

GUIDELINES

of the

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WOMEN'S LACROSSE LEAGUE



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ARTICLE I
Conference Definition and Organization

- a) The Rocky Mountain Women's Lacrosse League (RMWLL) is comprised of Women's Collegiate Lacrosse Associates (WCLA) institutions that comply with all U.S. Lacrosse constitutions and Bylaw requirements

ARTICLE II
Membership

To gain membership into the Rocky Mountain Women's Lacrosse League (RMWLL), a candidate must comply with all WCLA Bylaws and Guidelines and:

- a) Complete a WCLA Application and WCLA Roster Verification Form and pay WCLA membership dues
- b) Submit RMWLL team application and pay RMWLL membership dues, which are to be handed in at the Annual Fall Meeting. Team's whose applications and dues are not received at the Annual Fall Meeting, shall receive monetary late fees.
- c) Not be found giving Lacrosse athletic scholarships; those who do shall not be eligible to be a member of the WCLA.

ARTICLE III
Team Representatives/League Communication

1. Each team will have one representative that will be responsible for returning emails in a timely matter.
- Air Force Academy – Alyssa Deiters
 - Brigham Young – Julie Smith
 - Colorado School of Mines – Lindsay LaBonte
 - Colorado State University – Dana Goddard
 - University of Colorado – Jessica Tomlinson
 - University of Denver – Alexandra Mulvihill
 - University of Northern Colorado – Kevin Kenefick
 - University of Utah – Glen Shurtleff
 - University of Wyoming – Jane Olsen
 - Utah State University – Madison Bell
 - Utah Valley University – Darrell Robinson
 - Weber State University – Piper Judd
 - Westminster College – Niki Harding
2. Email responses are due in seven days from the original day the email was sent. If an urgent response is needed, the league president will post the response time in the subject line of the email. If there is no response within that time, the vote will count as abstained.
3. A Division I and Division II representative must be on the Recognition Committee and the Rankings Committee. A total of 4 representatives.
4. A representative must be at the WCLA Annual Summer Meeting.



ARTICLE IV

Dues and Fees/Monetary Use

1. All members of the Rocky Mountain Women's Lacrosse League shall either pay a \$325 monetary fee that is non-refundable to U.S. Lacrosse if your team is considered full-time status, or a \$125 monetary fee that is non-refundable to U.S. Lacrosse if your team is considered provisional status.
2. All members of the Rocky Mountain Women's Lacrosse League shall pay a \$400 monetary fee that is non-refundable and will be used to operate the business of the league.
3. Below is a layout of how late fees will be assessed for each required item, (mailed items are based on postmarked dates): all are appealable
 - a. September 17th: RMWLL Application at meeting - \$5/day
 - b. September 17th: RMWLL Dues at meeting: \$50/1st month late, \$100/each month after
 - c. November 20th: WCLA Application to League President - \$20/day
 - d. February 1st: WCLA Player Verification to League President - \$20/day
 - e. February 10th (or 1st game): Team Schedules to League President - \$10/day
 - f. There will be a \$100 monetary fee with cancelled games that were not communicated to the league president and the opposing team. (See Article VI)

ARTICLE V

Competition/Scheduling

1. The RMWLL mandates that RMWLL Division I teams play 30-minute halves stop clock on their home field
 - a. Only exception is if game is tournament style of play, in which 30 minute running clock is acceptable
 - b. Game is considered complete once 80% of the game is played
 - i. 18 minutes into the 2nd half for ascending clocks or
 - ii. 12 minutes left of 2nd half for descending clocks
2. The RMWLL mandates that RMWLL Division II teams play 30-minute halves running clock on their home field; unless both teams agree to play stop clock
 - a. Game is considered complete once 80% of the game is played
 - i. 18 minutes into the 2nd half for ascending clocks or
 - ii. 12 minutes left of 2nd half for descending clocks
3. There is no longer a 25-minute halves option
4. There are no ties; ONLY unless a game is suspended
5. Schedules must be completed and emailed to the League President by February 10th; or by teams first game
 - a. Must include all single games (date, opponent, and time)
 - b. Must include tournament name/place
 - i. Though opponents may not be known, please include a name slot for the tournament



- c. Any games added after February 10th, which are not in a tournament or rescheduled due to weather, do not count towards your WCLA minimum games for Nationals
6. The RMWLL members are responsible for dictating the following guidelines for competition between member teams:
- a) Division of competition for regular season play. This must be accomplished during the annual meeting.
 - b) Regular season scheduling match-ups within division to include assignment of Home/Away status or neutral site location for the contest. Each team will host the game against each opposing league team every other year so as to switch off who hosts each year. Individual teams are responsible for coordination with opponent team contacts to clarify specific date, time and other details concerning the playing of the contests.
 - c) Postseason playoff selection and seeding criteria
 - d) Determination of Divisional recipient of the Automatic Qualification slot to the National Championship Tournament.
7. The RMWLL will be split into three regional categories to host the RMWLL Tournament (not the RMWLL Championship), team must have the ability to host on Friday and/or Saturday as decided upon at the Annual Meeting :
- a. Group 1: Colorado State University, University of Wyoming, or the University of Northern Colorado (host in 2011, 2014, 2017)
 - b. Group 2: University of Denver or Air Force Academy (host in 2012, 2015, 2018)
 - c. Group 3: Westminster or Utah (host in 2010, 2013,2016)

ARTICLE VI

Home Team Responsibilities

- a) Host teams must provide water and ice at the game facility for the visiting team. The host is responsible to maintain end line balls throughout the game to avoid delays. The host must schedule and pay for officials, unless otherwise agreed upon. Playing fields, including indoor facilities, must meet US Lacrosse specifications. Prior notice must be provided and accepted by visiting team if field is not to specifications.
- b) Due to the RMWLL region and weather instability, teams will not be penalized for cancelling games, but will be penalized for not communicating to the league president and the opposing team. There will be a \$100 monetary fee with cancelled games that were not communicated to the league president and the opposing team.
- c) If possible, notify the assigning official and the assigned umpires at least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled time of the contest.
 - a. In the event any home team fails to give proper information to the appointing authority and/or fails to appropriately notify the assigned officials of the time, location or cancellation of a game with sufficient time to avoid travel by the umpires, the umpires shall be paid for the contest by the home team.
 - b. In the event the problem is due to the visiting team's failure to appear and/or appropriately notify the home team, the visiting team shall be responsible for



such costs in addition to any other action deemed appropriate by the RMWLL Executive Committee.

- c. For games that are canceled or postponed due to inclement weather, as long as the umpires are properly notified with sufficient time to avoid travel, there shall be no penalties.

ARTICLE VII

League Standings

1. League game results must be reported to the league president or league website within 24 hours of the game. League standings will then be determined by win/lose record within the divisional league games.
2. Tie breaking procedures: If one or more teams have identical regional records, the team to win the tie breaker will be determined as follows:
 - a. Overall winning percentage
 - b. Head to head
 - c. Executive Committee decision
3. The RMWLL is split in to two divisions, Division I and Division II. A team has the opportunity to petition going up or down their respective division. This petition must take place only at the RMWLL Annual Fall Meeting.
 - a. Division I teams:
 - i. Brigham Young University, Colorado State University, University of Colorado
 - ii. Must play each RMWLL Division I team one time during the regular season
 - iii. Mandated to compete against at least **9 Division I** WCLA full member teams in order to reach the RMWLL Championship
 - b. Division II teams:
 - i. East: Air Force Academy, Colorado School of Mines, University of Denver, University of Northern Colorado, University of Wyoming
 - ii. West: University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Weber State University, Westminster College
 - iii. Must play each member of respected region, and at least one out of region game
 - iv. Mandated to compete against at least **7** Division I or Division II WCLA full member team in order to reach the RMWLL Championship
 - c. Teams must decide Divisional decision by the Annual Meeting, not by



ARTICLE VIII

League Championships

The Top 2 Division II teams from each region and the 3 Division I teams will participate in the league championships. This will be determined by the league standings and tie breaking procedures listed in Article VII. The Division II teams will play each other as follows: First round #1 East vs. #2 West and #1 West vs. #2 East. Second round winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2 and loser of game 1 vs. loser of game 2. The second round including the winner of game 1 vs. winner of game 2 will determine the RMWLL Division II Champion. The Division I teams will play each other as follows: First round #2 vs. #3, as #1 has first round bye. Second round is winner of game 1 vs. #1. This will determine the RMWLL Division I Champion.

The location of the league championship is to be hosted by the former league champion at their university (from the prior year). If this team is unable to host the league championship, then the game will be held at a neutral site determined by the members of the RMWLL.

1. Division II Champion in 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018
2. Division I Champion in 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019
3. If the league champion cannot hold the RMWLL Championship, the runner-up within the same division will be the next choice as a host

The host team is required to reserve fields and provide the equipment for the championships. The remaining RMWLL annual budget will be put towards the RMWLL Championship.

The former league champion is required to bring the league championship trophy to the RMWLL playoffs and it will then be rewarded to the winner of the current league champion. Each succeeding league champion is required to have the trophy engraved (school name, and year) prior to the following years league championship and is expected to keep it until next year's championship.

ARTICLE IX

Post Season Awards

The RMWLL will post All Conference Awards based on the following criteria:

1. Division I:
 - a. There will be one All Conference team with 12 players
 - b. Each team will voluntarily choose 3 players
 - c. Top Goalie will be based solely off the RMWLL Website
 - d. Top 2 Offensive Players will be based solely off the RMWLL Website
2. Division II:
 - a. All Conference:
 - i. There will be one team with 28 players
 - ii. The four teams in the RMWLL Championship will voluntarily choose 4 players
 - iii. Other teams not in the RMWLL Championship will voluntarily choose 2 players



- b. All Regional
 - i. There will be two teams of 8, an East team and a West team
 - ii. Each team will voluntarily choose 1 player
 - iii. Top 2 Offensive Players will be based solely off the RMWLL Website
 - iv. Top Goalie will be based solely off the RMWLL Website

ARTICLE X

Uniforms/Equipment

Each team is responsible to have appropriate uniforms and equipment in accordance with the Official Rules for Women's Lacrosse approved, or promulgated, by the Women's Division of Lacrosse.

- a) This shall preferably include two sets of numbered game shirts with different colors. (Dark colors for away games and light colors for home games.)
- b) The teams should coordinate the choice of shirt colors with the opposing teams for each game to avoid similar color shirts for the games.
- c) In the event of a conflict, the home team shall be responsible for changing shirts to avoid the conflict or shall be responsible for providing numbered pennies or vests and wearing them.
- d) New uniform rules beginning in 2013, check US Lacrosse rule book
- e) By January 1st, 2015, all RMWLL teams will bear the Official RMWLL Logo on all apparel and uniforms.
 - a. RMWLL Official Logo is on their official website
 - b. Colors can be adjusted, and used only with prior permission from league president. If not accepted by the league president, your logo cannot be used to represent the RMWLL; this is against trademark policies and is illegal.
 - c. Logo can be placed on the left chest, left arm, or on the top of the back

ARTICLE XI

Player Eligibility

1. For all WCLA contests, the RMWLL abides by the rules of US Lacrosse; only WCLA eligible students of the member organization shall be entitled to play.
2. Below are important interpretations from the WCLA Bylaws/Guidelines:
 - a. A current NCAA student athlete has until February 15th to decide whether to continue on her NCAA career or to join her club team. If she decides by the date given to play club lacrosse, she must stop all financial aid assistance given to her for playing lacrosse at the NCAA level.
 - b. Any player who has a disability that impedes her from being a full time student, the WCLA will allow that player to participate with proper documentation.
 - c. Must be a full time student at a WCLA institution, unless in your final term for graduation.



- i. You may also participate as a graduate student, however, you must be considered full time through your university/college
- d. Games played with ineligible player(s) will result in a forfeit
 - i. Ineligible player(s): player not on the WCLA Roster Verification Form or a student who drops below full time status after the semester begins

ARTICLE XII

Automatic Qualification

1. For all WCLA contests, the RMWLL abides by the rules of US Lacrosse and WCLA.
2. Below are important interpretations from the WCLA Bylaws/Guidelines:
 - a. Games that count towards WCLA minimums must take place between January 1st and April 22nd
 - i. DI requires 9 games
 - ii. DII requires 7 games
 - b. A League must have at least 9 FULL members
 - c. National AQ's will abide by the League's divisional alignments
 - i. If a RMWLL DII team receives an AQ to Nationals, they will go to the DII National Championship, not DI, and vice versa
 - d. For an At Large opportunity to the National Tournament:
 - i. DI teams must play at least 9 DI teams
 - ii. DII teams must play at least 7 DI/DII teams

ARTICLE XIII

Meeting

The annual meeting of the teams in the Rocky Mountain Women's Lacrosse League shall be at a such time that is agreed upon by the members, if at all possible, be held in September of each year. The annual meeting will be hosted in the opposite region of the RMWLL Championship. Such meetings shall be held for the transaction of business and/or other issues that come upon at the meeting. Each team must have a representative present at every annual fall meeting. Failure to have a representative present will result in not being eligible for post-season play.

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