Lacrosse for Life

Canadian Lacrosse Association Long-Term Athlete Development for Canadian Lacrosse





Lacrosse is an exciting game with a proud history in Canada.

Lacrosse for Life is a player development pathway that helps Canadian kids get into lacrosse, have fun, learn skills, and develop to their full potential over the long term. It's based on the best practices in sport training and coaching from around the world, and it's our way of keeping lacrosse fun and safe for kids of all ages and sizes, even while we develop the champions of tomorrow.

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Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD)

What?

Lacrosse for Life is based on the Long-Term Athlete Development concept (LTAD), a way of coaching and training that matches sports programs to the physical, mental and emotional stages of kids as they grow.

How?

LTAD describes the different stages and changes as young athletes grow from childhood through their teens, recommending modified game formats and training schedules to suit each stage.

Why?

With LTAD, more kids start playing, more kids keep playing, and more athletes achieve excellence in our proud Canadian pastime.

Growing with Lacrosse

Lacrosse for Life identifies seven basic stages for developing lacrosse players:



Active Start Young children begin basic play.



FUNdamentals

Later childhood provides more structure but emphasizes FUN.



Learning to Train Pre-teens prepare for structured training.



Training to Train Early teens build training capacities.



Learning & Training to Compete Older teens start training to compete for titles.

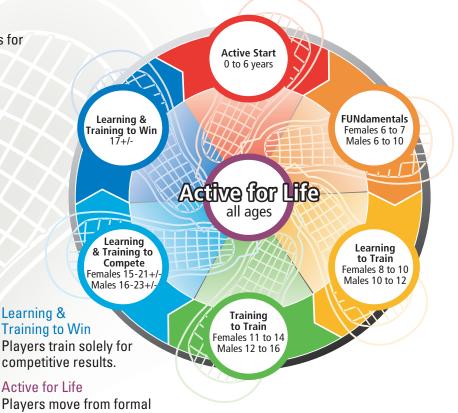






Active for Life Players move from formal

competition and focus on wellness.



Doing It Right

How we behave as players, coaches and parents has a big impact on the development of our sport. Lacrosse for Life suggests we set the right example.

PLAYER Code of Conduct

- Honour the game.
- Play by the rules.
- Respect your opponents.
- Be a team player attend all practices and games.
- Remember that winning isn't everything have fun, improve skills, and do your best.
- Acknowledge the good play of ALL players both teammates and opponents.
- Play because you want to, not because your parents or coaches want you to.
- Show respect to all coaches, officials, players and fans.

COACH Code of Conduct

- Set a positive example in conduct and coaching.
- Put players' interests and welfare above your own.
- Treat everyone fairly, regardless of gender, ethnicity, colour or other traits.
- Direct coaching comments at performances, not persons.
- Make training activities suitable for player age, experience, ability and fitness level.
- Pursue opportunities for coaching development.
- Treat opponents and officials with respect.
- Respect your players' academic needs.

PARENT Code of Conduct

- Remember that your child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not yours.
- Teach your child that the effort is more important than the outcome.
- Praise your child for competing fairly and trying hard.
- Never yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Applaud good playing performances by both your child's team and the opponents.
- Do not force your child to participate in sports.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Respect game officials, team members, opponents and fans.
- Show appreciation for volunteers.

Find Out More

Interested in learning more about coaching or playing lacrosse? The Canadian Lacrosse Association and your Provincial Lacrosse Association can direct you to lacrosse programs and clubs near you. They can also provide you with information on upcoming courses for coaches and referees.

www.lacrosse.ca

THE MATRIX

In recognition of the variance of talent and availability of time and resources between its member associations, the Canadian Lacrosse Association has created a matrix of options for implementation for a number of the stages in this document. The affected stages will be split up into Options L, A and X. The amount of variance differs between member associations and therefore each member association has been classified as type 1, 2 or 3.

 TYPE 1 MAs:
 Clubs can choose to implement Option L, A or X at each stage.

 Type 1 MAs:
 BCLA, ALA, OLA

 TYPE 2 MAs:
 Clubs can choose to implement Option A or X at each stage.

 Type 2 MAs:
 FCQ

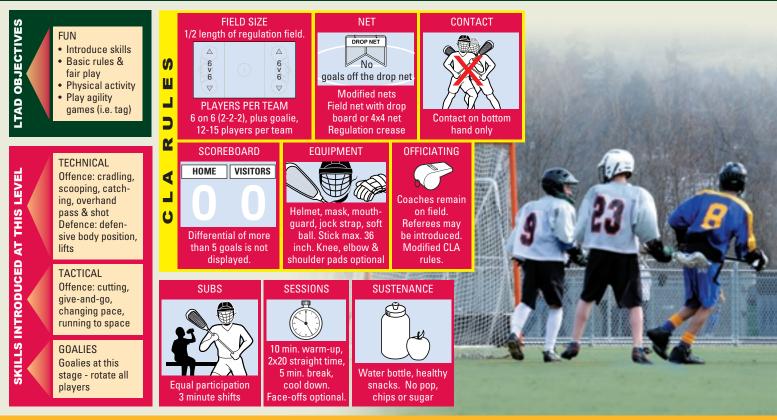
TYPE 3 MAs: Clubs must implement Option X at each stage. Type 3 MAs: SLA, MLA, LNB, LNS, Can-Am, ILA



MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE

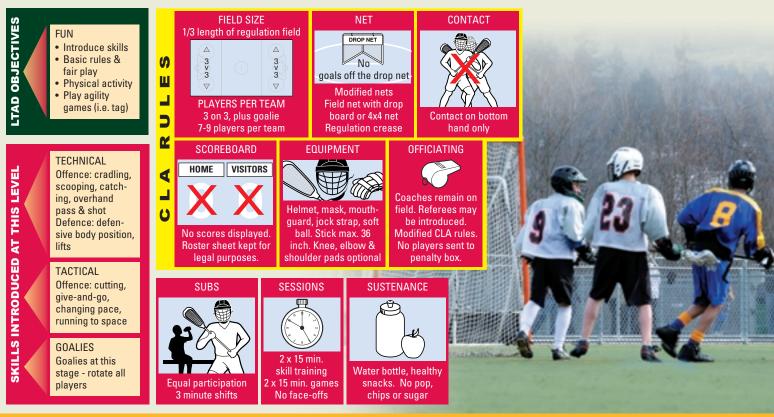


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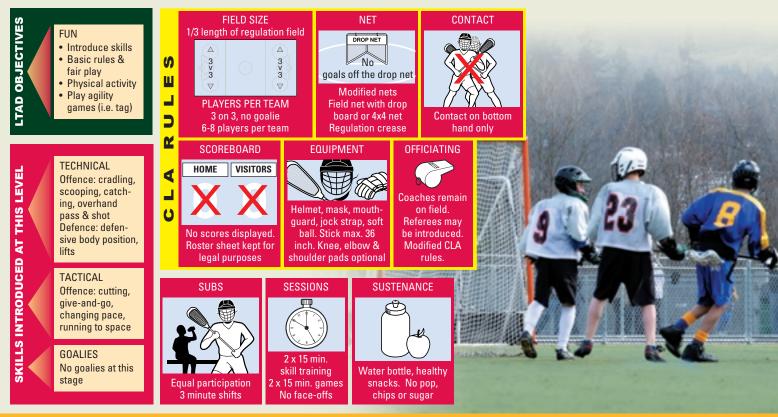
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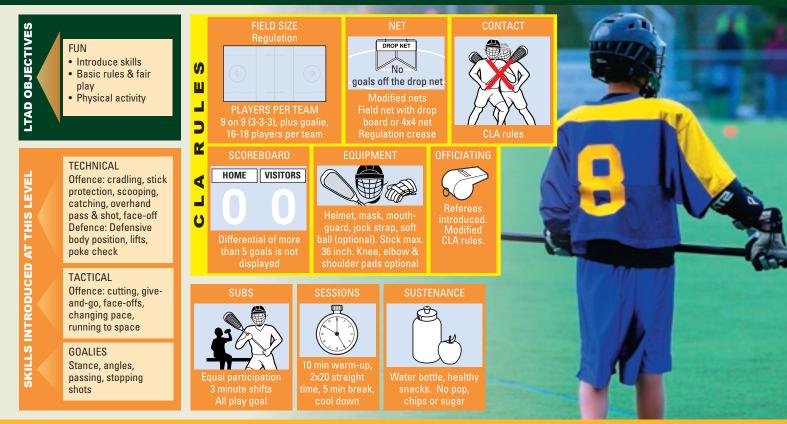
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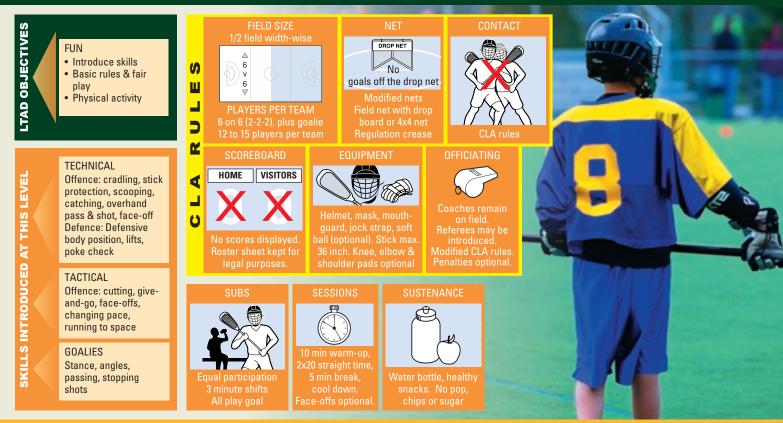




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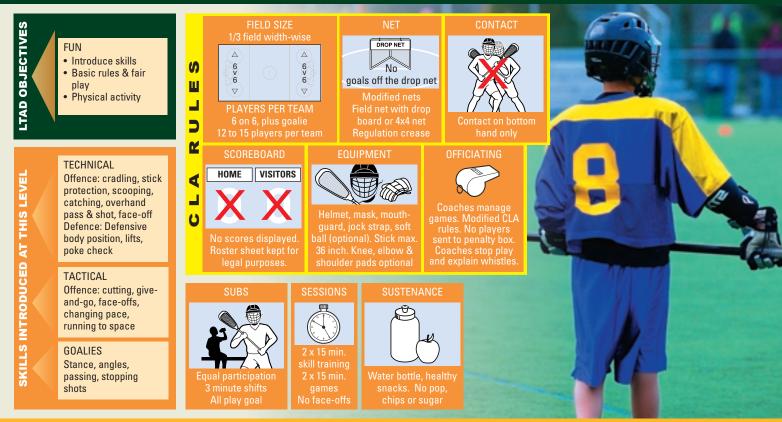




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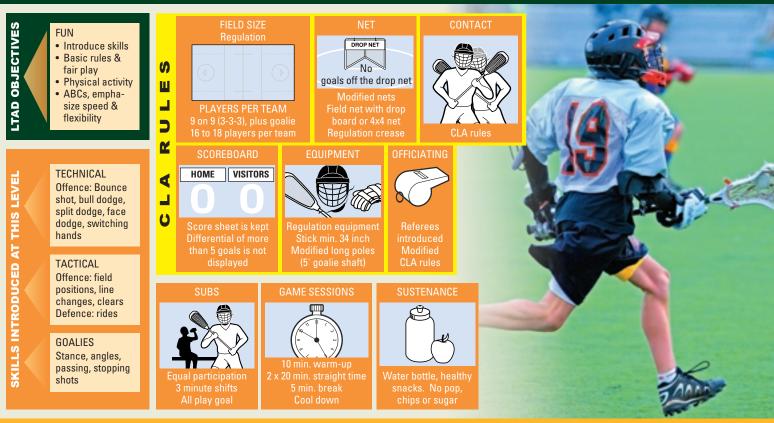
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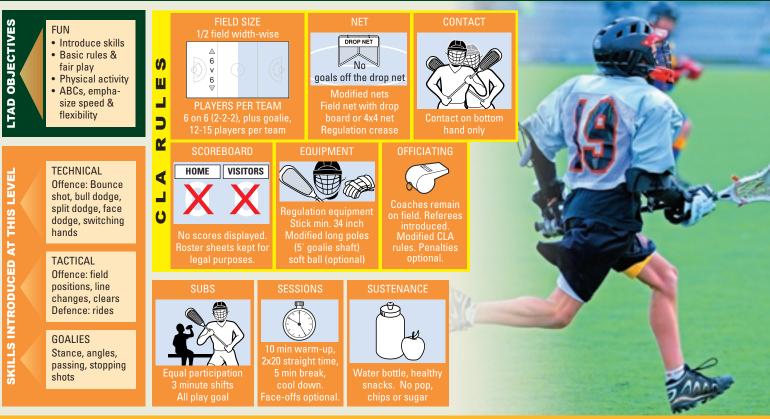
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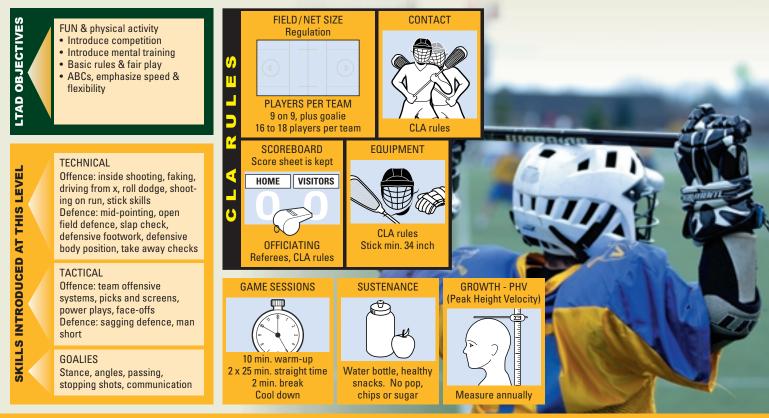
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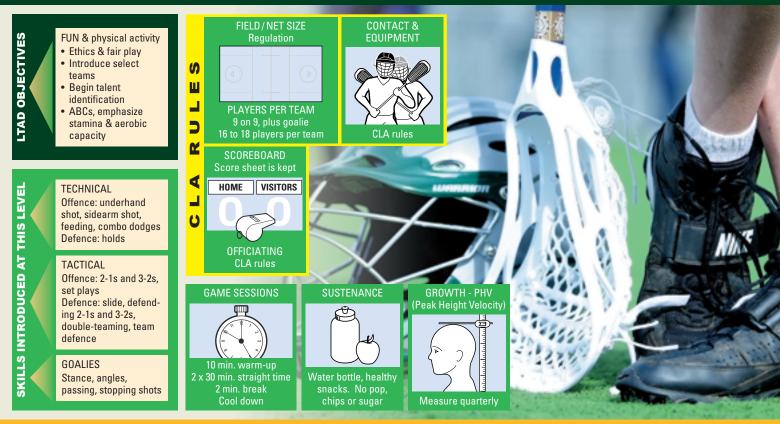
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COACH CERTIFICATION: COMMUNITY-DEVELOPMENT MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Learning to Train Pee Wee: 11-12



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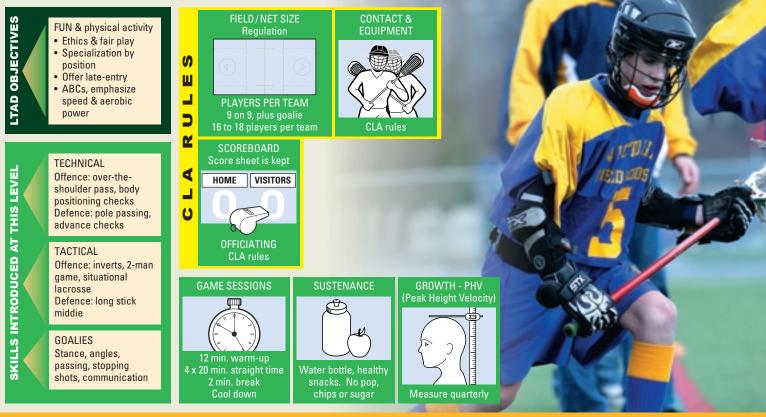
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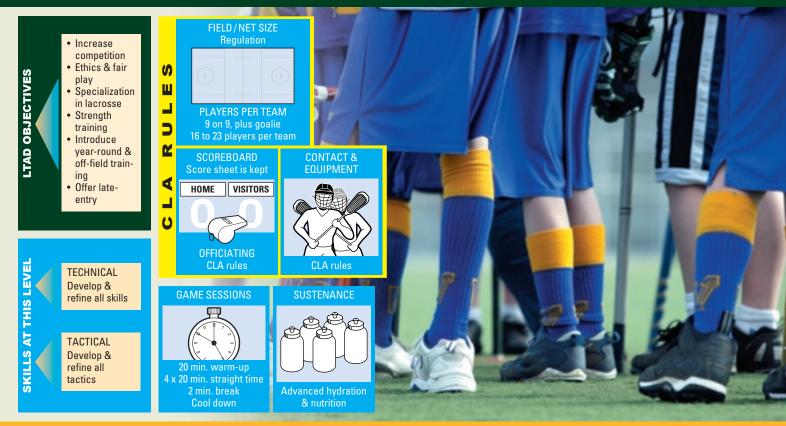
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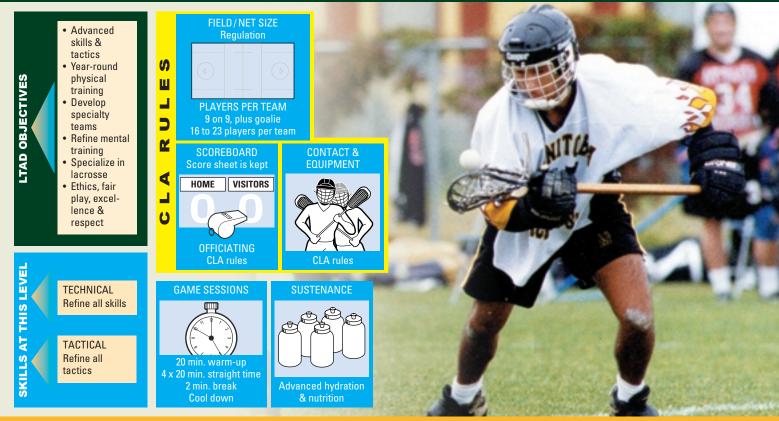
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coach certification: competition-development MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Learning to Compete Junior: 17-19



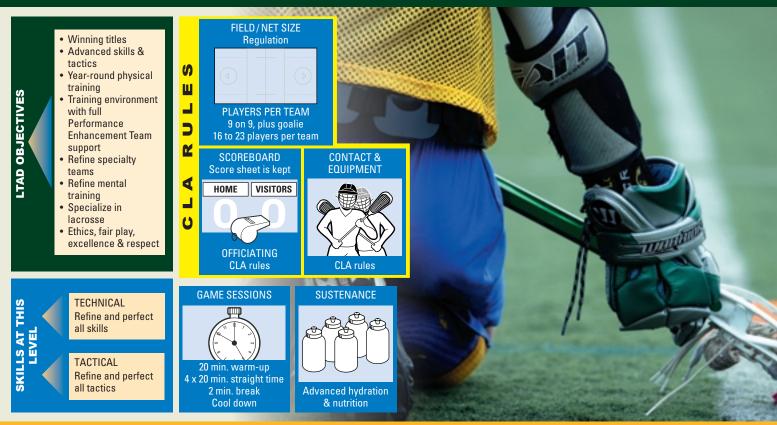
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COACH CERTIFICATION: COMPETITION-DEVELOPMENT MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Training to Compete Senior: 17+



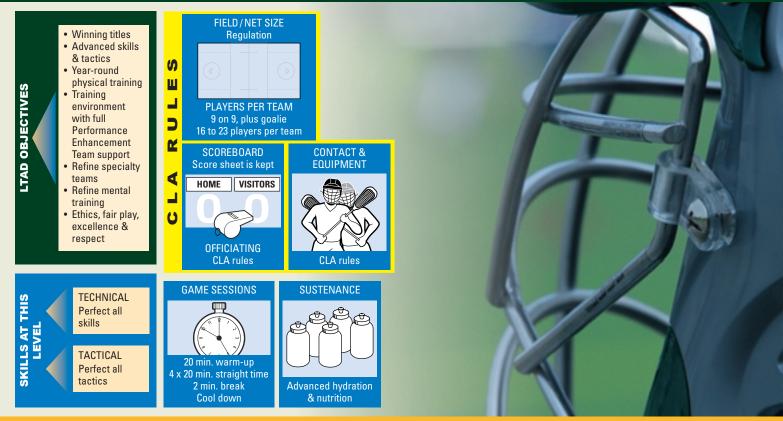
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coach certification: competition-high performance MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Learning to Win National Team: 17-19 & Senior A: 21+



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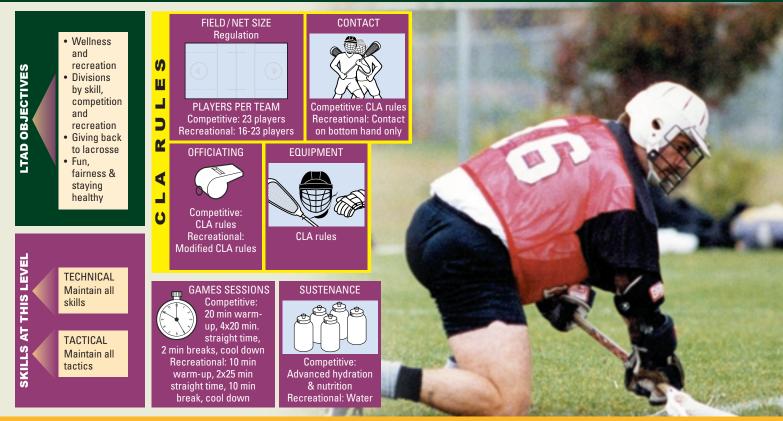
coach certification: competition-high performance MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Training to Win National Team: 20+



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MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE - Active for Life

Competitive (Senior) / Recreational (Masters)



FAMILY: Praise effort, not results; be positive; praise performance of both teams; do not yell instructions PLAYERS: Honour the game; new friendships; enjoy participation; win with dignity & lose with grace; volunteering





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