

**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
GIRLS LACROSSE BY-LAWS  
Adopted October 8, 2008**

1. The current year of US Lacrosse – Women’s Rules which is endorsed by the National Federation of State High School Associations will apply.
2. The following OCIAA rules and policies will apply.
  - a. The home school will wear white or light colored jersey, visiting team will wear dark.  
All shirts shall be of a single, solid color. See Rule # 7.
  - b. Home school must have adult operator of game time clock.
  - c. All schools must have adult operator of game time clock.
  - d. Home school will provide scorekeeper with lacrosse score book and penalty timekeeper.
  - e. Visiting school will provide scorekeeper with scorebook.
  - f. Names and numbers of players will be clearly written in each score book.
  - g. Home school will provide sideline benches, score table and seating for visiting.
  - h. Home school will provide adequate supply of yellow game balls on each end line if both coaches agree upon it. See Rule # 7 for additional changes.
3. All Orange County coaches will rate both JV and Varsity officials and send in the cards through their Athletic Director to the Athletic Coordinator within two weeks of contest.

4. **SECTION IX Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rule**

Sportsmanship: The NYSPHSAA and Section IX recognizes and appreciates that the influence and responsibility of the school administration with regard to good sportsmanship extends to all levels of competition. However, it must also be seen that the NYSPHSAA AND Section IX has been vested with the responsibility to ensure that all contests under its jurisdiction are conducted satisfactorily. This standard applies to all regular season and post schedule play.

**I. Coach (There is no appeal to a coach ejection. The official’s decision is final). (Please refer to the NYSPHSAA Handbook – Sportsmanship; Standard 27b):**

1. Any coach excluded by a certified official from an interschool competition for unsportsmanlike conduct is ineligible to coach any interschool competition in that sport until after the next previously scheduled contest at the same level (e.g. junior varsity, varsity, etc.) has been completed. **The coach may not be present at the game site.**  
**NOTE:** “Not being physically present at the site” means the disqualified coach is not to be present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game/meet.
2. A coach who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to another person (e.g. official, another coach, player, fan) shall be expelled immediately and banned from further participation or coaching in all sports for one year from the date of the offense.

3. The coach that was ejected will notify his/her Athletic Director of the incident on the same day that it occurred. The Athletic Director will then contact the League Coordinator as the coach(s) will not be allowed to participate in the school's next scheduled game/games as above.

## II. Player Ejections: (**There is no appeal to a player ejection. The official's decision is final**).

1. Any member of a squad ruled out of a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct (flagrant foul, two technical fouls in basketball, two yellow cards, red card, inappropriate language or taunting, fighting, etc.), the following action is **required** by the NYSPHSAA Regulations detailed in Standard #27b:

A. First Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next scheduled contest in his/her next season of participation.

B. Second Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests **in that sport**. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next two scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.

C. Third Ejection – that player(s) cannot attend or participate in any remaining scheduled contests for the remainder of that sports season – including sectional, regional and state contests. If the season has ended the player(s) cannot attend or participate in the next three scheduled contests in his/her next season of participation.

**Please note: Disqualifications from one season will carry over to the next season of participation.**

2. Any member of the squad who strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact with the intent to do so to an official shall be expelled from the game immediately and banned from further participation in all sports for one year from the date of the offense. **NOTE:** "Member of the squad" includes player, manager, scorekeeper, timers, and statisticians.

3. Communication Responsibilities regarding ejections:

A. The coach of the player(s) who was/were ejected will notify his/her Athletic Administrator by 12 noon the following day. The Athletic Administrator must report the ejection to their respective League Coordinator by 12 noon the following day.

## III. Official:

1. Unprofessional conduct on the part of official such as, but not limited to, taunting, baiting, use of profanity, shall be reported by a school administrator from the aggrieved school to the Section Executive Director. A request will be made to the appropriate sport

officials' chapter to investigate the incident and to report their action to the Section in a timely manner.

2. The official who ejected the player(s) or coach shall notify the League Coordinator prior to 12:00 Noon the following day of the name(s) of the player(s) or the coach and the infraction(s).

5. Championships

- a. The OCIAA Girls Lacrosse League will consist of **three** divisions.
- b. The league will recognize Division Champions based on win/lose record within division play.
- c. If there is a tie based on records, the following will be used to determine the division champion:
  1. Head-to-head between teams that are tied.
  2. Goals allowed head-to-head between and tied teams.
  3. If teams are tied co-champions will be declared.

6. Awards (Varsity Only)

Plaques: Division Champions (Team)

OCIAA Patches: Each individual school may purchase their own patches if they choose to do so.

7. Equipment and Uniforms

As announced in previous rule books, the requirement to use a mouthpiece of any readily visible color other than clear or white goes into effect in the 2009 season.

In addition to the regular yellow ball, use of a slightly textured ball will be allowed. Also, use of a bright orange color ball will be legal. Home team will choose which ball to use, and the same color ball must be used throughout the game unless both coaches agree to change.

New uniform requirements will be announced to go into effect for the 2013 season. The requirements will be noted in every rule book between now and the 2013 season.

All shirts shall be of a single, solid color with the following trim specifications permitted:

- a. Trim around the collar and waistband and at the cuff of the sleeve or around the arm opening if sleeveless shall not exceed 1 inch in width.
- b. Side inserts (armpit to waistband) may be of contrasting color(s) but shall not exceed 3 inches in width. The inserts must be centered vertically below the armpit.
- c. Numbers shall be centered vertically and horizontally and must be a minimum of eight inches tall on the back and a minimum of six inches tall on the front of the shirt.
- d. Numbers must be of a solid color contrasting with the color of the shirt. The numbers may be trimmed in a contrasting color that shall not exceed 1 inch in width.