

St. Catharines Athletics (A)

The Athletic Lacrosse Club was established in 1877 as a senior field lacrosse club. A force to be reckoned from their early days, the club captured an impressive eight (8) consecutive Globe Shields (1905-1912), the crowning jewel of lacrosse in Ontario in that era.

During the Great War (WWI), St. Catharines did not have a senior team but started to develop the minor system for youth. Through the 1920s and 30s, Ontario championships were won at the midget, juvenile and junior age groups.

As box lacrosse started to overtake the field game in popularity in the 1930s, the Athletics were once again making their way to the top. They won their first Mann Cup in the 1938 series against the New Westminster Adanacs played at Maple Leaf Gardens. They would go on to compete in or win the Mann Cup in each of the next 9 years.

In the late 50s the Senior team moved to Welland for a brief period but returned to St. Catharines to compete for another 8 years before folding in 1968. Although they returned briefly in the 80s and 2000s, they made their final appearance in the MSL in 2005.

Today's strong and successful Athletics minor lacrosse teams continue to feed a competitive Junior A program (age 17-21), as evidenced by the Iroquois Cup (Ontario Championship) win during the summer of 2021.



Athletics' Milestones

Club established: 1877

Original home field: Lacrosse Grounds
(now St. Catharines Collegiate)

Club colours: Dark & light blue

Club Highlights:

- 1931: transitioned from field to box lacrosse
- 1957-59: Moved to Welland
- 1960-67: Returned to St. Catharines
- 1968-1984: Ceased operations
- 1984-85: Returned in the Major Series Lacrosse (MSL)
- 1999-2005: Final years in the MSL

Championship Seasons:

- Mann Cup (Senior A): 1938; 1940; 1941; 1944; and 1946.
- Minto Cup (Junior A): 1947; 1950; 1990; 1991; 2001; and 2003.
- Iroquois Cup (Junior A): 2021

