

APPENDIX E - TYKE (7-8) RULES

(LMMLC Amendments in Red)

Note: These are modifications to the existing CLA rules for box lacrosse. Where there is a conflict between the CLA rule book and these special rules for tyke, then the tyke rules shall apply.

These rules have been initiated in order to develop all players in the Tyke Division and to make sure that all teams are playing the same game, while keeping it fast-paced, simple and fun!

OPTION L

The Lacrosse Stick

- a) The player's stick shall measure not more than 101.6 cm (40"), nor less than 66.04 cm (26") in overall length.

The Ball

- a) The balls used in all matches may be soft lacrosse balls that conform to CLA standards and be approved by the CLA.

The Goals

- a) Each goal shall consist of two upright poles, 91.44 cm (3') apart, joined by a rigid crossbar 91.44 cm (3') from the playing surface. All measurements are to be inside distances.

Player's Equipment

- a) All players must wear at all times the following equipment: helmet, mask, elbow pads, mouth guards, gloves, a jock or jill strap, shoulder and arm pads, and back/kidney pads.
- b) The following pieces of equipment are optional: knee pads.

The Game

- a) The duration of a game shall be three fifteen-minute straight time periods, with intermission of three minutes between periods. Each period shall start with a face-off.
- b) After a goal is scored, play resumes with possession to the goaltender who was scored on. The opposing team must clear the zone.
- c) Player changes will be made on a stoppage in play, or on-the-fly. There is no stoppage in play to change the players.
- d) All players should receive the same playing time.

Passing

- a) After the ball is put into play by the goalie, two passes must be attempted before attempting to score. Passes must be made in the correct passing motion. The ball must be in free flight and cannot be placed into one stick from another.

Score Sheet

- a) A score sheet must be completed prior to each game.
- b) All goals, assists, and penalties are recorded and the score is displayed on the scoreboard which must be signed by a coach or team manager and officials for insurance purposes.
- c) A differential of more than five goals is not displayed.
- d) The 'Gretzky' rule will be employed. Each player is only permitted to score 3 recordable goals per game. Any other goals scored by the same player will NOT be noted on the score sheet and therefore will not count towards the final tally.
- e) For insurance purposes the home team (not the winning team) must mail a physical copy of the score sheet to the Tyke Commissioner at: 2950 Mahon Avenue, North Vancouver, BC V7N 3T1

Contact

- a) Defensive players may place their stick (**with their hands together**) on the ball-carrier and push them **or steer them** away.
- b) Any offensive player (including the ball-carrier) who deliberately charged directly at a defensive player may be assessed a charging penalty.
- c) There is to be no body-checking. **There should be no collisions or kids being knocked down.**
- d) A defensive player may check an offensive player by placing their stick head on an opposing player's stick head.

Penalties

- a) **Penalties will be called in accordance with the CLA Officials Handbook of Rules, however penalties are not assessed. Instead play is stopped and the offending player has the infraction explained to him by the Referee or the player's coach. If the offending player's team had possession of the ball, it is awarded to the opposing team. In more serious cases, the coach may replace the offending player with another player.**

Fall Back Rule

- a) The fall back rule applies when possession is gained by the goalkeeper. All defensive players must enter the neutral zone. Once all the defensive players are in the neutral zone, they are free to go wherever they want. The goalkeeper must pass the ball to one of the offensive players who must be outside of the dotted line.

COACHES AND PARENTS: PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE KIDS HAVE FUN!!!!!!