

Mission Statement

The mission of the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club is to promote the game of Lacrosse within the Rush-Henrietta School District. The Club will be made available to all Rush-Henrietta youth interested in the game of Lacrosse and in advancing their skills. The Club's function will be to act as an organizational means for Rush-Henrietta girls to participate in league and tournament play. The players will be evaluated based on skill level, dedication and willingness to learn and assigned to a team based on this assessment. The Club will emphasize sportsmanship, fitness, achievement, teamwork and skill development. The lacrosse Club will demand a high degree of ethical conduct by its coaches, players, volunteers and parents.

Article I - Organization Name and Business Address

- A. The organization shall be known as the: Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club
P.O. Box 375
Henrietta, NY 14467
Web: www.rhlacrosse.com

Article II – Organizational Objectives

- A. The objective of this club shall be to administer a organized Lacrosse program that provides:
- ✓ A safe and healthy environment to play lacrosse.
 - ✓ The promotion of good sportsmanship, team play, positive attitude and respect for all players, parents, coaches and officials.
 - ✓ Encouragement for parental/guardian involvement.
 - ✓ Development of a strong work ethic where a best effort is given to classroom academics as well as on the lacrosse field.
 - ✓ Provide participants with qualified, knowledgeable and motivated adult leadership.
- B. The club shall follow the guidelines below when organizing activities:
1. In order to reach the goals that have been set we will attempt to provide every girl wanting to participate an opportunity to play. We want to grow the program and the sport in RH and believe excluding girls is the wrong way to do this.
 2. Due to roster restrictions and league rules there will be occasions where we will not be able to include all players. Players will be determined by grade/age, skill level, position, work ethic/attitude, and overall commitment to RH Lacrosse. It is important for players to remember that every time they have a lacrosse stick in their hands, be it a game/practice or indoor instructional program, they may be auditioning for a future spot on a club team and/or league.

Article III – Organizational Participation

- A. **Club Participants shall be comprised of the following:**
1. Girls grade K-12 wanting to play the great game of lacrosse and attending an RH school.

Article IV – Governing Body

A. Board of Directors

1. Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club shall have individuals to holding the offices of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Parent Representative, and Coach Commissioner.
2. Board members may hold the same position on the Club board for an unlimited time unless there is a request for an election by 3 or more current board members.
3. All standing board members will have one vote with majority rules applying. In the event of a tie vote the issue will be tabled for further comment and discussion and the acting chair will make the decision.

B. Elections

1. If an election is requested it will be held as soon as possible be will noted on the club's web page in advance so that there is time for nominations for the position. The new member will be assigned to a board position based on majority rules.
2. In the event of a tie vote, the acting chair will table the topic and make the final decision.

C. Committees

1. The Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse board may designate among its members committees. Decisions of committees shall be subject to the approval of the board.
2. Committees may be formed for the following functions: Equipment, Field Allocation, Fundraising, Publicity, Photos, Registration, Sponsors, Tournament, Camps, Clinics, Uniforms, Website Maintenance

Article V – Roles and Responsibilities

A. The Chair

1. It shall be the Chairs duty to supervise and generally manage the affairs of the Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the board of directors.
2. The Chair shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board of directors are carried into effect.
3. The chair shall maintain and update, as needed, the by-laws of the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club and present them to the membership for ratification.

B. The Vice Chair

1. The Vice Chair shall, during the absence or disability of the Chair, have all the powers and functions of the Chair.
2. The Vice Chair shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chair from time to time by the club membership and/or the board of directors.

C. The Secretary

1. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club, issue notice of meetings, prepare an official calendar of events, record the minutes of each meeting.

D. The Treasurer:

1. The treasurer is responsible for all the financial matters concerning the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club, which shall include keeping all books and accounts, invoicing member organizations for fees, the collection of said fees and the payment of all bills.
2. The Treasurer shall present an annual financial report setting forth, in full, the financial conditions of the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club.

E. The Parent Representative

1. To oversee the activities of the Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club board of directors to assure the club is run to the benefit of the membership.
2. Act as liaison between the membership, grade level parent representatives and the board of directors.

F. The Coach Commissioner

1. To recommend to the board the tournaments and/or competitive events the club shall attend.
2. To act as liaison between the board and the coaches.

Article VI – Financial Policy

1. The Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club will act as a not for profit organization, where coaches or board members are not paid and can't use funds for private purposes.
2. Funding may be acquired from a combination of player registration fees, member dues, fund-raising activity and donations.
3. Funds will be utilized solely for the Rush-Henrietta Girls Lacrosse Club expenses. These expenses include but are not limited to the following: Tournament/ Inter League Expenses, Purchase of Equipment from any source, Playing field maintenance, Player/Coach/Board of Directors liability insurance, Contributions for promotion and advancement of lacrosse in RH.
3. In the event the Rush-Henrietta Lacrosse Club is dissolved, all remaining equity, either equipment or monies shall be donated to the Henrietta Recreation Department, RH Boys Youth Lacrosse Club, or the Rush-Henrietta Central School Lacrosse program.
4. No expenditure shall exceed \$500.00 without board approval and vote.