

ARIZONA GIRLS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS AND RULES AND REGULATIONS

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME AND MISSION

The name of this organization shall be the Arizona Girls Lacrosse Association (AGLA). The mission of the AGLA is to encourage, foster, and promote the sport of girls' lacrosse in the state of Arizona in a safe, inclusive and sportsmanlike environment.

ARTICLE II: RELATION TO US LACROSSE

The AGLA shall operate in accordance with the official rules and Code of Conduct endorsed by US Lacrosse.

ARTICLE III: AGLA and TEAM MEMBERSHIP

"Club" is used in this document to refer to participating organizations and its individuals; as a legal distinction, and to ensure compliance with future AGLA Articles of Incorporation, there is technically no AGLA membership or physical club.

AGLA Clubs are open to any Arizona amateur high school lacrosse organization (Team) that is voluntarily and primarily concerned with the promotion of the game of girls' lacrosse in accordance with these by-laws. Specifically, a Team may be a member of AGLA if the following conditions are met prior to and throughout participation:

- The Team is organized as not-for-profit.
- The Team's registration policy does not discriminate on basis of race, creed, color, or religion.
- The Team agrees to promote the game of girls' lacrosse in a safe and sportsmanlike environment.
- The Team maintains a roster of 12 female 9th through 12th graders (no male athletes).
- The Team has identified at least one Head Coach.
- The Team pays all required AGLA dues and submits all required registration materials on an annual basis, prior to participation in any regular season games (as outlined in the AGLA Rules and Regulations).
- All Team athletes, coaches, and parents abide by all AGLA By-Laws and the Code of Conduct.
- The Team does not allow its student athletes to be paid for participation, whether money or other valuable consideration.

The Head Coach of a Team may elect to hold try-outs for Team positions, so long as that try-out process does not discriminate on basis of race, creed, color, or religion. Refer to the AGLA Rules and Regulations for more information on team tryouts.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 1. The AGLA Board of Directors shall consist of five elected officers (see Article V). In addition, the AGLA Board shall include one Club Director position to represent each team (Varsity and JV). The term of each Club Director position is defined by the full payment of league dues of a particular team (per the rules) for a period of approximately one year to when payment for a team is again due the next year. Directors are required to be permanent residents of Arizona, and can include the past AGLA President, coaches, parents, school Athletic Directors, and / or other interested parties. Directors shall be designated in writing by the team or club they represent. Directors can be replaced at any time during their term by written email or letter indicating the reason for the change. The notification will be from the team or club responsible for assigning them. Changes approved by the Executive Committee will be effective 21 days following the decision.
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall conduct and transact the business of the AGLA. The Board shall be the sole governing body of AGLA except as otherwise provided herein, and shall elect a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary as provided in Article V.
- Section 3. The Board of Directors shall represent AGLA and shall have the power to amend the By-Laws and the Code of Conduct to further the purpose of the AGLA.
- Section 4. No Director shall for reason of his/her position be entitled to receive any salary or compensation; however, nothing herein shall be construed to prevent a Director from receiving any compensation from the AGLA for duties other than as a Director.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

- Section 1. Any person, 18 years or older and a permanent resident of Arizona, wishing to run for an Executive Committee position shall be eligible for office.
- Section 2. The elected officers of the AGLA shall be: President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The same person may serve as both Secretary and Treasurer. Each elected officer must be associated with different clubs to maintain open, balanced, and equitable representation of the league.
- Section 3. Election to an office automatically gives that person membership on the Executive Committee for the duration of their term.
- Section 4. Each officer, except as noted in Article VI, Section 3 below, shall be elected for a term of two years, with the option of reelection with two-thirds majority vote. If possible, all officers are to be elected in June of the same year by majority vote and shall take office the July 1st following their election; these dates may vary as determined by the President.
- Section 5. As determined by the President, nominations of members of the AGLA Board to the AGLA Executive Board shall be made at the last regular meeting of the season. Nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting, providing individuals so nominated express their willingness to serve during the meeting, or prior to the meeting in written form to the President.
- Section 6. As appropriate, the current President shall tally the election results at the last regular meeting of the season and shall announce the results at the conclusion of that meeting.
- Section 7. The AGLA Board of Directors may elect other officers as needed, in the procedure identified above, as determined by the President.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

- Section 1. The President shall: preside at all meetings and have general charge of the business of the AGLA; appoint all committees and be an ex-officio member of all committees; have the right to discuss all questions but shall vote only in the event of a tie; be in general charge of the internal affairs of the AGLA.
- Section 2. The 1st Vice President shall in the absence of the President assume his/her duties. The 1st Vice President shall become President of the League following their year as 1st Vice President.
- Section 3. The 2nd Vice President shall: in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President assume his/her duties. The 2nd Vice President will move to 1st Vice President and then President of the League in subsequent years. Their term on the Board shall be for three (3) years.
- Section 4. The Secretary shall: keep and distribute minutes of all meetings; maintain an accurate list of all players, coaches, and officials with their addresses; conduct all correspondence of the AGLA; send proper notice of the meetings in advance of the time and place; be custodian of all-important papers belonging to the AGLA.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall: keep a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements; collect all dues from each team; make such disbursements as approved by the Executive committee; present a report at all meetings of the AGLA as appropriate.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROLES

- Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the current elected officers of AGLA: The President, all Vice Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for executing the policies set by the Board of Directors and for carrying out the functions of the Board of Directors between meetings.
- Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be charged with the determination of the Rules and Regulations, including rule violations, eligibility violations, By-Law violations, and other such violations which may occur. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to make binding decisions regarding any and all violations.
- Section 4. The Executive Committee (comprised of the President, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer) and Past President will not have a vote whenever a vote of the Board of Directors is conducted. In the event of a vote that results in a tie, the President will cast the tie-breaking vote.
- Section 5. As appropriate, the Executive Committee shall report all its decisions at the next meeting of the Board of Directors for their review and ratification.
- Section 6. Upon a showing of good cause, the Executive Committee shall be authorized to order and direct the replaying of any AGLA regular season game. Upon a showing of good cause, the Executive Committee shall be authorized to recommend suspension of any Team for flagrant violations of the AGLA By-Laws and/or Rules and Regulations.
- Section 7. An Executive Committee decision or action may not be challenged or otherwise overruled except by a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors, exclusive of Executive Committee members, sitting in a properly constituted meeting. In the event the decision or action is vacated by a 75% vote of the Board of Directors, the Board shall be entitled to vote on the issues so overruled and vacated. The Board of Directors shall conduct a vote to determine the issues previously determined by the Executive Committee. Only a 75% majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be effective to render a final decision on said issues. In the event the Board of Directors is unable to have a 75% majority vote after both the initial vote to vacate and subsequent vote on the issues so overruled and vacated, then the initial decision or action of the Executive Committee shall be reinstated and be final.

ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1. All AGLA Standing Committees shall be defined by the President, at any time during the pre-season, regular season, or post-season. As appropriate, the term of each Standing Committee shall not extend past the current post-season.
- Section 2. Each Standing Committee may elect its own Chairperson.
- Section 3. Any member of the Board of Directors may serve as a Standing Committee member or Chairperson.
- Section 4. Standing Committees shall meet at a regular frequency and shall report all activity at each Board of Directors meeting as appropriate.

ARTICLE IX: VOTING

- Section 1. Each Director shall be entitled to one vote whenever a vote of the Board of Directors is conducted. Proxy voting shall only be allowed in written form by electronic mail or in paper format (i.e., if the item for voting was distributed to all Directors prior to the meeting, and the selected representative knows the preference of voting of the absent director). The Executive Committee (comprised of the President, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer) will not have a vote whenever a vote of the Board of Directors is conducted. In the event of a vote that results in a tie, the President will cast the tiebreaking vote.
- Section 2. Any Director may abstain from voting without explanation at any time.
- Section 3. Except as otherwise provided herein (Article V Officers and their Elections or XV Amendments), all votes of the Board of Directors shall be decided by a 51% majority of the Directors attending a given meeting.
- Section 4. At any meetings where a vote was announced prior to the meeting, votes will be administered via electronic vote to ensure transparency and proper capture of vote. The Executive Committee will announce a reasonable time limit to any electronic vote during the meeting, not to exceed 24 hours past the adjournment of the meeting. The Executive Committee will also have up to 24 hours post the time limit to report the outcome of that vote. Voting on items brought up during the meeting (not in advance) may be taken by a voice roll call or electronic vote, as determined by the President.
- Section 5. Any voting result can be made public in aggregate (i.e. total votes in each category but not votes identifying who voted.) If a question of integrity of the vote is challenged, the President shall appoint a committee of two to act as Inspectors of Election. The Inspectors shall certify the results of the ballot in writing to the President, for attachment to the meeting minutes. No Inspector shall be a candidate for the office or shall be personally interested in the questions voted upon.

ARTICLE X: BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings: The AGLA will have Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. The Secretary or President shall send adequate notice of the time and location to all current Board Members. The purpose of these meetings is to address current issues within the league, as well as to plan for the coming pre-season and regular season.

Section 2. Special Meetings: The President may call a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors when he/she deems it in the best interest of AGLA. In addition, at the request of at least two members of the Executive Committee or 1/3 of the members of the Board of Directors, the President shall call a Special Meeting. The Secretary or President shall send notice of the time and location to all current Board Members, indicating the purpose of the meeting and identifying the specific Board Members whose presence is required; any Board Member may attend any Special Meeting, even if their presence is not required.

Section 3. The presence of not less than 51% of the members of the Board of Directors, including the President, shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct any and all business of the AGLA. A meeting in which there is no quorum may be adjourned for a period of not more than three weeks from the date scheduled, and the Secretary shall send notice of the rescheduled meeting time and location to all Directors not present at the original meeting. If there is no quorum, at the discretion of the President, the attending Directors may vote to proceed without a quorum. With 67% of the attending Directors in favor, the meeting will proceed based on the agenda distributed prior to the meeting. Any item or issue in which a vote is scheduled during the meeting in which a Quorum is not present, shall be voted on by the Executive Committee and reported to the Board of Directors not less than one week prior to next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Section 4. No Regular or Special Meeting may be held, and no voting may occur in the absence of the President, unless the President, via email notice to the Board of Directors, delegates the presiding rights to the 1st Vice President. The 1st Vice President may then assume the President's duties and rights at a given meeting. The President will review the Agenda for the meeting and may defer specified topics to a future meeting when he/she is available to preside.

ARTICLE XI: ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following Order of Business will be adhered to at each AGLA meeting as appropriate and as determined by the President:

- 1. Roll call
- 2. Reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting by the Secretary or a representative
- 3. Reports of the elected officers
- 4. Reports of Standing Committees
- 5. Old and unfinished business
- 6. New business
- 7. Open discussion
- 8. Adjournment

ARTICLE XII: DISCIPLINE

- Section 1. **Grievance Statements.** Any person or Team alleging that he, she, or it has been aggrieved in any matter within the jurisdiction of AGLA may, within four days of the occurrence of the incident or of obtaining knowledge of the incident on which such alleged grievance is based, submit to the President of the AGLA a written grievance statement. This statement shall specify the person or Team responsible for the alleged grievance, the nature of the grievance, and the relief desired. An extension of the time to file such statement may be granted by the President in his/her sole discretion. In the event the President is a party to a grievance, the 1st Vice President shall fulfill the President's responsibilities as described herein. If the 1st Vice President and President are both parties to the grievance, it shall be considered by the Executive Committee. Additionally, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Grievance Committee as provided for in Section 2 of this Article. In the event the President and/or 1st Vice President are removed from the process, the Grievance Committee shall report directly to the Executive Committee, not the President.
- Section 2. **Referral to a Grievance Committee:** The President (subject to Section 1 of this Article) shall commence a proceeding by appointing, within three days of receiving the statement of grievance, a Grievance Committee of at least three persons to whom the matter shall be referred.
- Section 3. **Preliminary Action by Grievance Committee:** If the Grievance Committee determines that no reasonable grounds exist for a grievance, it shall within three days make a written decision stating the grounds for its decision and shall deliver copies to the President and the person alleging the grievance.
- Section 4. **Delivery of the State of Grievance – Right to Reply:** If the Grievance Committee determines that there are reasonable grounds for such grievance, it shall deliver a copy of the statement of such grievance to the person or Team allegedly responsible for such grievance. Such person or organization shall have seven days in which to reply. An extension of the time to file such statement may be granted by the Grievance Committee in its sole discretion. The reply shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the Grievance Committee at the address specified by it and to the party alleging the grievance.
- Section 5. **Mediation by Grievance Committee – Setting Time and Place for Hearing:** The Grievance Committee shall then attempt to settle the grievance by mediation. If the attempt to mediate is unsuccessful, the Grievance Committee shall set a place, date, and time for the hearing that is reasonably convenient for all parties. The cost of mediation, if any, shall be borne equally by the parties.
- Section 6. **Hearing by Grievance Committee – Findings and Decisions:** At the hearing, each party and the Grievance Committee shall be entitled to call witnesses, whose testimony may be taken under oath as determined by the Grievance Committee, produce evidence, and submit memoranda supporting his/her position, and shall be entitled to be represented by counsel. Stenographic minutes may be taken, the cost of which shall be borne equally by the party alleging the grievance and the party alleged to have committed the grievance, and otherwise, as assessed by the Grievance Committee. Within five days after the conclusion of the hearing, any party wishing to do so may deliver a further written statement to the Grievance Committee. The Grievance Committee shall then make written findings of fact which shall be final and make a written decision which shall include grounds for the decision and recommended relief or disciplinary action, if any. It shall deliver a copy of its findings of fact and decision to the President and each party.
- Section 7. **Disciplinary Action:** In the event relief or disciplinary action is recommended by the Grievance Committee, the President shall make copies of the written findings and decision of the Grievance Committee and distribute them to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall either affirm, amend, or remand the recommended relief or disciplinary action to the Grievance Committee for further consideration, and shall make a written decision which shall state the grounds for the decision. Copies of its decision shall be delivered to both parties and the Grievance Committee. In the event relief or disciplinary action is to be taken, copies of the findings of fact and decision of the Grievance Committee and the decision of the Executive Committee will be distributed to all members of the Board of Directors and other parties affected by the relief or disciplinary action. Decision of the Grievance Committee will be treated as Executive Committee decisions by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII: SALARIES

The Executive Committee shall hire and fix the compensation of any and all employees which they in their discretion may determine to be necessary in the conduct of AGLA business.

ARTICLE XIV: RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Board of Directors shall adopt such Rules and Regulations covering policy, organization, procedure, and competitive matters as it deems appropriate by a majority vote. Said Rules and Regulations shall then be considered a part of the By-Laws. The AGLA Rules and Regulations are provided at the end of this document.

ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered, amended, repealed, or added-to by an affirmative vote of not less than 75% of the Board of Directors sitting in a properly constituted, Regular Meeting. The Board of Directors may, at any Regular Meeting where this quorum is present, vote on any recommendation for an amendment to the By-Laws. Any Board of Directors meeting in which a Quorum is not present, and a vote is scheduled on a proposed change to the bylaws shall be voted on by the Executive Committee and reported to the Board of Directors not less than one week prior to next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Section 2. Any Director may propose an amendment to the By-Laws at any time, by presenting it in writing to the President or Secretary. The President or Secretary shall distribute the proposed amendment to the Executive Committee, which shall make a written recommendation, including the grounds for recommendation for or against the proposed change to the By-Laws.

Section 3. The President or Secretary shall distribute the proposed amendment and the recommendation of the Executive Committee to all Directors at least seven days prior to the next Regular or Special Meeting of the Board of Directors at which the amendment shall be considered.

Section 4. If the amendment is not approved, it shall not be considered again by the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors until the conclusion of the current post-season.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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1. Relationship of AGLA Associates

- A. It is understood that the AGLA makes no representations or guarantees in so far as the character, community standing, or other social or personal aspects regarding players, coaches, or referees of the AGLA. The Board's primary purpose is to coordinate the many aspects of the AGLA, including scheduling of games, referees and fields. As determined by the President, coaches may be required to sign an authorization for criminal background checks. The Board does not hire or fire coaches and does not control field availability. The Board recognizes that all Teams involved are "club" status and that it is the responsibility of each club to conduct its own business. The Board is hereby empowered to render decisions and opinions in those matters where participants in the AGLA cannot resolve an issue on their own and no grievance has been filed. The Board will then act in the best interest of the AGLA in this role.

2. USA Lacrosse Membership

- A. All associates of AGLA (coaches, players and referees) must join US Lacrosse in their respective category. If it is discovered during or after the fact that a coach or player was not properly enrolled in US Lacrosse at the time of the game in question, then that Team shall forfeit that game (or games). The delinquent party must discontinue all activities on behalf of AGLA until the insurance is brought current. Referees discovered to be in violation shall forfeit compensation for any games where they were not properly insured. All parties may be reinstated by merely obtaining the proper insurance.

3. Code of Conduct

- A. Formal documentation establishing the US Lacrosse Code of Conduct will be required to be signed by all players and at least one parent prior to the start of the regular season. All coaches and referees must also sign this Code prior to the regular season. Failure to sign the documents will result in automatic suspension until the required form is signed, and forfeiture of all games played prior to signing of the Code by any player (and their parent) or coach. Referees will not be paid for games worked prior to signing the Code.

4. Disciplining of AGLA Associates

- A. In the event any associate or supporter of AGLA (either a coach, player, parent, fan, or referee) displays any conduct or character that is deemed unacceptable by the AGLA Board of Directors, then that person shall be disciplined and/or expelled from the AGLA, and attendance at all contests and functions. The disciplined party shall have the right to appeal such action in the time specified in the AGLA By-Laws. Any party so suspended who appeals the decision shall remain suspended during the appeal process.

5. Finances

- A. Individual teams within AGLA are expected to have their own checking accounts and handle as much of their own financial needs as possible.

6. Insurance

- A. All players, coaches and referees shall, by virtue of membership in USA Lacrosse, have adequate insurance in order to serve in any capacity within the AGLA. Additionally, all fields used by AGLA, during the season, must have insurance certificates issued, naming the City Parks and Recreation Division or other entity as a named

additional insured. Such insurance is generally offered by a US Lacrosse affiliate insurance agency. The Board of Directors shall be required to have D&O coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 as provided by US Lacrosse and/or its insurance agent.

7. Player Requirements

- A. Grade level participation requirements: Female, high school students in grades 9-12 only are eligible to play in the AGLA league.
- B. Legacy Enrollment Rules (Players initially rostered on a team in 2023 season or earlier): All AGLA players must be permanent residents of the state of Arizona. New players must play for the Team that is nearest to their place of residence or that is associated with the high school they attend. Upon entry to High School they shall play for the Team nearest to their place of residence or that is associated with the high school they attend. Additionally, if the high school a player attends has no team, then they will "by default" be able to play for the Team whose high school boundary encompasses their school's physical address, up and until the time when the school they attend has its own AGLA Club/Team. If a player in such a situation prefers to play for another team that is closer to their domicile, the "default" Team will agree to such a request, without objection. Players wishing to play on a team that is not nearest to their place of residence or that is not associated with the high school they attend must petition the Executive Board of the AGLA who will then vote on the matter.
- C. Current Enrollment Rules (Players initially rostering on a team in 2024 season and beyond): If an incoming AGLA student athlete's School of Enrollment has an affiliated AGLA team, the student athlete is required to play for this team. If the student athlete's School of Enrollment does not have an affiliated AGLA team, or student attends school at home, the athlete shall play for the AGLA team that is Closest to their Home Domicile.
 - i. **School of enrollment** is defined as the school where the student's permanent grades/records are maintained and from where the student will be eligible to graduate.
 - ii. **Closest** is defined by the fewest number of miles (to greatest level of specificity necessary) between the address of the student athlete's Home Domicile and the address on file with AGLA for each of the league's affiliated schools. Distance will be measured in a straight line.
 - a. The implementation schedule for these rules is listed below. As these rules are implemented, the language in Section 7 (C) Current Enrollment Rules will delete and replace residency language listed in section 7 (B) Legacy Enrollment Rules.
 1. 2024 AGLA Season – Implementation will be for all incoming 9th grade players with high school graduation scheduled for 2027.
 2. 2025 AGLA Season – Implementation will be for all incoming 9th grade players with high school graduation scheduled for 2028. During this season, these rules will apply to student athletes with high school graduation scheduled for 2027 and 2028.
 3. 2026 AGLA Season – Implementation will be for all incoming 9th grade players with high school graduation scheduled for 2029. During this season, these rules will apply to student athletes with high school graduation scheduled for 2027, 2028, and 2029.
 4. 2027 AGLA Season – Implementation will be made to all incoming 9th grade players with high school graduation schedules for 2030. During this season, these rules will in effect for all players and will be effective to all players unless otherwise amended in these rules.
 5. All incoming student athletes shall have their team enrollment verified according to the enrollment rules defined in Section 7 (C) Current Enrollment Rules.
- D. Transfer Requests: After enrolling and attending one or more High School classes, a student changing enrollment from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) shall be considered a transferring student. A transferring student is not eligible to participate in AGLA competition for the first 50% of the season at the receiving school unless there is a corresponding change of domicile and all other AGLA eligibility requirements are met. (The receiving AGLA Club shall be responsible for verification of all eligibility requirements.) For information and record keeping purposes, the receiving and sending AGLA Teams shall reasonably cooperate and complete AGLA requested documentation. The completed document shall be filed with AGLA by the receiving school. A student who transfers without a corresponding change in domicile is eligible after the 50% completion of the season in the school year of the transfer. In case of any subsequent transfer by the student, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school. A transfer student who plays only in sub-varsity competitions shall have immediate eligibility but is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in regular season, tournaments, and post-season competitions for the season. A decision to participate only at sub-varsity levels must be made prior to the season of competition.
- E. Domicile Defined: Domicile is a place where a person has his/her true, fixed and permanent home, and to which, whenever absent, he or she has the intention of returning. A student shall have only one domicile for

the purposes of these eligibility rules.

- F. Recruitment Rule: There shall be no recruitment of athletes. Recruitment is defined as the act of influencing a student to enroll in a school or to transfer from one school to another in order that the student may participate in interscholastic athletics. No AGLA club Director, coach or other representative of an AGLA club shall engage in recruitment either by direct contact with a student or indirectly through parents, legal guardians, common club employees, directors of club or summer athletic programs, or other persons who are in the position to influence the student's choice of a school.
- G. Hardship Rule: In individual cases the Executive Committee or a standing committee delegated on their behalf, may waive or modify the transfer rules, Residency Rules, and Enrollment Rules when, in its opinion, enforcement of the rule would create an undue hardship upon the student. If the team to which a standing committee member or an Executive Committee Member(s) is associated with is involved in the player transfer request, that committee member(s) will abstain from voting on the request. Hardship requests shall include the Hardship Transfer Form located on the www.azgla.com website.

8. Team Requirements

- A. In order to establish an orderly expansion of Teams within the AGLA, the following requirements are in place.

Teams must:

- Have at least one full time Head Coach (or two Co-Head Coaches);
 - Have a field for its use for both practices and games;
 - Show adequate financial support (as may be indicated by parents or supporters);
 - Have an adequate number of players (at least 12) already committed to playing and paying dues; and
 - Accept the fact that the AGLA must feel confident that it can support the new Team with regards to referees, length of season, etc.
- B. The Board of Directors shall have the final authority to accept or reject new Team applications.
- C. Any new team may self-select to join either at the Junior Varsity or Varsity level. All new teams must move to Varsity after playing two complete Junior Varsity seasons.
- D. Any registered club may field a second Varsity or Junior Varsity team, provided there is a designated head coach and a designated team roster that is unique to each team (coaching staff, practice times, etc., may be shared with existing teams). A third team may be added provided the club continues to field a JV team. The third team may self-select at either the JV or Varsity level.

9. Annual Team Dues and Registration

- A. Team Dues or League Fees are due no later than February 1st of the current year/season. Any changes to fee structure must be communicated to Clubs and Club Directors at least two months prior by December 1st of prior year & upcoming season. Failure to submit league fees by due date will result in documented penalties including but not limited to team/club suspension until fees are paid and team/club is back in good standing.
- B. Each Team shall post their complete roster on the AGLA website (www.azgla.com), including the name, jersey number, academic year and position for each player expected to participate in the coming season, and coaches no later than March 1 of each season. The roster shall be posted concurrently with the submission of the Team dues payment. Penalty for late roster will be determined by the Executive Committee.
- C. Definition of all registration materials, also due by February 1st:
 - Club Registration & Team Rosters, including validated home address and enrolled/attending high school for AGLA player requirement compliance as described in Section 7 (Club Director's responsibility)
 - AGLA Player Registration, including USAL membership and Code of Conduct acceptance
 - AGLA Coaches & Team Manager Registration, including USAL membership and all required USAL certification levels and required learnings
 - The following minimum requirements must be met to claim a school as the home address: any affiliation with the school's website, club programs, or general promotion in school newsletters or other publications
- D. All rostered players and identified and registered coaches must have valid and current USA Lacrosse membership credentials and certifications (coaches) through May 31st of the upcoming or current season on file with AGLA via an electronic database.
- E. All rostered players, coaches and team managers must comply with all required registration requirements, player address validation, attending & enrolled high school and Code of Conduct acknowledgement and acceptance.

- F. A Team may add a player to its roster, so long as the addition of a player complies with section 7, at any time during the season, provided that dues are provided to the Treasurer, and US Lacrosse membership, an AGLA Registration Form, and a Code of Conduct are completed, at least 48 hours prior to participation in a regular season or post-season game. The Team must inform the Website coordinator of the change in the roster within one week of submission of registration materials. The penalty for having a player in a game who is not registered on the roster 48 hours prior to the game is forfeiture of that game.
- G. If a player is to be removed from the roster for any reason, the Head Coach must inform the President or Secretary and the Web site coordinator of the removal 48 hours prior to their next regular season or postseason game.

10. Rostering Rules

- A. Player Rostering: Players may be rostered as either Varsity or JV at the beginning of the season. A player may only be rostered on one (1) team (Varsity or JV) at any time other than outlined in this section 10.C, 10.D, or 10.E.
- B. Varsity Playing Down: Once rostered as Varsity, a player may not play down on JV other than outlined in 10.D or 10.E. A program may elect to re-roster a player from Varsity to JV, however the player must remain on JV for a minimum of four (4) games once moved and may not play up on Varsity during this period.
- C. JV Playing Up: To promote player development, a JV player may play up on Varsity up to four (4) games per season. A JV player playing up on Varsity must adhere to the 48-hour notification as per paragraph 9.F. Upon playing up on a fifth (5th) game, the player shall be moved from JV to Varsity for the remainder of the season and may not play down on JV other than outlined in 10.E.
- D. Goalie Rostering: To provide competitive play opportunities, teams may elect to roster any goalie player on both JV and Varsity without restriction. Furthermore, goalies may also be rostered under two (2) different numbers on the same team, as both a goalie and a field player, allowing a player to play both goalie and field during a game.
- E. Flex Rostering Rule: When utilizing the Flex Rostering Rule, it's up to the club discretion as to the level of talent that flex with, but in the event five (5) or more players are required to flex (up or down) in any given game to make a minimum team of 12 players, the game will be forfeited.
 - i. Up to 4 players can be double rostered.
 - ii. The intent of varsity players flexing down to JV is to assist in a mentor or captain type of operation within the JV team. It is not to overtake or pelt the opposing team with shots/goals to show dominance.
 - iii. No player may participate in more than two games for different teams within their club within a 24 hour period to ensure their safety (the player).
 - iv. Club reps must submit rosters in accordance with the Rules and disclose flex rostered players to their opponent 24 hours prior to game time.
 - v. Any objections, violations or abuse of the Flex Rostering rule must be reported to the Executive Committee immediately.

11. Season Scheduling

- A. As determined by the Executive Committee, season scheduling shall be completed preceding the upcoming regular season. All Teams are required to submit their personal, academic, and social calendars to the scheduler by the declared date.
- B. At this meeting the following basic guidelines will apply:
 - i. Pre-season team practices may take place from August 1 to December 31. These practices cannot be made mandatory for athletes. These practices can neither reward nor punish athletes based on their attendance record for the Spring season. Mandatory full team practices and tryouts may begin after the Martin Luther King weekend of January, with competition starting in accordance and alignment with the AIA Spring Calendar competition start date.
 - ii. Pre-season scrimmages will not count toward the final standing of either Team.
 - iii. All regular season practices shall be held under the supervision of one or more coaches, unless a Team receives prior approval from their Head Coach to hold a practice in the absence of coach supervision.
 - iv. The date for the regular season games will be defined at the scheduling meeting in accordance with the AIA Spring Season calendar.
 - v. Each Team will determine the number of practices to be held per week, the days on which to practice, and the times at which to practice – there are no restrictions on this, and this information does not need to be communicated to the Board of Directors.
 - vi. All pre-season scrimmage and regular season game dates, times and locations will be set at the scheduling meeting. All scrimmages and games will be scheduled to provide equal home team advantage throughout the pre-season and regular season – all other decisions regarding date, time, and location are

- at the discretion of those present at the scheduling meeting. Conflicts will be resolved prior to the start of the regular season to the extent possible.
- vii. The AGLA will consist of one Varsity division and one Junior Varsity division. The objective of JV programs is to develop players. Each club will self-select to a Junior Varsity or Varsity division by the end of September for the upcoming season. Self-selections will lock that team in that division for two full seasons, in which after that time, they may self-select again.
 - viii. All Teams, in each division, will play the same number of AGLA divisional games. Additional pre-season games may be scheduled informally between two Teams, after the scheduling meeting.
 - ix. Division standings will be based on team win-loss records for regular season games. In event two or more teams have the same record, the following system would be used to break the tie:
 - 1. Head-to-head results
 - 2. Goal differential in games played against each other
 - 3. Relative strength of wins*
 - 4. Coin Flip (if more than two teams, the teams will draw from a hat to determine the coin flip order) In this case, Team 2 won games against teams with higher winning percentages, and Team 2 would get the higher seed.

*Method to calculate the relative strength of wins:

- 1. Calculate the winning percentage of all teams (If it had been a tie, a coin flip would have been used to determine the seed.)
- 2. Add the sum of the winning percentage of the subject team's opponents, only those teams in which the subject team won the game
- 3. The team with the higher number gets the seed

Example of method to calculate the relative strength of wins:

Two teams tie at 8-2 and have split the games between them, so head to head does not resolve the tie. Each team beat the other team by 2 goals in games played against each other, so goal differential will not resolve the tie. Team 1 and Team 2 have won eight games, winning percentages in games won noted below:

<u>Team 1</u>	<u>Team 2</u>
80%	80%
70%	70%
40%	70%
40%	40%
30%	40%
30%	30%
0%	0%
0%	0%
290%	330%

- x. The date for the end of the regular season and the timing of the post-season playoffs will be set at the scheduling meeting in accordance with the AIA Spring Season calendar and with careful attention to try and avoid academic and social conflicts.
- xi. Playoff games – The Championship Game will be played the Friday immediately following the playoff games, unless extenuating circumstances exist, and a date change is approved by the Executive Committee and Championship Committee.
- xii. The All-Star Game will be played the Friday following the Championship game of every year unless extenuating circumstances exist, and a date change is approved by the Executive Committee.

12. Change of Game Date

- A. A Team requesting a change in a regular season game date is subject to forfeiture in the event the opposing Team or referees are not able to accommodate the requested change. In the event both Teams can establish a new date and secure officials then no forfeit shall occur, and the game shall be played on the new date. The new game date, time, and location must be communicated to the President, Secretary, Head Referee, and Web site coordinator at least 24 hours prior to the game.

13. Playoff & Championship Format

- A. Playoffs will consist of the top 4 teams in each Varsity division. 2 semi-final games will be played between #1 and #4 ranked team and #2 and #3 ranked team. The winners of these semi-final games will compete in a divisional championship game.

14. National Federation of High Schools

- A. AGLA has adopted rules established by the National Federation of High Schools.

15. Tournaments Outside Arizona

- A. No AGLA Team which plans to represent AGLA in any tournaments outside the state of Arizona may do so without first receiving AGLA approval.

16. Medical

- A. Any injury deemed severe, or life threatening must be reported to US Lacrosse and its insurance agent as soon as possible after the incident (not to exceed 48 hours after the incident). In addition, each coach must provide at each practice, scrimmage, or game a reasonably complete first aid kit and communication equipment to aid personnel in the event of an injury. A "Health and Safety Sheet" providing addresses and phone numbers of nearby medical facilities and police stations, shall be available at all games. The Home Team shall provide said sheet at the scorer's table and the sheet shall be permanently affixed as part of the official scorer's book.

17. Game Responsibilities

- A. The Home Team for any pre-season scrimmage, regular season game, or post-season game will provide the following items:
- A fully lined field prepared in accordance with the most recent US Lacrosse rule book.
 - Adequate field lighting for night games.
 - Chilled water for consumption, and ice for medical emergencies with plastic bags, for both Teams.
 - A scorer's table with at least two chairs, clock, air horn, and full-size scoreboard (visible from the field).
 - At least one timekeeper/scorekeeper.
 - Restroom facilities within reasonable walking distance.
 - Health & Safety Sheet (see Section 16)
- B. Both Teams at a pre-season scrimmage, regular season game, or post-season game will bring the following items to the field:
- Scorer's book, with roster and positions, and coaches.
 - One separate roster list, specific to each game, for presentation to the referees.
 - Proof of USA Lacrosse membership for all players and coaches.
 - First aid kit (except for ice, to be provided by the Home Team).

18. Coaches' Responsibilities

- A. In addition to the team registration information outlined in Section 7, all coaches must follow AGLA guidelines related to the electronic entry of the game summary report, including specific player stats within 24 hours of the game concluding. Additionally, coaches or delegated game statisticians must send in a screenshot of the game score sheet (front and back) to AGLA's EC for proper filing and archiving for each game played. Each team must designate one person as head coach (or two persons as co-head coaches); all other coaches will be designated as assistant coaches.

19. Misconduct Involving a Card

- A. Any player or coach who receives a Red Card will be ejected from the current game and will be prohibited from participating in the team's next game. Any player or coach who receives two Red Cards in one season may not participate in any further league games that season. Any player or coach who receives two yellow cards in one game will be suspended from further participation in that game.

20. Suspended/Interrupted Games Ending in a Tie

- A. In accordance with the NFHS rules, "Suspended/Interrupted Game", if 75 percent or more of a game has elapsed and suspended in a tie before completion, then the game may be played from the point of suspension to completion, depending on the type of game and significance.
- B. Playoff games will be rescheduled at the venue of the suspended game and at the earliest feasible time after the suspended game. If the venue cannot be reasonably accommodated, another venue that closely matches

the home field (or neutral site) advantage will be scheduled at the earliest feasible time after the suspended game. Should the two teams not agree on a venue and time, the EC will make the decision for them in the best interest of the league.

- C. For regular season games, the game will be rescheduled near the end of the regular season only if the outcome of the game will affect standings and/or home field advantage for the playoffs. The Executive Committee, or their designated committee, will determine this at or near the last three weeks of the regular season. If it does not affect playoffs, the original tied game will end in a tie and not get rescheduled. Game stats from games that are not continued will count for the season.

21. All Star/State Selection Process

- A. An Awards Committee shall be formed with a member of the EC residing. The Awards Committee shall oversee the All-Star selection process with a member of the EC presiding. The committee will identify two Head Coaches. Head Coaches may bring their Assistant Coaches.

Criteria for Consideration – All Star/All State Teams. Player must be:

- An impact player on their team. (Statistics and coach testimony to support)
 - In good standing with the school and the league
 - Player must be evaluated at the position nominated by their coach. A coach cannot change nominated positions once announced
 - i.e., A coach cannot nominate Player A as midfielder and later agree to place her on attack just to see Player A on the All-State team
 - To be considered for All State, you must be selected as an All Star
 - To be considered for All State, you should have played at least 50% of the season
- B. All Star players to be chosen by coaches at the end of the season and broken down as follows:
- i. Goalies to be chosen by coaches at the end of the regular season and shall be limited to the top four goalies (2 per All Star Team).
 - ii. The remainder of the team be chosen by coaches at the end of the season and broken down as follows:
 - a. The top six teams will have 4 field players in the All-Star Game.
 - b. The bottom six teams will have 3 field players in the All-Star Game.
 - c. Goalie selection will not count towards the number of players in the All-Star Game.
 - Example: Team A finishes in 1st Place in the league and their goalie is selected as an All-Star game. The Coach of Team A gets to choose 4 more field players for the All-Star Game, for a total of five (5) from Team A.
 - iii. Any coach has the option to donate their-player positions back to the selection committee up to the amount they were given for the All Star Team (not All State)
 - iv. The donated player positions are to be used (or not) at the discretion of the Awards committee. The donating coach cannot choose where the votes will be allocated.
- C. All State honorees will be made up of 30 All-state selections and broken down as follows:
- i. 2 All State Teams: 1st Team and 2nd Team All-State Honors
 - ii. Each team has 4 attacker slots, 6 midfielder slots, 4 defender slots, and 1 goalie slot.
- D. The Awards Committee will develop and communicate the voting process before the End of Season coaches meeting.

22. Post-Season Awards

- A. At the conclusion of each regular season (at a date determined by the President) the Board of Directors shall present End of the Year Achievement Awards including, but not limited to, the following:
- Defensive Player of the Year
 - Midfield Player of the Year
 - Offensive Player of the Year
 - Goalie of the Year
 - Referee of the Year
 - Coach of the Year
 - Sportswoman of the Year
- B. Description for End of Season Awards. Note: There may not always be a nominee for the awards below each year
- i. Attacker / Midfielder / Defender / Goalie OTY: The best overall player in their designated position (per division) based on a combination of stats and coach testimonial.

- ii. Grow the Game: An individual in the lacrosse community making efforts to grow the sport in the state of Arizona. Examples could be clinics, mentorship, teaching/assisting, etc.
- iii. Honor the Game: A team that embodies the spirit of lacrosse (the medicine game), sportsmanship and teamwork - exemplifying the best aspects of the game.
- iv. Sportswoman of the Year: A player in the league that puts the integrity of the sport ahead of personal gain or glory. This person goes above and beyond on and off the field and is someone their peers look up to.
- v. Referee of the Year: A referee in the AGLA that is recognized for their efforts in officiating AZ girl's lacrosse

Version History (beginning March 2009):

3/4/09:

Updated section 4 to remove scorekeepers from USL membership requirements.
Modified Rules and Regulations Section 20 to reflect new penalty card wording.

8/12/2009:

Updated By-Laws to reflect changes voted in during the 8-12-2009 AGLA BOD meeting (as reflected in Minutes posted under www.azgla.com AGLA Board tab).

9/16/09:

Updated By-Laws to reflect changes to R&R #8 and R&R #15 as voted in during the 9-16-09 meeting (as reflected in the AGLA Special Mtg Minutes 9-16-09 posted on www.azgla.com AGLA Board tab).

10/7/2009:

Updated R&R #1-C and #16 to reflect 'and coaches' for roster submissions.

9/1/2010:

Updated R&R #15, D, J, K, L and Amendment #4 as voted in during the 9-1-2010 AGLA BOD meeting (as reflected in Minutes posted under www.azgla.com AGLA Board tab).

9/7/2011:

Updated Article VII Section 4 and Article IX Section 1 as voted and approved in the 9/7/11 BOD meeting. This change is to make the Executive Committee positions non-voting (except the President as tie-breaker).

10/5/2011:

Updated Article VII Section 7 as voted and approved in the 10/5/11 BOD meeting. This change is to clarify the process of overturning an Executive Committee decision.

10/24/2011:

Updated R&R #15 as voted and approved in the 10/24/11 BOD meeting. This change is modify the season scheduling process to allow scheduling via an automated tool rather than manual process at a scheduling meeting.

11/2/2011:

Article IV, Section 1 updated to allow for MAL changes throughout the year based on EC approval and a 21-day activation period.

8/7/12:

Article V, Section 1: Stating that any person may run for the Executive Committee, not just an AGLA Board Member

9/12/2012:

Item 15 Paragraph G Updated to reflect a single Varsity Division. Item 5, New Championship format is stated with ranked teams and their play-off schedule. Item 8, Second Paragraph, "Division II" removed. Item 15, reference to "Inter-Division" scheduling removed. Item 17, the number of teams selected updated to reflect a single Varsity division. Article IV, Section 1, Past President is removed from Board of Directors. Article VII, Section 4, Removal of "Past President"

2/6/13:

Item 12 Paragraph A. Updated to clarify JV Division Player requirements and Paragraph G. clarifying Modified vs. Full checking requirements.

8/7/13:

R&R 1.A., Updated to reflect that EC rather than BOD will determine registration dates. Article X, Section 3 and Article XV, Section 1, Clarified meeting proceedings when a quorum is not present.

10/2/13:

R&R 12.B-F. Updated the transfer request to clarify and more closely align to with AIA

rules. 9/3/14:

By-Laws

Struck specific language noted by strike-out below

Article VI Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President shall: preside at all meetings and have general charge of the business of the AGLA; appoint all committees and be an ex-officio member of all committees; ~~represent the AGLA on the Arizona Chapter of US Lacrosse Board~~; have the right to discuss all questions but shall vote only in the event of a tie; be in general charge of the internal affairs of the AGLA.

Section 2. The 1st Vice President shall: ~~represent the AGLA on the Arizona Chapter of US Lacrosse Board~~, and in the absence of the President assume his/her duties. The First Vice President shall become President of the League following their year as 1st Vice President.

Rules and Regulation

Removed:

Item 15. Season Scheduling As determined by the President, season scheduling shall be completed preceding the upcoming regular season. All Teams are required to submit their personal, academic, and social calendars to the scheduler by the declared date. Scheduling will be completed by an automated system. At this meeting the following basic guidelines will apply:

A. Teams will be allowed to practice a maximum of two (2) times per week beginning November 1st with coaches present. All practice times and places will be posted on the AGLA website and will be open to all US Lacrosse members. The primary focus of these practices is to work on stick skills and conditioning. Teams may hold tryouts in December, with practices monitored by the coaches, this tryout period may not last longer than 5 days. Full team practices may begin the first week in January.

Added:

Item 15. Season Scheduling As determined by the Executive Committee, season scheduling shall be completed preceding the upcoming regular season. All Teams are required to commit to fielding teams and submit their personal, academic, and social calendars to the scheduler by the declared dates. Scheduling will be completed by an automated system and supplemented by a face to face mandatory manager and coaches meeting.

A. Full team practices and tryouts for JV and Varsity Teams will begin the week after the US Lacrosse Convention.

Revision Language August 3, 2016

Added: Section 12 A & B

Key Revisions: Article XV, Section 12 A & B updated to by laws to state that 2016 7th and 8th graders who were in our association are grandfathered in and may still play on JV or move to the middle school league but cannot play in both.

All new 7th and 8th graders who did not reside or play in the AGLA must participate in the middle school league.

11/1/2017

Revised R&R Section 15, Season Scheduling Section A to include: Pre-Season, 10 practices may take place from August 1 to December 31. Dates are to be posted on club websites and submitted to the AGLA Executive Board in advance.

5/8/2019

Revised Article XVI Section 12 G Boundary Rule to allow students that attend a school without a lacrosse team to play for a current program if that school is within the boundaries of that team.

11/10/2019

Revised Rules and Regulations 15, Season Scheduling to define what is considered an open practice from a closed practice and how many practices are allowed for each.

1/2/2022 (change that went into effect on 2/20/20)

Added a "flex rostering rule" to the rules and regulations. The language that was voted on was produced during the February BOD meeting. This was then voted on after the February meeting via google form and passed with at least 16 (17 if you open up the form now) MALs voting yes to adopt it.

Note: This is a very late change to the bylaws and there was a large amount of information passed around during this time. There was some original language that was interpreted as what passed a vote, but this is not the case. Documentation of this is now saved in the aglaboard@gmail.com drive for future reference.

Language added for flex rostering rule:

If your total program has less than (32) rostered players (combined rostered Varsity and JV players) - your program can take advantage of the Flex Player Rule.

If your JV team has less than (16) players rostered as JV players you can have up to (4) non-starting / non-elite varsity players play down to support the JV team, increasing the JV roster to a maximum of 16 total players (maximizing 4 flex players from Varsity) If your Varsity team has less than (16) players rostered you can bring up to (4) JV players to support the Varsity team increasing the Varsity roster up to 16 total players (maximizing 4 flex players from JV)

If a player played Varsity during the previous season the player cannot flex down to JV unless your program did not have a JV program the previous year and Varsity was the only place for that player to play.

Rosters must be submitted in accordance with the bylaws 48 hours prior to game time. If a coach has an issue with a rostered flex player, both coaches will try to work it out, if a resolution is unreachable then the coaches can email the executive committee for a final ruling on the flex player's eligibility with a minimum of 24 hours before the game.

1/2/2022 (change that went into effect on 11/1/21)

Amended bylaw for goalie selection to all-star selection. Goalies will be selected by coaches (in their division) at the end of the regular season and shall be limited to the top four goalies (per varsity division) to make the All-Star Team. Goalies will NOT count toward the number of players in the All-Star Game.

2/2/2022 (change that went into effect on 2/2/22)

Update Section 21 Rostering Rules to codify general rostering rules and practices of the AGLA and add new rostering rules for goalies specifically, allowing goalies to be simultaneously rostered on JV and Varsity. Updated language clarifies expectations that players may generally only be rostered onto one team (JV or Varsity), options for JV players to play up on Varsity, options for goalies to be multi-rostered, and maintains existing Flex Player language.

1/4/2023

Revised wording in Section 15 A Season Scheduling to adjust for practices and tryouts to start either 5 weeks before first games or when LaxCon concludes, whichever is earlier.

1/4/2023

Replaced wording in Section 5 to represent the 2 Varsity division format for championships, aligning with how the league played the championships in the 2021 and 2022 seasons and will play with 2 divisions.

Replaced wording in Section 15G to represent the 2 Varsity division format and eliminate the JV decision to do either modified check or full check. It also describes how teams will select in each division.

2/1/2023

Added new guidance on boundary residency that will be grandfathered into 2024 AGLA season and on. Measurement for home to club using a straight line.

Added criteria for all star and state selection as well as descriptions of annual awards

3/1/2023

Deleted the 16 player maximum for those that use the flex rule.

1/28/24

All MALs are now referred to as "Directors" for consistency

"Membership" is now "Club"

Removed head referee requirement at BOD meetings

Changed language in 1.8 that new programs can self-elect to join at JV or Varsity level Added language in 1.C that new players can be added to roster up until March 1 of each season Amended Flex Rostering Rules to be more clear and objective, giving the clubs more discretion of who to flex

2/25/24

Revised the All Star Selection process language to reflect the change to 1 division Added in All State Selection process language to reflect the change to 1 division Removed the 10% handling fee for checks beyond league dues

Added in requirement that all members of the EC must be from different clubs, taking effect after the 2024 season

4/25/24

Adding in electronic voting is supported

Added notification from EC for annual team dues and amount to happen by December 1st prior to the first official season game

Added that official game stats must be added into the online platform (SportsEngine) within 24 hours of the completion of the game.

5/13/24

Changed Rules and Regs Section I to reflect:

A - due no later than Feb 1. Must be communicated to club directors 2 months prior - Dec 1

Removed B

Changed C to include all materials due Feb 1

Changed D to include USA memberships and certifications of coaches needed to be valid through May 31

Changed E to reflect all players, coaches and team managers must comply with registration requirements and address validation

Changed Section 7 to reflect stats must be entered within 24 hours of each game conclusion.

7/29/2024

Previous EC failed to complete these changes. Current EC has ratified and updated the bylaws to reflect the Director voted on changes.

1. Replaced wording in section 15A to updated the Pre-season practice guidelines and Spring season mandatory practices and tryouts requirements
2. Added minimum requirements to 1C to include minimum club requirements to claim a school as their home address
3. Replaced wording in section 8 to reflect requirements for fielding a second and/or third team

9/4/2024

A bylaw change request was approved by the board to add the word "inclusive" in the mission statement under Article I.

11/11/2024

5 bylaw change requests approved by the board:

1. ARTICLE IX: VOTING (~~ITEMS OTHER THAN ELECTION OF OFFICERS~~)

Section 1. Each Director shall be entitled to one vote whenever a vote of the Board of Directors is conducted. Proxy voting shall only be allowed in written form by electronic mail or in paper format (i.e., if the item for voting was distributed to all Directors prior to the meeting, and the selected representative brings the written vote to the meeting knows the preference of voting of the absent director). The Executive Committee (comprised of the President, the 1st Vice President, the 2nd Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer) will not have a vote whenever a vote of the Board of Directors is conducted. In the event of a vote that results in a tie, the President will cast the tiebreaking vote.

Section 2. Any Director may abstain from voting without explanation at any time.

Section 3. Except as otherwise provided herein (Article V Officers and their Elections or XV Amendments), all votes of the Board of Directors shall be decided by a 51% majority of the Directors attending a given meeting.

Section 4. At any all-meetings where a vote was announced prior to the meeting, all votes will be administered via electronic vote to ensure transparency and proper capture of vote. The Executive Committee will announce a reasonable time limit to any electronic vote during the meeting, not to exceed 24 hours past the adjournment of the meeting. The Executive Committee will also have up to 24 hours post the time limit to report the outcome of that vote. ~~Any question may be voted upon by ballot if a 51% majority of Directors attending the meeting so request.~~ Voting on items brought up during the meeting (not in advance) may be taken by a voice roll call or electronic vote, as determined by the President.

Section 5. Any voting result can be made public in aggregate (i.e. total votes in each category but not votes identifying who voted.) If a question of integrity of the vote is challenged, ~~In the event of a ballot vote, ballots shall be provided by the President or Secretary, and there shall not appear anywhere on the ballot any marking that might indicate the person who cast the ballot. At any vote by ballot, the President shall appoint a committee of two to act as Inspectors of Election immediately prior to the commencement of the balloting.~~ The Inspectors shall certify the results of the ballot in writing to the President, for attachment to the meeting minutes. No Inspector shall be a candidate for the oWice or shall be personally interested in the questions voted upon.

2. ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The AGLA Board of Directors shall consist of five elected officers (see Article V). In addition, the AGLA Board shall include one Club Director position to represent each team (Varsity and JV). ~~As discussed in Article VI, because the total number of elected eOfficials may vary, the number of available Director positions will be modified accordingly.~~ The term of each Club Director position is defined by the full payment of league dues of a particular team (per the rules) for a period of approximately one year to when payment for a team is again due the next year. Directors are required to be permanent residents of Arizona, and can include the past AGLA President, coaches, parents, school Athletic Directors, and / or other interested parties. Directors shall be designated in writing by the team or club they represent ~~and shall remain in that capacity for one year.~~ Directors can be replaced at any time during their term by written email or letter indicating the reason for the change. The notification will be from the team or club responsible for assigning them. Changes approved by the Executive Committee will be eOective 21 days following the decision.

3. Rule 12.C Transfer Requests

Remove: "A transferring student is not eligible to participate in AGLA competition at the receiving school unless there is a corresponding change of domicile and all other AGLA eligibility requirements are met."

Replace with: "A transferring student is not eligible to participate in AGLA competition for the first 50% of the season at the receiving school unless there is a corresponding change of domicile and all other AGLA eligibility requirements are met."

Remove: "A student who transfers without a corresponding change in domicile is eligible after the completion of the season in the school year of the transfer."

Replace with: "A student who transfers without a corresponding change in domicile is eligible after the 50% completion of the season in the school year of the transfer."

Add: "In case of any subsequent transfer by the student, the student is ineligible for one year from the date of first attendance at the receiving school."

Add: "A transfer student who plays only in sub-varsity competitions shall have immediate eligibility but is ineligible to participate at the varsity level in regular season, tournaments, and post-season competitions for the season. A decision to participate only at sub-varsity levels must be made prior to the season of competition."

4. Reorder/number AGLA rules and regulations

5. Suspended/Interrupted Games Ending in a Tie

- A. In accordance with the NFHS rules, "Suspended/Interrupted Game", if 75 percent or more of a game has elapsed and suspended in a tie before completion, then the game may be played from the point of suspension to completion, depending on the type of game and significance.
- B. Playoff games will be rescheduled at the venue of the suspended game and at the earliest feasible time after the suspended game. If the venue cannot be reasonably accommodated, another venue that closely matches the home field (or neutral site) advantage will be scheduled at the earliest feasible time after the suspended game. Should the two teams not agree on a venue and time, the EC will make the decision for them in the best interest of the league.
- C. For regular season games, the game will be rescheduled near the end of the regular season only if the outcome of the game will affect standings and/or home field advantage for the playoffs. The Executive Committee, or their designated committee, will determine this at or near the last three weeks of the regular season. If it does not affect playoffs, the original tied game will end in a tie and not get rescheduled. Game stats from games that are not continued will count for the season.

12/5/2024

Article V, Section 1 was updated to state that an EC member should be at least 18 years old and a permanent resident of Arizona.

Rule 11, b, i was changed to state tryouts start AFTER MLK weekend and game start was re-aligned to the AIA spring calendar (not three weeks later)