

GREAT FALLS LACROSSE

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE 1. NAME

1. The name of the organization is Great Falls Lacrosse.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of Great Falls Lacrosse is:
 - a) To foster, promote, and advance the understanding and development of the sport of lacrosse in the Great Falls , Montana area.
 - b) To teach the game of lacrosse to the youth of the Great Falls area; to maintain, operate, equip, and support lacrosse players, teams, and leagues; to operate and conduct lacrosse clinics, games, athletic events, and exhibitions; to acquire, hold, operate, and dispose of any and all privileges, rights, franchises, and concessions.
 - c) To promote goodwill, sportsmanship, and good welfare among its members.
 - d) To affiliate with other lacrosse organizations for the furtherance of the corporation's purposes.
 - e) To conduct fund raising projects and otherwise solicit and receive donations and funds for the accomplishment of its exempt purposes.
 - f) To do all and everything suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the exempt purposes or the attainment of any of the objects of this corporation, and to do every other act or acts, thing or things incidental or appurtenant to or growing out of or connected with the corporation.
2. Great Falls Lacrosse is a public benefit non-profit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for

such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organization under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

3. In the case of dissolution of Great Falls Lacrosse, the Board of Directors shall disperse any monies and/or equipment of the corporation to a 501(c)(3) organization for the sole purpose of promoting the sport of lacrosse. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the District Court of Cascade County or of any other county in which the principal office of the corporation may be then located, exclusively to organizations engaged in activities substantially similar to this corporation and which are operated exclusively for exempt purposes.
4. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under § 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 3. FISCAL YEAR

1. ~~The fiscal year of Great Falls Lacrosse shall be the calendar year.~~

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership will be limited to one parent or guardian of each Great Falls High School student in good standing registered with Great Falls Lacrosse. The coaches appointed by the corporation will also be considered members, each with a single vote. The term of membership will begin upon registration on or after September 1st and end on August 31st of each year. Funds contributed to Great Falls Lacrosse as part of a fund-raising activity do not entitle the contributor to the benefits of membership.

2. Local area home schooled students and students from other local area high schools without organized competitive lacrosse programs may register and participate in Great Falls Lacrosse with the approval of the Executive Board of Directors. Parents or guardians of non-Great Falls High School students will not be entitled to membership in Great Falls Lacrosse.
3. Each member shall be entitled to one vote in the election of officers to the Executive Board of Directors. Each member must vote in person at the annual meeting held during the last week of September each year.

ARTICLE 5. GOVERNANCE

1. The governance of the corporation will be carried out by the Executive Board of Directors, which shall be selected through an election by the general membership of the corporation. The Executive Board of Directors is responsible for leading the affairs of the corporation and is required to vote on all matters that legally bind the corporation to its actions. The Executive Board of Directors will consist of the elected positions of:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Past President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
2. The Executive Board of Directors shall be nominated and then elected by secret ballot at the annual general membership meeting of the corporation. The term of the Directors will begin immediately upon election and shall run until the next election is held. Directors shall be eligible for re-election.
3. Election to positions on the Executive Board of Directors shall not be limited to current members. Past members and other persons involved in the local lacrosse community may be eligible for election. Current Great Falls Lacrosse coaches will not be eligible for election.
4. Board meetings shall be held monthly or as deemed necessary for the administration of the corporation. A quorum for any Board meeting shall be at least 50% of the Board Members. Board meetings shall be conducted in accordance with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.
5. Special Meetings of the Executive Board of Directors may be called by the President or by written request to the President by at least three members of the Board. The President or Secretary shall notify Board Members of the date, time, and place of each meeting in advance of the meeting.

6. Any member of the Executive Board of Directors may resign at any time, upon written notice of his/her desire to do so delivered to the President or Secretary. A Director may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Directors for malfeasance, lack of sympathy with the purpose of the organization, refusal to render reasonable assistance in carrying out the purpose of the corporation, or failure to meet the participation requirements outlined in this Article.
7. Any Executive Board Member absenting himself/herself from three (3) consecutive Board meetings during without just cause may have his/her Board position declared vacant at the discretion of the Executive Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 6. Director's Duties

1. The duties of the President of Great Falls Lacrosse are:
 - (a) To set the time and place for all meetings.
 - (b) To preside over all meetings.
 - (c) To serve as chair of the Executive Board.
 - (d) To see that Great Falls Lacrosse operates within the by-laws.
 - (e) To authorize payment of bills and other expenditures that necessitates action between Executive Board Meeting.
2. The duties of the Vice President of Great Falls Lacrosse are:
 - (a) To assume the duties of the President in his/her absence.
 - (b) To assist the President in carrying out his/her duties.
 - (c) To serve as an ex officio member of all committees.
3. The duties of the Past President of Great Falls Lacrosse are:
 - (a) To advise the Executive Board in matters pertaining to the corporation.
4. The duties of the Secretary of Great Falls Lacrosse are:

- (a) To record the minutes of all meetings, attend to all correspondence, and keep the records of the corporation.
 - (b) To keep a complete list of all voting members.
 - (c) To maintain a permanent set of all meeting minutes, correspondence, and by-laws.
 - (d) To carry out other duties as may be specifically assigned by the Executive Board.
5. The duties of the Treasurer of Great Falls Lacrosse are:
- (a) To collect all registration fees and all other monies derived from the activities of the organization and have charge of all funds and assets of the corporation.
 - (b) To keep a detailed account of income and expenditures of the corporation.
 - (c) To pay all bills properly passed upon and approved by the President. Checks over \$1000.00 must be co-signed by the President or the Vice President and Treasurer.
 - (d) To submit a financial report at each meeting detailing total funds collected, dispersed and available for future use.
 - (e) To ensure the preparation and filing of any financial reports that may be required by state or federal regulations.
 - (f) To carry out other duties as may be specifically assigned by the Executive Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEES

1. The President shall assign Directors and interested members to the following regular committees:
 - Events
 - Fundraising
 - Budget
 - Website

2. Special or ad hoc committees may be named by the Executive Board or the President from time to time as required.

ARTICLE 8. MISCELLANEOUS

1. The Executive Board of Directors may amend these bylaws by presenting the amendment at any regular or special meeting. The approval of two-thirds of the membership of the Executive Board of Directors is required to pass the amendment.

AMENDMENTS

Article 3. Fiscal Year

1. The fiscal year of Great Falls Lacrosse shall be August through July of the following year. – Amended 7/19/2016