

Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association

WSLA BYLAWS Revised January 2016

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association is to coordinate and facilitate activities related to girls' youth and high school lacrosse in Washington; to promote and facilitate a safe environment for girls to play lacrosse; to promote the growth of the sport; and to honor the game by instilling the values of scholastic achievement, sportsmanship, teamwork and individual development.

Article 1: Name and Composition of the Organization

- A. The name of this organization shall be the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association, hereinafter referred to as WSLA.
- B. WSLA is a 501(c)3 Non Profit organization that is managed by a Board of Trustees.

Article 2: Purpose and Responsibilities

- A. The purpose of WSLA shall be to support the Mission Statement.
- B. The responsibilities of WSLA shall be to organize, supervise, administer, develop, and promote lacrosse in the State of Washington.

Article 3: Membership

- A. WSLA is a voluntary organization for lacrosse programs in Washington.
 - 1. A program is defined as an organization that supports and administers one or more teams associated with its program.
 - a. Programs must be accepted into WSLA through a process identified in its Handbook.
- B. Membership in WSLA is open to lacrosse programs in Washington that accept and agree to comply with the rules and regulations stipulated in the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws.
- C. When a program becomes a Member of WSLA, its activities shall comply with the WSLA Handbook and Bylaws.
- D. New programs and new teams who wish to join WSLA must petition to join through the process, which is set out in the WSLA Handbook, which may be amended from time to time.

- E. Any and all disputes with WSLA will be handled in the processes set forth in WSLA's Handbook, which may be amended from time to time.
- F. WSLA Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Trustees.
 - 1. Proposed amendments may be submitted by members of WSLA to the Executive Director.
 - 2. Proposed amendments to these By Laws shall be presented in writing, by mail or electronically, to the membership at least 20 days prior to a regularly scheduled WSLA League Meeting or at least 20 days prior to a Special Meeting.
 - 3. Approval of amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the Membership at a regularly scheduled WSLA League meeting or Special Meeting.

Article 4: Board Governance and Executive Committee.

- A. The affairs, property and operation of WSLA shall be governed and administered by the Board of Trustees.
 - 1. Board Size. The WSLA Board shall not be fewer than 9 Trustees nor larger than 25 Trustees.
 - 2. Trustee Election. The Trustees will be elected onto the board by a 2/3 majority vote by then existing members of the Board
 - a. Board Terms. Board Member terms shall be for 3 years. Board Members, if reelected, shall serve for no more than 3 terms.
 - 3. Officer Election. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the Trustees
 - a. Officer Terms. Officer terms shall be for one year.
 - b. Officers may serve for unlimited number of terms.
 - 4. Officers. The Board of Trustees shall be comprised of, at a minimum, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (WSLA Officers).
- A. Board members and officers shall serve without compensation except for the Executive Council Treasurer who may receive compensation for bookkeeping services as approved by the WSLA Board.
 - a. Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties when approved.
- B. Representatives of the Membership Council and Board members shall not incur any expense or debt in the name of WSLA without the specific and prior authorization from the Executive Council.
- C. The fiscal year of WSLA shall begin on September 1 and end on August 31 of the following calendar year.

Article 5: Non-Liability

- A. Representatives of the Membership Council and Board members serve WSLA as volunteers and shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities and other obligations of WSLA.

Which ByLaws were Approved and Adopted January 30, 2016



Secretary. WSLA