

RH Girls Lacrosse Club By-Laws

Mission Statement

The mission of the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club is to promote the game of lacrosse within the Rush-Henrietta School District. The Club will be made available to all Rush-Henrietta youth girls interested in the game of lacrosse and in advancing their skills. The Club's function will be to act as an organizational means for Rush-Henrietta girls to participate in league and tournament play. The players will be evaluated based on skill level, dedication, and willingness to learn and assigned to a team based on this assessment. The Club will emphasize sportsmanship, fitness, achievement, teamwork, and skill development. The Club will demand a high degree of ethical conduct by its coaches, players, volunteers, and parents.

Article I – Organization Name and Business Address

A. The organization shall be known as the: Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club P.O. Box 375 Henrietta, NY 14467 Web: www.rhlaxgirls.com

Article II – Organizational Objectives

A. The objective of this Club shall be to administer an organized lacrosse program that provides:

- ✓ A safe and healthy environment to play lacrosse.
- ✓ The promotion of good sportsmanship, team play, positive attitude, and respect for all players, parents, coaches, and officials.
- ✓ Encouragement for parental/guardian involvement.
- ✓ Development of a strong work ethic where a best effort is encouraged in classroom academics as well as on the lacrosse field.
- ✓ Provide participants with qualified, knowledgeable, and motivated adult leadership.

B. The club shall follow the guidelines below when organizing activities:

1. In order to reach the goals that have been set, we will attempt to provide every girl wanting to participate the opportunity to play. We want the program and the sport to grow in RH and believe excluding girls is the wrong way to do this.

2. Due to roster restrictions and league rules, there will be occasions where we will not be able to include all players. Players will be determined by grade/age, skill level, position, work ethic/attitude, and overall commitment to RH Lacrosse. It is important for players to remember that every time they have a lacrosse stick in their hands, be it a game, practice, or instructional program; they may be auditioning for a future spot on a Club team and/or league. When the number of players wanting to participate on a Club team and/or league is over what can be supported, the Club shall help the involved parents in the formation of a second team.

Article III – Organizational Participation

A. Club Participants shall be comprised of the following:

1. Girls in grades K-12 who want to play lacrosse and reside in the Rush-Henrietta School District.
2. If a girl residing outside of the Rush-Henrietta School District would like to play lacrosse with the RH Girls Lacrosse Club, the board would meet to review this request and determine if there are open slots on the roster that cannot be filled by Rush-Henrietta residents. The RH Girls Lacrosse Board would vote on the request to play with the RH Girls Lacrosse Club.

Article IV – Governing Body

A. Board of Directors

1. Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club shall have individuals holding the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Parent Representative, and Coach Commissioner.
2. Board members may hold the same position on the Club Board for two years with their term beginning July 1. At the end of a term the board position will be posted on the Club website for a period of two weeks. If there are other parties interested in that position, the candidate will submit a letter to the Club Board stating his/her interest in being a candidate for a Club Board position. The Club Board will approve all interested candidates for board positions. Club Board approved candidates and the position they are running for will be posted on the website. There will be an election within two weeks of the posting of the candidates where parents/guardians of the Club's membership will vote. If there are no other parties interested in that position, a board member may continue his/her position for another term.

B. All standing board member positions will have one vote with majority rules applying. There can be a vote when there is a quorum of Board members present at a meeting. A quorum is considered at least 4 voting board members. In the event of a tie vote, the issue will be tabled for further comment and discussion. It will be voted on again at the next meeting.

C. Elections

1. If an election is required, it will be held within two weeks of posting the candidates on the Club website. The date, time, and location of the election will be posted on the Club website along with the candidates running for board positions. Parents/guardians of the Club's membership will have the opportunity to vote. The candidate with the majority of votes will be assigned to the board position he/she was elected for effective the first of the month immediately following the election.

2. In the event of a tie vote, there will be a re-election held within one week. If there is still a tie vote, the current Board will hold a vote to decide on the candidate that will hold the board position.

D. Committees

1. The Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Board may designate committees among its members. Decisions of committees shall be subject to the approval of the board.

2. Committees may be formed for the following functions: Equipment, Field Allocation, Fundraising, Publicity, Photos, Registration, Sponsors, Tournament, Camps, Clinics, Uniforms, Website Maintenance and other committees as deemed necessary by the Board.

Article V – Roles and Responsibilities

A. The Chair (1 vote)

1. It shall be the Chair's duty to supervise and generally manage the affairs of the Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

2. The Chair shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board of directors are carried into effect.

3. The Chair shall maintain and update, as needed, the by-laws of the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club and present them to the Club Board for ratification.

B. The Vice Chair (1 vote)

1. The Vice Chair shall, during the absence of or disability of the Chair, have all the powers and functions of the Chair.

2. The Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chair from time to time by the Club membership and/or Board of Directors.

C. The Secretary (1 vote)

1. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club, issue notice of meetings, prepare an official calendar of events, and record the minutes of each meeting.

D. The Treasurer (1 vote)

1. The Treasurer is responsible for all the financial matters concerning the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club, which shall include keeping all books and accounts, invoicing member organizations for fees, the collection of said fees, and the payment of all bills.

2. The Treasurer shall present an annual financial report setting forth, in full, the financial conditions of the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club.

E. The Parent Representative-(1 vote)

1. To oversee the activities of the Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club Board of Directors to assure the Club is run to the benefit of the membership.
2. Parent Representative will assist Club Board with selecting and appointing team managers yearly after team formation is completed in August. A Team Manager will be appointed for each team and will report feedback to Parent Representative who will communicate that information at monthly Board meeting.
3. Act as liaison between the membership, team level managers, and the Board of Directors by providing a conduit for communication and also by overseeing the Team Managers' completion of team and tournament specific tasks.

F. Coach Commissioner (Not a voting position)

1. To recommend to the Board tournaments and/or competitive events the Club shall attend.
2. To act as liaison between the Board, the Club's coaches, and the Rush-Henrietta School District coaches.

Article VI – Financial Policy

1. The Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club will act as a not for profit organization, where Board members are not paid and can't use funds for private purposes.
2. Funding may be acquired from a combination of player registration fees, member dues, fundraising activities, and donations.
3. Funds will be utilized solely for the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club expenses. These expenses include, but are not limited to the following: tournament/inter-league expenses, purchase of equipment from any source, playing field maintenance, player/coach/Board of Directors liability insurance, contributions for promotion and advancement of lacrosse in Rush-Henrietta.
4. In the event the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club is dissolved, all remaining equity, either equipment or monies shall be donated to the Henrietta Recreation Department, Rush Recreation Department, RH Boys Youth Lacrosse Club, or the Rush-Henrietta Central School District Lacrosse Program.
5. No expenditure shall exceed \$500.00 without board approval. If a meeting cannot be scheduled in time to seek approval on the expenditure, approval can be obtained by the Treasurer through votes cast through email. 6. In the event that a Rush-Henrietta resident requests financial assistance for his/her child to participate in lacrosse practice, games, league play, and/or tournament play, the board will vote to approve or disapprove the request.

Article VII – Meetings

1. The Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club shall meet as deemed necessary.
2. Board members may call meetings when desired.
3. Board votes shall be done in person when possible.
4. All proposals to be considered by the Board shall be submitted to the chairman for addition to the agenda prior to a meeting. The proposal will be voted on at the meeting following submission of the proposal to the agenda. At that meeting, the proposal may be tabled until the next board meeting so that changes may be made to the proposal. At the next meeting, the proposal will be voted on again. At that time, if the proposal is disapproved it will be deemed void for a period of three months so the proposal may be reevaluated.

Article VIII – Amendments

1. Amendments to these By-Laws shall be voted upon at any scheduled meeting. Amendments must be passed by a majority vote of all Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club Board Members present.
2. Proposed amendments must be submitted for consideration at least ten days prior to the scheduled meeting that the vote will take place.

Article IX – Board, Coach, and Club Member Termination/Resignation

1. The Board shall review, investigate, and vote to determine the status of a Board member, coach, or a Club member.
2. Termination will occur when or if a Board member, coach, or Club member has been found to have violated the Mission Statement and/or the By-Laws.
3. Any mistreatment of a player, parent, official, coach, Club or Board member will be grounds for termination if found verified by the Board.
4. The Board reserves the right to make final decisions concerning termination.
5. Should a Board member resign during a term, the Board reserves the ability to appoint an individual to complete the term of the individual who resigned.

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