

General World Lacrosse Committee Responsibilities

Committee Chairs shall preside over committee meetings and establish the agenda and timing for these meetings.

A committee Chair is responsible for communicating committee activity to the Board by submitting reports according to established policy to the Board member who oversees that particular activity. The Board provides oversight of and direction to each committee based on the strategic priorities of the Board and GA. Committee Chairs are also responsible for participating in the budget process and effectively managing budget allocations. [Repetition of By Law 7.14]

Initially, World Lacrosse will not be able to fully reimburse committee members for the costs associated with attending committee meetings. While some committee support will be incorporated into World Lacrosse's budget, committees should make every effort to stage meetings in conjunction with existing events or GA meetings in order to minimize expense. Based on the nature of committee activity, committee leadership may be asked to attend, in person or electronically, Board meetings, member webinars, Rules Forums and Assemblies or GA meetings from time to time to present proposals and/or respond to questions.

World Lacrosse Committee Composition

World Lacrosse shall have a number of standing committees that will convene regularly either in conjunction with the General Assembly of members, international events or independently (electronically or via conference call). Unless otherwise specified in a committee Terms of Reference, committees shall consist of a chair and no more than six other members. The Technical Committee may each have up to an additional three members (over and above the four referred to previously). The intent of this is to have up to three (3) people from the "non-officiating" community to provide a fuller representation and a balanced view on the rules and any proposed changes.

Committee Appointment(s)

A call for nominations of any committee vacancy (including Chair) shall be circulated to all Member nations and the Board. No more than two committee members, including the Chair, from the same member nation may serve on the same committee at once. Although the quality and commitment of committee members is important, diversity within each committee is strongly encouraged whenever possible e.g. representation from the Athlete's Commission, men's and women's versions of lacrosse as well as geographically.

The Chair of a committee is nominated by the respective Board member, who oversees that particular area of activity, and approved by the Board.

The Chair of each committee and SubCommittee has the responsibility to select/replace members of his/her committee subject to Board approval.

Term

Committee Chairs may serve up to two consecutive four-year terms, but ultimately serve at the direction of the Board. The term for committee members is also four years, and members may also serve up to two consecutive terms at the discretion of the committee chair. However, the terms of the members of each committee may be adjusted by the Board for strategic reasons.

A World Lacrosse Director cannot chair a committee; however, they can be a member of a committee.

Job Specific Roles & Responsibilities

ROLE: **World Lacrosse Rules Chair**

REPORTING TO: World Lacrosse Technical Director

JOB SUMMARY: The Rules Chair is responsible for the effective leadership of the playing rules for all forms of lacrosse recognized by the World Lacrosse. Leading a committee comprised of the three Rules Sub-Committees representing Women's, Men's & Box Lacrosse, and potentially others allied to the game they will work collaboratively to create a consistent approach to development of the rules. They shall ensure athlete safety, integrity, participant satisfaction and fan engagement are considered in the development of the rules. It is envisioned that a Sixes Rules Subcommittee will be constituted 2021/22 and will form part of the Rules Committee

They will work across the game enabling World Lacrosse to achieve its agreed Vision & Mission to grow lacrosse and become an Olympic Sport.

KEY TASKS: Under the direction of the World Lacrosse Technical Director, the Rules Chair and their Committee will:

- Appoint Subcommittee Chairs and Members as required
- Oversee the day-to-day management of the Rules Committee. They shall establish the agenda and timing for Committee meetings and preside over these meetings.
- Manage the World Lacrosse Rule Change Cycle for each of the recognised forms of lacrosse
- Look for opportunities to harmonise and support rules development, their presentation and introduction across the game. Further, works with each Sub-Committee Chair to ensure the relevant rule change process is considered and followed
- Liaise with the World Lacrosse Chief Medical Officer to understand the impact the playing rules have on player safety and works with Sub-Committee Chairs on any rule proposals that may be considered by the members related to this area
- Establish and build relationships with Continental Federations and Member Associations to assist in understanding the needs of the game in the development of World Lacrosse rules.
- Leads on the development of the playing rules for any "new" forms of lacrosse that the Board may consider or approve
- Understands the rules played in professional lacrosse leagues and other sports so that they may be considered by World Lacrosse
- Looks for opportunities to streamline and integrate technology solutions that complement the delivery of the rule change process and oversee the effective implementation of any approved and selected solutions
- Assist the Technical Director with other projects related to the development and implementation of the Technical program
- Suggest ways to continually improve processes and procedures within their scope of work

The following table lists the required skills, experience and knowledge that are necessary to excel in this role.

	Desirable	Essential
Skills		
Strong interpersonal and influencing skills		✓
Strong communication skills		✓
Visionary leader with Team building skills		✓
Excellent organisational and planning skills		✓
Problem solving skills		✓
Excellent English written and spoken language skills, with public speaking and workshop delivery experience an advantage;		✓
Experience		
Practical experience in the drafting of legal, governance or rules in a sporting context. This need not be specific to the drafting of sports rules; however this would be preferable		✓
Practical experience of managing a sports programme at a State/Provincial, National, or International level		✓
Practical experience of managing a lacrosse officiating programme at a State/Provincial, National or International level	✓	
Experience of managing a team remotely		✓
Proven practical Project Management skills	✓	
Practical experience of the use of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, & PowerPoint essential)		✓
Proven organisational ability		✓
Knowledge		
Knowledge and understanding of the game of lacrosse		✓
Knowledge and understanding of the rules of Men's or, Women's, or Box, or Sixes lacrosse		✓
Knowledge of the lacrosse competition landscape	✓	

RULES COMMITTEE

In line with the World Lacrosse Committee Composition guidelines, the committee will be composed of

- World Lacrosse Rules Chair,
- World Lacrosse Men's Rules Chair
- World Lacrosse Women's Rules Chair
- World Lacrosse Women's Rules Chair
- World Lacrosse Sixes Rules Chair (future)
- World Lacrosse Officiating Chair
- Technical Director (Ex Officio)
- Other members allied to the game