



East Islip Youth Lacrosse

Constitution & Bylaws

1. Name

This association shall be called, **East Islip Youth Lacrosse League**, hereinafter referred to as the "EIYLL"

2. Affiliations

The EIYLL shall be affiliated with the **Nassau / Suffolk PAL Lacrosse League** for boys lacrosse and **Suffolk County Girls Lacrosse League** for girls lacrosse

3. Mission

EIYLL is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and develop youth lacrosse in the East Islip community by providing activities and programs that inspire participation and fun for all participants while preserving the integrity of the game. The EIYLL was formed to provide the children and families of East Islip, the opportunity to learn the game of lacrosse in a safe environment that provides an opportunity for all players of all abilities to develop skills and game knowledge. The EIYLL will emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play and respect for all, and will work with children and families regardless of ability, in a setting to foster and promote understanding in the fundamentals and the finer points of lacrosse.

4. Membership

Residence Requirements:

Membership in the league shall be limited to residents of East Islip School District (East Islip, Islip Terrace, Great River) or those administrators, players, or coaches as specifically approved for membership by the Executive Board.

In certain instances where a person from a neighboring town request to play for EIYLL and that person's home town does not offer lacrosse they may be granted admission to EIYLL with 2/3 board approval AND written approval from the requisite affiliate league as identified in section 2 of this document. Any approved player must register with EIYLL and pay all fees prior to participation.

Voting Members

Members of the Executive Board shall have voting rights during the term of their service. Head Coaches shall have voting rights with their consensus counting as one vote.

Non-Voting Members

All participants, assistant coaches, and sponsors of lacrosse players participating in any of the programs of the EIYLL shall be non-voting members.

5. Governing Body

The Executive Board shall govern and administer the daily operations of the league within the scope of the bylaws and the policy guidelines set by the bylaws.

6. Amendments to the Constitution

Once adopted, this constitution shall be amended only by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of those present and voting at the meeting of the league.

7. Finances

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation is organized for one or more of the following purposes as specified in section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or current revision of this code, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by the corporation exempt for Federal Income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or current version of this code.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any Member, Trustee, Director, Officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except the reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no Member, Trustee, Officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation.

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall, after necessary expenses are satisfied, be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under the appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code in place at the time the Club dissolves or to another organization to be used in such a way that will best accomplish the general purposes for which this corporation was formed.

The board shall have the power and authority to fix and impose dues, fees and assessments, to publicize and enforce all rules and regulations pertaining to the Club, its activities and its property, and to do and perform or cause to be done or performed any and every act which the Club may lawfully do and perform.

The duration of the Club shall be perpetual. In the event that the Club is dissolved, all the fund remaining in its treasury, after payments of all its obligations will be transferred to any exempt organization pursuant to appropriate section of the Internal Revenue Code in place at the time the Club dissolves.

1. Bylaws:

- 1.1. The Executive Board shall consist of the following elected persons:
 - President
 - Treasurer
 - Boys Director
 - Girls Director
 - Scheduler
 - Past President
 - Trustee(s)
- 1.2. The day-to-day business of the EIYLL shall be managed by the Executive Board.
- 1.3. The act of the majority of those present and voting, shall be the act of the Executive Board.
- 1.4. Where there are insufficient items to hold a meeting, the President may poll by telephone, text, or email all members of the Board to obtain their vote and notify each member within three days of the vote.
- 1.5. In the event of a vacancy in any of the elected offices through resignation or other cases, the Executive Board by a majority vote may fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.
- 1.6. Removal of any Board member (for sufficient cause), requires a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.
- 1.7. Removal of a person from an appointed office requires 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.
- 1.8. New positions may be added to the Executive Board as deemed necessary. In the event of a tie vote, the President will withdraw their vote.

2. Elections:

- 2.1. The offices of president, Treasurer, Girls Director, and Boys Director shall serve a term of not less than 3 years and shall be elected at the annual general meeting in October of each year.
- 2.2. Only Executive Board members and head coaches will vote on elected positions.
- 2.3. All elections will be conducted by paper ballot or a raise of hand.
- 2.4. The Candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed elected.

- 2.5. Vacancies not filled at the time of the general election or occurring during the year may be filled by a 2/3 vote of the Executive Board.
- 2.6. The newly elected officers shall take office following the vote.
- 2.7. Past presidents, in good standing, can remain on the Executive Board as long as they want.

3. Meetings

- 3.1. The Executive Board shall hold a minimum of 6 meetings during the year.
- 3.2. Only the Executive Board and head coaches will have voting rights.
- 3.3. A meeting of the Executive Board may be called at any time by the President. At least two days' notice should be given.
- 3.4. No votes can be taken or amendments made at a meeting without a quorum present (one more than 50% of the standing board).
- 3.5. All head coaches must attend meeting. If they Can't make the meeting and assistant coach may take his place.
- 3.6. All meetings other than Executive Board meetings shall be open to any person who wishes to attend. Non-members of the organization may be recognized and allowed to speak at the discretion of the President and only during new business.
- 3.7. All meetings of EIYLL shall be respectful and all attendees will conduct themselves appropriately.

4. Amendments to the Bylaws:

- 4.1. The EIYLL Bylaws may be amended by 2/3 vote by the Executive Board.
- 4.2. The proposed amendment shall be sent to each board member prior to the next meeting.

5. Committees:

- 5.1. Committees may be formed for any specific purpose not contrary to the purpose of the association. All committee members shall be appointed by the president.

6. General:

- 6.1. No officer or other member of this association shall receive any fee for activities concerned with his or her official office in the EIYLL.
- 6.2. Payment for any personal expenses must be approved by the Executive Board.
- 6.3. Any action, behavior or statement made by an Executive Board member, head coach, assistant coach, parent or player which may be contrary to the spirit of the purpose of the EIYLL may be investigated by a disciplinary committee consisting of three (3) members appointed by the President. The disciplinary committee will be chaired by an Executive Board member appointed by the President.

The disciplinary committee shall have the power to recommend disciplinary action be taken against a person. The person shall be furnished with a copy of the report and shall have the opportunity to appear before the Executive Board and be heard. The Board shall either:

- a) Take such actions as recommended by the disciplinary committee;
- b) Vote to dismiss;
- c) Recommit for further review.

- 6.4. Coaching assignments must be approved by the Executive Board.
- 6.5. Unscheduled games, exhibitions and tournaments: Any head coach, assistant coach, or team must notify the Director / President and receive approval prior to committing to the event.

7. Elected Officer's Duties:

- 7.1.1. **President** - The President shall be the executive officer of EIYLL, preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and general meetings.
- 7.1.2. Serve as official member of all committees.
- 7.1.3. Shall have responsibility for the general management of the affairs of EIYLL and see that all orders are carried into effect.
- 7.1.4. In instances where disciplinary measures appear appropriate or are recommended, the President will convene a special meeting of the Executive Board.
- 7.1.5. Shall be authorized to arbitrate all matters.
- 7.1.6. In case of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.

- 7.1.7. Meets with Coaches and assistants as needed.
- 7.1.8. The President and / or Treasurer shall have power to sign all checks and bank withdrawals. The President shall be made aware of all checks and bank withdrawals over \$1,000.
- 7.1.9. Any expenses must be approved by the President and Executive Board.

7.2. Boy's Director

- 7.2.1. The Boy's Director is responsible to attend all Nassau / Suffolk PAL Lacrosse League. In the event they cannot attend the Boy's Director must designate another member of the Executive Board to attend in their place.
- 7.2.2. Responsible for oversight and implementation of all relevant rules of the Nassau / Suffolk PAL Lacrosse League.
- 7.2.3. Ensure all coaches are USA Lacrosse certified in accordance with Nassau / Suffolk PAL Lacrosse League requirements.
- 7.2.4. Provide guidance and support to all boys coaches as deemed appropriate to ensure a high level of coaching.
- 7.2.5. Provide general support in all Executive Board functions

7.3. Girl's Director

- 7.3.1. The Girls' Director is responsible to attend all Suffolk County Girls Lacrosse League. In the event they cannot attend the Girls' Director must designate another member of the Executive Board to attend in their place.
- 7.3.2. Responsible for oversight and implementation of all relevant rules of the Suffolk County Girls Lacrosse League.
- 7.3.3. Provide guidance and support to all boys coaches as deemed appropriate to ensure a high level of coaching.
- 7.3.4. Provide general support in all Executive Board functions

7.4. Treasurer

- 7.4.1. Receive payments from registration.

- 7.4.2. Collects and disburses funds as operationally necessary.
- 7.4.3. Manages bank accounts as necessary.
- 7.4.4. Keeps records of receipts and expenditures of the association.
- 7.4.5. Renders statements of financial condition at Executive Board meetings.
- 7.4.6. Assists any approved fund-raising committee.
- 7.4.7. Creates annual budget to approved by the Executive Board.
- 7.4.8. Preparation and filing of annual taxes.
- 7.4.9. Assists the president in their duties.

7.5. Scheduling Coordinator

- 7.5.1. Responsible for scheduling of games for both Boys and Girls
- 7.5.2. Assist in management of fields, gyms, and other facilities to ensure availability and fair use by all teams.
- 7.5.3. Assist the President in their duties.

7.6. Past President

- 7.6.1. Provide continuity during periods of transition within the Executive Board.
- 7.6.2. Assist in obtaining permits, insurance, and tax preparation.

7.7. Trustees

- 7.7.1 Assist the Executive Board in their general function
- 7.7.2 Provide leadership and direction amongst coaches
- 7.7.3 Support Executive Board members at EIYLL events, fundraisers, etc.

7.8 Other

Club Members, volunteers, etc. shall be assigned various tasks to assist with the day-to-day management of Club business. These tasks include but are not limited to the

following: registration, Treasurer activities, League meetings and compliance, lacrosse clinics, and general assistance.

8. Selection of Coaches:

- 8.1. All Head Coaches must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and must be approved by the Executive Board.
- 8.2. All assistant coaches will be selected by the head coach and must meet with Executive Board approval.
- 8.3. All head coaches shall read and distribute copies of the “code of conduct” to their assistants as an aid in the instruction or youth lacrosse.
- 8.4. All coaches are required to uphold the highest standards of integrity and act with decency and respect toward all those participating in EIYLL events.
- 8.5. Coaches displaying unsportsmanlike behavior in a game misconduct will result in suspension for minimum of one game and up to and including suspension from the entire season. Each incident will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- 8.6. All coaches must know and understand Nassau / Suffolk PAL Lacrosse League and / or Suffolk County Girls Lacrosse League rules and regulations.
- 8.7. It is the responsibility of all head coaches to read, fully understand and adhere to the bylaws of the EIYLL.
- 8.8. All coaches are responsible to attend any EIYLL event the Board deems mandatory.
- 8.9. Any head coach that wants to participate in a tournament or other lacrosse event must have prior Board approval.
- 8.10. Any head coach that does not adhere to the EIYLL Bylaws is subject to suspension and / or removal from the EIYLL program.
- 8.11. The Executive Board maintains the right to remove any head coach or assistant coach if said coach is not performing in accordance with the EIYLL mission and code of conduct.

9. Players and Teams

- 9.1. The EIYLL will field teams by grade for both boys and girls as mandated by their respective league. The grade designations will consist of the following:

Pre-K/K	4 th Grade
1 st Grade	5 th Grade
2 nd Grade	6 th Grade
3 rd Grade	7 th /8 th Grade

- 9.2. The Board will decide each year the number of teams per age group. The decision will be primarily based on the number of registrations per grade. The Board reserves the right to combine age groups to field teams if necessary.
- 9.3. No coach may take any player from any other team without expressed permission from the head coach of the players current team. If in the case that head coach cannot be reached, Executive Board approval is required. Violation of this rule is subject to Executive Board disciplinary action.
- 9.4. All players will register and must play in their designated grade level.
- 9.5. No player will be allowed to participate in a lower grade level than the grade they are in
- 9.6. A player requesting to be placed in an older grade level will need Executive Board approval. The circumstances must be extenuating, compelling, and in the best interest of the EIYLL. Each request will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- 9.7. The EIYLL will field teams for league play in Nassau / Suffolk PAL Lacrosse League (Boys) and Suffolk County Girls Lacrosse League (Girls). The EIYLL will abide and adhere to all the rules, regulations, and requirements of these leagues.
- 9.8. EIYLL teams, are for all lacrosse players, regardless of ability. All players are entitled to “meaningful playing time”. Coaches reserve the right to reduce playing time due to certain circumstances such as lack of practice attendance, disciplinary issues, health and safety concerns. Such decisions must be documented by the head coach and reported to the Executive Board. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action
- 9.9. All EIYLL players must be properly equipped. Equipment must be in satisfactory condition and must meet current safety certification requirements. All players must wear the Board approved uniform for all games.
- 9.10. The EIYLL’s goal is to match teams with the appropriate skill level to create an environment where all players can develop their skills and have a positive lacrosse experience. It is understood that this can vary year to year and certain age groups may be unique in structure and development.

10. Logo & Image

The use of all EIYLL artwork, logos, etc. is the sole property of the EIYLL. Use of said artwork, logos, etc. in any printed or published materials, including apparel, must receive consent of the Executive Board.

11. Matters Not Covered

In all respects, for issues not specifically covered in these bylaws, the general authority, rules, procedures, and bylaws of the EIYLL shall apply with equal force as if such had been included in these bylaws.

Appendix:

Executive Board as of 2025

- 1) President – Thomas Zummo
- 2) Boy's Director – Kyle Madden
- 3) Girls' Director – Justin Bunton
- 4) Treasurer – Paul Mazziotti
- 5) Scheduling Coordinator – Victoria Hoehn
- 6) Past President – Christopher Maher
- 7) Trustee – Stephanie Johnson
- 8) Trustee – Rick Tonyes