

MONTICELLO LACROSSE CLUB BY-LAWS

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Mission Statement: To organize, develop, and promote lacrosse in Monticello, Minnesota to honor the game by instilling the values of scholastic achievement, sportsmanship, and athletic development.

ARTICLE I – NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND AFFILIATIONS

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Monticello Lacrosse Club (MLC).
- B. The MLC (a.k.a. Club) is an affiliate member of the Minnesota Boy Scholastic Lacrosse Association (MSBLA), Minnesota Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association (MSSLax), and Minnesota Lacrosse Association (MLA). The MLA is the regional chapter of US Lacrosse (USL), the national governing body of men's and women's lacrosse.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE, LEAGUES AND PROGRAMS

- A. The purpose and objective of the MLC is to support the Mission Statement.
- B. To promote these goals, the MLC will work cooperatively with:
 - 1. The regional chapter of USL.
 - 2. Lacrosse organizations in Minnesota.
 - 3. The Upper Midwest Lacrosse Officials Association.
 - 4. Schools and school board officials.
- C. The MLC organizes and provides the following for its members:
 - 1. Spring season lacrosse teams for students in third through ninth grade
 - 2. Season-end playoff tournaments for some teams as described in the Operating Policies
 - 3. Liability insurance for the MLC and Officers, via USLA
 - 4. A coaches clinic
 - 5. Meetings of the general membership

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership in the MLC is open to all lacrosse players third through ninth grade. All member teams must comply with all terms of the MLC By-laws and Operating Policies.
- B. Each Member must:
 - 1. Acknowledge and abide by the By-laws and Operating Policies and the authority of the board to interpret and apply the By-laws and Operating Policies.
 - 2. Pay an annual membership fee, which is to be a set amount for each Member as defined in the Operating Policies. The amount of Membership fees shall be defined in the Operating Policies.
 - 3. Pay all team fees.
 - 4. Provide evidence of appropriate liability insurance coverage through an in-force insurance policy or by active US Lacrosse membership by all players and coaches upon demand.
 - 5. Collect waivers, code of conduct (players/coaches/parents) and agreements to submit to binding arbitration rather than litigation from all coaches and official team representatives (with waivers and agreements submitted to the league) and from a parent or guardian of each player (with waivers to be held by the team or Club; a document stating that this has been completed must be submitted to the board for each team entered). No one may participate in any league game, tournament, or practice as a player, team representative, or coach, unless the appropriate waiver and agreement to binding arbitration have been completed.
- C. Membership may be revoked by a two-thirds majority of a quorum at any general membership meeting.

ARTICLE IV – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

- A. Membership status and Member disciplinary action.
 - 1. The General Membership shall consist of one Representative from each Member in Good Standing.
 - 2. A Member is in Good Standing if it is not currently on probation or suspended.
 - 3. Failure of a Member to abide by these By-laws or Operating Policies shall subject that Member to disciplinary action as decided by the Board of Directors (Board).
 - 4. Disciplinary action may include suspending members, placing them on probation, fines, and other actions the Board chooses.
 - 5. Members on probation lose their right to vote at general meetings.
 - 6. Suspended members lose their right to vote at general meetings and may not compete in MLC games or playoffs. Any member subject to disciplinary action shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Board to the General Membership for reconsideration as provided for in these by-laws.
- B. General Membership meeting schedule & agenda: There will be at least one annual meeting of the general membership.
 - 1. The Fall/Winter meeting or meetings will address changes to the By-laws and Operating Policies, elections and budgeting.
- C. Meetings may be called by a majority of the Board or by a majority of the General Membership.
- D. Failure of a Member to attend a General Membership meeting shall result in missing the discussion and voting opportunities of that meeting.
- E. General Membership meetings shall be presided over by the President of the Board or another board member if the president is not available.

- F. Each Member in Good Standing is entitled to one vote. (General membership; definition Article XIX)
- G. A quorum shall be all Members in Good Standing present at a General Membership meeting. Changes to these By-laws shall require two-thirds or more of the quorum for passage. Changes to Operating Policies shall require a majority of the quorum for passage.

ARTICLE V – CLUB GOVERNANCE

- A. The affairs, property, and operation of the MLC shall be governed and managed by an elected Board of Directors as limited by these By-laws.
- B. Anyone may run for election to the Board; however, no Member can have more than one person per family/household elected to the Board.
- C. The Board of Directors shall consist of 6 positions:
 - 1. President
 - 2. Vice President
 - 3. Treasurer
 - 4. Secretary
 - 5. Communications Officer
 - 6. Field Officer
- D. The Coordinator positions include:
 - 1. Clinic Coordinator
 - 2. Equipment Coordinator
 - 3. Fundraiser/Picture Coordinator
 - 4. Jersey Coordinator
 - 5. Team Coordinator
- E. Annual elections shall be held at the Annual General Membership Meeting.
 - 1. The Secretary of the MLC shall announce in writing what Board positions are up for election thirty (30) days before an election meeting date.
 - 2. All those seeking election to a particular Board position must submit their name to the Secretary no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the election meeting date naming the specific position for which they are running.
 - 3. The Secretary shall announce in writing all candidates for election ten (10) days before the election meeting date.
 - 4. The five Board of Director positions shall be selected by a plurality vote of the quorum.
- F. Board members shall serve one-year terms. All positions are to be elected at each Spring/Summer General Membership meeting of the Club.
 - 1. Officer elections are effective immediately after election. Outgoing officers will aid and support a smooth transition of duties following the election.
 - 2. There are no limits to the number of consecutive terms any person may serve on the Board.
- G. The Board shall meet as deemed necessary by either the President of the Board or a majority of the Board.
 - 1. Board meetings shall be open to all Members in Good Standing. Any member interested in attending board meetings must notify the secretary, after which point they will be given notification about scheduled board meetings. At the Board's discretion only, non-Board members may be invited to

present ideas at Board meetings, but will not be permitted to vote on any Board action.

2. The President (or Vice President, if the President is absent) shall preside over all Board meetings and will present an agenda prior to the start of each meeting. The Secretary shall take minutes of all Board meetings and publish them.
3. No business may take place unless 3 of the 5 Board members are present, either in-person or by telephone conference call.
4. The Board may enact by majority vote any policy, procedure, or practice not in violation of these By-laws or the Operating Policies to regulate the affairs of the Club.
5. Failure of a Board member to attend 2 consecutive Board meetings shall allow the Board to expel that Board member by majority vote or to take lesser action; however, if the Board member contacts the President in advance of the meeting and receives approval for the absence then no administrative or disciplinary action is necessary or required. a) The position of an expelled Board member shall be filled by special election called for by the President within 30 days of expulsion. b) The Board member expelled may not run in that special election.

H. Removal of Board Members

1. Any board member may be removed by the other four Board members by a majority vote.
2. Board Members may be removed by two-thirds vote or more of the quorum at any General Membership meeting.
3. If removal action is taken, the Board will provide a full report to the General Membership within seven (7) days and the Board will schedule a special election within thirty (30) days to fill the open position.

I. Vacancies

1. Vacancies on the Board due to death, resignation, or removal shall be replaced within thirty (30) days by special election of the Club.
2. Such special election can be by e-mail or as otherwise authorized by the Board.
3. The Board can elect an Officer on an interim basis until such a time that a General Membership meeting can be held.

J. Officer Duties

1. Duties of the President: It shall be the duty of the President (or Vice President if delegated) to schedule and preside at all General Membership meetings of the MLC; to nominate all committees and coordinators; to see that all rules and regulations of the MLC are executed; to monitor and authorize payments of MLC budgets; to coordinate all Club affairs with and between the Minnesota Boys Scholastic Lacrosse Association (MBSLA), Minnesota Lacrosse Association and with US Lacrosse; to attend necessary MBSLA (Boys) meetings; and to perform all other duties that pertain to this office and the general supervision of the Club.
2. Duties of the Vice President: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to assist the President in any manner necessary to operate the Club; to oversee the adherence of teams for membership, eligibility and rules violations; to serve as the liaison and attend meetings with the Lacrosse Officials organization; to act on behalf of the President at all meetings and Club events if the President is absent; to attend necessary MSSLax (Girls) meetings; and to succeed to the Presidency on the resignation, removal or death of the President only until the next General Membership meeting of the Club at which time an election shall be held.
3. Duties of the Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and be responsible for all funds for the Club and shall credit the same to the account of the Club; to pay all bills of the Club as defined in the approved league budget or as approved by a majority of the Board, within the

limitations of these by-laws; to keep accurate and truthful account of all moneys received, paid out and held for the account of the Club; and to report, with respect thereto, at regular Club meetings and to the President and the Board.

4. Duties of the Secretary: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all minutes of meetings of the Club and of the Board; to circulate all requisite notices and notifications, including but not limited to, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and event notices; and to assist any other Officer with any task. The Secretary shall make available minutes of all General Membership meetings and all Board meetings within fifteen (15) days of such meetings to the General Membership. The Secretary shall supervise all elections, tabulate the vote, and announce the results. The Secretary and the President shall validate the voting outcome.
5. Duties of the Communications Officer. It shall be the duty of the Communications Officer to oversee the Club web site to monitor the club email box; to monitor and assure compliance of all teams related to league required reporting and record keeping; and to manage the game scheduling process. The Communications Officer will maintain a database of coaches, administrators, players, officials, and school officials and will communicate Club related information to Members, players, coaches, schools, and the press. Conduct background checks on all coaches and assistants.
6. Duties of the Field Officer: It shall be the duty of the Field Officer to be the liaison with Community Education for securing and maintaining fields, providing games schedules to community education, and securing gym time. This includes marking and mowing/maintaining fields should fields need to be prepared for practices and/or games. Field Officers have the discretion to decide which teams are given priority for gym and field space.

K. Coordinator Duties

1. Duties of the Clinic Coordinator: It shall be the duty of the Clinic Coordinator to schedule the annual lacrosse clinic. This includes determining a date and time, reserving gym time, coordinating coaches and lacrosse players for instruction, managing registration and the promotion and marketing of this event through Community Education and other sources. Board meeting attendance is required on a bi-monthly basis or as needed. This is a non-voting position.
2. Duties of the Equipment Coordinator: It shall be the duty of the Equipment Coordinator to be responsible for securing all needed equipment for the Monticello Lacrosse teams. This includes making sure that the equipment is in good condition and it is functional. The position assures that all equipment is well maintained and well repaired. In the event of equipment upgrades a budget is made and various sources are researched. The Equipment Coordinator requisitions and inventories new equipment. This position provides a storage place or determines a storage place for all equipment. Board meeting attendance is required on a bi-monthly basis or as needed. This is a non-voting position.
3. Duties of the Fundraiser/Picture Coordinator: It shall be the duty of the Fundraiser/Picture Coordinator to determine a fundraiser for the Monticello Lacrosse Club to raise funds and gather monetary donations or other gifts for the club. This includes designing and producing promotional materials. The position also entails raising awareness of the Monticello Lacrosse Club's work, goals, and financial needs. The Fundraiser/Picture Coordinator is also responsible for determining a date and time for team pictures with a local photographer. This includes informing players and parents of this event and providing picture forms for order selection. This position distributes pictures to coaches/players and provides answers to inquiries related to pictures. Board meeting attendance is required on a bi-monthly basis or as needed. This is a non-voting position.
4. Duties of the Jersey Coordinator: It shall be the duty of the Jersey Coordinator to be responsible for securing all needed Jerseys for the Monticello Lacrosse teams. This includes taking inventory of current jerseys, evaluating their condition and determining if more are needed. In the event of acquiring additional jerseys the Jersey Coordinator determines a budget and searches various sources to be cost effective in selecting a vendor. The Jersey Coordinator requisitions and inventories new jerseys. It is the

responsibility of the Jersey Coordinator to communicate with coaches and players to issue jerseys at the beginning of the season and obtain jerseys at the end of season. This position provides a storage place or determines a storage place for all jerseys. Board meeting attendance is required on a bi-monthly basis or as needed. This is a non-voting position.

5. Duties of the Team/Coach Coordinator: It shall be the duty of the Team/Coach Coordinator to manage final season registration, confirm US Lacrosse memberships and secure missing memberships. This position is responsible for working with the board to split any needed teams, manage requests to move players within levels through the board and leagues, split rosters as needed and provide all coaches with player information. This position is the point of contact for parents/families who have questions and concerns about a coach. In the event of issues or concerns with a coach, parents should contact the Team/Coach coordinator. Team/Coach coordinator will bring issues to the board if warranted (ie: serious issue where a conversation with the coach isn't enough, if the coach is a board member, or if it's a repeated issue). Board meeting attendance is required on a bi-monthly basis or as needed. This is a non-voting position

L. Committees

1. The Board is authorized to create committees to establish policy positions and/or recommendations on various topics for Board action and/or General Membership action.
2. These committees may, but are not required to, be headed by Board members.

ARTICLE VI – OPERATING POLICIES

- A. The Board shall create and review on an annual basis Operating Policies for the administration of the Club and the enforcement of these By-laws.
- B. The Board may create committees of Members to assist in the creation of Operating Policies.
- C. The Operating Policies must be approved by the General Membership at the Fall/Winter meeting.

ARTICLE VII – GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

- A. MLC may form teams consisting of eligible students in third through ninth grade to participate in various leagues. Further restrictions for eligibility by age, grade and teams may be established in the annual Operating Policies.
- B. Players participating in Club-sponsored events must be students under the age as established by the League.
- C. Only students who are fully enrolled in a school are eligible to participate.
- D. Home schooled children are considered eligible to participate for the school in their home district which they would otherwise be eligible for participation in activities under the rules of the Minnesota Department of Education.
- E. Students must be attending school and classes regularly and be scholastically eligible to participate in extracurricular activities, as defined by school policy. Students who have been dropped from, suspended, or expelled from school or from participation in extracurricular activities for any reason are not eligible to compete in league play. Suspended students may become eligible for league play following the completion of the suspension as defined by the school rules.

ARTICLE VIII – DISCIPLINE POLICY

- A. A player shall not at any time, regardless of the quantity:
 - 1. use, consume or have in possession a beverage containing alcohol;
 - 2. use, consume or have in possession tobacco or vaping product; or
 - 3. use, consume or have in possession, any other controlled substance (except for prescription drugs legitimately prescribed to that individual).
 - 4. buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance.
- B. A coach or assoc. team official shall not, in the presence of any players or officials, during, immediately preceding or following a game, practice or scrimmage or at any time on a school grounds, regardless of quantity:
 - 1. use, consume or have in possession a beverage containing alcohol;
 - 2. use, consume or have in possession tobacco or vaping product; or
 - 3. use, consume or have in possession, any other controlled substance (except for prescription drugs legitimately prescribed to that individual).
 - 4. buy, sell or give away any other controlled substance.
- C. A player or coach shall not engage in sexual, racial or religious harassment, violence or any form of hazing.
- D. A player or coach shall not engage in fighting before, during or after a Club event. This By-law addresses additional penalties that will be imposed on the Member team.
- E. A player or coach shall not assault any person.
- F. A player, coach or team official shall not, regardless of legal permit, carry or have in his or her possession or bag any gun immediately preceding, during or following a game, practice or scrimmage at any time on a school grounds or Club-sponsored game sites.
- G. The Club team will notify the President of the Board and the school administrator in writing of any violation of these By-laws within 24 hours of its discovery.
- H. Penalties:
 - 1. First Violation. The student shall lose eligibility for either the next two (2) games or fourteen (14) days, whichever is greater.
 - 2. Second Violation. The student shall lose eligibility for either the next six (6) games or twenty one (21) days, whichever is greater.
 - 3. Third or Subsequent Violation: The student shall lose eligibility for either the next twelve (12) games or forty two (42) days, whichever is greater.
- I. Applying the Penalty:
 - 1. The number of violations shall be counted consecutively throughout the student's or coach's career. The number of violations does not reset to zero at the beginning of each year.
 - 2. Additional penalties shall be served consecutively.
 - 3. The penalty shall start being served when the President of the Board notifies the Head Coach of the player or assistant coach who has violated any by-law.
 - 4. If a coach or leader of the organization becomes aware of a violation of this by-law, he or she must ensure that the suspension begins being served immediately and will notify the Board as soon as possible.
 - 5. Scrimmages will not be counted and players are eligible to participate.

ARTICLE IX – IN-GAME EXPLUSION

- A. Any player, coach, or anyone connected with the team who is expelled from a contest will be subject to the penalties of this by-law and the by-laws of MBSLA, MSSLAX, UMLA, USLA.

ARTICLE X – ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION, CHANGES AND ENFORCEMENT

- A. All levels must present verifiable rosters of eligible players for all teams including player names, school, grade, age, and US Lacrosse number (where separate liability coverage is not provided). Rosters must be submitted to the Secretary by the due date for each team level as defined in the Operating Policies.
- B. Only players otherwise eligible as defined in the By-laws and included on the rosters will be eligible to participate in Club events. A player not listed on the rosters is considered ineligible.
- C. Repeated use of ineligible players will be reviewed by the Board and the offending Member may be placed on probation or suspended from the Club by majority vote of the Board.
- D. The Board will have final and absolute authority to impose penalties for use of ineligible players.
- E. Members may request in writing a review of a Board decision regarding the use ineligible players and the Board will meet to hear the Member evidence. The Board will make a final and binding decision by majority vote within 24 hours of the hearing and the Secretary and President will notify the General Membership of the decision within 24 hours of the decision. No further appeals will be heard.
- F. Reference suspension of players in MLC Operating Policies.

ARTICLE XI – LEAGUE STRUCTURES

- A. The Club will establish structures for team competition at each level of play.
- B. The Club will establish the Operating Policies for some or all levels of play.
- C. The Board has the authority to appoint a committee of Members to review and assess the team structures for competition and playoffs.
- D. All changes to MLC structures for competition must be approved by a majority of the quorum at a General Meeting prior to the start of the season.

ARTICLE XII-WAIVERS

Waivers are requests to move a player up or down to a different team/level. Examples of this include: moving a player 12U to 14U, 14U to 12U, 12U to 10U, 10U to 12U, etc.

All waiver request must be submitted in writing if they are parent/player initiated. The request must include: player name, player age (date of birth), player grade, player gender, desired team, and a detailed explanation of why a waiver is requested. If the request is due to a safety concern, the player's height and weight should be submitted with the request.

Waiver request will be reviewed by the Board (only) and be voted on prior to submittal to the appropriate league. If denied by the Board, the request will not be submitted to the league and the parent will be notified. If approved, the request will be forwarded to the appropriate league for review.

Parent/Player Initiated Waivers

The Club will **only** consider parent/player initiated waivers for the following reasons:

1. Player safety or health concern.
 - a. Although a concern for both boys and girls, this is a larger consideration for boys due to the nature and physicality of play.
 - b. Board will **only** consider a move down for this reason, never up.
2. Player's date of birth puts them on a team that is different than grade level. For example: based on Tommie's date of birth (summer birthday where he went to school a year later), he should be placed on a 14U team, but he is in 6th grade and would like to participate with his classmates who are 12U. Conversely, based on Gina's date of birth (late summer birthday where she started school a little early), she should be placed on a 12U team, but she is in 7th grade and would like to participate with his classmates who are 14U.
 - a. Board would consider a move down or up for this reason.
 - b. This is a consideration due to the fact that in high school play, the player would be playing with their grade level.

Board/Club Initiated Waivers

The Board may request a waiver only for the following reasons:

1. Minimum players to field a team has not been met*. For this type of waiver request, each team has set the following minimum number of registered players as the decision point on whether to field a team or to not field a team (i.e., if this number, at minimum, is not reached the team will be cancelled).
 - a. Boys 8U=5 Girls 8U=4
 - b. Boys 10U =7 Girls 10U=7
 - c. Boys 12U=10 Girls 12U=12
 - d. Boys 14U=10 Girls 14U=12

*Note: This is **not** an optimal or desired team size. This is a minimum number that if we fail to reach we will cancel a team. If this number is not reached, ALL players registered for the incomplete team will be offered the opportunity to waiver up and participate in try-outs as appropriate.
2. No coaches for a particular team/level. For this type of waiver, the Club has not been able to secure a coach for a particular level (age group).
 - a. Depending on the age of the player and number of players in question, Board may consider a move down or up for this reason.

Waivers will **not** be considered for the following reasons:

1. Player experience – we are a youth development league and the expectation is that we will have new and experienced players at every level of play. The expectation of coaches is that basic skills are taught at every level of Club play.
2. Player skills - we are a youth development league and each team will have varied skill level that may run the spectrum from unskilled to very skilled. Parent that feel their player is either unskilled or overly-skilled compared to teammates will not be a consideration for waiver.
3. To play with friends – the nature of team sport play is to bond with teammates. Parent requests to play with friends will not be a consideration for waiver.
4. Any reason that falls outside of the specifics previously noted.

ARTICLE XIII – COMPENSATION

- A. All officers of the MLC (a.k.a. Club) shall serve without compensation, except they will be allowed reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties and allowed the waiving of one free registration or a \$150 stipend per board member without children.
- B. All Coordinators of the MLC (a.k.a. Club) shall serve without compensation, except they will be allowed reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties and allowed the waiving of \$50 off one registration or a \$50 stipend per coordinator without children.
- C. Such reimbursement requires approval from the Board and shall be disclosed in the financial statements of the Club.
- D. The Club and/or the Board may allow compensation for coaches & webmaster.

ARTICLE XIV – FINANCIAL MATTERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. For accounting purposes, the fiscal year of the Club shall begin on the 1st day of July and end on the 30th day of June.
- B. The Treasurer shall prepare financial statements and an annual summary of the previous year's spending for all General Membership meetings. Whenever possible, the Treasurer will also have budget projections available for the upcoming season.
- C. The Club will have the authority to collect annual dues, late fees, fines, or other specific fees from Members.
- D. The Club may request a special assessment of all Members equally to cover unusual expenses for the Club, which is not included in the budget. Special assessments must be approved by a majority of the quorum at a General Meeting.
- E. All Members are required to pay all dues and outstanding fees by the specified due dates in the Operating Policies or they may be placed on probation by the board.
- F. The Treasurer is authorized to make payments for Club expenses and debts as approved by the board.
- G. The Board, by majority vote, has the authority to authorize payments for Club expenses and debts not included in the budget or amounts in excess of the budget, so long as doing so will not place the Club in a financial deficit.

- H. The Club is not permitted to borrow money, or to make expenditures that would place the Club in a financial deficit.
- I. No member or officer of the MLC may incur any expense or debt in the name of the Club without specific approval or authorization from the Board of Directors (which may be granted retroactively).

ARTICLE XV – NON-LIABILITY

- A. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Officer, and Field Coordinator of the Club all serve as volunteers and shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the Club which have been approved by the Board or the General Membership.

ARTICLE XVI – CHANGES TO BY-LAWS AND OVERTURNING BOARD ACTIONS

- A. All amendments to these By-laws are to be approved by the General Membership as outlined herein.
- B. Once adopted by the General Membership, these By-laws can only be amended by the General Membership.
- C. Amendments to these By-laws must be presented in writing to the General Membership at least ten (10) days prior to the General Membership meeting at which they will be acted upon.
- D. Amendments to the By-laws shall require two-thirds or more of the quorum at a General Membership meeting for passage.
- E. Any policy enacted by the Board may be overturned by two-thirds or more of the quorum at a General Membership Meeting. Any motion to overturn such a policy or decision must be endorsed by a minimum of one-third of the General Membership and be presented in writing to the General Membership at least ten (10) days prior to the General Membership meeting at which it will be acted upon.

ARTICLE XVII – RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES

- A. The Board shall have the final authority to resolve all operational, eligibility, team or other disputes that may arise in their duties to uphold these By-laws and the Operating Policies.
- B. Members in Good Standing may request a hearing of the Board to resolve any issues pertaining to the MLC By-laws or Operating Policies.
- C. To request a hearing with the Board, the Member must submit in writing to the President a request for a hearing, including a summary of the dispute and information that they wish the Club to know in resolving the dispute. Also to be included is contact information for any person having knowledge of the disputed item or situation.
- D. If any dispute directly involves more than one Member, then all Members directly involved must be present at any hearing. If any dispute directly involves any Board member then that Board member must abstain from voting on said dispute.
- E. The President will schedule and hold a hearing in a reasonable timeframe. Members of the Board will hear the evidence. Based on the information and facts presented, the Board will make a decision and notify the General Membership of their decision.
- F. The Board's decision requires a majority vote of the Board and will then be final and binding on all Members.

ARTICLE XVIII – DEFINITIONS

- A. Club - The Monticello Lacrosse Club.
- B. Board of Directors - Those people elected by the General Membership to govern and manage the affairs, property, and operation of the Club.
- C. General Membership - Defines Member guidelines specifically for voting purposes; includes one Representative from each Member in Good Standing, except in the case of multi-Member families, where only one vote is allowed.
- D. Member - Individual player that belongs to the Monticello Lacrosse Club, whose membership fees have been paid in full and current.
- E. Membership Status – State of an individual or family’s membership as it relates to the Monticello Lacrosse Club. There are three Membership status’:
 - 1. In Good Standing – Member that is not on probation or suspended and is therefore eligible to cast a vote at a General Membership meeting; this includes having Membership fees paid in full and current.
 - 2. On Probation – Member that cannot vote (which extends to the Member’s family or guardian) due to a violation of these By-law or Operating Policies; Members on probation may still compete in Club leagues or events.
 - 3. Suspended – Member that cannot vote (which extends to the Member’s family or guardian) due to a violation of these By-law or Operating Policies; Suspended Members may not compete in Club leagues or events.
- F. Quorum - Number of Members in Good Standing in attendance and a minimum of three executive Board of Directors at a General Meeting. No minimum number of Members in Good Standing is required to take a vote.
- G. Representative - designated representative from a Member of the Club.