

Lacrosse Canada

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A. GENERAL

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS

1. At its discretion, the Board of Directors may seek feedback or input on proposals from any Committee, Discipline, Steering Group or individual.
2. Each Director receives one (1) vote on all proposals to amend the Regulations. Proposals are approved by Ordinary Resolution.
3. Changes made to the Regulations will take immediate effect, unless otherwise stated, with the exception of changes to rules of play; however, they will be reported to the Members.

Steering Group Template

	Steering Group
Mandate	The Committee or Steering Group is a [Committee or Steering Group] of the Board of Lacrosse Canada. It is responsible for guiding and coordinating the work. It is an advisory Steering Group . Its decisions and recommendations are not binding upon any Member or upon Lacrosse Canada.
Key Duties	The Committee or Steering Group will perform the following key duties: • [insert key duties]
Authority	The Committee or Steering Group will exercise its authority in accordance with the By-laws and additional provisions as are set out in these Terms of Reference or as otherwise provided by the Board. The Committee or Steering Group, with approval from the Board, may establish sub-committee or Steering Groups or Task Forces to deal with specific issues in relation to the mandate of the Committee or Steering Group.
Composition	The Committee or Steering Group will be composed of [insert composition of Committee or Steering Group, indicate the Lead, and list preferred/required skills of Committee or Steering Group members] Members of the Committee or Steering Group will serve terms of two years, which may be renewed by the Board. The Board may remove any member of the Committee or Steering Group at any time, for any reason.
Meetings	The Committee or Steering Group will meet by telephone, by electronic means or in person, as required. Each member of the Committee or Steering Group will have one vote, including the Chair Meetings will be at the call of the Chair.

Resources	The Committee or Steering Group may receive the necessary resources from Lacrosse Canada to fulfill its mandate, subject to the approval of the Board. The Committee or Steering Group may, from time to time, receive administrative support from Lacrosse Canada.
Reporting	Status reports at a meeting of the Board, or full reports at a meeting of the Members, shall be presented by the Chair. Status reports will be delivered to the Board on a quarterly basis, or as requested by the Board
Approval and Review	The Board will review these Terms of Reference on a regular basis, with input from the Committee or Steering Group as required.
Other	[insert other notes specific to the Committee or Steering Group]

Safety and Equipment Steering Group

	Safety and Equipment Steering Group
Mandate	The Safety and Equipment Steering Group is a Steering Group of the Board of Lacrosse Canada. It is responsible for the submission of equipment for review, ensure manufacturers of balls and equipment meet insurance requirements (carry a minimum of \$1,000,000 of liability insurance). It is a Steering Group and its decisions and recommendations are not binding upon any Member or upon Lacrosse Canada.
Key Duties	The Safety and Equipment Steering Group will perform the following key duties: • Review existing and new lacrosse equipment on the sporting goods market. • Make recommendations to manufacturers on possible changes to their equipment. • Meet annually to draft and propose policies, procedures and rules related to equipment and safety for consideration by the Disciplines and Board. • Liaise with testing agencies, such as the Canadian Standards Association and National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment.
Authority	The Safety and Equipment Steering Group will exercise its authority in accordance with the By-laws and additional provisions as are set out in these Terms of Reference or as otherwise provided by the Board. The Safety and Equipment Steering Group, with approval from the Board, may establish sub-Steering Groups to deal with specific issues in relation to the mandate of the Safety and Equipment Steering Group.
Composition	The Safety and Equipment Steering Group will be composed of any other individuals having equipment and manufacturing expertise or other relevant expertise as appointed by the Board of Directors.

	Members of the Safety and Equipment Steering Group will serve terms of two years, which may be renewed by the Board. The Board may remove any member of the Safety and Equipment Steering Group at any time, for any reason.
Meetings	The Safety and Equipment Steering Group will meet by telephone, by electronic means or in person, as required. Meetings will be at the call of the Safety and Equipment Steering Group Lead.
Resources	The Safety and Equipment Steering Group may receive the necessary resources from Lacrosse Canada to fulfill its mandate, subject to the approval of the Board. The Safety and Equipment Steering Group may, from time to time, receive administrative support from Lacrosse Canada.
Reporting	Status reports at a meeting of the Board, or full reports at a meeting of the Members, shall be presented by the Safety and Equipment Steering Group Lead. Status reports will be delivered to the Board on a quarterly basis, or as requested by the Board
Approval and Review	The Board will review these Terms of Reference on a regular basis, with input from the Safety and Equipment Steering Group as required.
Other	[insert other notes specific to the Committee or Steering Group]

Safety and Equipment Policy

SAFETY POLICY

- a) The fundamental concepts of this Policy are to establish a standard of care intended to reduce the risk of injury from contact which is inherent in and incidental to the sport and to identify the responsibilities of the various participants.

GENERAL

- b) Player safety and the use of proper equipment is the responsibility of the following parties:
 - i. Players and parents of minor players are responsible for providing and maintaining proper equipment;
 - ii. Coaches, trainers and team personnel are responsible for inspecting players' equipment and preventing the use of improper equipment;
 - iii. Game officials are responsible for player safety and proper use of equipment by enforcing the rules of the game;
- c) All players are required to wear protective equipment as described in the rules of play adopted in accordance with the Equipment section of this manual or as otherwise modified within this Section.
- d) Equipment shall be manufactured by a professional manufacturer and shall not be altered in any way which will decrease the protection to the player, increase the risk of injury to an opponent or void the manufacturer's warranty.
- e) Any equipment which violates this Section or the rules of play for the appropriate Discipline will be removed from the game and, where required, appropriate penalties will be given.
- f) Where an unaltered piece of equipment is used and it becomes dangerous to any player or other person participating in a game, the game officials shall report the occurrence to Lacrosse Canada Head Office via the standard incident report form. Lacrosse Canada Executive Director will forward the report to the Lead of the Safety and Equipment Steering Group.
- g) For Box Lacrosse and Men's Field Lacrosse, all players are required to wear a face mask as described in this section and a chinstrap properly fastened on both sides of the helmet.

INTRA-ORAL MOUTH GUARDS

- a) For Women's Field Lacrosse, intra-oral mouth guards, properly fitted and worn as recommended, are mandatory.
- b) For Box Lacrosse it is mandatory that all minor aged players use an intra-oral mouthpiece. It is recommended for all players above minor to use an intra-oral mouthpiece.
- c) For Men's Field Lacrosse all players are required to wear an intra-oral mouth guard.

HELMETS & FACEMASKS

- a) Lacrosse is a sport with intrinsic hazards and participation in the sport implies the acceptance of some risk of injury. When used as intended for lacrosse and in accordance with the manufacturer's fitting instructions, the use of the helmet certified under these standards is intended to reduce the frequency and severity of head injuries.
- b) For Box and Men's Field Lacrosse, all players, and in Women's Field Lacrosse, all goalies, are required to wear a helmet which must meet either of the following standards:
 - i. A National Organizing Committee for Safety in Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) approved helmet and facial protector, approved as a complete unit, for lacrosse.
 - ii. A Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved for Ice Hockey helmet with the appropriate CSA approved facemask for lacrosse provided that:
 - a. Type B1 – a full-face protector intended for use by a person of any age who is not a goalkeeper.

Type B2 – a full-face protector intended for use by a person who is not a goalkeeper and is 10 years old or younger.

Note: in Type B protectors, the chin cup is attached to the protector.
 - b. Type C – A face protector intended for use by a person 18 years old or older, other than goalkeepers, that can be removed from a helmet only with the use of tools. In the type C protector, the chin cup is separate from the protector.
 - c. Type D1 – a head and face protector intended for use by a goalkeeper who is 11 years old or older.

Type D2 – a head and face protector intended for use by a goalkeeper who is 10 years old or younger.

- iii. A Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved for Ice Hockey helmet with the appropriate CSA approved facemask for hockey with the following exceptions:
 - a. The facemask shall be designed to cover the wearer's entire face to the lower line of the jaw and prevent the ball or the head of the stick from touching the face of the wearer.
 - (1) The facemask must be fastened so that it does not create a risk of injury to the wearer or another person when it is used as it is intended.
 - (2) For Box lacrosse all officials have to wear a black CSA approved for ice hockey helmet.
 - (3) Officials may wear a half visor that is CSA approved for ice hockey or lacrosse.

GLOVES

- a) In Box Lacrosse all players are required to wear protective gloves which meet the following guidelines:
 - i. conform to the hand;
 - ii. have a cloth, leather or synthetic material covering;
 - iii. all protective materials must be under the cloth, leather or similar covering with no additional attachments. All cosmetic materials, i.e. plastics, carbon, foam, etc. added to the leather and foam base of the glove to provide benefits of protection for the players must be smooth and free from sharp edges that could cause injuries. The gloves with these added features and benefits must stay within the guidelines of standard player's glove and goalie gloves.
 - iv. player's entire finger must be encased within the finger of the glove;
 - v. may be palmless; the palms can be altered
 - vi. The decision of the Safety and Equipment Steering Group on the approval or non-approval of gloves will be at their discretion on the safety of such gloves.
- b) In Men's Field Lacrosse all players are required to wear protective gloves which meet the following guidelines:

- i. may be palmless;
 - ii. must be worn in such a manner as not to expose the fingers to the risk of injury;
 - iii. player's entire finger must be encased within the finger of the glove.
- c) Wrist protection pad and the cuff of gloves must be fastened and not allow exposure of the wrist area. It is required that, when wearing gloves specifically designed for lacrosse, the wrist joint protector pad should be in place and properly secured.
- d) In Women's Field Lacrosse, close-fitting gloves may be worn but are not mandatory.

SHOES

- a) All players are required to wear suitable athletic shoes. No shoe will be permitted which includes cleats that are made of metal or with a metal tip.
- b) All other aesthetic materials not fully covered under the cloth, leather or similar covering shall be manufactured smooth or of a soft material with no sharp edges as to not cause injury to an opponent.

GOALTENDERS

- a) The equipment required for the goaltender must be constructed solely for the purpose of protection of the head or body.
- b) In Box Lacrosse, in addition to helmet and facial protection, all goaltenders must wear a suitable throat protector and equipment which meets the following guidelines:
 - i. *Gloves:*
 - a. conform to the shape of your hand which is round. No blocker style gloves allowed;
 - b. have a cloth or leather covering;
 - c. all protective materials must be under the cloth, leather or similar covering with no additional attachments. All other aesthetic materials not fully covered under the cloth, leather or similar covering shall be manufactured smooth or of a soft material with no sharp edges as to not cause injury to an opponent;
 - d. goaltender's entire finger must be encased within the finger of the glove;
 - e. cannot be altered in any way;

f. cannot exceed the following dimensions:

(1) A maximum length of 15 inches measured from the tip of the middle finger to the top of the cuff.

(2) A maximum width of 8 inches measured from any point

ii. *Pants:*

a. no internal or external padding is permitted on the pant leg or waist beyond that to provide protection. No outside ridges; and

b. the maximum width (straight line) of the thigh pad across the front of the leg is set in the Official Rules of Box Lacrosse. If the groin and or hip pads extend beyond the front edge of the thigh pad, they are also to be included in this measurement. This measurement is to be taken while the goaltender is in an upright standing position. This measurement is to be made five inches (5") from the bottom of the pant.

iii. *Shin pads:*

a. shall not exceed the width as set in the Official Rules of Box Lacrosse from the base of the shin pad at the ankle to the base of the kneecap when the shin pad is on the leg of the goaltender;

b. calf protector must follow the contour of the calf and ankle. No alterations or attachments are permitted; and

c. knee pads must comply with manufacturing standards, may not be altered, and must conform to the body.

iv. *Arm and Chest Pad:*

a. shoulder cap protectors must follow the contour of the shoulder cap in a rounded manner without any pointed or squared projections or extensions beyond the shoulder;

b. the contoured padding must not exceed the maximum width outside the said goaltenders most outer bone point on each side as set in the Official Rules of Box Lacrosse; and

c. the padding may not climb higher than the maximum as set in the Official Rules of Box Lacrosse above the plane of the said goaltender's shoulder.

v. *Jerseys:*

- a. no inserts or additions are to be added to a standard goaltender cut jersey as produced by the manufacturer;
- b. no “tying down” of the jersey is allowed at the wrists if it creates a tension across the jersey such that a “webbing effect” is created in the armpit area;
- c. no other tie downs are allowed that create a “webbing effect”; and
- d. the length of a jersey is illegal if it covers any area between the goalies’ legs.

UNIFORMS

a) *Men’s Field*

- i. Uniforms shall be approved by the Safety and Equipment Steering Group; and
- ii. Players found to be using illegal equipment in the game, will be subject to penalties as specified in Lacrosse Canada rulebook.

b) *Women’s Field*

- i. Numbers must be visible on the front and back of the playing shirts - 8 inch numbers on the back and 4 inch numbers on the front; and
- ii. Variations on the required uniform must be approved by the Official-in-Charge prior to the first day of competition at the coaches meeting.

OTHER

- a) Players may not wear any jewelry, such as, but not limited to earrings, necklaces, bracelets, watches or rings. Medical information bracelets are allowed but should be taped securely to the player.
- b) In Men’s Field lacrosse all players are required to wear Shoulder pads and a protective cup.

EQUIPMENT CHART

Lacrosse Canada GOALTENDER EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Lacrosse Canada GOALTENDER EQUIPMENT STANDARD	HEIGHT	CHEST AND ARM PROTECTORS		
		MAX. WIDTH OF PADDING OUTSIDE OF ARM ON EACH SIDE	MAX. WIDTH OF ARM PADDING	MAX. THICKNESS ABOVE SHOULDER PLANE
Category 3	Greater than 5'4"	4"	8"	3"

Lacrosse Canada GOALTENDER EQUIPMENT STANDARD	HEIGHT	CHEST AND ARM PROTECTORS		
		MAX. WIDTH ACROSS SHOULDERS	MAX. WIDTH OF ARM	MAX. THICKNESS ABOVE SHOULDER PLANE
Category 2	Greater than 4'6"	25"	7"	1.5"
Category 1	Up to 4'6"	20"	6"	1"

**** Note: Shoulder caps must be anchored**

Lacrosse Canada GOALTENDER EQUIPMENT STANDARD	HEIGHT	SHIN GUARDS AND PANTS		PANTS MAX. THIGH WIDTH
		SHIN GUARD MAX. WIDTH BELOW KNEE	SHIN GUARD MAX. OF KNEE CAP	
Category 3	Greater than 5'4"	Tapered from 9" to 7"	11"	11"
Category 2	Greater than 4'6"	Tapered from 8" to 5"	9"	9"
Category 1	Up to 4'6"	Tapered from 7" to 4"	7"	7"

An exception may be granted by Safety and Equipment Steering Group Lead on the basis that it is necessary for player safety. There is no appeal from that decision. Forms will be received by Lacrosse Canada by May 31 of each year.

LACROSSE BALLS

- a) All lacrosse balls used in Canada for Lacrosse Canada sanctioned events, games and practices, must be made by a manufacturer who is approved and licensed under Lacrosse Canada ball endorsement and official licensee program. The approved and licensed manufacturers must have "Lacrosse Canada Approved" stamped on the ball.
- b) The manufacturer must also have their logo on the lacrosse ball.

B. COMPETITIONS

Access to Competitions

A card shall be issued to the Lester B. Pearson award recipients, Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Members (individuals only), Directors and the Discipline Chairpersons which allows access to all Member and National events. It shall be accepted throughout Canada.

National Championships and Competitions

GENERAL

- a) All forms referred to in this Section can be obtained from Lacrosse Canada website at Documents and Forms: <https://lacrosse.ca/documents-forms/>:
 - i. Notice of Attendance
 - ii. Team Registration (Rosters)
 - iii. Accommodation Declaration
 - iv. Championship Trophy/Cup Agreement
 - v. Calendar of Lacrosse Canada National Championships

GUIDING POLICY

- a) National Championships and Competitions, including Invitational Nationals, are event properties owned by Lacrosse Canada. To be effective they must involve commitment, cooperation and communication among all the Members and Lacrosse Canada Board and Staff.
- b) The objective of the National Championships and Competitions is to enhance future competition while at the same time protecting the heritage of each championship. This will be accomplished by developing opportunities for personal growth (leadership, friendship, national awareness and fun), and recognition for athletes, coaches and officials.
- c) National Championships and Competitions should be perceived as competitive, organized and representative. Regardless of their format they should be the culmination of the year's competition. They must provide a positive image through the promotion of excellence in ethics, skills, fair play and organization, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and camaraderie among all participants.
- d) National Championships and Competitions are a vehicle for the enhancement, growth and promotion of the sport of lacrosse to or through the:

- i. lacrosse community;
 - ii. general public;
 - iii. corporate sponsors;
 - iv. media;
 - v. government.
- e) National Championships and Competitions shall adhere to the regulations of this document.
 - f) National Championship Agreements signed between Members, such as but not limited to the Mann and Minto agreements shall meet or exceed the standards outline in this Section.
 - g) Lacrosse Canada National Event Hosting Guide may also be referenced with respect to hosting a national championship or competition.
 - h) The National Championship schedule will be created by Lacrosse Canada and approved by the National Championships Coordinator or designate in conjunction with the Discipline Chair.

BOX LACROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

- a) To be eligible to play in any Lacrosse Canada National Box Championship, a player must meet the eligibility requirements of their respective Member's regional play-downs. For Minor Nationals, a player must be eligible to play in play-downs in any jurisdiction in the Member where they are registered. They may play for the Member where they are registered or they may play for the Member where they reside or for the First Nations Member if they are a member of the Iroquois Confederacy. On an annual basis, upon approval by the Box Discipline, exceptions to this procedure may be made by the Board to allow a Member to pick up players from another Member without the necessity of a transfer.
- b) Approved Championships and Competitions
 - i. Lacrosse Canada shall endeavour to conduct national competitions at the Masters, Senior, Junior, U17, U15 and U13 levels on an annual basis. The Masters, Senior, Junior and U19 competitions shall be designated as Major Championships. The U17, U15, and U13 competitions shall be designated as Minor Competitions.
 - ii. The Senior A championship of Canada shall be conducted annually under the guidelines established by the agreement of participants to which all participating Members, leagues that qualify and Lacrosse Canada must be signatories. Effective 2024, the rating of the Member's competing in the Senior A championship of Canada (Mann Cup) as defined in Section 18 are as follows:

BC	Type 2
ON	Type 1

- a. Any Member applying to enter Senior A Championships, shall post a five thousand dollar (\$5000.00) bond with Lacrosse Canada Head Office. This bond will be held in trust by Lacrosse Canada until a five (5) year commitment of participation in the championship is completed whereupon it will be returned in full to the Member. If the commitment is not met for any reason this bond shall be forfeited in full and evenly dispersed between the remaining participating Members.
- iii. The Senior B championship of Canada shall be conducted annually on the Labour Day Weekend of September on the basis of one (1) representative team per Member. The Host Member shall be allowed to enter the local host association or club as a second team in the competition.
 - a. The schedule for Presidents Cup will be a full round robin.
 - (1) The schedule involving 7 registered teams or less will be a full round robin
 - (2) The schedule involving 8 or more registered teams will consist of two
 - (2) Pools with teams seeded 1,4,5,8,9 in one Pool, and teams seeded 2,3,6,7,10 in the other Pool.
 - I. A Task Force chaired by Lacrosse Canada Director of National Championships and consisting of the Box Discipline Chair and two (2) individuals appointed by Lacrosse Canada – one individual representing a Small Member, and one individual representing a Large Member – will be responsible for seeding all participating teams.
 - II. Round Robin format will see teams play all other teams in their Pool.
 - (3) In all round-robin play, the round-robin will be followed by cross-over games to ensure that the competition is fair and reasonable. The cross-over shall be as follows: The 1st place team in each pool gets a bye. The 2nd place team in pool A vs 3rd place team in pool B, The 2nd place team in pool B vs 3rd place team in pool A. The winners of these two games will play the opposite pool 1st place team in the pool that they have moved to. The winners of these two games will go to the gold medal game and the losers to the bronze medal game.
- b. The rating of the Members as defined in Section 18 are as follows:

BC	Type 2
SK	Type 3
ON	Type 1
NS	Type 3
NB	Type 3

AB	Type 2
MB	Type 3
QC	Type 3
CanAm	Type 2
TNLL	Type 3

- c. Grandfather the previous AMA's Three Nations Lacrosse to continue to participate in the Presidents Cup.
 - d. Upon the awarding of the Presidents Cup to the FNLA, depending on the League in the Association that is awarded the tournament be eligible to enter the Host Team plus league champion.
 - e. In round robin tournament plan, all games are final after 3 periods of regulation play.
 - f. Should the final score be a tie and the end of regulation play, the game shall be recorded as such, with each team receiving one (1) point.
- iv. The Junior A championship of Canada shall be conducted under the policies established by unanimous agreement of all participating Members, and Lacrosse Canada.
- a. Qualifications
 - (1) The Member must have a Junior A league registered with two (2) or more teams. The players on the team roster must be registered as Junior A players.
 - (2) The Junior A League must play a minimum of ten (10) games per team.
 - (3) BLC and OLA to be type 1 and Alberta type 2 for the Minto Cup National Championship. These players must be non-imports.
 - (4) The Member has to have a minimum best two (2) out of three (3) playoff round.

- (5) The Member Junior A Champion to move on to National Championships.
- (6) Any Member applying to enter Junior A Championships shall post a five thousand dollar (\$5000.00) bond with Lacrosse Canada Head Office. This bond will be held in trust by Lacrosse Canada until the five (5) year commitment of participation in the championship is completed whereupon it will be returned in full to the Member. If the commitment is not met for any reason this bond shall be forfeited in full and evenly dispersed between the remaining participating Members.

b. Engraving of name on Minto Cup Replica

- (1) Winning teams will have their names engraved on the replica Minto Cup Trophy.
- (2) The total number of names to be engraved will not exceed thirty-five (35).
- (3) These names will be taken from the team registration form submitted at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the competition as follows:
 - I. The five (5) Bench personnel;
 - II. The twenty-five (25) players;
 - III. The twenty-sixth (26) player who is designated as the extra goalie, provided he is included on a game sheet and dressed to play during the competition.
- (4) In addition to the names above, the following may also be included:
 - I. The team General Manager;
 - II. The team President;
 - III. Two additional names of players may be added if extenuating circumstances prevented them from being included on the team registration form. These names must be submitted in writing to Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors stating reasons for their inclusion by September 30th of the year which the team won the trophy. The decision to include or exclude these individuals rest solely with the Board of Directors and their decision is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

- v. The Junior B championship of Canada shall be conducted annually commencing the third week of August (unless otherwise approved by the Discipline Chair). A total of one team may be entered from any Member (subject to the approval of their participation by their Member), as well as a host team.

- a. The schedules for the Founders' Tournament to be a full round-robin.

(1) The schedule involving 7 registered teams or less will be a full round robin

(2) The schedule involving 8 or more registered teams will consist of two

(2) Pools with teams seeded **1.4.5.8.9** in one Pool, and the team seeded **2,3,6,7,10** in the other Pool.

I. A Task Force chaired by Lacrosse Canada Director of National Championships and consisting of the Box Discipline Chair and two (2) individuals appointed by Lacrosse Canada – one individual representing a Small Member, and one individual representing a Large Member – will be responsible for seeding all teams as per 24.3.2.5.1.2.

II. Round robin format will see teams play all other teams in their Pool

(3) In all round-robin play, with 8 or more teams, the round-robin will be followed by cross-over games to ensure that the competition is fair and unbiased. The cross-over shall be as follows: 1st pool A vs 2nd pool B, 1st pool B vs 2nd pool A. The winners go to the gold medal game and the losers go to the bronze medal game. In the Founder's the 3rd and 4th place teams also crossover to determine who goes to the (non-Lacrosse Canada) Tier 2 trophy game.

- b. The rating of the Members as defined in Section 18 are as follows:

BC	Type 2
SK	Type 3
ON	Type 1
NS	Type 3

AB	Type 2
MB	Type 3
QC	Type 3
FNLA	Type 3

- vi. U17 (male and female), U15 (male and female) U13 and Junior Women: Only one representative from each Member at each minor level meeting the criteria as set out, will be allowed to enter a National Competition.
 - a. A representative from at least three Members at each level must be entered in order to conduct the competition at the Minor level.
 - b. Each Member will submit a Provincial All-star team.
 - c. All competitions shall be held in one centre that meets the set criteria, to be designated two years in advance.
 - d. Minor Competitions shall be held on the first week of August each year.
 - (1) Junior Women's box nationals shall be held in conjunction with the female minor national's competition.
- vii. Inter-Member Tournament
 - a. Any Minor Association, defined as an association within a Member meeting their Member obligations will be eligible to host or attend an Inter-Member Tournament.
 - b. Each eligible association must meet the hosting criteria.
 - c. Teams can be Type 1, 2 or 3 as authorized by their governing body and may participate in Tiers A, B, C, etc., as competition dictates.
 - d. There must be at least two non-host provinces represented.
 - e. Teams must enter by October 31 of the year preceding the competition.
- viii. Masters: Competitions in the Masters category will be sanctioned as National Invitational Tournaments (NIT).
- ix. Awarding of Senior B and Junior B Championships.
 - a. The selection of host for Founders tournament will follow odd years in the West (AB, SK, MB, BC) and even years for the East (FNLA, QC, NB, NS, OLA). The inability to host would not relegate the Member to the bottom of the rotation if they wish to trade spots with another Member in their East/West group. Member must participate in the previous year in order to be eligible to host
 - b. The selection of host for Presidents Cup will follow even years in the West (AB, SK, MB, BC) and odd years for the East (CANAM, TNSLL, QC, NB, NS,

OLA). The inability to host would not relegate the Member to the bottom of the rotation if they wish to trade spots with another Member in their East/West group. Member must participate in the previous year in order to be eligible to host.

- c. In the event that there is more than one Member in the East or West, as the case may be, tendering a bid which satisfies the minimum criteria, and if any of tendering Member's have not hosted the Championship since the other tendering Member, then only those Member's are eligible to be selected to host the Championship.
- d. Unless otherwise directed at the Box Discipline Meeting at the SAGM the selection of the host, for the following year, will be done at that meeting. Any bid must be submitted in writing and comply with Lacrosse Canada hosting criteria.
- e. The Host must provide notice to the Discipline whether they will host their respective championship for the year identified on the rotation. Notice must be given to Lacrosse Canada Office and Discipline Chair, no later than January 15th in the year preceding the championship.

c) Approved Trophies and Awards

- i. The following is the list of approved trophies for competition at national championships/competitions:
 - a. Senior A – The Mann Cup
 - b. Senior B – The Presidents' Cup
 - c. Junior A – The Minto Cup
 - d. Junior B – The Founders' Trophy
 - e. U17 A – The Tackaberry Trophy
 - f. U17 B – Bill McBain Trophy
 - g. U15 A – The Commissioner's Trophy
 - h. U15 B – Lacrosse Canada Directors Trophy
 - i. U13 A – The E.G. Dopp Trophy
 - j. U13 B – E.D. Blair Trophy
 - k. Female U15 – Rose Engemann Trophy

- l. Female U17 – Dorothy Robertson Trophy
- m. Junior Women's – Carol Patterson Trophy
- ii. The Host Committee shall award the members of Canadian championship or competition teams suitable medals, plaques or other such award as deemed appropriate by Lacrosse Canada in the following amounts:
 - a. Major Championships – 30
 - b. Minor Competitions – 25

MEN'S FIELD LACROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

- a) The Men's Field Lacrosse Discipline shall govern the following types of competitions:
 - i. Canadian National Championships.
 - ii. Canadian Invitational Tournaments.
- b) Approved Competitions
 - i. Lacrosse Canada shall endeavor to conduct competitions at the Masters, Senior, U19, U17 and U15 levels on an annual basis.
- c) Member Championship Qualifications
 - i. Senior Competitions
 - a. The Senior Championships of Canada shall be conducted annually. More than one (1) representative team per Member league or province may participate per trophy (Ross Cup and Victory Cup).
 - b. The Masters and Senior league players must have played a minimum of three (3) league games to play.
 - c. If playoffs are used, to determine the representative of a Member to a national championship they must be completed two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled start of the competition to allow for Host preparations.
 - d. The Member Masters and Senior Champions may move on to the National Championship.
 - e. The rating of the Members as defined in Section 19.4.2 are as follows:

BC	Type 2
SK	Type 3
ON	Type 2
NS	Type 3
NB	Type 3
AB	Type 3
MB	Type 3
QC	Type 3
FNLA	Type 3
PEI	Type 3
NFLD	Type 3

ii. U19/U17 Championships

- a. The U19 Men`s and U17 Field Championships shall be conducted annually on the basis of one (1) provincial/territorial team per age division per Member.

- iii. Any Member wishing to participate in a national championship for the first time must give notice of intention to compete at the SAM of the year wishing to compete in.
- iv. Any Member wishing to host a national championship when it is their turn in the rotation must notify Lacrosse Canada office and Men`s Field Discipline Lead no later than January 15th in the year preceding the championship.

v. Tournament Scheduling

- a. Each Championship shall be operated by a format and set of instructions indicated in the *Calendar of Lacrosse Canada National Championships*.
- b. The Masters and Senior shall divide Championship entries into two pools. The Member Host and their champion will be put into different divisions. The rest of the teams will be placed into each pool by drawing of names. The format followed from this point on must be approved by Member representatives for the Division splitting to decide the teams playing for either the Division 1 – Ross Cup or the Division 2 – Victory Cup.
- c. The chart below contains dates and format for each category of competition.

Category	Dates	Format
Masters	To be determined	Division – Round Robin
Senior Division I P.D. Ross Trophy	Long weekend in October	Division – Round Robin
Senior Division II Victory Cup	Long weekend in October	Division – Round Robin
U19 Men's First Nations Trophy	Long weekend in September	Split – Round Robin
U17 Alumni Cup	Long weekend in September	Split – Round Robin

U15	To be determined	Split – Round Robin
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vi. Approved Trophies and Awards

- a. The following is the list of approved trophies for competition at national championships and competitions:
 - (1) Senior – Ross Cup/Victory Trophy
 - (2) U19 – First Nations Trophy
 - (3) U17 – Alumni Cup
- b. The Host Committee shall award the members of winning teams suitable medals, plaques or other such awards as deemed appropriate by Lacrosse Canada in the following amounts:
 - (1) Senior Competitions – 30
 - (2) U19, U17 and U15 Competitions – 30
- c. Awards will be given for Championship MVP and All-Star team by position as follows: 1 – goalie, 3 – defense and 3 – midfielders, 3 –attack).
- d. The Championship trophy or Championship Cup shall be presented to the winning team. A replica for first time winners will be presented to the winning team’s Member at Lacrosse Canada AM. Previous replica recipients will only receive a plate with the current year to update the replica.

WOMEN'S FIELD LACROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

a) Approved Competitions

- i. Lacrosse Canada shall conduct national championships at the Senior and Junior levels on an annual basis, as warranted by the circumstances. The National Championship Tournament for Women's Field shall be held at dates set by Lacrosse Canada, in conjunction with the National Championship Coordinator and Tournament Host.
- ii. The Junior tournament shall be held in conjunction with the Senior tournament.

b) Approved Trophies and Awards

- i. The Dorothy Robertson Trophy is awarded annually to the top Senior Canadian team in the National Championship Tournament.
- ii. The Jenny Kyle Trophy is awarded annually to the top Junior Canadian team in the National Championship Tournament. Invited and non-Canadian teams are not eligible to compete in the medal round for these awards.

c) The National Championship Medallions (gold, silver and bronze) are awarded to the first, second and third place Canadian teams. The Host is responsible for ordering and purchasing a maximum of twenty five (25) of each medallion from Lacrosse Canada. Requests for medals in excess of this amount are at the cost of the requesting team.

d) Tournament Scheduling

- i. Each match in the preliminary round will be consistent with the World Lacrosse Women's Field Lacrosse Rules.
- ii. During the medal round, each match will be consistent with the World Lacrosse Women's Field Lacrosse Rules.
- iii. A schedule of games times, transportation arrangements and ceremonies must be made available to the participants prior to the commencement of the competition.

e) Awarding of Women's Field Championships.

- i. The selection of host for Women's Field National championship will follow even years in the West (AB, SK, MB, BC) and odd years for the East (FNLA, QC, NB, NS, OLA PEI). The inability to host would not relegate the Member to the bottom of the rotation if they wish to trade spots with another Member in their East/West group.

- ii. If there is more than one Member in the East or West, a bid shall be tendered which satisfies the minimum criteria. Only eligible Member's may tender a bid to host the Championship.
- iii. The selection of the host for the following year, will be made by the by Lacrosse Canada Board. All bids must be submitted in writing by March 30th in the year preceding the championship and comply with Lacrosse Canada hosting criteria.
- iv. The Upcoming Host Member, in the East/West Rotation, must provide notice to Lacrosse Canada as to their intent to host their respective championship for the year identified on the rotation. Notice must be given to Lacrosse Canada and the Discipline Lead, no later than March 30th in the year preceding the championship.

MEMBER ELIGIBILITY

- a) The National Championship and Competitions are open to all Members.
- b) Each Member who qualifies to enter a team in a National Championship or Competition must have a permanent bond on deposit with Lacrosse Canada to act as a guarantee of performance and compliance with the regulations of Lacrosse Canada.
- c) All permanent bonds must be in good standing. If Lacrosse Canada has depleted them for cause, the bond must be replenished to the required amount no later than thirty (30) days prior to the first National Championship or Competition for which the Member's teams are registered to participate in. If not, they will forfeit their opportunity to participate.

PERFORMANCE BONDS

- a) Each Member's permanent bond, on deposit with Lacrosse Canada, will be used as a performance bond. It will be used to cover all or part of any expenses due to negligence or wrongful activity on the part of the participants representing said Member at a national championship such as but not limited to arena and hotel damage.
- b) Any shortfall between actual expenses and the permanent bond will be billed to the Member.
- c) *Sanction of Host*
 - i. The selection of the Member to host a national championship or competition is an operational decision under the authority of by Lacrosse Canada and will be made by Lacrosse Canada the year preceding the championship or competition.

- ii. The hosting rights are awarded to a Member in good standing and are conditional on the Member remaining in good standing with Lacrosse Canada. Participation by a team from the Member in the championship or competition in the year prior to hosting is also required.
- iii. An Application with bid to Host must be submitted by the Member at the SAM to by Lacrosse Canada in the year preceding the competition. The Application must identify a Host Committee. Lacrosse Canada will review and select the Host.
 - a. Host Committee that will be responsible for the planning and execution of every aspect of the National Championship or Competition.
- iv. The Directors of Lacrosse Canada shall approve the Host at a meeting of the Directors.
- v. A Hosting Agreement, which will be the contract between Lacrosse Canada, the Member and the Host shall be completed by the National Office and signed by the three parties within thirty (30) days of the awarding of the hosting rights.
- vi. The tournament sanction fee is due 30 days after the Hosting Agreement is signed.
- vii. Failure to comply with the above deadlines will result in a fine of \$100 being applied monthly until the deadline is met.
- viii. Applications to Host shall contain the following information and criteria:
 - a. facility information and agreement in principle;
 - b. transportation, local and airport arrangements;
 - c. accommodation information and agreement in principle;
 - d. program strategy and information required for production;
 - e. volunteer's areas of responsibilities and numbers required;
 - f. media strategy and timelines to distribute information and attract coverage;
 - g. internet web page content and access strategy for use throughout the championship;
 - h. identification of host committee;
 - i. proposed event budget.

REGISTRATION FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

- a) Teams attending National Championships and Competitions must have the approval of their governing Member.
- b) The Member is responsible for filing with Lacrosse Canada Head Office a copy of the Notice of Attendance at National Championship and Competition on behalf of the attending teams.
- c) The Notice of Attendance must be filed with Lacrosse Canada Head Office on or before the date specified in the *Lacrosse Canada Calendar of National Championships*. Where the specific team or teams that will attend have not been decided, the Member shall file a form indicating that a team or teams to be specified at a later date will be attending specific championships or competitions. Further notice is to be sent when the team or teams have been decided.
- d) A registration fee must be paid by the Member's for each team that wishes to attend a National Championship or Competition in accordance with the procedures and deadlines as set in this Section.
- e) The Lacrosse Canada *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims and Liability Agreement* must be completed and signed by the following individuals:
 - i. all players or legal guardian;
 - ii. all team personnel;
 - iii. officials;
 - iv. personnel as identified by Lacrosse Canada Convenor.
 - a. Any of the above who have not signed the Agreement will not be permitted to play or participate in the event.
- f) Members not complying with the appropriate due dates shall have their teams deemed ineligible for the Championship or Competition and shall be subject to a fine of \$250. The ruling of the team deemed ineligible will be done by the National Championship Coordinator in consultation with Lacrosse Canada Convenor and Lacrosse Canada Head Office.
- g) In Box Lacrosse, playoffs to determine the representative of a Member to a National Championship or Competition must be completed one (1) week prior to the scheduled start of the event to allow for Host time for preparations.

h) *In Women's Field Lacrosse:*

- i. Members may enter more than one team in the competition. One team must be designated as the Member representative team. Only the designated team may play in the medal round for the National Championship title.
- ii. The Host may extend invitations to teams from other countries in order to enhance the competition and profile of the tournament. These teams can only compete for the tournament trophy and not the National Trophies.

REGISTRATION FEES

a) *For Major Box Lacrosse National Championships*

- i. The Host shall set the registration fees for the Championship or Competition. These fees shall be in consideration of the number of participants and the operating costs of the event. A budget must be filed with Lacrosse Canada with their application to host. Entry fees will be set the year prior to the competition based on the following:

Competition	Fees	Notes
Presidents' Cup	\$1,900	If multiple venues will be used, the entry fee may be increased by \$200 so the host can cover the expenses of an Assistant OIC and Convenor. A \$2,000 fine is to be charged for withdrawals after June 1 payable to Lacrosse Canada. Should a host committee incur a financial loss in hosting the event as a direct result of a team withdrawing they may apply in writing with complete financial reporting to the Board of Directors for reimbursement equal to that of the fine collected.
Founders' Cup	\$1700 for single venue \$2,500 For 8 and 9	A \$2,000 fine is to be charged for withdrawals after June 1 payable to Lacrosse Canada. Should a host committee incur a financial loss in hosting the event as a direct result of a team withdrawing they may apply in writing with complete financial reporting to the Board of Directors for reimbursement equal to that of the fine collected.

	team events;	\$1700 to be paid with Notice of Attendance and remainder to be paid on determination that the event will be comprised of 8 (or 9) teams
Junior Women's	\$2500	The \$2500 registration fee will still be charged if there is a withdrawal after January 31st deadline

- ii. The Host must notify Lacrosse Canada Head Office the registration fee by May 1 of the year of the competition. Lacrosse Canada office will notify the Member of the fees for each championship.
- iii. Non-refundable registration fees for Major National Championships shall be paid to Lacrosse Canada Head Office on or before June 1 of each calendar year. Lacrosse Canada will forward to each Host Committee the appropriate fees, less 25%, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the championship or competition. Junior Women's registration fee payment per 24.33.13.3.

b) *For Men's Field Lacrosse National Championships*

- i. The fees for National Championships and Competitions are as follows:
 - a. Masters - \$2,000
 - b. Senior Division I (P.D. Ross Trophy) - \$2,000
 - c. Senior Division II (Victory Cup) - \$2,000
 - d. Alumni Cup – U17, First Nations U19 - \$2,500
 - e. U15 - \$1,800
- ii. Registration fees shall be paid to Lacrosse Canada Head Office on or before the date indicated in the *Lacrosse Canada Calendar of National Championships*. Lacrosse Canada Head Office will forward to each Host the appropriate fees, less 25%, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the event.
- iii. Where the Member representative has not been finalized, the Member is responsible for ensuring the registration fee has been paid by the specified date. Failure to pay the fee(s) by the deadline will mean the Member have forfeited their right to play in the competition.
- iv. Withdrawal from an event must be made in writing to the Host, copied to Lacrosse Canada Head Office, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the start of

the competition. Failure to give the Host this period of notice will lead to forfeiture of the entry fee and a fine equal to the performance bond.

c) *For Women's Field Lacrosse National Championships*

- i. The entry fee is \$2,500.00 for Senior events and \$2,500.00 for Junior events.
- ii. Registration fees shall be paid to Lacrosse Canada Head Office on or before the date indicated in the *Lacrosse Canada Calendar of National Championships*. Lacrosse Canada shall forward to each Host the appropriate fees, less 25%, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the event. A team which fails to adhere to the registration deadline may forfeit an opportunity to participate in the event.
- iii. Withdrawal from an event after Notice of Attendance is filed will result in forfeiture of the entry fee plus a fine to a maximum of \$1000. The entry fee will remain with the Host Member, and the fine will be used to off-set costs incurred by the Host Member and other participating Members. The forfeiture fine amount will be levied within 30 days of the competition. Decisions regarding distribution of the forfeiture fine will be decided in consultation with the Host Convenor, and distributed to the affected Members within 45 days of the competition

NOTIFICATION OF TEAM REGISTRATION (ROSTERS)

- a) Team registration forms must be signed and uploaded into the appropriate database by the signing authority of the Member the team is representing. This signature confirms that all players are eligible to compete in the championship or competition and where applicable have completed Lacrosse Canada Anti-Doping education program or the CCES online education course and all bench personnel have the appropriate certification. Members found, to have knowingly or without reasonable diligence, signed the form with false information shall be subject to a \$2500 fine.
- b) *For Box Lacrosse National Championships and Competitions*
 - i. The Member shall ensure that all teams attending national championships or competitions shall have copies of their approved registration form.
 - ii. The Team Registration form shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) players with the exception of Presidents Cup and Founders Cup where each competing team will be allowed a roster of twenty-six (26) players – three (3) of which are designated as goaltenders on the Team Registration Form. The number of players dressed for each game shall be governed by the rules of Box Lacrosse as issued by Lacrosse Canada.

- iii. A completed or unsigned but substantially completed Team Registration Form shall be submitted to Lacrosse Canada office (electronically via email or online form) by 3:00pm EST two (2) business days prior to the start of the tournament, which begins at the Coaches Meeting. The team registration form must be typed (not written) and have proper names (no nicknames).
 - a. Failure to submit the Team Registration Form by 3:00pm EST two (2) business days prior to the start of the tournament, which begins at the Coaches Meeting, will result in a fine of \$500 charged to the offending team's Member.

With the following exception:

- (1) Players who appear on the Roster, who do not have a signed *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims and Liability Agreement* at the meeting due to the fact that they have not yet arrived, will not result in a fine.
 - b. The team will not be eligible to compete in the event until the Team Registration form has been submitted to Lacrosse Canada Convenor. No player or bench personnel may play or participate until a Waiver and Code of Conduct Form has been submitted to Lacrosse Canada Convenor.
 - iv. The completed Team Registration Form, signed by the Member and the *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims and Liability Agreement* forms in the same order as the names appear on the Team Registration form, must be brought to the Coaches meeting prior to tournament.
 - a. Failure to submit the Team Registration and *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims and Liability Agreement* forms at the coaches meeting will result in a fine of \$500 charged to the offending team's Member.
- c) *For Men's Field Lacrosse Championships and Competitions*
- i. The rosters shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-five (25) players. The number of players dressed for each game shall be governed by the rules of Men's Field Lacrosse as issued by Lacrosse Canada.
 - ii. The completed Team Registration form, signed by the Member and the *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Claims and Liability Agreement* forms in same order as the names appear on the Team Registration form, must be brought to Coaches meeting prior to tournament.
 - a. Failure to submit the Team Registration signed by the Member and Waiver Forms at the Coaches meeting will result in a fine of \$500 charged to the offending team's Member.

With the following exception:

- (1) Players who appear on the Roster, who do not have a signed Agreement at the meeting due to the fact that they have not yet arrived, will not result in a fine.
- b. The team will not be eligible to compete in the event until the Team Registration form has been submitted to Lacrosse Canada Convenor. No player or bench personnel may play or participate until a Waiver and Code of Conduct Form has been submitted to Lacrosse Canada Convenor
- iii. Lacrosse Canada logo is to be placed on all U19 and U17 jerseys for the National Championships. The location is to be the front left shoulder, size is to be 3 inches minimum and it will be the same as Lacrosse Canada logo as it appears on Lacrosse Canada letterhead. The color of this Lacrosse Canada logo must be contrasting to the color of the jersey.
- iv. All teams participating at a National Championship will participate in uniforms consistent with Rule 17 in the Lacrosse Canada's Rules of Field Lacrosse and Policy 24.10.3.3 in Lacrosse Canada's Operation Manual. Uniform colours will be consistent with those adopted for Minor Box Nationals. Teams participating in uniforms that are not consistent with this procedure will result in a \$500.00 fine.
- d) *For Women's Field Lacrosse Championships and Competitions*
 - i. The rosters shall be unlimited. The Member shall forward to Lacrosse Canada Head Office at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the start of the event the approved roster of all teams representing their Member at the event. Lacrosse Canada Head Office shall forward this information to Lacrosse Canada Convenor for use in verifying player registrations at the competitions.

COACH AND TRAINER CERTIFICATION

- a) The minimum certification standards required for Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches at National Championships and Competitions are laid out at Section 22.6 of this manual.
 - i. ***All coaches must have the appropriate certification entered and approved in the NCCP Locker (as listed in the minimum certification standards) at least 30 days prior to their attendance at a National Championship.***
- b) The Head Coaches shall not be a player on the team except in the senior Men's field division where the fully certified coach can also participate as a player. If the fully

certified playing coach is expelled from the game and there is not another fully certified coach on the bench, the game shall be forfeit.

c) Trainers must have the appropriate certification. Appropriate certification is defined as one of the following:

- i. Any St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid course of 8 hours (or more)
- ii. Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR course
- iii. Canadian Red Cross Sport First Aid course
- iv. Any CAHA Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
- v. A professional designation (examples: MD; RN; Physiotherapist, Policeman; Fireman; Chiropractor; Registered Massage Therapist).

From the above, please be clear CPR (as a stand-alone certification) is NOT an equivalency.

Lacrosse Canada recognizes only one trainer per team to address those specific activities (activities which would not include coaching athletes).

A photocopy of a trainer certification card (provided by the above groups) should be attached to the Member's Bench Personnel form.

d) Coaches and Trainers must be able to provide proof of certification if requested.

e) Non-Canadian Coaches and Trainers must meet the certification requirements or acceptable equivalency from programs in their home country or country of residence.

f) All bench personnel (coaches/trainers) are required to sign the game sheet prior to the game. Coaches will also be required to indicate their coaching number. Trainers will be required to list their certifications.

g) All teams are required to have a minimum of one appropriately certified coach (as per section 24.34.2), registered on the team registration form and on the bench, at the start of each game.

- i. If one or more coaches are unable to be on the bench for a game due to illness or other circumstances and the team will not be able to have a coach on the bench as a result, an appropriately certified coach may be substituted prior to the start of the game. The substitute coach must be a member in good standing of a recognized Member within Lacrosse Canada and must be approved by the

Convenor before stepping behind the bench. A maximum of one substitute coach will be allowed per game.

- ii. If, for any reason other than expulsion, a coach is unable to remain behind the bench for the entirety of the game, and their departure would leave the team without an appropriately certified coach, the game may be paused, at the discretion of the officials, for up to 5 minutes to bring in a substitute. The substitute coach must be in good standing of a recognized Member within Lacrosse Canada and must be approved by the Convenor before stepping behind the bench. A maximum of one substitute coach will be allowed per game.
- iii. If a singular coach is expelled from the game that game shall become immediately forfeit to the opposing team and the game shall not continue. An official score of 1-0 for the non-offending team shall apply.

LACROSSE CANADA – COACHING CERTIFICATION DELIVERY STANDARDS

Effective January 2, 2026, all program deliveries will adhere to the Core and Technical/Tactical Delivery Format established by Lacrosse Canada in Community Development and where it has been approved in the pathway.

Event Submission

All completed events must be submitted to the designated locker within 30 days of completion.

Program Delivery Responsibilities

1. Member Associations and Lacrosse Canada are responsible for providing Community Development and Competition Introduction deliveries in the following disciplines:
 - Women's Field Lacrosse
 - Men's Field Lacrosse
 - Box Lacrosse
 - Sixes Lacrosse
2. Lacrosse Canada will supplement these offerings year-round to address member needs.

Delivery Formats

- Program deliveries may be conducted in person, virtually, or in a hybrid format, utilizing the most current Lacrosse Canada materials.

Competition Development Workshops

- Lacrosse Canada will lead the delivery of Competition Development Workshops across all disciplines.
- These workshops must be organized through the High Performance Lead and the Technical Coordinator.

LACROSSE CANADA CONVENORS

- a) Lacrosse Canada Convenor is the representative of Lacrosse Canada at a Championship. The National Championship Coordinator, in consultation with the Board of Directors, Host Member and Lacrosse Canada, will appoint the Lacrosse Canada Convenors.
 - i. The Lacrosse Canada Convenor may appoint an Assistant Lacrosse Canada Convenor to assist him/her at all National Championships, in consultation with Lacrosse Canada.
 - ii. Lacrosse Canada Convenor is responsible to Lacrosse Canada for their decisions.
 - iii. Lacrosse Canada Convenor appointment is to be made no later than April 1st, unless a date is specified in a sanction-agreement.
- b) The role of Lacrosse Canada Convenor is to act as a general supervisor of the competition. The function of Lacrosse Canada Convenor is to ensure that the competition adheres to:
 - i. the regulations of Lacrosse Canada;
 - ii. the rules of play;
 - iii. the hosting agreement;
 - iv. Lacrosse Canada Convenor does not have the authority to change any of the above.
 - v. Additional duties include:
 - a. confirm all required forms are completed prior to the event;

- b. supervise the competition;
 - c. verify the registration of the participants prior to the start of the competition;
 - d. serve as the primary point of contact under the Event Discipline Procedure;
 - e. conduct a pre-competition meeting with the Host, the Official-in-Charge and the representatives of the participants;
 - f. maintain a close liaison with the Host;
 - g. review all game sheets ensuring that they are complete and accurate, and deal with any items requiring further action;
 - h. file a post-event report at the end of the competition, which includes all game sheets, reports of further actions required and evaluations of the competition, the efforts of the hosts and the organization, and any recommendations on improvements to the competition submitted to Lacrosse Canada office within 30 days of the end of competition. Lacrosse Canada Convenor honorarium will not be paid until the report has been received.
- c) Lacrosse Canada is responsible for the following expenses:
- i. Transportation – as per the guidelines in the **Operations: Finance** document.
 - ii. Per Diem – as per the guidelines in the **Operations: Finance** document.
 - iii. Accommodation – as per the guidelines in the **Operations: Finance** document.
- d) Honorariums are paid as per the following schedule

Box Competition	Responsibility	Fees	Notes
Mann Cup	Lacrosse Canada	\$500	To be paid upon submission of a report.
Minto Cup	Lacrosse Canada	\$500	To be paid upon submission of a report.
Presidents' Cup	Lacrosse Canada	\$500	To be paid upon submission of a report.

Founders' Cup	Lacrosse Canada	\$500	To be paid upon submission of a report.
Minor Nationals	Lacrosse Canada	\$500 per event	To be paid upon submission of a report
Men's Field Competition	Responsibility	Fees	Notes
Masters	Host	\$200	To be paid upon submission of a report
Senior	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of a report
U19	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of a report
U17	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of a report
U15	Host	\$200	To be paid upon submission of a report
Women's Field Competition	Responsibility	Fees	Notes
Senior	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report
Junior	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report

LACROSSE CANADA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE (OIC)

- a) The OIC is responsible to and reports directly to Lacrosse Canada Convenor. They serve as the technical resource for Lacrosse Canada Convenor.

- b) The OIC is a representative of Lacrosse Canada at the competition. The OIC for National Championships or Competition is appointed by Lacrosse Canada, in consultation with the Host Member, the Officiating Committee Chair and the appropriate Discipline Lead.
- i. The OIC appointment is to be made no later than April 1st, unless a later date is specified in the sanction agreement.
 - ii. The OIC of the Women's Field Lacrosse Discipline shall be the event OIC. If this person is unavailable, the Women's Field Discipline Lead shall nominate an alternate.
 - iii. The OIC does not work as a game official in the Championship. Notwithstanding the above, should a situation arise which requires the OIC to participate as a game official, it can be approved by Lacrosse Canada Convenor at the event.

c) Responsibilities include the following:

- i. coordinate planning with the Host;
- ii. attend pre-competition meeting and respond to all questions and issues pertaining to officiating;
- iii. handle all communications between the participants and the officials;
- iv. receive and distribute payments to officials;
- v. provide input to inquiries or discipline procedures as the representative of the officials under supervision
- vi. supervise the officials at the competition;
- vii. recommend assignments to Lacrosse Canada Convenor for all games of the competition;
- viii. Complete an event report and submit it to Lacrosse Canada within 30 days of the end of competition, along with all of the individual evaluations of the officials. See OIC Report Form for the required information to be included in the report.

d) Lacrosse Canada is responsible for the following expenses:

- i. Transportation – as per the guidelines in the **Operations: Finance** document.
- ii. Per Diem – as per the guidelines in the **Operations: Finance** document.

iii. Accommodation – as per the guidelines in the **Operations: Finance** document.

e) Honorariums are paid as per the following schedule:

Box Competitions	Responsibility	Fees	Notes
Sr. Box	Lacrosse Canada	\$500	To be paid upon submission of report
Jr. Box	Lacrosse Canada	\$500	To be paid upon submission of report
Minor Nationals (4 separate events)	Lacrosse Canada	\$250 per Individual OIC	To be paid upon submission of report
Men's Field Competitions	Responsibility	Fees	Notes
Masters	Host	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report
Senior	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report
U19	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report
U17	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report
U15	Host	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report

Women's Field Competition	Responsibility	Fees	Notes
Senior	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report
Junior	Lacrosse Canada	\$200	To be paid upon submission of report

- f) In Men's Field, the OIC in consultation with Lacrosse Canada Convenor may appoint an Assistant OIC based on the need for one. This person should be selected from the host Member whenever possible and will be paid the same as the OIC. These costs are to be covered by Lacrosse Canada.

DISCIPLINE AT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

- a) Lacrosse Canada will convene an Event Discipline Panel, including a designated Chair, in consultation with the Host Member. The Event Discipline Panel will be announced at the Pre-Competition Meeting.
- b) All fines levied by the Event Discipline Panel are payable to Lacrosse Canada. Lacrosse Canada Convenor will collect the fines and submit them within fifteen (15) days of the completion of the event along with a report of each incident to Lacrosse Canada Head Office.
- c) Disciplinary actions taken will be considered specific to the Championship or Competition. All disciplinary matters and actions shall be reported to Lacrosse Canada Head Office and then forwarded to Lacrosse Canada for further review. Lacrosse Canada reserves the right to submit a complaint under the applicable policy.

TRANSPORTATION FOR TEAMS, LACROSSE CANADA CONVENOR, LACROSSE CANADA OIC, AND OFFICIALS

- a) Teams, Lacrosse Canada Convenor and Lacrosse Canada OIC are responsible for their transportation costs to and from the Host community.
- b) Participants are required to arrive prior to the first day of play. Teams failing to arrive prior to the first day of play may forfeit the opportunity to play in the tournament.
- c) The Host Committee shall make arrangements for transportation for teams and officials, coming to and from the airport to the identified championship

accommodation location. This will also be required for Lacrosse Canada Convenor and Lacrosse Canada OIC if necessary.

- i. Teams are expected to travel together and the Host Committee is only responsible to make the appropriate arrangement. Anyone missing the scheduled transportation is responsible for making their own arrangements.
 - ii. The Host Committee will have the option of charging a fee for team transportation to and from the airport to the identified championship accommodation location, if necessary, and are to inform teams of said fee prior to the date that teams are to confirm they are accepting the arrangements.
 - iii. Teams and officials will have the option of accepting the arrangements or making their own.
 - iv. Teams and officials must inform the Host Committee of their decision by the deadline set by the Host Committee.
- d) Teams are responsible for their own transportation during the championship.
- e) The Host Committee is responsible for arranging and cost of ground transportation of the officials during the championship.
- f) This section does not apply to the Minto Cup or Mann Cup.

OFFICIALS TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

a) *On-Floor or On-Field Officials*

- i. Each Member attending a National Championship has the right to nominate one (1) official to participate in that National Championship. Any Member sending more than one (1) team to the National Championship shall have the right to nominate one (1) additional official for each subsequent team. Any Member not attending a National Championship has the right to nominate one (1) official to participate in that National Championship. All nominations are subject to criteria as stated in this section of the manual. The travel costs of these selected official(s) are the responsibility of the nominating Member.
- ii. The Member's can request in writing to send more than one official per participating team at their cost to a competition. The chair of officiating in consultation with the host Member will review that request.
- iii. The Members shall provide Lacrosse Canada Officiating Discipline Leadsperson with a list of officials to work at the National Championships and Competitions by July 1.

- iv. The identification of the number of officials required to work the championship is a function of the Chief Official in conjunction with Lacrosse Canada Convenor and the Host Committee.
- v. The Host Committee is responsible for the following expenses for Officials:

Item	Fees	Notes
Accommodation		1 room/2 Officials - see Note 1 below
Per Diem		As per Lacrosse Canada Guidelines – see Note 2 below
Game Fee Sr. A - Box	\$525.00	3 officials x \$150/Official + \$75/standby Official for each game
Game Fee Sr. B – Box	\$350.00	3 officials x \$100/Official + \$50/standby Official for each game
Game Fee Jr. A – Box	\$350.00	3 officials x \$100/Official + \$50/standby Official for each game
Game Fee Jr. B – Box	\$280.00	3 officials x \$80/Official + \$40/standby Official for each game
Game Fee – Masters Field	\$105.00	3 officials x \$35/Official for each game
Game Fee – Sr. Men’s Field	\$160.00	4 officials x \$40/Official for each game

Note 1: If an official wishes to have single accommodations, stay at a location other than the option provided by the Host, or have spouse or spousal equivalent included, the Host shall make the arrangements. The official shall pay all costs and be reimbursed by the Host to half the room rate of the accommodation where the official would have stayed

Note 2: Per diem must be paid at the start of the event. Meal allowance per 13.10.8, corrected for meals provided with the hotel stay if

applicable. The payment method must be agreed-upon between the Host Committee and OIC.

- vi. For Men's Field – If an official attending a national championship has to travel over 400 kms to attend the tournament, the Host will be required to provide one additional night's accommodation (providing accommodation at one room per two officials) on the last evening of the competition to allow the official to travel home on the designated travel day.
- vii. Lacrosse Canada is responsible for all Minor Box/Female Box and Minor Field/Female Field Lacrosse National Championships officials game fees as follows:
 - a. Minor Box/Female Box and Minor Field/Female Field Lacrosse National Championships officials game fees are to be paid to each official by the Host at the National Championship event. The Host shall apply to Lacrosse Canada for reimbursement of the game fees as defined in this Section.
 - (1) Female Box (U22)- \$40/official/game – 2 officials. If standby used, \$20/game.
 - (2) U17 Box (Male/Female) - \$35/official/game– 2 officials. If standby is used, \$17.50/game.
 - (3) U15 Box (Male/Female) - \$35/official/game– 2 officials If standby is used, \$17.50/game.
 - (4) U13 Box - \$35/official/game-2 officials. If standby is used, \$17.50/game.
 - (5) U19 Men's Field - \$40/official/game – 4 officials
 - (6) U17 Men's Field- \$40/official/game – 4 officials
 - (7) U15 Men's Field - \$40/official/game – 3 officials
 - (8) Women's Field - \$40/official/game – 4 officials

b) *Minor Officials*

- i. The Host Committee shall be responsible to ensure the presence of minor officials as per the rules of lacrosse for the various disciplines for all games. This

- includes but is not limited to scorers, game timekeepers, offensive timekeepers and, where applicable, goal judges.
- ii. These Officials shall come under the authority of the OIC.
 - iii. In Men's Field, the following minor officials are required:
 - a. Timekeepers are persons recruited to operate the game watches must have a working knowledge of the equipment.
 - b. Scorekeepers are responsible for registering, correctly, all goals, assists and penalties as given by the Officials. The game sheet must be signed by all Official's and given to Lacrosse Canada Convener or their delegate after the game.
 - c. Statistician will get the game sheet from Lacrosse Canada Convener or their delegate after the game. Game sheet information shall be faxed to the necessary media. As well individual and team statistics shall be compiled and posted on the Championship webpage and given to each team representative. At which time the game sheets will be returned to Lacrosse Canada Convener or their delegate.
 - d. Game Registrar will have each team fill out the game sheet before each game. The registrar must pay special attention to identify suspended players and players not on team's eligibility list.
 - iv. In Men's Field
 - a. Officials shall conduct themselves in a manner deemed socially acceptable on and off the field
 - b. Officials shall dress appropriately on and off the field.
 - c. Each game will have the minimum number of officials.
- c) *Officials Travel to Nationals*
- i. An amount equal to two-thirds of the Officiating Clinic fees as defined in the Finance section of this manual collected from the previous fiscal year will be used to help offset the cost of transportation for Officials to National Championships.
 - a. Lacrosse Canada office staff will book all officials travel to Lacrosse Canada national championships.

- b. All airline tickets should be booked no later than 45 days prior to departure. If a ticket is booked within the 45 days prior to departure, a reason must be provided in writing which will be reviewed by National Championship Coordinator.
- c. Airline Transportation expenses include flight cost and one checked bag. Seat selection is not included as seats can be selected free of charge 24 hours prior to departure.
- d. If an official chooses to drive to a national championship the official must notify Lacrosse Canada no later than 45 days prior to the national championship.

(1) A claim for ground transportation must be submitted within 30 days after the championship.

OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION

a) *For Mann Cup – Senior A*

- i. Level 5 (some possible exceptions).
- ii. NOCP certified in current year.
- iii. Previous experience in a National Championship.
- iv. Recommended by the Member Officials' Association (RDC in Ontario).
- v. The Chair will take the recommended officials to Lacrosse Canada technical staff for ratification.

b) *For Presidents' Cup – Senior B*

- i. Level 4 (some possible exceptions).
- ii. NOCP certified in current year.
- iii. Previous experience in:
 - a. A National Championship; or
 - b. Provincial Championship; or
 - c. Lacrosse Canada sanctioned Invitational Tournament.
 - d. Recommended by the Member Officials' Association (RDC in Ontario).

- e. The Chair will take the recommended officials to Lacrosse Canada technical staff for ratification.

c) *For Minto Cup – Junior A*

- i. Level 5 (some possible exceptions).
- ii. NOCP certified in current year.
- iii. Previous experience in a National Championship.
- iv. Recommended by the Member Officials' Association (RDC in Ontario).
- v. The Chair will take the recommended officials to Lacrosse Canada technical staff for ratification.

d) *For Founders' Cup*

- i. Level 4 (some possible exceptions).
- ii. NOCP certified in current year.
- iii. Recommended by the Member Officials' Association (RDC in Ontario).
- iv. The Chair will take the recommended officials to Lacrosse Canada technical staff for ratification.

e) *For Minor Nationals*

- i. Level 3.
- ii. NOCP certified official in the current year.
- iii. Recommended by the Member Officials' Association (RDC in Ontario).
- iv. The Chair will take the recommended officials to the Committee for ratification.

f) *For Men's Field*

- i. For national competitions officials shall be certified at the following minimum levels for each age division;

Masters	Level III
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Senior	Level III
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Junior Mens (U19) Level III

U17 Level III

U15 Level II

ACCOMMODATIONS

- a) Prior to the competition, the Host Committee must provide to the Member, and if known, the teams the information necessary to arrange accommodations. Where feasible, the Host shall reserve blocks of rooms in local hotel or residences. The Teams are responsible for booking their own accommodations. Teams are responsible for all personal expenses including accommodations, meals and incidentals during their stay in the host community.
 - i. The Host Committee is responsible for arranging and cost of accommodations for all officials.
 - ii. Accommodations for Lacrosse Canada Convenor and Lacrosse Canada OIC shall be booked and paid by Lacrosse Canada head office.
 - iii. This section does not apply to the Minto Cup or Mann Cup.
- b) When arranging accommodations, Lacrosse Canada sponsorship agreements must be adhered to unless unavailable or unsuitable as approved by Lacrosse Canada Executive Director.
- c) A representative from each team shall complete the Accommodations Declaration Form before accepting rooms on behalf of their teams.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OR COMPETITION TROPHIES

- a) Approved trophies for the various championships and competitions are listed by discipline in this Section.
- b) Winning teams may retain possession of the trophy or cup until the end of February. A Championship Trophy/Cup Agreement Form must be filled out by the team manager of the winning team. This form must be returned to Lacrosse Canada Convenor before the team can take possession of the trophy or cup. The form will be sent to Lacrosse Canada Head Office along with the Convenor report.
- c) All trophies must be prepaid by the Host of the event or team that was signatory for possession of the trophy to Lacrosse Canada Head Office, or other place specified

by Lacrosse Canada Executive Director. Trophies not returned by the specified date will result in a fine of \$100 per month until it is received in Lacrosse Canada Head Office. Failure to return the trophy may also result in the suspension of the offending team.

- d) Each team, in a national championship, acts as a representative of their Member. Repair or replacement of any trophy while in the possession of the winning team shall be billed to the Member.
- e) The Host Committee is responsible for the purchase of championship medals from Lacrosse Canada, or for getting Lacrosse Canada approval of substitute awards. Substitute awards must be submitted to Lacrosse Canada Head Office two (2) months prior to the championship for approval. The minimum guidelines for numbers and types of medals to be presented are set out in the Section.
- f) The original Mann and Minto Cups are kept in the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame. These trophies can only be removed from this repository under expressed (written) permission of Lacrosse Canada. Presentation trophies shall fall under the regulations for national championship trophies as established in this section.

BANQUET AND CEREMONIES

- a) The Host Committee shall organize opening and closing ceremonies for all championships or competitions. The format and content of these ceremonies shall be up to the discretion of the Host in discussion with Lacrosse Canada Convenor.
- b) In Box Championships or Competitions, the Host Committee is not obligated to have an awards banquet. However, if official Championship awards are being presented, an awards event that all participants (teams, officials and officials) must attend has to be organized and scheduled. The host committee may have the option of charging a fee if costs are incurred and deemed reasonable by Lacrosse Canada Head Office. This awards event cost will be added to each team's registration fee, due at the appropriate date.
- c) In Men's Field Championships and Competitions individual awards shall be given out at a formal or informal gathering after the preliminary round of the Championships. Team awards and the Championship Trophy/Cup shall be awarded at the end of the final game. The Host Committee is not obligated to have an awards banquet. However, if the Host Committee decides to hold a banquet for participants and approved guests of the National Championship tournament, it will be held on the night before the medal rounds. Effective in 2013, attendance at the banquet for all approved players, coaches and team personnel is mandatory. The costs for the banquet must be approved for reasonableness by the Discipline Lead in consultation with the National Championship Coordinator. The cost of the event

will be added to the tournament entry fee and is to be paid with the entry fee according to the deadlines.

- d) In Women's Field Championships and Competitions the Host is required to hold a banquet for the participants and guests of the National Championships tournament. The cost of such a function is recoverable by charging the participants a fee.
 - i. All players, coaches and team personnel are expected to attend the banquet.
 - ii. The Host Committee will schedule and organize both opening and closing ceremonies. The format of such ceremonies will be left to the discretion of the Host.
 - iii. Participants must be informed of the dates and times of the ceremonies. Dress code and other specifics must be included with this information.
 - iv. The production of a souvenir program is at the discretion of the Host Committee. Participants must meet the requirements and deadlines for printing, including photographs and rosters.

MARKETING AGREEMENTS

- a) Lacrosse Canada is the owner of certain official marks, copyrights and other properties, such as but not limited to; name of event, logos, signage, merchandise, television rights. Lacrosse Canada shall work in conjunction with the Host Committee to ensure maximum exposure and return for this promotion.
- b) Lacrosse Canada shall have the right to enter Official Supplier, Licensing or Sponsorship agreements in connection with certain products or services utilized at the National Championships or Competitions.
- c) Lacrosse Canada shall have the right to pre-approve the form, content and quality of all such advertising, promotion or other use of Lacrosse Canada products.
- d) The proceeds from any marketing agreement, including contra, will be distributed as per the terms and conditions of the agreement and the Hosting Agreement.
- e) The Host Committee(s) shall be obligated to use, display and actively promote the products or services which are provided as per the terms and conditions of any agreement. This condition applies to a variety of circumstances when the Host Committee(s) is involved or connected with any project, activity or event sanctioned or operated in conjunction with National Championships or Competitions.
- f) Lacrosse Canada Executive Director will provide a list to Host Committee(s) by outlining National Championship or Competition sponsorship agreements.
- g) Lacrosse Canada official sponsor's logos to be given to Host Committee by Lacrosse Canada Head Office to be displayed on the cover sheet of all print material pertaining to the Championship or Competition.
- h) The Host Committee has the option of creating an event specific logo for the championship they are hosting. The logo shall incorporate Lacrosse Canada logomark and clearly identify the official title of the championship. Lacrosse Canada has right to request edits and shall give final approval.

MEDIA RELATIONS

- a) Lacrosse Canada owns the exclusive rights to all media properties related or generated from Lacrosse Canada sanctioned championships or competitions, which originate in Canada. All transactions involving media rights must be exercised through Lacrosse Canada and with the expressed written consent of Lacrosse Canada Executive Director.
- b) The Host Committee of the national championships or competitions will publicize the event and schedule of competition. They will ensure that game results are given to the media with sufficient time to meet deadline requirements.

- c) The Host Committee shall publish a program for the event and shall provide Lacrosse Canada with the 3 pages for advertising which are necessary to fulfill Lacrosse Canada sponsorship agreements. Lacrosse Canada will provide print-ready content prior to July 15th.
- d) The Host Committee shall invite area media (TV, Print & Radio) to all promotional events surrounding the championship.

TIE BREAKING

- a) In the event of a tie in point standings in a competition, final standings shall be determined as follows:
 - i. In the event of a tie in points between **two** teams the final standings shall be determined as follows:
 - a. The team that won the greater number of points in games played, during the competition, between the teams tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position. **(HEAD TO HEAD)**
 - b. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored in the games during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation. (See Goal Average Formula below)
 - c. If a tie still exists, the team with least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
 - d. If a tie still exists then a coin toss will decide the winner.
 - ii. In the event of a tie in points between three or more teams the final standings shall be determined as follows:
 - a. The team(s) that won the greater number of points in games played, during the competition, between the team(s) tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position. **(HEAD TO HEAD TO HEAD)**
 - b. If any or all of the teams are still tied after the seeding of teams under 24.24.1.2.1, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie between the remaining tied teams. Only goals scored in games between the tied teams during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation. (See Goal Average Formula)

- c. If tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored in all games during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation. (See Goal Average Formula Below)
- d. If a tie still exists, the team with the least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number The Goal Average Formula is defined as follows:

$$\frac{\text{GF}}{\text{GF} + \text{GA}} = \text{GOAL AVERAGE}$$

The team with goal average closest to 1.0 shall be declared the winner

- iii. In Men's Field, if a tie still exists between teams, the following will be used in order until one method results in a winner being identified:
 - a. Least penalty minutes between tied teams
 - b. Man Up goals
- iv. In Women's Field, if a tie still exists between teams, the WL Women's Field tie breaker rule will be followed.

CONTINGENCY PLANNING

- a) The local Host Committee must have a medical emergency contingency plan in place. The purpose of the emergency plan is to ensure that injured athletes or other parties will receive professional care as soon as possible.
- b) The Host Member must have liability insurance in place, which will cover all reasonable hazards pertaining to competition.
- c) The Host Committee must ensure adequate and proper crowd control at all competitive sites throughout the competition.

INFORMATION SERVICES

- a) Prior to the championship or competition, the Host Committee must provide to the participating teams if known or the Members if team is unknown the information necessary to arrange accommodations.
- b) The Host Committee will provide directions for participating teams to all game sites and accommodations.

- c) A schedule of game times, transportation arrangements and ceremonies must be made available to the participating teams if known and to the Members if team is unknown prior to the commencement of the championship or competition.
- d) At the beginning of and during the championship or competition, the Host is responsible for providing information on the competition, including results and updates on game times and transportation.

GAME PASSES OR TICKETS

- a) The Host Committee will provide Championship Game passes or tickets for the following approved groups:
 - i. Teams will be given a pass or ticket for each eligible player, three coaches, two managers, two trainers, one league commissioner and one Member representative.
 - ii. Approved Officials for the championship or competition will receive a pass or ticket.
 - iii. Two Official evaluators.
 - iv. Lacrosse Canada Convenor, Lacrosse Canada OIC and each attending Lacrosse Canada Executive, Director, Discipline Chair, and Lacrosse Canada office staff will receive two passes or tickets. The Host Committee to confirm with Lacrosse Canada Head Office the number of Lacrosse Canada passes or tickets required for each Championship or Competition.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

- a) Meeting Facilities
 - i. The Host Committee must ensure that there are facilities readily available for required meetings. These meetings shall include the pre-competition meeting, discipline and appeal committee meetings.
- b) Fields for Men's Field:
 - i. Field markings shall be up to date and accurately applied on each field being used.
 - ii. Adequate dressing rooms for all participants shall be provided by the host when necessary.

- iii. Washroom facilities shall be made available for participants and spectators during the championships
- iv. Every effort shall be made to make available food services to participants and spectators during the championships.
- v. The Host is responsible to provide a certified trainer on site for the teams attending the National Championships. The teams shall provide their own tape and supplies if required for the training staff to look after their players.

c) Equipment

- i. Time keeper's watches, scoring table materials and weather covering, field chalking materials and two nets with proper dimensions for the age category playing shall be made available at each field.

INTERNET SERVICES

a) *Website*

- i. Each National Championships has a website, with a stats program incorporated, that is provided by Lacrosse Canada to the host (at no expense to the host). The host must use this website and will not create their own. The host will work with Lacrosse Canada on the content set up and updates.
- ii. Information about all aspects of the Championship must be updated as it becomes available.
- iii. Throughout the competition, the website must be updated at least daily.
- iv. Website should contain the following:
 - a. Host Committee information;
 - b. Participating Teams;
 - c. Ticket prices;
 - d. Schedule, Game results and Standings;
 - e. Officials of the Championship or Competition;
 - f. Optional Areas:
 - (1) Merchandise available;
 - (2) Individual players stats;

(3) Team pictures or individual players;

(4) Game summaries.

v. Lacrosse Canada sponsors must be listed on website

b) *Web Cast*

- i. Whenever or wherever possible, Championship and Competition games should be web cast.
- ii. Lacrosse Canada Official sponsors to be mentioned once per period or quarter of play during web cast.

FINANCIAL

- a) Each championship or competition will be budgeted to be self-sufficient. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors of Lacrosse Canada or the Hosting Agreement, the Host Committee will retain any profit resulting from a national championship or competition. Similarly, any deficit resulting from the championship or competition will be the responsibility of the Host Committee.
- b) The Host Committee is required to file a financial statement with Lacrosse Canada Head Office within (90) ninety days of the end of the championship or competition.
- c) Failure to submit a financial statement for the Championship with Lacrosse Canada Head Office will result in a fine of \$100.00 per month assessed to the Member for late reporting.

CHAMPIONSHIPS SUMMARY

- a) The Host Committee will be responsible for sending a summary of the Championship or Competition to Lacrosse Canada within ninety (90) days after the final game.
- b) The summary should include:
 - i. Game results, scoring statistics and highlights;
 - ii. Game action, award winners and winning team pictures with names;
 - iii. Statistics information on attendance, sales, and media, etc;
 - iv. Copy of Championship or Competition Program.
- c) Failure to submit a summary will result in host Member being fined \$500.00.

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR MEN'S FIELD

a) *General Championship Meetings*

- i. The Host Coordinator will conduct regular organizing committee meeting during the year prior to the Championship.
- ii. Lacrosse Canada Convenor and Lacrosse Canada OIC will be invited to all meetings if individuals have been appointed. Attendance will be at the cost of Lacrosse Canada Convenor and Lacrosse Canada OIC. Minutes of these meetings will be kept and distributed within 7 days. A copy of the minutes shall be emailed or mailed to Lacrosse Canada Convenor, Lacrosse Canada OIC and Lacrosse Canada National Championship coordinator as required. An overview of these meetings shall be posted on the championship or competition website.

b) *Pre Championship Meeting*

- i. Lacrosse Canada Convenor will chair a meeting with the Host committee, Lacrosse Canada OIC, Officials and at least one representative per team. Discussions will center on Championship special events, rule interpretation, championship format and general information.

c) *Special Events*

- i. Participants must be informed of the dates and times of each special event. Dress code and other specifics must be included with this information.
- ii. A press conference to introduce the Host committee and distribute information about the participants and Championship will be held days prior to the Championship.

d) *Game Announcer (Optional)*

- i. In each game the game announcer will follow a script provided by the Host committee with the approval of Lacrosse Canada Convenor.
- ii. The script will explain how to announce goals and penalties, as well as when to introduce sponsors and upcoming special events surrounding the championship.
- iii. The Game Announcer shall make game announcements in both official languages.

e) *Evaluation Committees (Optional)*

- i. Players

- a. The men's field and coaching Disciplines shall provide approved criteria to evaluate player's at all minor national championships.
 - b. A committee of 6 to 10 respected coaches and managers will be assembled to identify the top 36 players at each age level. Selected players to include; 4 goalies, 8 attackmen, 16 midfielders and 8 defensemen.
- ii. Officials
 - a. The OIC will evaluate all Officials participating in the national championships.
 - b. Where possible, all Officials will be evaluated at least twice during the event and a report submitted to Lacrosse Canada and its officiating committee.
- f) *Championship Merchandise or Promotions*
 - i. All championship merchandise and promotions information shall be sent to the contacts for each participating group and posted on the championship web site. as soon as finalized.
- g) *Tickets*
 - i. Individual ticket and championship package prices to be sent to Members early for advertising and presale. Complimentary tickets to be identified and set aside.
- h) *Program*
 - i. Solicit advertising, championship schedule, format and general information, articles of interest about participating teams and individuals, pictures and archived championship information, etc.
- i) *Clothing/Equipment*
 - i. The championship shall solicit venders to make available clothing and equipment that participants and the general public can purchase. Agreements with venders shall follow Lacrosse Canada and Member guidelines. Information about clothing and equipment should be made available to the championship partners when finalized.
- j) *Game Fundraisers*
 - i. Each host committee has an opportunity to include additional fundraising events as long as they do not detract from the championship and signed agreements.

k) *Championship Statistics*

- i. To attract potential sponsorship for future championships, statistics shall be kept with regard to the following:

- Sponsors
- Vendors
- Merchandise/Equipment Sales
- Internet Visits
- Fundraising vehicles
- Food and Beverages
- Number of Teams
- Number of Participants
- Attendance
- Individual ticket sales
- Package Ticket Sales
- Game Results
- Award Winners

l) *Canadian Invitational Tournaments*

- i. All Canadian Invitational Tournaments shall be operated under the same regulations and guidelines as Canadian National Championships including the following;
- ii. Approved Hosts
- a. Lacrosse Canada may sanction any Association approved by their Member to host a National Invitational Tournament. In order to be sanctioned a National Invitational Tournament; there must be at least two non-host provinces in attendance.
- iii. Member Responsibilities
- a. The host Member is responsible for approving the Host Committee. As well as selection of the, chief of officials, discipline committee and appeals committee.
- iv. Registrations for Tournaments
- a. Each eligible association will register their Notice of Attendance for each Discipline. All registered approved personnel from a Member are eligible to participate.

- v. Registration Fees
 - a. Team registration fees are set by the Host and must be paid directly to the host committee.
- vi. Member Tournament Qualifications
 - a. Athletes and coaching staff must meet Lacrosse Canada requirements for National Tournaments in the discipline the Invitational National Tournament has been sanctioned.
- vii. Transportation
 - a. Each participating team is responsible for all transportation requirements during the competition.
- viii. Approved Awards
 - a. All division winners shall receive trophies as per tournament structure. All-star team selections and awards are not required for this type of competition.
- ix. Tournament Information and Format
 - a. Each tournament shall operate under a format that is fair and necessary in order to accomplish its goals. All competitors shall be informed with in a workable time frame of tournament criteria and information. Failure to achieve this may result in their National Invitational Tournament status being evoked.
- x. Special Events
 - a. All special events surrounding the tournament are at the option and expense of the Host Committee.
- xi. Evaluation Committees
 - a. These committees shall not be required at National Invitational Tournaments.
- xii. Tournament Merchandise/Promotions
 - a. All tournament merchandise and promotions are at the option and expense of the Host Committee.
- xiii. Tournament Statistic

- a. Statistics shall be kept and sent as part of the host committee report sent to their Member. The Host Committee shall complete all Lacrosse Canada reports within 30 days of the completion of the event and submit to their Member, for submission to Lacrosse Canada Staff.
- xiv. Duration of Games
 - a. All game length in the Invitational National Competition will be determined by the current Lacrosse Canada rules of competition for the discipline involved in the competition.

MINOR NATIONALS

a) Player Eligibility

- i. U13 Players to be 11 and 12 years of age in the calendar year.
- ii. U15 Players to be 13 and 14 years of age in the calendar year.
- iii. U17 Players to be 15 and 16 years of age in the calendar year.
- iv. Must be a resident of Province/Territory or registered by the Province/Territory and being the closest Member for the player to play in where there is no lacrosse offered.
- v. Must be registered and approved by the Member.
- vi. All teams must be an All-star format.
- vii. You can register up to 23 players.
- viii. You can only dress 18 players and 2 goalies.

b) Bench Personnel Eligibility

- i. All Bench Personnel must be certified and meet Lacrosse Canada guidelines.
- ii. Trainers must hold valid St. John's, Red Cross, or Sport Training Certificate Member recognized. (Medical Doctors, Registered Nurses, Fire Fighters and Paramedics.)
- iii. Bench Personnel must be registered and approved by the Member.
- iv. A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 5 Bench Personnel on the game sheet and on the bench during games, one of whom must be a certified trainer (Note: 1 less than Lacrosse Canada Box rulebook)

c) *Team Uniforms*

- i. All Members will have specified colours for your uniforms; permission would have to be given for any changes from the Box Discipline.
- ii. Members to work with Lacrosse Canada Office to find one supplier for all Members to purchase uniforms.

d) *Officials*

- i. Must be certified in current season (Level 3 preferred)
- ii. Must be at least 18 years of age.
- iii. Member's responsibility to get the official to the Host Province.
- iv. Host to supply accommodations.
- v. Per diem per Section 13 Finance.
- vi. Host to supply transportation from the Official Hotel.

e) *Game Structure*

- i. Lacrosse Canada rules apply, with the following exceptions:
- ii. Offence/Defense style coaching not permitted at Minor Nationals.
- iii. U13
 - a. 3-15 minute periods, the 3rd period last 5 minutes stop time.
- iv. U15
 - a. 3-17 minute periods, the 3rd period last 5 minutes stop time.
- v. U17
 - a. 3-20 minute periods, the 3rd period last 5 minutes stop time.
- vi. 3 minute rest between periods
- vii. Full round robin if 6 or more teams participating, double round robin for less than 6 teams participating.
- viii. Preliminary Games ties stand.
- ix. Positioning games, Bronze and Gold games if tied after 3 Periods.

- a. Full 10 minute overtime period.
- b. If still tied sudden victory 10 minute periods.
- c. 3 minute break between periods.
- d. In overtime the teams do not change ends as per Lacrosse Canada rule 19 situation 3.

f) *Championship Round (based on 10 teams)*

- i. 1st placed team gets a bye to the Gold A Game.
- ii. 2nd place team vs. 3rd place team for a positioning game winner going to the A Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze A Game.
- iii. 4th place team gets a bye to the A Bronze Game.
- iv. 5th place team gets a bye to the Gold B Game.
- v. 6th place team vs. 7th place team for a positioning game winner going to the B Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze B Game.
- vi. 8th place team gets a bye to the B Bronze game.
- vii. 9th vs. 10th for the Consolation.

g) *(Based on 9 teams)*

- i. 1st placed team gets a bye to the Gold A Game.
- ii. 2nd place team vs. 3rd place team for a positioning game winner going to the A Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze A Game.
- iii. 4th place team gets a bye to the A Bronze Game.
- iv. 5th place team gets a bye to the Gold B Game.
- v. 6th place team vs. 7th place team for a positioning game winner going to the B Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze B Game.
- vi. 8th place team gets a bye to the B Bronze game.
- vii. 9th team eliminated.

h) *(Based on 8 teams)*

- i. 1st placed team gets a bye to the Gold A Game.

- ii. 2nd place team vs. 3rd place team for a positioning game winner going to the A Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze A Game.
 - iii. 4th place team gets a bye to the A Bronze Game.
 - iv. 5th place team gets a bye to the Gold B Game.
 - v. 6th place team vs. 7th place team for a positioning game winner going to the B Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze B Game.
 - vi. 8th place team gets a bye to the B Bronze game.
- i) *(Based on 7 teams)*
- i. 1st placed team gets a bye to the Gold A Game.
 - ii. 2nd place team vs. 3rd place team for a positioning game winner going to the A Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze A Game.
 - iii. 4th place team gets a bye to the A Bronze Game.
 - iv. 5th place team gets a bye to the Gold B Game.
 - v. 6th place team vs. 7th place team for a positioning game winner going to the B Gold Game, loser eliminated.
- j) *(Based on 6 teams)*
- i. 1st placed team gets a bye to the Gold A Game.
 - ii. 2nd place team vs. 3rd place team for a positioning game winner going to the A Gold Game, loser going to the Bronze A Game.
 - iii. 4th place team gets a bye to the A Bronze Game.
 - iv. 5th place and 6th place team gets a bye to the Gold B Game.
- k) *(Based on 5 teams) – Double Round Robin*
- i. 1st place team gets a bye to the Gold A Game.
 - ii. 2nd place team vs 3rd place, winner going to Gold A game, loser going to Bronze A game.
 - iii. 4th place team earns bye to Bronze A game. 5th place team is eliminated.
- l) *(Based on 4 teams) – Double Round Robin*

- i. 1st place team get a bye to the Gold A Game.
- ii. 2nd place team vs 3rd place, winner going to Gold A game, loser going to Bronze A game.
- iii. 4th place team earns bye into Bronze A game.

m) *Entry Fees*

- i. \$2500.00 per team commitment to be made by January 31st, non refundable fee to be paid by April 30th. (if you decide you can not commit after your January 31st deadline the Member will be charged the entry fee.)
- ii. No gate fees to be charged except the Championship day all participating Member's will receive 50 free tickets per team.
- iii. Non-refundable registration fees for all Minor Box Championships shall be paid to Lacrosse Canada Office on or before April 30th of each calendar year. Lacrosse Canada will forward to each Host Committee the appropriate fees, less 25%, thirty (30) days prior to the start of the championships or competition.

n) *Practice Times*

- i. To be arranged and paid for by the participating teams. (host to supply contact information)

o) *Opening Ceremonies*

- i. Minimum Criteria
 - a. All teams will parade out on to the floor.
 - b. Officials will parade out on to the floor.
 - c. Lacrosse Canada President or delegate (must speak)
 - d. Member President and or their delegate.
 - e. O Canada in both English and French.
 - f. Host requirements to have Provincial flags for opening and closing ceremonies.

p) *Closing Ceremonies*

- i. Teams come out in order of ranking (host to identify entry point)

- ii. Medal Presentations.
- iii. MVP of each team (host to supply award and selection criteria.)

q) *Arrival/Departure*

- i. Host to announce Arrival and Departure dates by Lacrosse Canada AM.

r) *Accommodations*

- i. To be arranged by host Member, all participants must stay at the official residence.

s) *Transportation*

- i. Cost Sharing of Transportation
 - a. to be approved by the Box Discipline and added to this format.
 - b. does not apply to the Minto Cup or Mann Cup.

C. DISCIPLINE RULES

Box Discipline Regulations

RULES OF PLAY

- a) All national championships and competitions under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada shall be governed by the Rules of Box Lacrosse as issued by Lacrosse Canada.
- b) For Masters Lacrosse, adjustments to the Rules of Box Lacrosse shall be listed in the Rules of Masters Box Lacrosse issued by Lacrosse Canada.
- c) The rules and regulations of Lacrosse Canada shall be used by all Members although it is recognized that modifications to the rules and regulations may be used to serve a members' needs with the exception of player's equipment needs and Lacrosse Canada safety regulations which must be adhered to.
- d) Changes to rules of play must follow the procedure as outlined in Section 3 – Amendments to Rules of Play.
- e) In all minor box lacrosse (17U & below) it is deemed un-ethical to use an offence/defense tactic while at even strength and any such action can result in suspensions. Offense/Defense is simply defined as ONE, or more players, playing only one end of the floor as a strategic tactic. Replacing the goaltender with another player is not considered a form of Offense/Defense. Special teams on face-offs are not considered a form of Offense/Defense.
- f) It is the direct responsibility of all Members to advise all coaches that the practice of playing the offence/defense system when even strength is prohibited in Minor Lacrosse and such action can result in suspensions.
- g) All Members are responsible to put in place the mechanism for detecting this tactic and setting the length of suspensions as they deem appropriate for the offence. Notwithstanding the suspension guidelines of each Member, the minimum shall not be less than the following:
 - i. First infraction the offending coach will be issued a warning and the infraction recorded by the Member or AMA.
 - ii. Second offence by the same coach will result in a two game suspension and the infraction recorded.
 - iii. Third offence by the same coach will result in a five game suspension and a hearing by the appropriate forum set by the Member for possible further discipline action.

- h) In any minor box lacrosse National event, the definition of a team using an offense/defense system will be when a team continuously incorporates a system in which a player, or players, are played on one end of the floor only. All players shall remain on the floor for both an offensive and defensive possession in each playing shift. A team will be deemed to have violated the policy if one or more players are found to be only playing in a defensive or offensive possession for more than one playing shift, or if a player, or players show a consistency of playing predominantly in only a defensive or offensive position during the game. The above only applies to all even strength situations.
- i) At all minor box lacrosse National events, Lacrosse Canada Convenor will be responsible for determining if a team using an offence/defense system during the game.
 - i. Lacrosse Canada Convenor may establish a Committee to assist in determining whether offence/defense is being used.
- j) If Lacrosse Canada Convenor determines that an offence/defense system is being used by a coach in a game, the Convenor will advise the offending team coaches at the end of the current period of play.
 - i. The first infraction will result in the removal of the Head Coach for the remainder of the game, or the Coach in charge of the bench if the Head Coach has previously been removed or suspended. If the violation occurs in the final period of the game, the Head Coach or Coach in charge of the bench will be suspended for the following game.
 - ii. The second infraction during the tournament will result in expulsion of the head coach, or the coach in charge of the bench if the head coach has previously been removed or suspended for the remainder of the tournament. The suspended coach or coaches and the Member may be subject to further discipline per Lacrosse Canada's policies.
 - iii. Any additional infractions in the tournament will result in the expulsion of the coach in charge of the bench for the remainder of the tournament. The third infraction during the tournament will result in the expulsion and suspension for the remainder of tournament of the head coach, or the coach in charge, if the head coach has previously been removed or suspended. The suspended coach, or coaches, and the Member involved, may be subject to further discipline per Lacrosse Canada's policies.
 - iv. If a team does not have certified coaches from the Team registration form sufficient to complete the National event, the team will forfeit all further games.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

a) Age Categories

- i. Eligibility to compete in programs of Lacrosse Canada and its Members is governed by the age limits for each category as established by the Discipline.
- ii. Competition will be structured in the following categories:

Category	Age
Senior Masters	35 and over
Junior Masters	22 - 34
Senior	22 and over
Junior	21 and under
U19	17 and 18
U17	15 - 16
U15	13 and 14
U13	11 and 12
U11	9 and 10
U9	7 and 8
U7	5 and 6

- iii. Age is determined to be the age of a player that they will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. Calendar year is January 1 to December 31 of any

given year. Example: for U19, player cannot turn 19 at any time during the calendar year to be eligible.

b) *Affiliation Structure*

- i. “Team” shall mean a team that plays as a team in a league.
- ii. The affiliation structure of teams is as follows. The affiliations between teams are listed vertically:

Sr. A	Sr. B	Sr. C	Jr. A	Jr. B
Sr. B	Sr. C	Jr. B	Jr. B	U19. A
Sr. C	Jr. B	U19. A	U19. A	U19. B
Jr. A	U19. A	U19. B	U19. B	U17
Jr. B	U19. B	U17	U17	
U19. A	U17			

- iii. Players of affiliated teams shall be eligible to compete with the higher category team in Association play downs provided that a list of applicable affiliations shall be sent to the National Office by the Member on or before August 10. The office shall forward a copy of the list(s) to Lacrosse Canada Convenor and Series Convenor.
- iv. Unaffiliated players can play with teams of higher category as allowed by their Member.
- v. Players may not affiliate U17 to Senior Lacrosse.
- vi. Masters Lacrosse will have a two-tier structure (Masters-Competitive, and Masters Sportsman) which will be differentiated by the Rules of Play for each tier.

c) *Member Ratings*

- i. A Rating is set by the Box Discipline and it identifies a type of team that a Member may send to Lacrosse Canada National Championships or Competitions. The three Types of teams are:
 - a. Type 1 Team: A club with allowance to pick up players from a lower category affiliated team as defined in this section.
 - b. Type 2 Team: A club with allowance to pick up a maximum three (3) players from the same category and maximum three (3) players from a lower category affiliated team as defined in this section.
 - c. Type 3 Team: An all-star or select team in which all players in a given category are eligible. The players must be duly registered with the Member which they represent.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) July 1 shall be the final date for signing or releasing of players **within** a Member with the following exception:
 - i. signed players released from any team **within** a Member before July 1 can be signed by another team **within** that Member on or before July 15, and shall be eligible to compete in Lacrosse Canada competitions.
 - ii. Effective 2024, **Senior 'A'** players may be signed or released from any team up until July 10; Senior players that have been released can be signed by another Senior team within that Member on or before July 15, and shall be eligible to compete in Lacrosse Canada competitions.
- b) Any player securing a release from his Member can sign with another team within another Member and still be eligible to compete in Lacrosse Canada competitions provided his release was secured and registered according to the guidelines of the Inter-Member Transfer policy in this Section.
- c) For the 2024 season only, Senior B teams shall have no more than five (5) current professional players on their roster (registered with their Member). Professional players are defined as players that have been on an Active Roster for four (4) games or more, or players that have come off of an Injured Reserve list that have been on an Active Roster for one (1) game or more, or are Hold-Outs, in either the National Lacrosse League (NLL) and / or Premier Lacrosse League (PLL), or any other professional lacrosse league, during the current calendar and / or playing year or season.
- d) Beginning in 2025 and thereafter, Senior B teams shall have no more than three (3) current professional players on their roster (registered with their Member). Professional players are defined as players that have been on an Active Roster for

four (4) games or more, or players that have come off of an injured Reserve list that have been on an Active Roster for one (1) game or more, or are Hold-Outs, in either the National Lacrosse League (NLL) and / or Premier Lacrosse League (PLL), or any other professional lacrosse league, during the current calendar and /or playing year or season.

- e) Masters players must be registered and in good standing with a Member by July 1 of the competitive year.

INTER-MEMBER TRANSFERS

- a) Lacrosse Canada recognizes that all players wishing to play lacrosse in Canada have the privilege to do so provided certain conditions are met. This procedure only applies to post-U15 (i.e. U17 and higher) aged players and above.
 - i. These conditions are not meant to completely restrict the movement of players between Member however Lacrosse Canada recognizes that restrictions are necessary to help with the development of players within Members Associations. This procedure strikes a balance between complete restriction and the free movement of players.
 - ii. This procedure only governs movement of players between Member. Lacrosse Canada maintains no authority for player movement within a Member except for rules related to Lacrosse Canada negotiation list.
 - iii. Players who do not sign a playing card for five years within a Member and does not play lacrosse in any other jurisdiction, either inside Lacrosse Canada or outside, is free to move without a Lacrosse Canada transfer. An email from the previous Member is required to verify that the player is a Member in good standing prior to the player participating in sanctioned events.
- b) Transfers will only be permitted between March 1st and June 30th at 3:00pm EDT. The receiving/releasing Member will have 24 hours after the deadline to approve and finalize the transfer.
- c) A transfer is not complete until the transfer process as outlined in this Section has been completed.
- d) Once a player's transfer is complete, all rights associated with said player belong to the receiving Member with the following exception:
 - i. The player can only play at the level at which they were transferred for the remainder of the season. The player cannot be moved down or up a division or level of play unless the upper level of lacrosse is not available in the jurisdiction the player has transferred from. In the case of an Unconditional Transfer, the

player may move within the Member subject to the Transferred Members policies for the subsequent playing season.

- e) No team shall permit a player from another Member to play a league or playoff game within its jurisdiction unless the player has obtained a complete transfer in accordance with these rules. Any alleged violation of this rule may be subject to discipline per Lacrosse Canada's *Sport Integrity Discipline Policy* and a proven violation is subject to a fine of \$5,000 to the team and the suspension of the player and the responsible team personnel. Pending any discipline decision, upon it being determined by the National Championship Coordinator that the player played without a complete transfer, the player, the General Manager and/or the Head Coach shall be suspended.
- i. Teams participating in leagues within a non-resident association may affiliate players for the Minto Cup as per 24.3.2.4.1.3 and players are deemed non-imports.
- f) A participant may move from one Member's jurisdiction to another and be eligible to play under the following circumstances:
 - i. The player is not on a negotiation list as defined in this Section and is a member in good standing within his current Member – i.e.: free agent. The player must have their current Member sign a transfer form confirming that the player is in good standing.
 - ii. An agreement to release the player has been reached between the team holding the rights to the individual as indicated on a negotiation list as defined in this Section and the team wishing to acquire those rights.
 - iii. A player who has signed a playing card for the current season or is on a negotiation list must receive a release from the team he was signed or that placed him on a negotiation list, as the case may be.
 - iv. The player changes his residence from one Member's jurisdiction to another prior to December 31st where the primary purpose or reason for the move is not to play lacrosse or the player was previously transferred but continued to reside in the transferor Member while playing in the transferee Member and that continued residency was not for the primary purpose or reason of playing lacrosse.
 - a. Players requesting a change in residency status must do so in writing prior to February 15th of the playing season.
 - (1) This request to be submitted to the Member where the player is requesting new residency.

- (2) This Member will forward the request to Lacrosse Canada Office and Transfer Review Committee Chair prior to February 15th. Included with the player's request will be a letter from the Member supporting the change in residency request. This request will be required to provide confirmation of the purpose or reason for the move or continued residency.
- (3) If the change of residency is approved, a non-negotiated transfer will be completed.

b. For Junior "A" lacrosse only

- (1) When a player wishes to transfer from one Member to another Member, at any time during the year, said player may only play in the new Member after they have received a negotiated, signed, Inter-provincial transfer (signed off by all parties and Member) and all conditions written into their transfer have been met.
- (2) The limit on the number of Junior 'A' players any team may have on their 25-player negotiation list each year, that they received by an inter-provincial transfer, will be five (5).
- (3) Inter-provincial transfers must be obtained from the highest category team that the player belongs to in accordance to that team's Member rules and regulations.
- (4) The only exception for a non-negotiated transfer is where a player's family make a family relocation to another Junior 'A' Member.
- (5) When an Inter-provincial transferred player goes over-age, their senior rights revert to the Member that they were released from.

- v. Players under the age of 18 must have a document signed by their parent or guardian granting permission for the player to move, if said player's parent or guardian is also not moving.
- vi. A player who has applied for a transfer to a team and has been denied may not, unless that team and the Member owning the player's rights have agreed to the transfer, apply for a transfer to the same team in the same year.

g) *Conditional Releases*

- i. Player transfers that contain conditions such as but not limited to one (1) year releases are considered to have been met or completed by September 30th of the final season that the condition applies to.

- ii. As of October 1st, if the conditions are met and the player is in good standing within the Member who he was registered with for the season, his playing rights revert back to his previous Member.

h) *Negotiation Lists*

- i. Each Member must file annually with Lacrosse Canada Head Office, a list of players requiring negotiated releases in the format as defined in this section. The deadline for the submission of this list will be February 24th of each calendar year. A draft Master List will be created and forwarded to all Members for Member viewing only by the first Wednesday of March. A final Master List will be sent to the Transfer Representative for each Member to be forwarded to their contacts within their organization.
- ii. No player can appear on more than one negotiation list at a time, regardless of level.
- iii. A player who is on a negotiation list who does not sign a playing card for the current season within a Member and does not play lacrosse in any other jurisdiction, either inside Lacrosse Canada or outside, is free to move without negotiation the following year provided he is a member in good standing within the previous Member. If the regular season of play is cancelled in the League or Member where the player is on a Negotiation List, a player may not move without negotiation in the following year.
- iv. For the purpose of the transfer policy, a refusal to sign a playing card is deemed not to be a valid reason for a suspension outside of the Member.
- v. For Senior A, a team's negotiation list shall not exceed thirty five (35).
- vi. For Senior B, a team's, negotiation list shall not exceed twenty five (25) individuals.
- vii. For Senior C, a team's negotiation list is not to exceed twenty five (25) individuals.
- viii. For Junior A, a team's negotiation list is not to exceed twenty five (25) individuals.
- ix. For Junior B, a team's negotiation list is not to exceed twenty five (25) individuals.
- x. The Member's negotiation lists will be submitted electronically in Microsoft Excel, in table format with the following fields completed:

- a. Last Name, First Name, Protected By, Contact Info (e-mail of who to enquire about release of player), Member, Level (Sr. A/B/C or Jr. A/B and Holdout (Sr. A only).
- xi. Failure of a Member to submit a negotiation list by the deadline will result in players being considered free agents able to move without negotiation provided that such players still must have their previous Member sign a transfer form confirming their good standing.
- i) *Limit on Imports in Junior*
 - i. No team shall have on its negotiation list or its 25-player roster more than five (5) players in total who have been acquired by an inter-Member transfer with the following exceptions.
 - (1) The limit does not apply to the Junior B Division below the highest level of Junior B in the Member.
 - a) Where a player moves to another Member's jurisdiction to play at a higher level or category which does not exist in the first Member, they will not count towards the total number of imports.
 - b) Where a player who has been transferred is an import in one playing season but, without signing a playing card in a subsequent season in the Member to which he was transferred, is transferred back to the original Member, that player will not be classified as an import in that original Member.
 - c) If a team wishes to have the status of a player reclassified from an import to non-import it may apply to the Transfer Review Committee by submitting an application to the Transfer Review Committee along with the required fee for each player, to Lacrosse Canada.
 - (1) If the request is submitted after February 15th of the playing season and the player is on a Negotiation list of another Member, a negotiated Inter member Transfer request will first need to be completed.
 - (2) The deadline for submitting requests under this Policy is June 30th of the playing season.
 - ii. When a club has exercised their 5-import team limit on the negotiation list they may not drop one of these players to add a 6th player.
 - iii. Teams caught with more than 5 imports on their negotiation list or roster will face the following sanctions.
 - a. \$1,500 fine per game that the team played;

- b. Suspension of all import player(s), head coach and or general manager until such time as they comply with the policy.
- c. Further discipline as determined by Lacrosse Canada in accordance with the applicable policies, such as, but not limited to, forfeiture of the right to participate in Lacrosse Canada National Championships.

d) *Limits on Imports in Senior B*

- i. No Senior B team shall have on its 25 player roster more than two (2) players in total who have been acquired by an inter-Member transfer and who have, in either of the previous two seasons, played Senior A and are 35 or under with the following exceptions:
 - a. Where a player who has been transferred in one playing season but, without signing a playing card in a subsequent season in the Member to which he was transferred, is transferred back to the original Member;
 - b. The status of a player is reclassified from import to non-import by a Transfer Review Committee. An application for transfer may be made to Lacrosse Canada by submitting the application, along with the required fee for each player, to Lacrosse Canada to be reviewed by the Transfer Review Committee.
 - (1) If the request is submitted after February 15th of the playing season and the player is on a Negotiation list of another Member, a negotiated Inter Member transfer request will first need to be completed.
 - (2) The deadline for submitting requests under this Policy is June 30th of the playing season.
- ii. Breach of this policy will result in the following sanctions:
 - a. \$1,500 fine per game that the team played;
 - b. Suspension of all import player(s), head coach and or general manager by Lacrosse Canada until such time as they comply with the policy.
 - c. Further discipline as determined by Lacrosse Canada in accordance with the applicable policy.

e) *Tampering*

- i. Prior to the submissions of the negotiation lists, no team or agent of the team from any Member may communicate with or allow to tryout or participate in its training camp, practices, intra-squad games or exhibition game, a player from

another Member without first having received written permission by either e-mail from the team or league commissioner with which said player was last registered, prior to that player's participation. The exception to this is in the case where the player initiates the communication, in which case the team or agent of the team must advise the player that no further communications may be had unless the written permission has been obtained and the team or agent of the team may contact the team or league commissioner to request written permission.

- ii. After the submissions of the negotiation lists, no team or agent of the team from any Member may communicate with or allow to tryout/participate in its training camp, practices, intra-squad games or exhibition game, a player from another Member negotiation list without first having received written permission by either e-mail from the team or league commissioner with which said player was last registered as per the negotiation list, prior to that player's participation. The exception to this is in the case where the player initiates the communication, in which case the team or agent of the team must advise the player that no further communications may be had unless the written permission has been obtained and the team or agent of the team may contact the team or league commissioner to request written permission.
- iii. Failure to comply with this policy will result in:
 - a. An automatic fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) to the offending team, payable to Lacrosse Canada within 30 days of notification by Lacrosse Canada office. Lacrosse Canada will then forward the fine to the offended team; and
 - b. Further disciplinary action or sanctions per Lacrosse Canada's policies. These sanctions may include one or more of the following:
 - (1) An additional fine;
 - (2) A ten (10) game suspension to the head coach of the offending team;
 - (3) A suspension for a period of up to one (1) year to the responsible team officials of the offending team.
- iv. The charge of tampering must be filed by the offended team within seven (7) days of the offended team discovering the occurrence of the tampering to Lacrosse Canada. The burden of proof is with the team filing the tampering charge.
- v. Any charge of tampering deemed to be frivolous will result in a penalty being assessed.

f) *Transfer Review Committee*

- i. The role of the Transfer Review Committee is to review and resolve all disputes related to transfer requests. The Transfer Review Committee has the authority to make rulings in the event of disputes about which provincial negotiation list a player should be on.
- ii. The Transfer Review Committee does not decide on any discipline related issues. However, the committee may forward on its findings to Lacrosse Canada for further action if the committee deems it appropriate.
- iii. The Transfer Review Committee will be comprised of three (3) to five (5) individuals appointed from time to time by Lacrosse Canada.
- iv. All interested parties are entitled to notice of the meeting and may participate in said meeting. The parties are entitled to be represented at their expense.
- v. All submissions to the committee must be accompanied with a cheque of Five Hundred dollars (\$500). Should the Transfer Review Committee rule in favour of the applicant, a refund of Five Hundred dollars (\$500) will be made to the applicant, and Two Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$250) will be billed to the Member who originally denied the transfer.
- vi. If the status of a player is to be reclassified by the Transfer Review Committee, the application will be sent to Lacrosse Canada alongside a cheque for \$500.00 for each player. The fee will be returned in the event of a successful application.
- vii. The Transfer Review Committee will determine whether the transfer request should be approved at their discretion. The evaluation of the Transfer Review Committee will include, by but is not limited to, whether there are exceptional circumstances warranting a transfer.
 - a. Exceptional circumstances include but are not limited to the following:
 - (1) A Player wants to play at a higher level of lacrosse than what is available within their current Member or is on a negotiation list of a team but wants to move to a team in another Member which is at a higher level;
 - (2) Health reasons;
 - (3) Compassionate reasons.
- viii. The Transfer Review Committee will review and respond to all requests within seven (7) business days upon receipt at Lacrosse Canada.

- ix. The decision of the committee may be appealed following Lacrosse Canada Appeals Policy.

g) Transfer Process

- i. Player fills out transfer form on-line at [Transfers – Lacrosse Canada](#) and MUST submit it to Lacrosse Canada Head Office to start the process.
- ii. Upon receipt of the transfer, Lacrosse Canada Head Office will initiate the process to the Member's office who currently owns his playing rights. This will be done within 24 hours for transfers submitted from Sunday to Thursday. Transfers received Friday and Saturday may take 48 hours to begin.
- iii. The Member will complete the transfer form and submit it back to Lacrosse Canada Head Office. The Member must complete the process electronically to Lacrosse Canada Head Office within 10 business days of receipt. If not submitted, it will be assumed that there are no issues and the player is free to move to the other Member.
- iv. Upon receipt of the process or the 10 business days have expired, the Office will complete the process to the Member the player wishes to transfer too within 24 hours.
- v. The receiving Member will have 10 business days to complete the form and return it to the office. Any conditions that affect the status of the player in regard to which Member holds his rights subsequent to the transfer must be clearly set out and, if those terms or conditions are not set out, the terms and conditions are unenforceable. If not completed, it will be assumed that the transfer is not accepted and the player will remain the property of the team he/she is protected by.
- vi. If the receiving Member accepts the transfer, the transfer is complete when the receiving Member communicates their acceptance to Lacrosse Canada Office.
- vii. The receiving Member shall file the completed transfer within two (2) business days of acceptance and Lacrosse Canada Head Office will then invoice the receiving Member for the transfer fee which shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors and may, depending on unusual circumstances, be reduced or waived by the Executive Director on a case-by-case basis.

PLAYER REMUNERATION

- a) Lacrosse Canada and all its member organizations agree and confirm that lacrosse in Canada is an amateur sport.
- b) Failure to comply with this policy will result in:

- i. Disciplinary action or sanctions as determined per Lacrosse Canada's discipline policies. Upon finding of guilt, there will be a minimum fine of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) payable to Lacrosse Canada within 30 days of notification by Lacrosse Canada office; and additional sanctions may include one or more of the following:
 - a. An additional fine;
 - b. A suspension or expulsion to the player having been found guilty of accepting payment;
 - c. A suspension or expulsion to the responsible team officials of the offending team
- ii. The complaint of player remuneration must be filed with Lacrosse Canada within seven (7) days of the discovery of the occurrence of the remuneration. The burden of proof is on the complainant.

Men's Field Discipline Regulations

RULES OF PLAY

- a) All games and competitions under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada shall be governed by the International Lacrosse Rules as issued by World Lacrosse (WL), with specific exceptions as listed in this Manual.
- b) All playing rules pertaining to competitions under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada shall be binding on all Members. All regulations, resolutions and their interpretations, made or adopted by Lacrosse Canada shall be binding on all Members.
- c) Changes to the specific exceptions referred to in 19.1.1 must follow the procedure as outlined in Section 3.8.3 – Amendments to Regulations Related to Rules of Play. Rule changes as issued by WL must follow the procedure as outlined in section 3.8.4 – Amendments to Field Lacrosse Regulations Related to Rules of Play as proposed by World Lacrosse.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) Players must be duly registered with their respective Members by August 15 (U19/U17) and September 10 (Senior) of the competing year in order to be eligible to play in the National Competitions.
- b) Players must have played a minimum of three (3) games with the competing team in the current or previous season in order to be eligible for the Canadian National or Invitational Competitions.
- c) Players wishing to play in a province or jurisdiction other than their home province or jurisdiction must follow the proper transfer procedures as outlined in this section. A copy of the release documentation must be attached to the player's registration form at the Competitions.
- d) Non-Canadian players shall have residency in a province or jurisdiction twelve (12) months prior to the start of national competitions in order to play with that Member's team.
- e) Overage player exemption to be eligible to play in the U-19 National Competitions. Members may request overage player exemption(s) for the purpose of increasing roster size, not more than allowable, at U-19 National Competitions and not simply strengthening a Provincial Team by bringing in an overage player. An over age player for U-19 is one (1) year overage the age of the U-19 division, thus being 19 years of age in the calendar year in the year of competition. An Overage Player exemption form is required to be submitted to Lacrosse Canada by June 15th and approved by Lacrosse Canada Men's Field Discipline by majority vote to allow the overage player

to participate at U-19 National Competitions. A copy of the approved documentation must be attached to the player's registration form at the Competitions pre-competition meeting. Refer to the Member rating type for the number of overage players allowed for each Member.

- f) The rating of the Member's for Minor Field National Championships are defined as follows:

BC Type 1

AB Type 2

SK Type 2

MB Type 3

ON Type 1

QC Type 3

FNLA Type 2

NB Type 3

NS Type 3

PEI Type 3

NFLD Type 3

Type 1 – 0 Players, Type 2 – 2 players, Type 3 – 5 players

Member rating to be reviewed annually.

INTER-MEMBER TRANSFERS

- a) A participant may move from one Member's jurisdiction to another and be eligible to play Men's Field Lacrosse under the following circumstances:
- i. Participant who has signed an Member certificate or registration for men's field lacrosse for the current year or previous year must obtain a Lacrosse Canada inter-member release from the club with whom they have signed, and an inter-member transfer approved by the Member's involved and Lacrosse Canada prior to commencing play in the receiving Member.

- ii. Any player who makes a permanent residence change from one Member's jurisdiction to another prior to July 15th of the current season must be granted a release from their prior team upon request.
- iii. A participant who has not signed a Member certificate or registration in either the current year or past year may sign with any Member.
- iv. No Member shall permit any participant from another Member to play within its jurisdiction unless that participant has obtained an inter-member release or an inter-member transfer approved by the respective parties. Violation of this policy shall be referred to Lacrosse Canada *Sport Integrity Discipline Policy*.
- v. All conditions relating to transfers must be completed and signed by all parties and filed with Member's and Lacrosse Canada Head Office prior to final approval.
- vi. Any player who moves to another Member's jurisdiction must first obtain a release from his Member prior to playing in the receiving Member verifying the current status of the participant in the departing Member. The verification of status from the departing Member will indicate if the participant left in good standing. Outstanding obligations or suspensions and sanctions must be indicated on the transfer form. The verification of the registration by the receiving Member is a confirmation of the registration.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

a) Age Categories

- i. Eligibility to compete in programs of Lacrosse Canada and its Member is governed by the age limits for each category as established by the Discipline.
- ii. Recognizing that some Members register players in 2 different age programs within their respective jurisdiction, Competition will be structured in the following categories within their respective jurisdiction:

Men's Field Age Groups	
Categories	Age
U19	17 and 18
U17	15 and 16

U15	13 and 14
U13	11 and 12
U11	9 and 10
U9	7 and 8
U7	5 and 6
Men's Field Age Groups	
Categories	Age
Masters	35 and over
Senior	19+

- iii. Age is determined to be the age of a player that they will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. Calendar year is January 1st to December 31st of any given year. Example: for U19, player cannot turn 19 at any time during the calendar year to be eligible.
- iv. For a team to be eligible to compete for the Victory Trophy they must have no more than 5 (five) Division 1 players on their team. A Division 1 player is defined as a player who has played in the current calendar year on any of the following:
 - a. Member of the Canadian, US or Iroquois National Team
 - b. National Lacrosse League team,
 - c. Major Lacrosse League team,
 - d. An NCAA men's lacrosse team.

b) *Member Ratings*

- i. A Rating is set by the Men's Field Lacrosse Discipline and it identifies a type of team that an Member may send to Lacrosse Canada National Championships or Competitions. The three Types of teams are:
 - a. Type 1 Team: A club with allowance to pick up players from a lower category affiliated team.
 - b. Type 2 Team: A club with allowance to pick up a maximum three (3) player from the same category and maximum three (3) players from a lower category affiliated team.
 - c. Type 3 Team: An all star or select team in which all players in a given category are eligible. The players must be duly registered with the Member, which they represent.

Women's Field Discipline Regulations

RULES OF PLAY

- a) All games and competitions under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada shall be governed by the International Lacrosse Rules as issued by World Lacrosse (WL), with specific exceptions as listed in this Manual.
- b) All playing rules pertaining to competitions under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada shall be binding on all Members. All regulations, resolutions and their interpretations, made or adopted by Lacrosse Canada shall be binding on all Members.
- c) Changes to the specific exceptions referred to in 20.1.1 must follow the procedure as outlined in Section 3.8.3 – Amendments to Regulations Related to Rules of Play. Rule changes as issued by WL must follow the procedure as outlined in Section 3.8.4 – Amendments to Field Lacrosse Regulations Related to Rules of Play as proposed by World Lacrosse.

COMPETITION STRUCTURE

- a) *Age Categories*
 - i. Eligibility to compete in programs of Lacrosse Canada and its Members is governed by the age limits for each category as established by the Discipline.
 - ii. Competition will be structured in the following categories:

Category	Age
Masters	35+
Senior	19+
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U11	9 and 10
U9	7 and 8
U7	5 and 6

- iii. Age is determined to be the age of a player that they will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. Calendar year is January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Example: for U19, player cannot turn 19 at any time during the calendar year to be eligible.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) Players must be registered with their respective Members by the guidelines established in each Member. In order to be eligible to play in a National Championship Tournament, the player must be registered with the Member no later than one (1) month prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- b) Players wishing to play in a Member or jurisdiction other than their home Member or jurisdiction must follow the proper transfer as outlined in this section. A copy of the release documentation must be attached to the player's registration form at the tournament.

- c) Non-Canadian players must have residency in a province or jurisdiction six (6) months prior to the start of national championships in order to play with that Member's team.

INTER-MEMBER TRANSFERS

- a) A participant may move from one Member's jurisdiction to another and be eligible to play Lacrosse under the following circumstances.
 - i. A participant who has signed an Member certificate or registration for the current year must obtain a Lacrosse Canada inter-member release from the club with whom they have signed, and an inter-member transfer approved by the Members involved and Lacrosse Canada prior to commencing play in the receiving Member.
 - ii. A participant who has not signed a Member certificate or registration for the current year must obtain an inter-member transfer, prior to commencing of play in the receiving province, verifying the current status of the participant by the Member involved. Such verification to be provided not later than fourteen (14) days from receipt of the transfer request. The verification of status by the departed Member will indicate if the participant left in good standing. Outstanding obligations or suspensions and sanctions must be indicated on the transfer form. The verification of the registration by the receiving Member is a confirmation of the registration.
 - iii. Where a player has requested a transfer or release and been refused, (a non-response by Member to a properly submitted release or transfer request shall be considered a refusal), the player may appeal through the Lacrosse Canada Transfer Review Committee. The receiving Member may submit the application the appeal on behalf of the participant, supplying copies of all required and requested documentation.
- b) A participant who has not signed a Member certificate or registration in either the current year or past year may sign with any Member.
- c) No Member shall permit any participant from another Member to play within its jurisdiction unless that participant has obtained an inter-member transfer approved by Lacrosse Canada. Violation of this procedure may be subject to discipline per Lacrosse Canada's *Sport Integrity Discipline Policy* with a recommended fine of up to \$1,000 and suspension of the party(s) responsible for the balance of the current season.
- d) No team from any Member may lose more than one (1) player by transfer in any one year. The one player per year rule does not apply to the following type of transfer/release:

- i. Any player who is transferred/released on a bonafide transfer
 - ii. Player directly released as a result of negotiations between two teams
 - iii. Players who have not signed registration cards in either the current or past year
 - iv. Player who resides in the receiving province at February 1st of the current year.
- e) All conditions relating to transfers must be completed and signed by all parties and filed with Members and Lacrosse Canada prior to final approval.

* Any fifth year coach must be Comp-Intro In-Training; any sixth year coach must be Comp-Intro Trained. Sixes Discipline Regulations

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- c) Changes to the specific exceptions referred to in 21.1.1 must follow the procedure as outlined in Section 3.8.3 – Amendments to Regulations Related to Rules of Play. Rule changes as issued by WL must follow the procedure as outlined in Section 3.8.4 – Amendments to Field Lacrosse Regulations Related to Rules of Play as proposed by World Lacrosse.

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- iii. Age is determined to be the age of a player that they will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. Calendar year is January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Example: for U19, player cannot turn 19 at any time during the calendar year to be eligible.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) Players must be registered with their respective Members by the guidelines established in each Member. In order to be eligible to play in a National Championship Tournament, the player must be registered with the Member no later than one (1) month prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- b) Players wishing to play in a Member or jurisdiction other than their home Member or jurisdiction must follow the proper transfer as outlined in this section. A copy of the release documentation must be attached to the player's registration form at the tournament.
- c) Non-Canadian players must have residency in a province or jurisdiction six (6) months prior to the start of national championships in order to play with that Member's team.

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- a) A participant may move from one Member's jurisdiction to another and be eligible to play Lacrosse under the following circumstances.
 - i. A participant who has signed a Member certificate or registration for the current year must obtain a Lacrosse Canada inter-member release from the club with whom they have signed, and an inter-member transfer approved by the Members involved and Lacrosse Canada prior to commencing play in the receiving Member.
 - ii. A participant who has not signed a Member certificate or registration for the current year must obtain an inter-member transfer, prior to commencing of play in the receiving province, verifying the current status of the participant by the Member involved. Such verification to be provided not later than 14 days from receipt of the transfer request. The verification of status by the departed Member will indicate if the participant left in good standing. Outstanding obligations or suspensions and sanctions must be indicated on the transfer form. The verification of the registration by the receiving Member is a confirmation of the registration.
 - iii. Where a player has requested a transfer or release and been refused, (a non-response by Member to a properly submitted release or transfer request shall be considered a refusal), the player may appeal through the Lacrosse Canada Appeal Policy. The receiving Member may render the appeal on behalf of the participant, supplying copies of all required documentation. Upon notification of appeal, each involved team shall be responsible to forward \$500.00 to Lacrosse Canada Head Office. The winner of the appeal shall have their \$500.00 returned.
- b) A participant who has not signed a Member certificate or registration in either the current year or past year may sign with any Member.
- c) No Member shall permit any participant from another Member to play within its jurisdiction unless that participant has obtained an inter-member transfer approved by Lacrosse Canada. Violation of this procedure may be subject to discipline per Lacrosse Canada's *Sport Integrity Discipline Policy* with a recommended fine of up to \$1,000 and suspension of the party(s) responsible for the balance of the current season.
- d) No team from any Member may lose more than one (1) player by transfer in any one year. The one player per year rule does not apply to the following type of transfer/release:
 - i. Any player who is transferred/released on a bonafide transfer.

- ii. Player directly released as a result of negotiations between two teams.
- iii. Players who have not signed registration cards in either the current or past year.
- iv. Player who resides in the receiving province on February 1st of the current year.

All conditions relating to transfers must be completed and signed by all parties and filed with Members and Lacrosse Canada prior to final approval.

D. ATHLETES

Section D of this document is considered to be 'Regulations' (unless otherwise indicated) and may be amended per the procedure described in [Amendments to Regulations](#)

Participant Eligibility

REGISTRATION WITH MEMBER

- a) All players, coaches, managers, trainers, other team personnel, and officials are required to be registered with the Member which has jurisdiction for their area of residence. Participants may be registered with only one (1) Member per Discipline at any time, in accordance with Discipline policy. A participant may transfer between Members during the year, subject to the regulations on registration deadlines in the Discipline and the regulations on inter-member transfers.
- b) Domestically and internationally, no registered, Junior and under participant may play or participate in any non-approved competition, namely any competitions non-approved by World Lacrosse or any of its National Governing Bodies (NGB) including Lacrosse Canada (Lacrosse Canada), and Members without first obtaining the permission of their Lacrosse Canada Member. Any participation in non-sanctioned events will result in loss of eligibility for all National Championships and Team Canada events.
- c) No team or official may play or participate outside of Canada (except within the First Nations) without first obtaining the permission of their Member. At least 7 days prior to travel, the Member shall inform Lacrosse Canada, in writing, in the form (Appendix 25-20) required by Lacrosse Canada, by providing a list of all participants, including but not limited to players and bench personnel and confirm that all coaches traveling with the team meet the current Lacrosse Canada standards for coaching.
- d) Teams not under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada shall not be permitted to play or participate in a league or event under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada or Member unless permission is given by the governing body of such team, Lacrosse Canada and the Member under whose jurisdiction the league or event is being operated.
- e) No provincial teams traveling outside or within Canada shall refer to themselves as Team Canada. Team Canada refers to only sanctioned and officially recognized Canadian National Teams operated under the jurisdiction of Lacrosse Canada.
- f) Failure to comply with this policy shall constitute an offence and any alleged violation may be subject to discipline per Lacrosse Canada's *Sport Integrity Discipline Policy*.

- g) Deadlines for registration to be eligible for provincial play are set by the governing Member.
- h) Deadlines for registration to be eligible for national competitions are set by the governing Discipline of Lacrosse Canada.

INTER-MEMBER AGREEMENTS

- a) A club or local association may have membership in one (1) Member only, as determined by the political borders of Canada or Member boundaries approved by Lacrosse Canada. Notwithstanding this policy, Lacrosse Canada under its mandate recognizes the responsibility to support initiatives for regional development. In order to have a viable playing arrangement, a club or association may have to play outside its Member's borders. Lacrosse Canada accepts the existence of bi-partisan agreements which, in order to promote or support regional development, establishes inter-member arrangements.
- b) It is under the jurisdiction of the Members to negotiate the terms of such an agreement. Any and all such agreements must be filed in writing with Lacrosse Canada prior to the development of playing schedules. Where such agreements involve competition at a level which has implications for national championships, the agreement must be approved by the Directors of Lacrosse Canada prior to implementation.
- c) These agreements are negotiated between the clubs and their governing Members. Lacrosse Canada recognizes Member's authority to negotiate in these matters and therefore there is no right of appeal to Lacrosse Canada. Disputes must be resolved with the appeal process of the Members.

E. COACHES

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP)

- a) The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) established the NCCP which is a coach training and certification program for sixty-five (65) different sports.
- b) NCCP workshops are designed to meet the needs of all types of coaches, from the first-time coach to the head coach of a national team.
- c) The NCCP is the recognized national standard for coach training and certification in Canada. As part of the program, all coaches are trained in ethical decision-making and sport safety.
 - i. Lacrosse Canada currently offers coaching programs in three different contexts. 1 – Community Development, 2 – Competition Introduction and 3 – Competition Development. Coaching requirements are based on the age and stage of development of the athletes coached.
 - ii. Coaches must be 16 years old or older to become certified. Coaches may enter the pathway at 14 years old. However they will be identified as “Under 16” in their NCCP Locker transcript.
- d) The NCCP program consists of three coach status’.
 - i. In Training – the coach has started the learning in the appropriate context
 - ii. Trained - the coach has completed all necessary training (sport specific and multi-sport modules)
 - iii. Certified - the coach has completed all necessary training and has successfully completed the evaluation process appropriate to the context. **Please note – no certified status exists for Community Development – for this context ‘trained status’.

20.1.d.iii.1 All Coaches Competition Introduction Coaches) will require an evaluation within 2 years of

20.1.d.iii.2 becoming a coach. The Gradation Process for becoming a certified coach will become 2 calendar years. A first year coach can become trained in Community Development and a second year coach will be required to complete Competition Introduction and have an evaluation completed. All coaches who have previously obtained Trained Status (prior to the 2026 year) at the

Competition Introduction level, would require an Evaluation to be permitted on the bench at any level by January 2nd 2027. Coaches attending a National Championship would require certified status within their second year of becoming a coach, regardless of when they took their Competition Introduction Course. Batch Evaluations can be requested through Lacrosse Canada for approval. Batch Evaluations would allow for multiple coaches to become evaluated during a training block. Virtual Submissions can also be completed by sending in all required materials to the Technical Coordinator with Lacrosse Canada. Coaches would only require 1 evaluation to become certified, they do not need to become certified in every discipline.

- iv. Coaches with Certified Non-Renewed Status will not be eligible on the bench until they have completed the required Professional Development Points and their status moves back into Certified Status.
 - v. Coaches at all levels of certification would be required to complete the Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation to be on the bench.
- e) The development of the program and training of Master Coach Developers (MCD) is a Lacrosse Canada responsibility. The training of the Learning Facilitators (LF) and delivery is a shared responsibility of Lacrosse Canada and the Members. Members without MCD's within their region can request assistance with their training requirements from Lacrosse Canada or another Member.
- i. The minimum standards for coaches to be trained as Learning Facilitators are laid out in Lacrosse Canada's NCCP Manual. When a Member wishes to train new Learning Facilitators, they must first provide the list of candidates to Lacrosse Canada office for confirmation that they meet the minimum requirements to become an LF. This list will be reviewed by Lacrosse Canada's Technical Director. The Technical Staff of Lacrosse will review requests for additional Coach Developers on a bi-annual basis. All criteria of the CD must be met in order to enter the pathway.

LEARNING FACILITATOR



All Learning Facilitators across all disciplines will be required to:

- Complete a Yearly Service Level Agreement with Lacrosse Canada and submit to Rachael McKinnon.
- Attend 2 Learning Facilitator Professional Development Sessions over a 2 year period (starting December 2025)
- Complete all required trainings in the LF Pathway to be part of the Active LF Roster.
- All Certified Status Credentials must remain active. Any Non-Renewed credentials within Lacrosse will not be permitted and the LF will be removed from the Active Facilitator List until credentials are in good standing.
- All LFs must deliver a minimum of 2 in person and/or 2 virtual session over a duration of 2 years. (Each Session counts as a delivery. (ex: Community Development Core (counts as 1), Community Development Sixes (counts as 1).

COACH EVALUATOR



All Coach Evaluators across all disciplines will be required to:

- Complete a Yearly Service Level Agreement with Lacrosse Canada and submit to Rachael McKinnon.
- Attend 1 Coach Evaluator Professional Development Sessions over a 2 year period (starting December 2025)
- Complete all required trainings in the CE Pathway to be part of the Active CE Roster.
- All Certified Status Credentials must remain active. Any Non-Renewed credentials within Lacrosse will not be permitted and the CE will be removed from the Active Evaluator List until credentials are in good standing.

MASTER COACH DEVELOPERS



All Master Coach Developers will be required to:

- Complete a Yearly Service Level Agreement with Lacrosse Canada and submit to Rachael McKinnon.
- Attend 1 MCD Professional Development Session and 2 LF Professional Development Sessions over a 2 year period (starting December 2025)
- Complete all required trainings in the CE Pathway to be part of the Active MCD Roster.
- All Certified Status Credentials must remain active. Any Non-Renewed credentials within Lacrosse will not be permitted and the MCD will be removed from the Active MCD List until credentials are in good standing.
- All MCDs must deliver a minimum of 2 in person and/or 2 virtual sessions over a duration of 2 years. (Each Session counts as a delivery. (ex: Community Development Core (counts as 1), Community Development Sixes (counts as 1).

- f) For Community Development, a coach is considered trained once they have attended a clinic.
- i. For Competitive Introduction, a coach is considered “in-training” once he or she attends the appropriate clinic. Once this coach has successfully completed the appropriate online workbook on Lacrosse Canada’s coaching website www.nccp.lacrosse.ca as well as the online module *Making Head Way*, they are

considered “trained”. A coach wishing to be considered “certified” must complete the online module *Make Ethical Decisions* and complete the additional evaluations as set down by the CAC.

- ii. For the purposes of the national coaching certification program, year one is defined as the year that a coach first takes a clinic in a specific context (community development, competitive introduction, etc) and discipline (box, men’s field, women’s field). If a coach takes a clinic again, they do not revert back to year one.
- g) Lacrosse Canada NCCP is based upon the belief that every athlete deserves a certified coach. The NCCP trains coaches to implement a safe, welcoming and progressive environment appropriate to the age and stage of development of all participants. Lacrosse Canada is committed to enhancing the effectiveness of all levels of coaches in each of the Disciplines of Lacrosse Canada.

REVISION CYCLE FOR COACHING REQUIREMENTS

Coaching Requirements and Minimum Coaching Standards will be reviewed before January of the following year to ensure alignment across all coaching clinics within the calendar year. If Lacrosse Canada partners require any changes outside of this timeline, an update will be communicated to all Member Associations

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS FOR ALL LEARNING FACILITATORS, COACH DEVELOPERS AND MASTER COACH DEVELOPERS

1. Learning Facilitators, Coach Evaluators and Master Coach Developers providing a Service Level Agreement to Lacrosse Canada in 2 year cycles beginning December 2025. All agreements can be submitted to the Technical Coordinator to be added to the Approved Active Learning Facilitator List, Active Coach Evaluator list and Active Master Coach Developer List.
2. Learning Facilitators are required to be certified in the discipline above what they are delivering in. The only exception here is for LFs who are not certified in Competition Development, where it is not being offered until 2026. Learning Facilitators must complete the Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation, Core Training and a Content-Specific Training for each context that they are facilitating (ie: Community Development, Competition Introduction, Competition Development). Lacrosse Canada is looking to supplement content specific offerings for more accessibility as we enter the 2026 clinic season.
3. Coach Evaluators must complete Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation, Coach Evaluator Core Training and Content Specific Training on the context they are evaluating. Lacrosse Canada is looking to supplement content specific offerings for more accessibility as we enter the 2026 clinic season.

4. Master Coach Developers must complete the Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation, LF/CE/MCD Core Training and Content Specific Training

NATIONAL COACH REGISTRATION

- a) All lacrosse coaches registered with a Member shall be registered with Lacrosse Canada. Cost of said registration shall be determined by the Committee and ratified by the Directors of Lacrosse Canada. Deadline for registration shall be the September 1st of each playing year.
- b) Registration applies to all disciplines and all divisions of play.
- c) Registration can be in the form of a hard copy or by electronic means as outlined in mutual agreements between the Head Office and the Member.

MINIMUM CERTIFICATION STANDARDS



MINIMUM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026 CALENDAR YEAR

Category	Club Minimum	Provincial Team Minimum Standard	National Teams Minimum Standard
U7	Community Initiation Trained	N/A	N/A
U9	Community Initiation Trained	N/A	N/A
House League	Recommend: Community Initiation trained	N/A	N/A
U11	Community Development Trained	N/A	N/A
U13	Community Development Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
U15	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
U17	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Canada Summer Games	N/A	Competition Development Certified	N/A
U19	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Junior	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
Senior	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified	N/A
National Teams	N/A	N/A	Box - Competition Development Certified M/W Field - Competition Introduction Certified Sixes - in development

*Please refer to the Gradation Process as it is now 2 years.

- a) The standards are reviewed on a yearly basis and recommendations for alteration of the minimum standards will be reviewed by Lacrosse Canada along with the appropriate discipline steering group.
- b) Coaches who fail to meet the minimum standards outlined per 22.6.1 will be considered suspended by Lacrosse Canada and no longer able to coach.
- c) Non-Canadian Coaching staff utilized by teams representing Lacrosse Canada at International events must be verified to ensure they are recognized coaches in their country of origin and the International Governing Body responsible for the appropriate discipline.

Course Requirements		Community Development Trained	Competition Introduction Trained	Competition Introduction Certified
Community Development Core		✓		
Community Development - Box Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Box Lacrosse		
Community Development - Sixes Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Sixes Lacrosse		
Community Development - Women's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Women's Field Lacrosse		
Community Development - Men's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical		Required for Coaching Men's Field Lacrosse		
Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation		✓		
Making Head Way in Sport		✓		
Understanding the Rule of Two		✓		
Emergency Action Plan		✓		
Competition Introduction Core			✓	
Competition Introduction - Box Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Box Lacrosse	
Competition Introduction - Sixes Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Sixes Lacrosse	
Competition Introduction - Women's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Women's Field Lacrosse	
Competition Introduction - Men's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical			Required for Coaching Men's Field Lacrosse	
Mental Health in Sport			✓	
Safe Sport Training			✓	
Competition Introduction Portfolio and Evaluation				✓



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The Competition Introduction Portfolio and Evaluation must be completed by an Active Coach Developer with Lacrosse Canada.

Reminders - Updates to the Gradation Process effective January 1 2026

1st Year Coach - Community Development Core and Community Development Technical/Tactical of the Discipline they are coaching.

2nd Year Coach - Competition Introduction Course and Evaluation/Portfolio

Course Requirements	Competition Development In-Training	Competition Development Trained	Competition Development Certified
Competition Development Part 1 	✓		
Coaching and Leading Effectively		✓	
Developing Athletic Abilities		✓	
Psychology of Sport		✓	
Performance Planning 		✓	
Leading Drug-Free Sport		✓	
Prevention and Recovery		✓	
Competition Development Part 2 		✓	
Detect and Analyze - Sixes Lacrosse Technical/Tactical 			✓
Detect and Analyze - Box Lacrosse Technical/Tactical 			✓
Detect and Analyze - Women's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical 			✓
Detect and Analyze - Men's Field Lacrosse Technical/Tactical 			✓
Managing Conflict Online Evaluation			✓
Competition Development Portfolio 			✓
Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation			✓
Competition Development Observation In training 			✓
Competition Development Observation In competition 			✓
Leading Drug Free Sport Evaluation			✓



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The Competition Development Portfolio must be submitted to Lacrosse Canada for approval, prior to an evaluation taking place.

A coach must be certified in Competition Introduction prior to being accepted into the Competition Development Workshops.

DIRECT TO EVALUATION PROCESS

The Direct to Evaluation Processes are only permitted for current National Team Coaches. A panel will review the competencies of the identified National Team Staff in consultation with the Coaching Association of Canada.

MANUALS

- a) The main component of the certification program is the system of instructional and educational manuals for each level of the certification program. This system is divided into three categories:
 - i. Coach's Manuals (educational and reference manuals for coaches' use); and
 - ii. Learning Facilitator's Manuals (to assist in the delivery of certification courses) including appropriate Overheads.
- i. Discipline.

F. OFFICIALS

NATIONAL OFFICIATING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NOCP)

- a) The NOCP is a comprehensive system of theoretical, technical and practical information which is intended to provide the basic ingredients to officiate Lacrosse in Canada.
- b) The program is designed to educate and upgrade officials through instruction, observation and evaluation. The goals of the program are to:
 - i. Recruit new officials;
 - ii. Develop the abilities of the existing officials;
 - iii. Standardize the methods and techniques of officiating;
 - iv. Offer recognition for achievements.
- c) Under the auspices of Lacrosse Canada, the NOCP operates to identify, develop and accredit Canadian officials for competitive and developmental programs up to National and International levels.
- d) *Box Official-in-Charge*
 - i. This person shall be recommended by the Box Lacrosse Discipline Steering Group in consultation with Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff for a two (2) year term each ODD numbered year and be ratified by the Board of Directors.
 - ii. Responsibilities of the position include:
 - a. Developing and maintaining an Officials Development and Certification program for the Box Discipline;
 - b. Administering the Officiating component of the national championships for the Box Discipline;
 - c. Administering and coordinating the International component of the Officiating program for the Box Discipline as required;
 - d. Sitting as a member of the Box Steering Group reporting to and being accountable to the Discipline Lead and Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff.

e) *Men's Field Official-in-Charge*

- iii. Person shall be recommended by the Men's Field Lacrosse Discipline in consultation with Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff for a two (2) year term each even numbered year and be ratified by the Board of Directors.
- iv. Responsibilities of the position include:
 - a. Developing and maintaining an Officials Development and Certification program for the Men's Field Discipline;
 - b. Administering the Officiating component of the national championships for the Men's Field Discipline;
 - c. Administering and coordinating the International component of the Officiating program for the Men's Field Discipline as required;
 - d. Sitting as a member of the Men's Field Steering Group and being accountable to the Discipline Lead and Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff.

f) *Women's Field Official-in-Charge (OIC)*

- i. This person shall be recommended by Lacrosse Canada Women's Field Lacrosse Discipline in consultation with Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff for a two (2) year term each even numbered year and be ratified by Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors.
- ii. Responsibilities of the position include:
 - a. Developing and maintaining an Officials Development and Certification program for the Women's Field Discipline;
 - b. Administering the Officiating component of the national championships for the Women's Field Discipline;
 - c. Administering and coordinating the International component of the Officiating program for the Women's Field Discipline as required;
 - d. Sitting as a member of the Women's Field Steering Group and being accountable to the Women's Field Discipline Steering Group Lead and Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff.

g) *Sixes Official-in-Charge (OIC)*

- i. This person shall be recommended by Lacrosse Canada Sixes Lacrosse Discipline in consultation with Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff for a two (2)

year term each odd numbered year and be ratified by Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors.

ii. Responsibilities of the position include:

- a. Developing and maintaining an Officials Development and Certification program for the Sixes Discipline;
- b. Administering the Officiating component of the national championships for the Sixes Discipline;
- c. Administering and coordinating the International component of the Officiating program for the Sixes Discipline as required;
- d. Sitting as a member of the Sixes Steering Group and being accountable to the Sixes Discipline Steering Group Lead and Lacrosse Canada Staff.

h) *NOCP Technical Steering Group*

- i. An NOCP Technical Steering Group will be created to complete tasks assigned to it.
- ii. The members of this Steering Group will be appointed by Lacrosse Canada Technical Staff.
- iii. This Steering Group will report back to the Officials Committee.
- iv. The responsibilities of the NOCP Technical Steering Group include:
 - a. Continuous upgrading of technical material for the National Officiating Certification Program;
 - b. Ensure word smithing of rules is correct to eliminate confusion and ensure proper administration;
 - c. Continuous upgrading of current situations of Rules of Play as required;
 - d. Annual review of all documentation/forms placed on Lacrosse Canada website for officiating.
- i) The Steering Group is responsible for working with Lacrosse Canada staff to develop:
 - i. Program planning;
 - ii. Technical materials;

- iii. Monitoring and maintaining the national database as defined in this section;
- iv. Setting priorities on tasks identified in conjunction with the committees;
- v. Budget submissions;
- vi. Communications with Member heads of officiating or Officials in Charge (OIC);
- vii. Assisting the Members in the development of program delivery;
- viii. Recommendations to Lacrosse Canada Technically Staff and the Discipline Steering Group on officiating development, certification and program delivery;
- ix. Generating funds through specific projects to support the activities and functions of the Officiating Program;
- x. Recognizing Official's excellence through an Official's Recognition Program.

OFFICIATING ONLINE PLATFORM

- a) The national database is a comprehensive listing of all officials across the country and in all Disciplines. The database will list all pertinent information regarding the officials including:
 - i. Ratings;
 - ii. Activity;
 - iii. Dates of upgrading;
 - iv. Supervisory commentary;
 - v. Contact information.
- b) The database will provide a guide for resource and needs assessment as well as provide a statistical and communications base for the Officiating Program.

OFFICIALS TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) See the National Championships section of this manual.

OFFICIALS TO INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

- a) Within Canada, certification at the international level may only be awarded by the Officials Committee under the established guidelines for the appropriate Discipline.
- b) *World Indoor (Box) Championships*

i. Lacrosse Canada's Technical Coordinator and the High-Performance Lead shall appoint the officials for any International Championship/Competitions. All officials must have the following qualifications:

- a. Must be able to obtain a Canadian passport
- b. Previous experience officiating at comparable competition level
- c. Registered in the NOCP Data Bank
- d. Certified Lacrosse Canada official in the current year
- e. Meet WL eligibility rules for officiating
- f. Recommended by the Member

(1) In the event an Member does not have an RDC/Officials' Association for that jurisdiction, the OIC has the authority to recommend individuals.

- g. Approved by Lacrosse Canada OIC of that Discipline
- h. Criminal record check acquired within one year of departure to the event

c) *Worlds Lacrosse Men's Field approved International Officials List (For events such as the World Championships)*

i. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following persons:

- a. Technical Coordinator; and
- b. High Performance Lead.

(1) If any of the above are not available, Lacrosse Canada's Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement.

ii. Eligibility

- a. Candidates must be registered and in good standing with a Member.
- b. Candidates must be an active participant in the Officiating Program within the Member and their application must be approved by the Member. There is no limit to the number of candidates a Member may recommend subject to the eligibility criteria.
- c. Candidates must be certified at level 4 or higher for Men's Field.

- d. Candidates must meet WL eligibility rules for officiating.

iii. Selection Process

- a. Member's will be notified of the request for eligible candidates by the Men's Field Discipline Official-in-Charge by March 31 each year.
- b. The prospective candidates are to submit an application form with Member approval, and may be asked to submit a registration fee, to Lacrosse Canada Head Office by April 30 prior to their tryout.
- c. Lacrosse Canada Head Office will forward the list of all candidates to the Selection Committee as defined in this Section.
- d. The Selection Committee shall review the list of recommended candidates and select candidates to attend a selection camp which shall be held in conjunction with at least one of the following events:
 - (1) First Nations/Alumni Cup
 - (2) Ross Cup/Victory Cup
 - (3) The final selection camp of the team being chosen to compete in the upcoming world championship.
 - (4) Other events approved by the Selection Committee.
- e. Selected candidates may be asked to cover some or all of the cost of their own travel and accommodations to attend the camp.
- f. The selection committee will appoint assessors to conduct the necessary testing and assessments. After the selection camp, the assessments and test results will be submitted to the Selection Committee for their review and final selection. Final selections will then be ratified by the Board of Directors.
- g. The selected candidates shall be notified in writing by Lacrosse Canada Head Office before October 31 following the selection camp. Such notification shall also contain any conditions and financial commitments required of the selected candidates.
- h. Selected candidates must have a criminal record check completed within 6 months after their selection.
 - (1) Any fees required to obtain a criminal record check will have to be paid by the candidate.

(2) If a criminal record is found, Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors (or designate) will review it and reserves the right to remove the candidate from participation. Any costs incurred to date would be the responsibility of the candidate, not Lacrosse Canada.

(3) If any criminal charges are brought against a candidate after they've been selected, or they violate Lacrosse Canada's policies, Lacrosse Canada reserves the right to submit a complaint against the candidate per Lacrosse Canada's policies and/or to remove that candidate from participation and determine who is responsible for any costs incurred to date.

- i. The candidates' acceptance must be received at Lacrosse Canada Head Office by November 15 following the selection camp.
- j. Letters of regret to unsuccessful candidates shall be sent by Lacrosse Canada Head Office by November 15 following the selection camp.
- k. Selected officials shall remain on the approved international officials list for 3 years from the selection camp attended, assuming eligibility conditions (mentioned above) are maintained. Therefore, an official that was added to the approved list in 2022 would continue to be approved for events occurring until 2025. To maintain a spot on the list beyond 2025 an official would have to take part in another selection camp in 2025.
- l. The Approved International Officials List will be submitted to World Lacrosse. World Lacrosse will select officials from the list for their events.

d) *World Women's Field Championships (Senior and U19)*

i. The Selection Committee shall consist of the following persons:

- a. Technical Coordinator; and
- b. High Performance Lead.

(1) If any of the above are not available, Lacrosse Canada's Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement.

ii. Eligibility

- a. Candidates must be registered and in good standing with a Member.
- b. Candidates must be an active participant in the Officiating Program within the Member and their application must be approved by the Member. There is

no limit to the number of candidates a Member may recommend subject to the eligibility criteria.

- c. Candidates must be certified at level 3 or higher for Women's Field for the U19 Championships and a WL International rating for the Senior Championships.
- d. Candidates must have officiated at a Senior or Junior National or Provincial Championship in the year prior to or during the selection year. (e.g. for selection in 2017, the candidate must have officiated at a national or Provincial championship in 2015/2016.)
- e. Candidates must meet WL eligibility rules for officiating.

iii. Selection Process

- a. Members will be notified of the request for eligible candidates by the Women's Field Discipline Official in Charge by March 31 one year prior to the year of the competition. (e.g. for the 2017 Worlds, notice to be sent by March 31, 2016.)
- b. The prospective candidates are to submit an application form with Member approval, and may be asked to submit a registration fee, to Lacrosse Canada Head Office by April 30 of the year prior to the competition. (e.g. for the 2017 Worlds, submitted by April 30, 2016.)
 - (1) On their application, candidates must divulge whether they have a criminal record and if they have any pending criminal charges.
- c. Lacrosse Canada Head Office will forward the list of all candidates to the Selection Committee as defined in this Section.
- d. The Selection Committee shall review the list of recommended candidates and select candidates to attend a selection camp which shall be held in conjunction with an approved event.
- e. Selected candidates may be asked to cover some or all of the cost of their own travel and accommodations to attend the camp.
- f. The selection committee will appoint 2-3 assessors to conduct the necessary testing and assessments. After the selection camp, the assessments and test results will be submitted to the Selection Committee for their review and final selection. Final selections will then be ratified by the Officials Committee.

- g. The selected candidates shall be notified in writing by Lacrosse Canada Head Office before October 1 of the year prior to the year of competition. Such notification shall also contain any conditions and financial commitments required of the selected candidates based on the information that Lacrosse Canada has to date on the specific world event.
- h. Selected candidates must have a criminal record check completed within 6 months after their selection.
 - (1) Any fees required to obtain a criminal record check will have to be paid by the candidate.
 - (2) If a criminal record is found, the Board of Directors (or designate) will review it and reserves the right to remove the candidate from participation. Any costs incurred to date would be the responsibility of the candidate, not Lacrosse Canada.
 - (3) If any criminal charges are brought against a candidate after they've been selected, or they violate Lacrosse Canada's policies, Lacrosse Canada reserves the right to submit a complaint against the candidate per Lacrosse Canada's policies and/or to remove that candidate from participation and determine who is responsible for any costs incurred to date.
- i. The candidates' acceptance must be received at Lacrosse Canada Head Office by October 15 of the year prior to the year of competition.
- j. Letters of regret to unsuccessful candidates shall be sent by Lacrosse Canada Head Office by October 15 of the year prior to the year of competition.
- k. WL will provide Lacrosse Canada a request for nominations of officials for the relevant World event by November 1st of the year prior to the competition. This request may include restrictions on the number of nominations they will accept from the National Federation. Lacrosse Canada will create a ranking list of the selected officials based upon performance in established categories and will provide a list of nominations to WL based on that ranking. Once WL has notified Lacrosse Canada of the final selections, Lacrosse Canada will ensure that each official is contacted with the information of their selection and any details from WL about travel and logistics around the World program for the selected officials at that time.

e) *WL OIC and Deputy OIC Nomination/Selections*

- i. Send out application to Member's to distribute to officials, within Member, for named nominations for the specific position with list of the position roles and responsibilities and qualifications as per WL application form. Application to be posted on Lacrosse Canada website.
 - a. Nominations must include a lacrosse resume.
 - b. Nominations must meet the qualifications of the WL application
 - c. Nominated individuals must be a member, in good standing, of the Member.
 - d. Nominated individuals must be supported by the Member.
 - e. The Member can submit more than one nomination.
- ii. The Selection Committee shall review all nominations and select a candidate from the submitted nominations and send to WL.
 - a. The Selection Committee consists of the following persons:
 - (1) Technical Coordinator and
 - (2) High Performance Lead
 - (3) If applicant is one of the above a member of the Lacrosse Canada Board of Directors would be selected, as a replacement, by the remaining committee members.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International relations regarding officiating should be the responsibility of Lacrosse Canada. This includes representation on international bodies, input and correspondence with international bodies in matters relating to officiating

G. NATIONAL TEAMS

Lacrosse Canada National Team Program Policies and Guidelines have been created to outline the policies, procedures, personnel structure and planning that build the foundation for Lacrosse Canada's National Team Program.

Lacrosse Canada, including, but not limited to, national team staff, team members and partners, are expected to reference this document to understand the operation and management requirements for all National Teams.