

RULES COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Rules Committee is established as a Standing Committee under section 7.3 of the World Lacrosse (WL) Bylaws.

The Committee reports to the WL Board of Directors and the General Assembly (GA) via the Technical Director, who is an ex officio member of the Committee.

PURPOSE

The Committee is responsible for rules activities of WL in support of its Members and Continental Federations (CFs).

1. COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1. The Rules Committee shall consist of the Chair of each Subcommittee plus the Rules Chair.
 - 1.1.1. All positions will be advertised to WL Members.
 - 1.1.2. The Subcommittees shall consist of a maximum of six people each and a minimum of four plus the Subcommittee Chair.
 - 1.1.3. The Rules Chair shall be an ex officio member of each Subcommittee.
- 1.2. The Director of Sport Development will be the lead staff member for this Committee and may attend meetings without voting privilege.

2. SKILLS, QUALITIES AND COMPETENCIES

- 2.1. A detailed position description outlining the profile and competencies of the Chair of the Committee and Subcommittees is used in the nominations and selection process.
- 2.2. Members of the Committee and Subcommittees will need to have the skills, qualities and competencies outlined in Appendix 1. In forming the Committee or Subcommittees, the Chair will seek to balance a range of skills, qualities and competencies, as well as gender and geographic diversity. Appendix 1 will be reviewed annually by the Committee Chair and may change.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1. The Committee is responsible for advising the Technical Director, the Board and the GA and working with them to support the development and implementation of

agreed priorities in the WL Strategic Plan, particularly in relation to the control and review of the rules of the game(s) which are sanctioned and/or delivered by WL.

3.2. In relation to international lacrosse, the Rules Committee and its Subcommittees shall:

- 3.2.1. Manage the regular rule change process, including the development of any required materials for General Assemblies or postal voting by members
- 3.2.2. Liaise with the Board and Members on any received rule change submissions
- 3.2.3. Write clear and concise rules that will be considered by the Members for inclusion in the appropriate World Lacrosse Rule Book
- 3.2.4. Manage the development and publication of the electronic rule book as agreed
- 3.2.5. Manage and ensure the accuracy and timeliness of the rules content on the WL website
- 3.2.6. The Chair of each Rules Subcommittee shall work with its relevant Officiating Committee on the development and implementation of the rules ensuring agreed rule changes are supported with the development of any associated interpretations and policies
- 3.2.7. Work with the Education and Training Committee to assist in the development of learning programs, supporting materials and the development and management of rules tests that may be utilized as part of the officiating pathway
- 3.2.8. Review rules across each discipline to look for opportunities to simplify, clarify and rationalize the playing rules, ensuring the integrity of the discipline is maintained
- 3.2.9. Liaise with the WL Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to understand the impact the playing rules have on player safety and develop rule proposals that may be considered by the Members related to this area
- 3.2.10. Work in conjunction with other WL Committees, Working Groups and Continental Federation Committees in the broader context of WL strategic development objectives

4. OPERATING PROCEDURES

4.1. The Committee will follow the WL General Procedures applicable to all Committees. (see Appendix 2)

5. MEETINGS

5.1. Minutes of all meetings will be circulated to the Committee, the Technical Director, the WL President, who is an ex officio member of all Committees, and the WL Executive Administrative Assistant via the Chair. Any confidential notes intended only for the Committee should therefore be marked as such and kept separately. The Chair will report to the Board and the GA on the outcomes of its meetings via the Technical Director.

5.2. Records (minutes or summary reports) of Committee meetings will be posted on the WL website. Confidential matters will be kept as a separate record.

5.3. A quorum of a minimum of 50% of the Committee shall be required for all meetings. In the absence of the Chair, he/she will appoint a deputy, or the members present will appoint a Chair for that meeting, who will liaise with the Committee Chair.

6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

6.1. The Committee has no delegated authority for decisions or expenditure other than where specifically authorized by the Board.

APPENDIX 1. SKILLS, QUALITIES AND COMPETENCIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE RULES COMMITTEE

The membership of the Rules Committee and Subcommittees will seek to gain a balance of the following amongst its members:

- Rules knowledge and understanding within the sport of lacrosse preferably at an international or elite level with knowledge of two or more disciplines being advantageous
- Strong interpersonal, political and influencing skills with a can-do attitude
- Excellent written and verbal communications skills that can translate concepts to written playing rules
- Excellent IT skills, particularly MS Word creating complex documents with tables, indexes, styles
- Project Management experience
- Willingness to explore new options for delivery of Rules across the game
- Knowledge of the lacrosse competition landscape and willingness to look for and embrace harmonization opportunities across the disciplines
- Experience in a similar role in lacrosse or another sport
- Knowledge and understanding of the rules from other sports

Members of the Rules Committee should aim to uphold the values of World Lacrosse and to encourage these to be upheld across the community.

- Teamwork
- Passion
- Respect
- Integrity
- Friendship
- Inclusiveness



APPENDIX 2. GENERIC PROCEDURES FOR ALL WORLD LACROSSE COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS