior to the start of the season. The Playoff Committee will be responsible for determining the teams and seeding for the State Championships. This Committee shall consist of: the OGLA President, a non-affiliated OGLA Board member (non-coach), the League Scheduler, an Athletic Director (from school where lacrosse is official sport), and a member of the community unaffiliated with the Girls game. The Playoff Committee has the authority to make decisions regarding circumstances that may arise outside of these guidelines, provided they follow logic that is equitable, sound and follows acceptable practices as set forth in other sports leagues.

- Each LEAGUE WINNER will automatically qualify for the playoffs. The League winner will be the team with the most LEAGUE POINTS (2 for a win, 1 for OT loss, 0 for loss). **In the event of a tie, co-champions will be declared. A play-in game may be required to determine who gets automatic berth in the event both teams are not playoff eligible.**
- The remaining seven playoff qualifiers will be WILDCARD TEAMS. WILDCARD berths will be determined as follows:
 - The seven wildcard teams will be determined by the Playoff Committee.
 - The following principles will be used to select the next seven teams. The Playoff Committee is responsible for generating a fair playoff bracket whereby the 12 best teams in Oregon have the opportunity to compete for the State Championship.
 - OVERALL POINTS will be the guiding principle but other critical factors will be considered:
 - No leapfrogging - League standings supersede Overall record (ie a team that finished 3rd in its league but with higher overall points cannot make the playoffs ahead of the 2nd place team)
 - Strength of Schedule will be considered – this includes but is not limited to: head to head, examination of “tie” points, number of overtime games, number of teams in League, etc
 - Sanctions, red cards and issues of sportsmanship
 - Committee reserves the right to establish a play in game in the event of tie for final playoff slot.
- Playoff Seeding will be assigned by the Playoff Committee. The top four teams will receive a bye.
- Tie Breakers - the team that is seeded higher will be determined by:
 - The head-to-head winner
 - Record against a mutual opponent



- The team with the better in league record / more league points (and no leapfrogging)

2008 Post-Season Playoff Dates

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Play in games – May 10, 2008

Opening round games: May 13th, 2008 – Game hosted by higher seed

Quarter Finals: May 16, 2008 – Game hosted by higher seed (bye team)

Semi-Finals: May 20, 2008 – THPRD (TBC)

Finals: May 22, 2008 – THPRD (TBC)



8.0 – Growth of the League

The Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association strives to promote the sport of lacrosse and to further expand the 'fastest sport on two feet' into new high schools in Oregon. We encourage all members of OGLA to be ambassadors for the sport and to help market lacrosse to high schools in Oregon that do not have teams.

Equally, if not more important, is to encourage the growth of Middle School programs as this will strengthen your High School program.

To start a new team, contact:

High School (OGLA): Treasurer, Patty Beghtel (pbeghtel@comcast.net)

Middle School / Youth: Jane Newman (jane.newman@lexisnexis.com)

Please see New Team Packet for more details.

Going forward, each new team will be asked to contribute to our pool of umpires. Every team will need to provide at least 2 candidates to attend the umpire training program and be available to referee games. In the event a team does not provide such resources, OWULA reserves the right to request from OGLA that these teams are not allowed to host home games.