



Tacoma Youth Lacrosse Association

TYLA Youth Level – 2008 Spring Season

Note: TYLA policies are subject to change at the discretion of the TYLA Board of Directors.

A. TYLA's Mission: Promote the game of lacrosse and provide a safe and fun opportunity while emphasizing the importance of good sportsmanship, fitness and teamwork.

B. Purpose of the TYLA Youth Level Policy: TYLA is a youth organization, placing an emphasis on providing boys and girls in grades 3 through 8 with the opportunity to play lacrosse. The purpose of this Youth Level Policy document is to describe the support TYLA will provide to youth team organizations. Further, this policy document will describe the relationship between the TYLA Board of Directors and the youth team Parent Organizations.

C. TYLA's Goal for Youth Teams: Become sustainable organizations that are able to provide consistent quality of playing opportunities year after year for players in grades 3 through 8.

D. Scope of the TYLA Youth Level Policy: TYLA will provide youth team organizations with certain administrative, organizational and financial support.

Each youth team will be given a Spring Season Kit (refer to Attachment A). At the beginning of each season, certain items will be replenished as indicated in Attachment A.

E. Requirements to be Satisfied by Each Youth Team:

1. All players must register with TYLA and pay the annual registration fee. (visit www.tyla.us for registration fees for the upcoming season.) Refer to Attachments A and B for a description of how the registration fee is utilized.
2. Each 3rd/4th youth team must have a minimum of 10 players. Each 5th/6th and 7th/8th youth boy's team must have a minimum of 18 players. Each 5th/6th and 7th/8th youth girl's team must have a minimum of 15 players. Failure of a team to register the minimum number of players will result in an additional team fee to be calculated as follows: [registration_fee * (minimum_players – number_of_registered_players)]. There is no rebate for teams with more than the minimum number of required players. The additional team fee must be paid before the first official practice date of the season.
3. Each geographical grouping of youth teams (e.g., Lake Tapps 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th is one grouping, Puyallup 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th is another grouping, etc.) must identify several key contacts (parents/volunteers) by October 15th. The required points of contact are the Program Representative, the Administrator, and the Equipment Manager. The primary responsibilities for these key points of contact are described below and in Section F.
4. Each team must inform TYLA of the school districts and fields to be used for games and practices (for insurance purposes).
5. All coaches must pass a Washington State Patrol Background Check prior to contact with the players.
6. All coaches must attend TYLA's Coaches Clinic.
7. Provide a secure, dry storage facility for the Spring Season Kit. (TYLA will reimburse related expenses per Attachment B.)
8. Each team must track assignment of items to players, must reclaim each item at the end of the Spring Season, store the items, and keep a detailed inventory of all items. TYLA will provide an equipment inventory policy and supporting inventory spreadsheet to be used by each team.
9. Each team must adhere to the rules and regulations for their respective league or governing body. For boys 5th/6th and 7th/8th the governing body is BYLW (visit <http://bylw.cmiregistration.com/FormsandHandouts.aspx> for rules and regulations for the current season.) Currently, WSLA is the governing body for girls 5th/6th and 7th/8th



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and High School. (visit <http://www.wslax.org/handbook.php> for rules and regulations for the current season.) TYLA will provide rules and regulations for 3rd/4th teams (visit www.tyla.us.)

TYLA wants each team to be successful and will work with each team's points of contact and coaches to that end. However, if a team is unable to meet the above requirements then the team cannot function under the TYLA umbrella, and will be required to return all items to TYLA.

F. The Following Pages Further Explain the TYLA Youth Level Policy.

Registration

TYLA requires all youth players to register with TYLA and pay the registration fee. Registering ensures TYLA that the player has personal insurance and also secondary insurance coverage from TYLA. Without registering, a player is not allowed to participate in any practice or game.

The registration fee paid by each player is used by TYLA before the season begins to pay for equipment, insurance, State league fees, referee fees, and other miscellaneous costs. Therefore, TYLA's policy is that player registration fees will not be refunded.

Equipment

TYLA will provide player equipment and team equipment to each Equipment Manager as identified in Attachment A. The Equipment Manager must maintain a physical inventory and must ensure all equipment is returned to the storage facility at the end of the Spring Season.

Fundraising

Team fundraising is not required as to support league play as TYLA provides all needed items and administers all fees, dues, insurance, etc.

Each team is allowed to have fundraising events in support of a end of season celebration. The maximum amount to be raised is \$200. This limit is required so that TYLA is not faced with tax issues or other issues related to TYLA's status as a non-profit organization.

Key Points of Contact

TYLA requires each geographical grouping of teams to identify key points of contact for TYLA. In order to sustain a lasting program, TYLA requires, at a minimum, the following positions to be filled:

1. Program Representative – organizes, oversees, and supports all positions below, liaises with schools and governing organizations (e.g., BYLW).
2. Administrator – coordinates player registration, identifies each coach to the TYLA VP of Administration for background check at least 5 days prior to contact of coach with players, schedules fields, informs TYLA VP of Administration of the school districts and fields to be used for games and practices at least 5 days prior to usage. (This information is for insurance purposes and is only required once for the upcoming season, not prior to every use.)
3. Equipment Manager – in charge of team equipment, uniforms, field equipment, and field preparation/tear-down.

These positions are in addition to the coaches, and these key contacts need to be involved with all team decisions. The head coach cannot fulfill any of the above positions. A successful program is run by the key contacts with the Head Coaches.



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Head Coach

Coaching positions at the youth level are filled strictly on a volunteer basis.

All coaching staff must satisfy the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of all required and approved TYLA safety training for lacrosse coaches (First Aid and CPR Training).
2. Assuring that properly completed and signed application and medical release forms, together with appropriate payment, are received from each player prior to that player's participating in any clinic, practice, game, or lacrosse activity.
3. Planning, scheduling and conducting practices, with coordination of other coaches, who may be sharing the field.
4. Effectively communicating the team schedule with players, parents, other coaches, and the TYLA Board of Directors.
5. Assuring the planning, scheduling and conducting of practices and implementation of TYLA programs in accordance with schedules and times as approved by the TYLA Board of Directors.
6. Assisting and/or participating in all TYLA activities whenever possible, as requested by the TYLA Board of Directors.
7. Attendance at regularly scheduled League meetings, Coaches meetings, practices, and games.
8. Provide game statistics to TYLA after each game.
9. Attend an Exit Interview with the TYLA President, after the season has ended, but before June 15, 2008.
10. TYLA encourages each coach to maintain a current registration with US Lacrosse.
11. Read and sign the Coaches Code of Conduct.

Exit From TYLA

TYLA's investment in each youth team is significant.

Should a youth team decide to sever its relationship with TYLA at any time or if a team is unable to meet TYLA requirements as described in Paragraph E, then all items from the TYLA Spring Season Kit must be returned within 7 days. Registration fees will not be reimbursed.



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Attachment A – TYLA Spring Season Kit

* Uniforms	\$40 per set	
* Gloves	\$165 per set	boys' teams only
* Shoulder Pads		
* Arm Pads		
* Helmets		
* Eye Protection	\$50 each	girls' teams only
* Goals, 2	\$185 each	
* Balls, 60	\$1.00 each	
* Cones, 15	\$1.25 each	
* Air Horn	\$30	
* Score Book	\$10	
* Time Clock, 3	\$10 each	
* Flip Score-Keeper	\$40	
* Water Bottles, 6	\$3.16 each	
* Water Bottle Holder	\$14.50	
* Chalk or Paint	\$8 per bag (3 per game)	
* Chalker or Painter	\$130	
* Tape, 6 rolls	\$2.50 each	
* Mouth Guard, 1	\$15	
* First Aid Kit, 1	\$16	
* Goalie Gear		
* Helmet	\$80	girls' teams only
* Gloves	\$60	girls' teams only
* Padded Pants	\$40	girls' teams only
* Shin Guards	\$10	girls' teams only
* Chest Protector	\$40	
* Throat Guard	\$10	
* Goalie Stick	\$75	



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Attachment B – Annual Fees, Dues, and other Costs Included as Part of Registration Fee

LEAGUE DUES

Boys - \$125 per team

Girls – \$5 per player

REFEREE FEES

Boys - \$500 per team

Girls - \$364 per team (plus a \$25 ref travel fee per team; plus a possible additional fee of

\$100 per team if a referee candidate is not identified; refer to <http://www.wslax.org/handbook.php>)

INSURANCE - \$10 per player

STORAGE – \$50 - \$65 per month

FIELD – TYLA will not pay for field rentals or facility costs.

TRANSPORTATION – TYLA will not pay for transportation.