

# **EAST CAROLINA YOUTH LACROSSE LEAGUE**

## **Official Organizational Charter of the East Carolina Youth Lacrosse League**

### **Article I Name of Organization**

The organization shall be known as the East Carolina Youth Lacrosse League (ECYLL).

### **Article II Affiliations**

Carteret Youth Lacrosse Association (CYLA)

Havelock Youth Lacrosse Association (HYLA)

New Bern Youth Lacrosse Association (NBYLA)  
Onslow Youth Lacrosse Association (OYLA)

Pitt County Youth Lacrosse League (PCYLL)

Topsail Youth Lacrosse Association (TYLA)

The ECYLL shall be affiliated with the North Carolina Charter of US  
Lacrosse & US Lacrosse

### **Article III Vision and Mission Statements**

ECYLL envisions a future which promotes the growth and development of youth lacrosse in the eastern Carolina community, teaching the game of lacrosse, fostering sportsmanship and the love of the game.

ECYLL is an independent, self-governing body dedicated to growing the sport of lacrosse in a responsible manner. Our mission is to introduce the game to as many boys and girls as possible in order to grow the sport, teaching sportsmanship, honor, and teamwork.

The purpose of the Lacrosse League shall be to introduce, promote, develop, administer, and instruct players and coaches in the progression of youth Lacrosse. The emphasis shall focus on **FUN** and learning the game of lacrosse. Participants will also be encouraged to compete to their fullest potential so they can play the game the way it was meant to be played, with passion. Winning is a by-product of the recreational activity rather than the only product. Participants and coaches of the ECYLL shall not adhere to the philosophy of "winning at any cost."

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Philosophies shared by U. S. Lacrosse and the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) at Stanford University are the foundation coaches are expected to adopt and use to ensure all participants have a positive learning experience and the objectives of the program, stated above can be achieved. All players and coaches are also expected to abide by the US Lacrosse Code of Conduct, US Lacrosse Rules for Boys and or US Lacrosse Rules for Girls, and the By-laws of the East Carolina Youth Lacrosse League.

## **Article IV      Organization and Membership**

ECYLL is an association of youth lacrosse programs in eastern North Carolina, with the intent to incorporate as a non-profit charitable organization within the state of North Carolina, and to obtain such status under section 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Until this process is completed, funds are held in a separate ECYLL-designated account under the aegis of Pitt County Youth Lacrosse (PCYL), a North Carolina non-profit 501 (c) 3 charitable organization. ECYLL's fiscal year is the calendar year, in conformity with that of PCYL.

Member programs pay annual dues set by the board of directors, elect a representative to serve on the board of directors when a vacancy arises, participate in competition among member programs, the annual tournament, and the scheduling and planning of such competition. Each member program must abide by the rules and policies of ECYLL in the context of ECYLL activities.

ECYLL follows the lead of US Lacrosse and Positive Coaching Alliance in setting rules and policies.

### Voting Members

Members of the Board of Directors shall have voting rights, during the term of their service.

### Non-Voting Members

All parents and sponsors of lacrosse players, participating in any of the programs of the ECYLL shall be non-voting members.

## **Article V      Board of Directors and Election of Officers**

The Board of Directors shall set the rules and policies of ECYLL.

The Board of Directors shall consist of five or more directors, but always totaling an odd number. Each member program shall elect its own representative to serve as director when a vacancy arises. Director vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.

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Community volunteers can serve on the Board with approval from the Board of Directors.

When there is an even number of member programs, an additional director shall be elected by the ECYLL Board of Directors from the general membership. If such director vacates his/her seat on the board, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors. Such director shall serve until the annual meeting, when elections by the Board of Directors may be held.

The Board of Directors shall elect officers annually from among the members of the board. The officers shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, each having duties as usually associated with these positions. The other members of the board shall serve as directors-at-large. The Board of Directors may appoint committees and committee chairmen, as required. Officer vacancies will be filled by election by the Board of Directors.

Nominations for Club Officers will be accepted during the May club meeting if a Board vacancy arises. The election of officers will be held at the following meeting. The following officers will be elected by the majority of those Board members present. The positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

In the event of a vacancy in any of the elected offices through resignation or other causes, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote may fill such a vacancy. Removal of any Board member (for sufficient cause) requires a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors. Removal of a person from an appointed office requires a 2/3 vote of the Board.

## **Article VI Meetings**

ECYLL will meet annually to prepare the competition schedule for the spring season and to appoint a tournament planning committee. Each member program shall have two representatives present to represent the boys' and girls' teams in their programs. The officers of the board of directors shall report on the business of the league. Each member program shall be entitled to one vote whenever a vote of the membership is conducted.

The board of directors shall meet annually, and as required to transact the business of the league. Quorum will be a simple majority (51%) of the total number of directors. Votes shall be decided by a simple majority (51%) of those present and voting.

Calendar scheduled is:

- Sept – BOD meeting (board only)
- Oct – Annual scheduling & elections (all organizations)
- Mid-Feb – Final scheduling meeting (all organizations)
- June – BOD end-of-season meeting (board only)