

Bylaws of Patriot Lacrosse Club

Article I: Name and Purpose

- 1.1 **Legal Status.** In accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, Patriot Lacrosse Club shall operate exclusively as a non-profit educational organization providing supervised lacrosse programs. No part of the net earning shall inure to the benefit of any individual. No substantial part of Patriot Lacrosse Club's activities shall be to carry on propaganda or attempt to influence legislation. Patriot Lacrosse Club shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 1.2 **Name.** The organization shall be known as Patriot Lacrosse Club.
- 1.3 **Purpose.** The purpose of Patriot Lacrosse Club is to promote and honor the sport of lacrosse in Colorado Springs for youth boys and girls.
- 1.4 **Goal.** Utilizing the guidelines of US Lacrosse, Colorado Youth Lacrosse Association (CYLA), and Colorado Girls Lacrosse Association (CGLA), the goal of Patriot Lacrosse Club is to provide youth lacrosse players both developmental and competitive environments that teach skills, builds character, encourages team play, demands respect, and promotes good sportsmanship; regardless of ability.
- 1.5 **Mission.** The Patriot Lacrosse Club mission is to teach youth athletes the life lessons of skills development, teamwork, safe play, and sportsmanship in both a recreational/developmental environment and a competitive environment that prepares these young athletes for high school level competition.

Article II: Membership

- 2.1 **Membership.**
 - a) **Admittance.** Membership in Patriot Lacrosse Club shall be open, without discrimination, to anyone who believes in and supports the mission and purpose of Patriot Lacrosse Club. Members may be admitted at any time.
 - b) **Member Behavior.** Patriot Lacrosse Club reserves the right, in its sole discretion, and with or without notice, to limit or terminate the rights and/or membership of members who are not an asset to the organization or in good standing with Patriot Lacrosse Club, CYLA, CGLA, and the US Lacrosse Code of Conduct.
- 2.2 **Voting privileges.** To be eligible to vote, a member must be in good standing with the club.

Article III: Board of Directors

- 3.1 General Powers.** Two Boards of Directors will manage Patriot Lacrosse Club: one for the girl's division and one for the boy's division. Each Board of Directors (Board) shall make all of the decisions for their division. Each Board shall consist of Officers and Committee Chairs. Both division Presidents shall address issues that effect the overall operation of Patriot Lacrosse Club.
- 3.2 Officers.** Officers for each division shall be designated as the President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 3.3 President.** The President shall have primary responsibility for the daily operation of the division according to the policies adopted by the Board. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board, facilitate and only vote to break a tie (except in the case of a ballot vote where the President will be allowed to vote); serve as an ex officio member of all committees; be a signatory for club checks; and perform such other duties as may be provided for by these bylaws or directed by the Board.
- 3.4 Secretary.** The Secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence and the recording and filing of the minutes from all Board and general meetings. The Secretary shall also maintain permanent records; historical data of the division; and an up-to-date list of members.
- 3.5 Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall collect all dues and other monies, deposit all funds in the appropriate accounts, pay all bills, maintain records of all transactions and shall make an annual financial report available to membership on an annual basis and to the Board as requested. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for any required tax filings and ensure that the organization conducts business in compliance with its eligibility for tax-exempt status.
- 3.6 Committee Chairs.** Committees are dependent on the needs of each division. The Board shall appoint Committee Chairs. Potential committees shall consist of, but not be limited to: Player Clinics, Uniforms, Fields, Equipment, Coaches Education and Training, Player Recruitment, Fundraising, and Rental Gear. The Spring Lacrosse League Commissioner, Fall Lacrosse League Commissioner, and Winter Lacrosse League Commissioner (if the division participates in these leagues) shall be considered a Committee Chair.

Article IV: Elections and Appointments

- 4.1 Election and Terms of Board Members.** Members of the Board shall be elected at the annual membership meeting in January. Board members shall be elected for two-year terms that begin and end in January. Terms of office shall be staggered if possible to provide continuity within the club.
- 4.2 Vacancy of Board Members.** If a member of the Board is no longer available to serve for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board until the next regular election of Board members occurs. One week prior to any election, the names of potential candidates for open positions (if known at the time) must be presented to the general membership.

- 4.3 Nominations for Board Members.** Any voting member of the club may nominate a candidate for the Board. Nominations, including self-nominations, must be submitted to the President seven days in advance of the annual membership meeting. Additional nominations are acceptable from the floor at the annual meeting. The Board shall appoint the Treasurer after completing a criminal history background check as well as interview the candidate before any decision is made.
- 4.4 Removal of Board Members.** A member of the Board may be removed from office if they resign, fail to appear for Board meetings for a period of three months, or are removed from office. Officers can be removed from office by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the votes cast at a special recall. Committee Chairs can be removed from office by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the remaining Board.

Article V: Meetings

- 5.1 Board Meetings.** The Board shall meet for the annual membership meeting in January and once a month (as needed) to conduct seasonal business. Board meetings are open to all members; however, voting on Board issues shall be restricted to elected and appointed Board members.
- 5.2 Quorum.** A quorum for all meetings and polls shall consist of a majority of the Board members then serving.
- 5.3 Special Meetings.** The Board may hold special meetings as needed. The Board may conduct these special meetings or any other business of the Board through telephone, polling, e-mail, or other means not requiring their physical presence. Board meetings shall generally be open to the full membership except in instances where matters concerning individual members, registered children, or volunteer coaches are being addressed. The President may convene their Board in closed session whenever such confidential matters are to be discussed.
- 5.4 Annual Membership Meetings.** Each division shall hold an annual meeting with their general membership. This meeting is the only meeting where a quorum of directors must appear physically rather than by other means. The Board shall organize and set the agenda for the annual meeting for the purpose of electing Board members, approval of the annual budget, and any other matter set on the agenda by the Board. This meeting shall be held during the month of January.
- 5.5 Notice of Meetings.** The general membership shall be given notice of the annual meeting at least ten days in advance. Where possible notice of any special meetings of the Board or membership shall be at least ten days in advance; however, if such notice would prove inconvenient or delay timely resolution of club business, notice may be posted as late as the day of the meeting. While other methods the Board deems appropriate may also be used, posting of the notice on the Patriot Lacrosse Club website shall be considered sufficient notice of any meeting.
- 5.6 Conduct of Meetings.** Membership and Board meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

Article VI: Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the organization shall be January 1 to December 31.

Article VII: Amendments

These by laws may be altered, amended, or replaced and new bylaws may be adopted by both a majority of both the members present at a membership meeting and a majority of the directors then serving.

Article VIII: Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to religious, or scientific purposes as, at the time, shall qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law as the Board shall determine. In the event of sale or dissolution of the corporation, no surplus funds or other assets will be used for private inurement.

Article IX: Limited Liability of Directors

A director shall not be personally liable for monetary damages as for any action taken, or any failure to take action, unless the director has breached or failed to perform the duties of his or her office under the applicable Director's Liability Act; and the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. The provision of the section shall not apply to the responsibility of liability of a director pursuant to any criminal statute.