

# AMERICAN POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION

## ALCOHOL POLICY

August 2001

Revised March 2012

The APA has adopted a policy in accordance with the local State Laws of any APA sponsored event of zero tolerance for consumption of alcohol or controlled substances by minors. This policy includes all minors, APA members or spectators, while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances during any APA sponsored event. Any adult who is knowingly contributing to the violation of the policy by providing alcohol or controlled substances to minors will be subject to the same punishment set out below:

1. Any infraction of the policy shall be reported by two credible sources to the events Tournament Committee with an appeal to the APA Grievance Panel. The Grievance Panel is appointed by the President as a standing committee. The Tournament Committee, if it finds the report reliable will suspend the minor from play at that instant and then report the incident to the APA Grievance Panel in writing.
2. Upon receipt and verification by the APA Grievance Panel, the Panel shall issue a suspension of up to one year of the offending member's membership, beginning from the date of the incident. Upon the second violation, the punishment will be suspension of a Juniors APA membership until age 21 and suspension of an adult's membership for life.
3. Appeal may be taken upon receipt in writing of suspension of membership. Any appeal must be made in writing to the APA Secretary within 30 days of notification by the Grievance Panel. The APA Board of Directors must act upon any appeal and notify the member of its action in writing within 30 days after receiving the written appeal. Suspension will remain in effect throughout the appeal process.