



Minutes of the FIL General Assembly
held 9th-10th July 2018
at the West Lagoon Resort, Netanya, Israel

During the course of the meeting Board members and staff were called put to deal with operational issues relating to the 2018 World Championship and as such the minutes in some places are not as extensive as usually expected.
Ron Balls FIL Secretary General

Call to Order 9:35AM by Sue Redfern, President

1. Sue Redfern welcomed all delegates, observers, and guests.

Quorum declared

With 22 Full (voting) members present the meeting was declared as being quorate.
The full attendance list is attached to these minutes.

President's Opening Remarks

The meeting was reminded that at the 2016 General Assembly (GA) it had been agreed to add Independent Directors to the FIL Board by 2020. Sue informed the GA that the need to add the Independent Directors to the FIL Board has been stepped forward with the FIL Board wanting assistance and to provide additional skills to the Board. A private donor had agreed to donate a significant amount money to FIL with the condition that they were able to propose names to the Board for agreement. The FIL Board had held in-depth discussion with the private donor and agreed to the following stipulations with regards to the Independent Directors.

- a. The FIL Board has the right to reject submitted names from the private donor if the suggested individual fails a background check, has offenses filed with Safe Sport, or is not in good standing with any FIL Member.
- b. The Independent Directors will follow all FIL Board conditions as per other Board Members.
- c. The Independent Directors will not be an employee of the private donor or connected to the FIL Board or FIL Committees.

The following motion was proposed and seconded

“Add two Independent Directors to the FIL Board in appointed positions.”

MOTION CARRIED

Sue Redfern continued by reviewing membership changes during the past year noting Chile had been accepted as a members. Applications had been received from Ecuador and Ukraine and would be dealt with by postal vote.

2. Minutes of the last General Assembly (July 2017)

MOTION BY: Uganda

SECONDED BY: Germany

“To accept the 2017 FIL General Assembly Minutes with the correct spelling of Scott Neiss’s name.”

MOTION CARRIED

3. WC2018 Logistics / Accreditation etc. for Delegates / Observers

Scott Neiss thanked everyone and explained that the Delegate and Observer passes are entry for the first game which is Hong Kong versus Luxembourg. There is limited seating on all fields. There will be other games taking place at the same time as the Bronze medal match. Scott encouraged all attendees to use shuttles as parking is very limited.

Scott assured everyone that the heat is taken very seriously, and shade has been provided for all benches. There will be medical personal at each field. The Hydration Policy will be in effect and will be reviewed in detail at the Coaches Meeting. Games before 4pm will be level 2 and games after 4pm will be level 3. He assured everyone that there will be plenty of ice at each game.

4. Reports

International Olympic Committee Recognition – Secretary General Ron Balls

Ron Balls gave a brief history and reminded the GA the application was first considered in October 2014 with SportAccord. Formal application was made to the IOC in August 2016 and subsequently reviewed with the IOC in February of 2017 and is currently being reviewed further by the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAIFS). Additional information was requested by IOC in May 2018. No other information has been given or requested from the IOC and we are in a waiting period.

Olympic Vision Committee – OVC Director Tom Hayes and CEO Jim Scherr

Tom Hayes and Jim Scherr reminded the GA that the process for Olympic inclusion is a very timely and detailed process. The GA was informed that the OVC had been restructured and the appointed chairman was Stan Cockerton. Going forward, it is very important for FIL to add gender and geographic equality. The OVC worked with the CEO on the strategic plan being submitted as well as the capital campaign. There are four phases to a campaign; 1) pre-campaign, 2) quiet phase, 3) public phase, and 4) follow through.

The OVC plans for the upcoming year include the oversight and implementation of the OVC/FIL strategic plan, conduct the quiet phase of the capital campaign, launch the public phase in 2019, recruit and seat the OVC Advisory Board and committees, support IOC lobby efforts and develop promotional efforts for OVC campaign.

Development – Development Director Bob DeMarco

Bob DeMarco reported the past year was outstanding as several members were added from around the world and that there were several emerging nations on the horizon.

New Members: Qatar, Greece, Luxembourg, Chile

Associate to Full Members: Taiwan, Argentina, Belgium

Emerging Nations: Bahamas, Brazil, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Lithuania, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates.

Bob reminded the GA of the requirements to become a “full FIL member”; 1) attend General Assembly, 2) play in a recognized tournament, and then 3) apply for full membership.

Two development clinics have occurred. One in Greece and one in Haiti. One upcoming clinic will be held in Luxembourg in November 2018.

See Attachment 1 for full listing of grants awarded.

Competition – Competition Director Lorna Powell

Lorna Powell thanked the current, past and future hosts of World Events. She also introduced details of the regional qualifiers to the GA and assured all that teams will know well in advance if they will be taking part and gave notice that team plans may have to be moved up by two (2) years. Lorna also announced there will be a new FIL Event Handbook and Bid Handbook. All Handbooks will be extensive and all-inclusive with processes to be harmonized between men’s and women’s events. A calendar of key dates will also be included as well as templates and forms. Lorna invited all GA attendees to participate in the “Blue Skies Re-imagining Lacrosse” workshops. With the need to consider smaller teams for possible Olympic Games inclusion, FIL must look at all aspects of Lacrosse. Lorna emphasized everyone that this exercise can be exciting and inviting to new players.

Technical – Technical Director Don Blacklock

Don Blacklock informed the GA that the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Anti-Doping, Rules and Officials fell under the purview of this director. He announced that a strategic plan, vision, and mission for Officials had been developed and will be implemented going forward. The goal is to increase the level of all officials. He will also be introducing a change to the rules change cycle to ensure they coincide with the appropriate World Championship.

Don introduced the concept of the FIL Officials Development Pathway. This pathway will ensure an officiating program based on competency and will be the same for men and women. Each NGB will own levels 1, 2, and 3. FIL will own levels F1, F2, and F3.

F1 = Senior Regional Competition

F2 = World Competition

F3 = World Competition – Top Level

The timeline is: August 2018 – Proposal sent to NGB’s

September 2018 – Need NGB feedback

November 2018 – Final system presentation

January 2019 – Conversion submission by NGB’s

May 2019 – Start of new system

World Anti-Doping Association (WADA)/Anti-Doping

Don reported that there had been no adverse findings from the 2017 tests/events. He announced FIL will begin ensuring all FIL members have an anti-doping program. This being a WADA and IOC requirement. In addition, he requested each member to

nominate an anti-doping administrator by September 15, 2018. Requirements for Anti-Doping Administrators can be found on the WADA website.

Don reminded the members that countries who are required to file “Team Whereabouts” will need to comply with the dates provided by FIL otherwise sanctions will apply. He also informed the members that WADA is demanding a higher level of governance from its signatories and their members. Adherence to the new European data protection laws and evidence that as an organization we are complying with WADA is required. FIL will be performing spot audits.

Don introduced the GA to Adel, WADA’s new education tool. It can be found at www.wada-ama.org. He informed the GA that FIL will begin to enforce the mandatory anti-doping education requirement for all participants at the 2019 FIL U-19 Women’s Lacrosse World Championship and the 2019 FIL World Indoor Lacrosse Championship and those beyond. Athletes that cannot demonstrate that they have completed the anti-doping education requirement will not be allowed to participate. Don also stated FIL may be changing to individual whereabouts instead of team whereabouts.

Chief Medical Officer

Don announced that Dr. Karen Sutton had been appointed to this position.

Finance – Secretary General Ron Balls

Deferred.

Chief Executive Officer - Jim Scherr

Jim Scherr thanked the Board for the opportunity to be the first FIL CEO. He also thanked the GA and extended an invitation to contact him any time. He reported he has worked on and helped create the strategic and capital campaign plans in conjunction with the OVC, launched sponsorship and media plans for the FIL, and has supported the FIL Board with GDPR and WADA.

For the 2018 FIL Men’s Lacrosse World Championships he has contracted three media team members to be on the ground with an additional three working remotely. By having this media team FIL will be able to generate content for future use. In addition to the media team the FIL FanHub has been developed which is a content aggregation tool that can be accessed across all mobile devices. There will be a daily newsletter on this World Championship and unprecedented media coverage. In response to a question, Jim stated that ESPN will decide when FIL has ownership of the video they shoot. It could be up to or over a year’s time.

A survey will be sent to FIL Members asking for feedback.

5. World Cup 2017 – Guildford, England

Sue Redfern advised that this report was a follow-up from the previous GA.

The ELA submitted all accounts and reports and also reported ticket sales surpassed what was expected by a significant amount. The forecast amount was \$36,000 and the actual amount was \$60,000. Overall cost apportionments were still under consideration.

6. World Games 2017 – Wroclaw, Poland

Mr. Balls reminded the GA that this event immediately followed the 2017 World Cup in Guildford, England. There were 3,292 athletes representing 31 sports with 26 venues being utilized. FIL was informed by The World Games of how many athletes, coaches, support personal, officials, and media we could bring. Additional team management positions had to be paid for.

The FIL Board had approved the 10-A-Side format in 2017 that was used during The World Games competition. There were two pools of three teams. No issues were reported with either the 10-A-Side format or rule modifications.

Observations from IWGA were:

- a) Generally impressed
- b) Speed up the game – field size, number of players, after a goal is scored and restarting the game
- c) Time between games – better flow is needed – shorten the time between games

7. Strategic Plan 2015-18 – Report

Ron Balls advised the GA that the FIL Strategic Plan 2015-18 would be superseded by the next plan. This plan was a mix of a strategic and an operational plan.

Updates were as follows:

Strategic Goal 2 (SG2) “To provide a program of events that showcases the sport, provides relevant competition for players and supports development pathways for players, coaches, officials and volunteers.” – Event participation has increased, and IOC recognition is continuing.

Strategic Goal 3 “To grow and retain people and country involvement in all forms of lacrosse including players, official, coaches and administrators.” – This has been mostly achieved and is still in progress.

Strategic Goal 4 “To maintain the rules of international play for all forms of the sport with an emphasis on fair play, inclusion, safety and sustainability.” – This goal has not been achieved as a whole. The safety committee will be carried forward and the anti-doping education needs to be developed. However, the anti-doping targets were achieved.

Strategic Goal 5 “To market lacrosse and maximize opportunities for exposure and development.” – The brand awareness and the media/PR aspects of this goal will be carried forward.

8. Strategic Plan 2018 – Onwards

Jim Scherr explained to the GA that this plan, when developed, was to demonstrate to potential donors what resources are needed. The scope of this plan is from today through November 2024.

Mr. Scherr communicated the following:

FIL’s strengths include: strong and passionate leadership
lacrosse is a clean sport
no other organization is competing against FIL for Olympic inclusion

FIL's weakness include: IOC does not know who FIL is
FIL's threats include: IOC evolves the process

FIL has a great vision and mission statement that did not need changing. Core values need to be selected by the members. A survey will be sent after the conclusion of the GA.

Jim shared three key strategies.

- 1) Effectively build relationships and successfully present the case of lacrosse to the IOC, Olympic family, and host cities for the Olympic Games.
- 2) Build the brand, popularity, appeal, and growth of lacrosse globally.
- 3) Increase the core competencies of FIL, its Continental Federations, and National Governing Bodies, and management to support the effort.

To help FIL and other International Federations, Jim said that the IOC has a benchmark survey that can be used every year.

This strategic plan includes both milestones and measures to track FIL's success.

In addition to assist with Olympic inclusion, FIL will contract two to four consultants to create a lobby team to lobby FIL and Lacrosse to the IOC.

Jim explained this strategic plan is a 7-year plan and will change from year-to-year and plans to use feedback from the membership going forward.

MOTION BY: Canada

SECONDED BY: England

"To accept the 2018-24 FIL Strategic Plan as presented."

MOTIONED CARRIED

9. Documentation Changes

FIL Constitution:

Ron Balls went through the proposed FIL Board structure proposals (see Attachment 2). There was in-depth discussion on importance of geographical and gender options for Board appointments. The average size of sport boards was also discussed (6-24). President Redfern reported that the FIL Board is in the process of moving duties and responsibilities to staff which with the Board having a more strategic role.

MOTION BY: United States

SECONDED BY: England

"To accept the FIL Constitution changes as presented."

MOTION CARRIED

FIL Bylaws:

Ron led the discussion on the proposed FIL Bylaw changes.

MOTION BY: Sweden

SECONDED BY: Denmark

“Propose Bylaw amendment that the period of four (4) year terms would apply to the newly elected and appointed FIL Board members.”

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Belgium

SECONDED BY: Netherland

“Amended proposal – FIL Board terms will be four (4) years staggered with a maximum of three (3) terms applying to the newly elected today and going forward.”

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Australia

SECONDED BY: Wales

“Accept all FIL bylaw changes as presented not already voted on.”

MOTION CARRIED

FIL Policies:

MOTION BY: Australia

SECONDED BY: England

“Propose to accept all FIL policies as presented.”

MOTION CARRIED

FIL Competition Structure:

Lorna Powell, Competition Director, presented the proposed competition structure (see Attachment 3).

MOTION BY: Wales

SECONDED BY: Denmark

“Accept the competition structure as presented.”

In Favor – 25

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

FIL Technical Structure:

Don Blacklock, Technical Director, presented a new structure for the Technical Committee (see Attachment 4).

MOTION BY: Belgium

SECONDED BY: Germany

“Accept technical structure as submitted.”

In Favor – 26

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

FIL Rule Changes:

Don Blacklock, Technical Director led the discussion on the Rule changes. For detailed rule changes see Attachment 5

A motion was put and seconded as below:

“Block vote on all seven (7) rules (both men’s and women’s) pertaining to Timing of Game and Overtime Rules.”

AMENDMENT

“Propose to separate the votes into two separate blocks, one (1) for men and one (1) for women.”

In Favor – 28

Against – 4

Abstain – 1

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: England
SECOND BY: Australia

“Accept block of rules pertaining to Timing of Game (WF1, MF1, MF15, MF16).”

In Favor – 22

Against – 4

Abstain – 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Belgium
SECONDED BY: USA

“Accept block of rules pertaining to Overtime Rules (WF9, WF7, MF2).”

In Favor – 22

Against – 0

Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: England
SECONDED BY: Wales

“Remove rule WFT2.”

In Favor – 24

Against – 0
Abstain – 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Netherlands
SECONDED BY: Australia

“Block vote WFT1, WFT4, WF10, WFT9, WF2, and MF3.”

In Favor – 24
Against – 0
Abstain – 2

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: USA
SECONDED BY: England

“Block vote on WF5, WF8, and WF9.”

In Favor – 24
Against – 0
Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Germany
SECONDED BY: Netherlands

“Reduction of number of players as a result to moving to 10-a-side to below the restraining line.”

In Favor – 24
Against – 0
Abstain – 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Wales
SECONDED BY: Spain

“WTF6 - Moving from a minor to a major foul for restraining line violations.”

In Favor – 11
Against – 13
Abstain – 1

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY: England
SECONDED BY: Finland

“WTF7 – Remove exception for not taking a tie to reset the draw.”

In Favor – 24
Against – 0
Abstain – 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Spain
SECONDED BY: USA

“WFT8 – Change of minor foul positioning to 4 meters to the side.”

In Favor – 24
Against – 1
Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

W Field T10 is a new rule (see Attachment 5) and if passed will affect wording for rules 16.B.4, 14.D.3, and 10.C. ELF reported trying the rule and was able to adjust over time. Germany believes it will complicate the game.

MOTION BY: USA
SECONDED BY: Australia

“Accept W Field T10 as proposed.”

In Favor – 23
Against – 4
Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

Rule WF3 was discussed at length. The rule was thought to be confusing.

MOTION BY: England
SECONDED BY: Germany

“Accept rule change WF3 as presented.”

In Favor – 2
Against – 22
Abstain – 2

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY: Spain
SECONDED BY: Belgium

“Accept rule change WF4 as presented.”

In Favor – 18
Against – 5

Abstain – 2

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Belgium

SECONDED BY: Austria

“Accept rule change MF4 as presented.”

In Favor – 19

Against – 6

Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

During the discussion of rule change proposal MF5 it was discovered there should be an “and” statement and not an “or” statement in the rule.

MOTION BY: Hong Kong

SECONDED BY: Denmark

“Amend rule change MF5 to read, “A team may request a time-out provided: The ball is dead; and the requesting team has not committed an on field technical turnover: or the team requesting the time-out has player possession of the ball in its attacking half of the field.”

In Favor – 25

Against – 1

Abstain – 0

AMENDMENT MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Hong Kong

SECONDED BY: Denmark

“Accept rule change MF5 as amended.”

In Favor – 9

Against – 15

Abstain – 2

AMENDED MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY: Canada

SECONDED BY: Australia

“Accept rule change MF6 as presented.”

In Favor – 7

Against – 15

Abstain – 4

MOTION FAILED

During discussion on proposed rule change MF8 it was agreed “Note 2” was unnecessary.

MOTION BY: Germany

SECONDED BY: Netherlands

“Amend proposed rule change MF8 to remove ‘Note 2’.”

In Favor – 26

Against – 1

Abstain – 0

AMENDMENT MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Belgium

SECONDED BY: Germany

“Accept amended rule change MF8.”

In Favor – 17

Against – 3

Abstain – 3

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: England

SECONDED BY: Scotland

“Accept rule change WF9 as presented.”

In Favor – 22

Against – 0

Abstain – 2

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Australia

SECONDED BY: Germany

“Accept rule change MF10 as presented.”

In Favor – 23

Against – 0

Abstain - 2

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Israel

SECONDED BY: England

“Accept new rule MF11 as presented.”

In Favor – 6

Against – 17
Abstain – 2

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY: Israel
SECONDED BY: Hong Kong

“Amend proposed new rule MF12 to remove the last two (2) ARs where the 30-second rule is discussed.”

In Favor – 25
Against – 0
Abstain – 1

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Germany
SECONDED BY: England

“Accept amended rule MF12.”

In Favor – 19
Against – 4
Abstain – 2

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Netherlands
SECONDED BY: Canada

“Remove proposed rule MF13.”

In Favor – 26
Against – 0
Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Germany
SECONDED BY: Netherlands

“Amend proposed rule MF14 to delete the second sentence.”

In Favor – 23
Against – 1
Abstain – 0

AMENDMENT MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Sweden
SECONDED BY: Finland

“Accept amended new rule MF14.”

In Favor – 23

Against – 1

Abstain – 2

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

10. Continental Federations (CF)

Ron Balls reported the Continental Federations Meeting was well attended. The goal is to create a stronger relationship with the CFs. The CFs will adhere to all anti-doping rules and regulations and will host qualifiers for world events for FIL. FIL will provide assistance where needed.

Steph Migchelsen reported that the ELF are looking to align their strategic plan with that of FIL's strategic plan.

11. Future Championships

2019 Women's U-19 World Championship – Peterborough, Ontario, Canada

Submissions due by end of day July 10th. Currently, 21 countries have signed up.

2019 Men's Indoor World Championship – Langley, BC, Canada

Rita Rogers is the Host Event Director. Currently there are 15 countries registered to compete. Ticket sales begin in September 2018.

2020 Men's U-19 World Championship – Limerick, Ireland

Michael Kennedy is the Host Event Director. To date, 14 teams have indicated they will be attending. Pricing and booking will be included in newsletter #2.

2021 Women's World Cup – Towson, MD, USA

Kim Rogers is Host Event Director. Dates are pending at this time due to The World Games.

World Events 2021 Onwards – Qualification Proposals

Lorna Powell outlined to the members the proposals regarding World Event pre-qualified positions, based on the previous World Event, and the allocations to Continental / Regional Federations for qualification positions based on the maximum number of competitors being 30.

Lorna explained that these proposals, if passed, would apply to FIL events in 2021 and 2022.

In discussion the following proposals were considered by the GA

MOTION BY: Denmark

SECONDED BY: Germany

“Every team must qualify. There would be no prequalifying teams.”

In Favor – 8
Against – 14
Abstain – 3

MOTION FAILED

MOTION BY: Belgium
SECONDED BY: England

“There will be teams that prequalify.”

In Favor – 16
Against – 8
Abstain – 0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Wales
SECONDED BY: England

“One third of teams will prequalify.”

In Favor – 15
Against – 4
Abstain – 4

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Denmark
SECONDED BY: England

“Host will prequalify for tournament.”

In Favor – 22
Against – 0
Abstain – 2

MOTION CARRIED

12. World Events – Re-imagining

Lorna Powell explained the reasoning behind the need to re-imagine lacrosse with a key factor being consideration of Olympic Programme inclusion. She also informed the GA that a Blue Skies working group has been created with members including Don Blacklock, Fiona Clark, Jim Scherr, Steve Stenersen and herself. Additional members will be an Athlete Representative, an elite women’s coach, one of the FIL Independent Directors, and regional representation.

Lorna went on further stating that all ideas are welcomed including smaller teams, smaller pitch, shorter quarters, etc. Nothing is off the table. She also stated that whatever format is chosen, it

must be played with a Championship structure to be considered for Olympic Programme inclusion.

13. Budget 2018

Deferred and would be dealt with in correspondence.

14. Board Elections

MOTION BY: Australia

SECOND BY: England

“Resolution to elect Bob DeMarco as Development Director to begin August 1, 2018.”

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Wales

SECOND BY: Canada

“Resolution to elect Fiona Clark as Competition Director to begin August 1, 2018.”

MOTION CARRIED

Steve Stenersen was successful in the ballot for Vice President position. His term will begin August 1, 2018.

15. Other relevant notified business

Eligibility Criteria/Harmonization – Secretary General Ron Balls

MOTION BY: Australia

SECOND BY: Belgium

“To make men and women minimum age 15 years.”

MOTION DEFEATED

MOTION BY: Belgium

SECOND BY: Wales

“To keep minimum age as is (that is 16 years for men and 15 years for Women.”

MOTION CARRIED

Player Change of Country

MOTION BY: England

SECOND BY: Japan

“To simplify the procedure, as outlined in the Eligibility Criteria, and this would apply to both men and women.”

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY: Wales

SECOND BY: England

“To provide a single set of documents to confirm the residency period as well as the photo page of the passport.”

MOTION CARRIED

FIL Auditor

MOTION BY: Denmark

SECOND BY: Australia

“To have FIL continue using the current auditor.”

MOTION CARRIED

FIL World Rankings

It was noted that the Board proposal left over from GA2017 (for a team unable to participate in a World Championship to be ranked three positions lower in the next World Championship from their previous ranking) preceded the change to limit World Championships to 30 teams maximum with Continental / Regional Qualifiers.

Given this position the motion was that any team in this category would be at the bottom of the rankings (no pre-qualification for the next event

MOTION proposed by: Germany, seconded by: Australia and CARRIED

MOTION BY: Canada

SECOND BY: Wales

“Any team would be able to qualify for a World Championship through the Qualification Events”

MOTION CARRIED

FIL World Indoor Championships

MOTION BY: Germany

SECOND BY: Australia

“18 Runners permitted”

“ After Half time if the goal differential gets to 12 go to a running clock with no flip flop if the differential reduces below 12”

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION CARRIED

Ballot Papers

MOTION BY: England
SECOND BY: Netherlands

“To destroy ballot papers.”

MOTION CARRIED

Other

MOTION BY: England
SECOND BY: Netherlands

“To adjourn the meeting.”

MOTION CARRIED

Adjourned at 5:36P

Attachment 1	Attendance
Attachment 2	Development Grants
Attachment 3	Constitution, Bylaws and Policy changes
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Attachment 1

General Assembly Attendance

FULL MEM



GA 7/9/18

10-Jul

Requested 6th April 2018

		Delegate	Observer		
Argentina	X				
Australia	X	Mike Slattery	Paul Mollison	Present	present
Austria	X	TBA (WC2018 staff)			
Belgium	X	Caroline Houchard	Jan Van Cauwenberge	Present	present
		Alexandre Joos de ter Beest (President)		Note 5	
Bermuda	X				
Bulgaria					
Canada	X	Chuck Miller	Jason Donville	present	present
Chile					
China	X				
Chinese Taipei (Taiwan)	X	Travis Gillespie	Tim Che Wa Kwan	present	present
Colombia					
Costa Rica					
Croatia		Not able to attend			
Czech Republic	X	Pavel Semerak	Roman Pokorny	present	present
Denmark	X	Kristian "Tiny" Schweitzer			present
England	X	Sallie Barker	Mark Coups	present	present
Estonia					
Finland	X	Mika Wickstrom	Caroline Sorensen-Behm	present	present
France	X	Simon De Vos			present
Germany	X	Rosseband	Jakob Grosehagenbrock	Note 1	present
Greece					
Guatemala					
Haiti		Elisee Geffrard	Fermilien Marquensy	Note 9	
Hong Kong	X	Albert Lai	Raymond Fong	present	present
Hungary		George Rohonczy		present	
Ireland	X	Mike Kennedy	John Cavanaugh	Note 2	present
		James Hoban			
Haudenosaunee	X				
Israel	X	Moran Sasson	Scott Neiss	present	present
Italy	X	Anastasia Revelli		present	
Jamaica		Calbert Hutchinson	Dwight Clarke	present	present
Japan	X	Yusuke Sasaki	Tomohiro Takasaka	present	present
Kenya		Storm Trentham		present	present
Latvia	X	Kris Volfs (day 2 only)			present
Luxembourg		Pit Bingen	Henning Schmidt		
Malaysia					
Mexico					present
Netherlands	X	Hendrik Van Sandik	Sander Palfenier	present	present
			Jasper Van Der Horst	Note 7	
New Zealand	X	Roger Snow		present	present
Norway	X	Charlotte Stollen	Tone Sparby	present	present
Peru		Kat Loh	Henry Acosta	present	present
Philippines					
Poland					
Portugal					
Puerto Rico					
Qatar					
Republic of Korea	X	Ryan Hyunjoon Park	Wonjae Park		present

Russia		Alexander Zarubin			present	present
Scotland	X	Malcom Kent	Possible Rob Powell	Note 4	present	present
		David Grinter now expected				
Serbia						
Singapore						
Slovakia	X	Staff /Player		Note 8	present	present
Slovenia						
Spain	X	Pol Llorca	Ignacio Farjas			present
Sweden	X	Mail Kuussinen	Rebecka Lind		present	present
Switzerland	X	Daniel Hagnuer	Ian Schoch		present	present
			Fabian Stohler (possible)			
Thailand	X	Thomas Wong	Prantarit Nerngchamnon			
			Pisut Rakaway	Note 6		
Turkey	X	Ryan Danehy				
Uganda		Ibrahim Jaffari Makanda + 1	Matt Holman		present	present
USA	X	Ann Carpenetti	Kim Rogers (Presenter)		present	present
Wales	X	Nicola John	Mel Wiltshire	Note 3	present	present
APLU	Observer		Fiona Clark		present	present
ELF	Observer		Steph Migchelsen (leaves on 11th so no event accredit)		present	present
			Seraphine Aelterman	Barbara Zelaney (Festival RiC)		
WILC2019	Observer and Presenter		Rita Rogers		present	present
Observer (election candidate)			Brian Witmer		present	present
FIL Board	Sue Redfern	Steve Stenersen	Ron Balls		present	present
	Howie Borkan	Lorna Powell	Tom Hayes		present	present
	Bob DeMarco	Don Blacklock	Jim Scherr		present	present
Registration and support		Rick Mercurio			present	present
Administration, Minutes and support		Kim Bartkowski			present	present

Notes	1	Germany	Rossi has requested that his accreditation does not show first name or gender, he is officiating and would like his wife (pregnant) to be able to use the accreditation for the Championship. He and Jakob (also an Official) have clearance to attend the GA and miss the Officiating Clinic.
	2		Mike K leaves almost immediately after the GA and would like Jim H to be able to use the accreditation
	3		Dan Funnell and Mel Wiltshire to attend WC2018 related functions
	4		Derek now not attending, Jane P resigned as President, they are asking Rob but he should be at the Officials Clinic Now likely to be David Grinter. Changed to Malcom Kent (11/06/2018)
	5		Belgium have been advised that only two accreditations but other two can attend GA if room space permits
	6		Thailand advise that second observer permitted if space permits
	7		Observer to be either Jasper or Sander Jasper will have accreditation as an Assessor
	8		Slovakia want to vote in the election of Board members, I have advised that we do not permit proxy voting so they will look to have attendance (at least for that agenda item)
	9		Haiti may have Marc Antionne Geffrard present, they have

advised that only if space permits



FIL General Assembly 2018

DEVELOPMENT REPORT 2017-2018

Development Committee

Robert DeMarco-Director

Richard Mercurio -Chair

Committee Members

Sarah Lin	Jan Van Cauwenberghe	Joanna Lignelli
Wendy Cuthbert	Kevin Dugan	Won Jae Park
Ryan Baker	Stan Cockerton	Jane Pirie
Dino Mattessich	Joe Gold-Development Officer	

Summary

New Members	Qatar	Greece	Luxembourg	Chile
Associate to Full Members	Taiwan	Argentina	Belgium	
Emerging Nations	Bahamas	Brazil	Cuba	
	Dominican Republic		Honduras	Ghana
	Lithuania	Mongolia	Nepal	Nigeria
	Rwanda	Ukraine	United Arab Emirates	

Equipment Grants

- Puerto Rico (Full Grant for Men and Women)
- Greece (Full Grant for Men and Women)
- Haiti (Full Grant for Men and Women)
- Ukraine (Full Grant for Men and Women)
- Guatemala (Full Grant for Men and Women)
- Luxembourg (Full Grant for Men and Women)
- Ecuador (Outreach Grant)
- Mongolia (Outreach Grant)
- Nepal (Outreach Grant)

Indoor (Box) Equipment Grants

- Netherlands (Goaltender Equipment-Pending)
- Norway (Goaltender Equipment-Pending)

- Poland (Goaltender Equipment-Pending)
- Sweden (Goaltender Equipment-Pending)
- Slovakia (Goaltender Equipment)

Educational Grants

- European Lacrosse Federation (Grant for the ELF Development Officer to attend the US Lacrosse Convention in Baltimore)
- Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union (Grant for the APLU Development Officer to attend the US Lacrosse Convention in Baltimore)

Clinic Grants

- Greece (4 day clinic in Thessaloniki, Greece for elementary, middle school, high school, college students and physical education teachers-October 2017)
- Luxembourg (4 day Clinic scheduled for October 2018)
- Haiti (4 day Clinic scheduled for June 2018)

Balls-Cockerton-Hayes Youth (BCH) Grants

- Belgium (Construction of a Shooting Wall in Brussels, BCH Pinnies)
- Kenya (High School Girls-Sticks, Balls, Goalie Gear, Goals and BCH Pinnies)
- Finland (Youth Boys Equipment including Gloves, Arm Pads, Shoulder Pads, Helmets, Sticks, Balls, Goalie Gear, Goals and BCH Pinnies)
- Ireland (Youth Boys Equipment including Gloves, Arm Pads, Shoulder Pads, Helmets, Sticks, Balls, Goalie Gear and BCH Pinnies. Also a grant for an intern program run by the Ireland Lacrosse Association)
- Russia (Youth Boys Equipment including Arm Pas, Shoulder Pads, Helmets, Sticks, Balls, Goalie Gear and BCH Pinnies)
- Sweden (Split Grants to 2 Groups for Youth Boys Equipment including Gloves, Arm Pads, Shoulder Pads, Helmets, Sticks, Balls, Goalie Gear, Goals and BCH Pinnies)
- Taiwan (Grant for starting a youth boys and girls program in Taiwan)
- Uganda (High School Girls-Sticks, Balls, Goalies Gear, Goals and BCH Pinnies)
- Croatia-Pending
- Ghana-Pending
- Mexico-Pending
- Puerto Rico-Pending
- Qatar-Pending

BCH Youth Lacrosse Clinic-Guildford, UK, in conjunction with the Women's 2017 World Cup

- 5 Clinicians
- 70 Participants with the majority being girls 7-13 years old
- Rave reviews by parents and participants

BCH Youth Lacrosse Clinic-Netanya, Israel in conjunction with the Men's 2018 World Championship

- 5 Clinicians
- 100 Participants Expected

Development Committee Strategic Plan 2017-2020

- Created at the Development Committee Meetings April 4-5, 2017 in New York, USA
- The Committee had a mandate to create a Strategic Plan for the next four years
- This plan will help deliver the FIL mission, vision and overall purpose.
- The FIL Development Committee established six pillars as goals for its work:
 1. Member Development
 2. Administration Development
 3. Athlete Development
 4. Coaching Development
 5. Officiating Development
 6. Youth Development
- The Committee then created a Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 for each of the six pillars including the Goals, Objectives, Timelines, Program Leaders, Contacts, Budget and Expected Results
- The Development Strategic Plan was approved by the FIL Board on September 11, 2017
- The plan is presently in operation and was evaluated at the Spring- 2018 Development Meeting.

Member Development

- The Development Committee reviewed the member application process
- Reviewed FIL By-Laws for Associate and Full Membership
- Reviewed current equipment grant program including both field and indoor grants
- Created a priority list of countries in key areas of the world to become FIL members

Administration Development

- Presently developing and implementing additional FIL Regional Events and give more support for current events
- Studying an increase of forms of lacrosse (indoor, wheelchair, 7v7)
- Reviewed criteria to be a member in good standing and reviewed the rules for a compliant member
- Developed a survey for our members to include Skills, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) and development needs (January 2019, survey will be sent to members)
- Created a report for members to complete and submit yearly on their current numbers and programs (January 2019, report will be sent to the members)
- Maintained current Development Officer and reviewed job description
- Reviewed professional and current documents to see they are updated and relevant
- Updated the current document "How to Start, Organize and Market a New FIL Lacrosse Program"-
- Helped the creation of Continental Federations in Africa and Pan-America-January 19th 2018 at the US Lacrosse Convention in Baltimore
- Reviewed and evaluated the policy of gifts given directly to the FIL for specific emerging countries, associate and full members

Athlete Development

- Reviewed Wheelchair Lacrosse Rules and long term development
- Reviewing Wheelchair Lacrosse Eligibility Rules
- Working on 7v7 Rules and long term development for the form of lacrosse

- Reviewing and researching other possible forms of lacrosse and develop plans going forward where deemed appropriate
- Created a library of videos on how to play lacrosse
- Working on “How to Play Lacrosse Videos”, making them available for member countries in their own language and identify people who can help-
- Identifying countries requiring clinics and continue to offer and operate athlete clinics (2 clinics in 2018)
- Developing a FIL Mentor and Internship Program to work with athletes

Coaching Development

- Develop and implement additional FIL Regional Events and assist current FIL Events
- Assist in Regional Coaching Education Programs
- To operate coaching clinics in conjunction with development clinics
- To partner with Regional and Allied Member’s Meetings/Convention and run clinics for coaches
- Advertise the current on line Coaching Level 1 Course provided to the FIL by US Lacrosse
- Reaching out to the Canadian Lacrosse Association to use its Level 1 Box Coaching Program for FIL members

Officiating Development

- Increase the number of international officials
- Advertise the current on line Officiating Level 1 Course provided to the FIL by US Lacrosse-Spring Report
- Reach out to the Canadian Lacrosse Association to use its Level 1 Officiating Program for FIL members
- To partner with Regional and Allied Members Meetings/Convention and run clinics for officials

Youth Development

- To increase youth participation with our current members by helping them start youth lacrosse programs
- Targeting regional countries for lacrosse competitions by age groups 7-11 & 12-16
- To advertise the BCH Youth Grant Program and approve 6 grant requests
- Creating a pool of clinicians for all sectors of lacrosse to operate clinics for youth programs
- Developed a “Youth Clinic Schedule/Itinerary” for all sectors of youth lacrosse

Established an Educational Online Level 1 Coaching and Officiating Program

Thanks to the great help from US Lacrosse, we have given our members the opportunity to audit Level 1 Coaching and Officiating Courses

Organized the Continental Federation Meeting for 2 New Regions

- Africa Association of Lacrosse (AAL) and Pan American Lacrosse Association (PALA)
- Meeting was held in Baltimore, Maryland on January 19th, 2018
- The following members representatives were in attendance: Argentina, Bermuda, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico and Uganda
- Arranged all transportation through the FIL’s Globetrotter Travel
- Arranged all lodging at the Baltimore Hilton with the help of US Lacrosse
- Arranged for the US Lacrosse Convention Credentials with the help of US Lacrosse

- Invited representatives from the ELF and APLU to assist as advisors

Summary

2017-2018 was an outstanding year for the Federation of International Lacrosse's Development Program. We have been able to provide our member countries with so many additional opportunities to help grow the game.

A special thank you for the excellent work done by the FIL Development Team. Our new Four Year Development Strategic Plan has been a huge success and will help serve as the guideline for all future development activities.

We are looking forward to hit the ground running in 2018-2019.

If any of our members have additional ideas that will help in developing the game, please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert DeMarco
Director of Development
4th May 2018



FIL General Assembly 2018

FIL Constitution, Bylaw and Policy changes

The proposed changes to the FIL documents attached cover:

- a) Revised wording for clarity
- b) Changes needed to reflect the revised Board structure agreed at the last General Assembly (GA)
- c) Significant proposed changes and these are outlined below

Constitution

Definitions

– Continental Federations added as the generic term for the Continental / Regional organizations.

Objectives

3.1.7 – Addition of “professional lacrosse organizations to reflect discussion ongoing with professional leagues etc.

Membership

4.6 - Revised to refer to a Full Member not meeting its obligations (as set out in the Bylaws) rather than being prescriptive related to attendance at Gas.

4.7 - An expectation (but not an obligation) that Associate Members would attend GAs.

General Assembly

5.2.4 – Budget period flexibility (2 – 4 years) and consistency across documents

5.2.8 – Committee Structure. Overall structure to be considered by the GA but detail of the Committees / Commissions / Ad-hoc working Groups left to the Board to enable modifications to be made to meet reflect changing demands and both external and membership needs.

Board

6.1 – Structure. The GA has previously agreed changes to allow the appointment of two (2) Board positions (Olympic Vision Committee and Legal Counsel) and a representative of the Athletes Commission.

In the presentation that I made to the GA in 2016 proposing the revised structure I referred to the need in the future to appointing other members to the Board. The Board would like to advance this from 2020 to this year.

The purpose of wanting to appoint up to two “Independent” Board members is to provide the required skill sets and expertise, not currently present on the Board, to implement the FIL Strategic Plan.

Other changes to this section are to clarify which positions are elected and which appointed, and also confirm that advice of appointments and time periods of office would be advised to the GA.

6.2 – Role. Clarity of the Board position and reference to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and engagement of staff.

6.2.2 c) – Clarity of budget period as above.

Disputes between Members

10. – Clarity of the role of the Vice President (VP)

Appendix B Independent Director Board Members

Relates to 6.1 above and defines:

- 1) Criteria that defines “Independent” in this context
- 2) Method of selection

Bylaws

Member’s Management Obligations

3 – Less prescriptive regarding reports (as needed rather than annual)

Board Composition

5.5 – Board member period of Office

At the time of changing from having the GA from every two years to annually the Board period of office was changed from four (4) years to two (2) years and with staggering some will only have served one year prior to the position being up for election again.

Practical experience has shown that the two year period is too short to be really effective in the role given the learning / induction time needed and the time needed for instituting change. The proposal to the GA is to revert to a four (4) year period of office with staggering to ensure continuity.

The experience over the past few years in dealing with the IOC Sports Department, Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF – was SportAccord) and the International World Games Association (IWGA) is that individuals have to be known in those environments (which takes time) and consistency is needed. As a consequence of the external needs the proposal is to extend the time served to three (rather than 2) periods of office.

Committees

7 – Committee Structure

Revised Committee structure (and there are separate documents covering the specifics of the Competition and Technical proposal) with a listing of the prime Committees / Commissions and a proposal to allow the Board flexibility to make changes as required to meet specific needs.

Detail regarding Committee composition etc. has been moved to Appendix E.

Finance

8.2 - World Event Revenues - the minimum % of ticket sales (currently 10%) has remained static since the pre -2008 time period when FIL was formed. The intent to raise this at a future time was advised at the 2014 GA (Denver) and it is now proposed to raise this to 15%.

Recognizing that contracts are in existence for future events and bids have been made on known conditions any increase agreed would not come into effect until 2024 at the earliest. Final details of a contract are always a matter of negotiation with the Host (Local) Organizing Committee.

International Visits

10.4 - Advice to FIL. Does not happen, not enforced, nice but not necessarily needed. Proposal to delete.

Membership Benefits

Appendix 2.3 – clarification of benefits

Committee / Commission Composition

Appendix E

Proposals for Committees / Commissions

Standing Committee Chairs – nominations may be made by members, Board members and individuals and the relevant Board member will make a recommendation to the Board for appointment.

Regional diversity / Board will approve numbers on the committees (4 -6) and individuals to be appointed, commissions and working groups / No more than 50% from one member /.

Rules Sub-Committees must include non-Officiating representation

Terms of Office will normally be for two (2) x four (4) year consecutive appointments with a requirement to stand down for one year.

Membership of Working Groups which are much more of an ad-hoc nature and task / project based will be determined by the Board along with the term of office.

From time to time the Board may agree that any Committee, Commission or Working Group may benefit from external advice and membership and agree appointments to those groups for specific terms of office and role.

Policies

Organization

1 – Update to reflect the current position

Travel Expenses

6.1 – Clarity regarding Committee / Commission chairs

Similar for 7.1 (Accommodation)

7.2 – Per Diem Flexibility to allow the Board to adjust, the current rate being \$25

Bank Withdrawals

10.3 – Board may delegate authority for areas of expenditure to the CEO

Salaried Staff

11 – Clarity regarding Executive and Administrative staff

11.2.2 – Development staff will be line managed by the CEO

Member / Annual Reports

13 – Less prescriptive

Rule Changes

15 – Structure changes and GA now held annually

Meeting Standing Orders

Appendix A – GA logistics, seating for delegates increased from 40 to 50

Recognition and Awards

Appendix B 2.2 c) – Stan Cockerton Cup – World Indoor Championship Trophy

Ron Balls

Secretary General

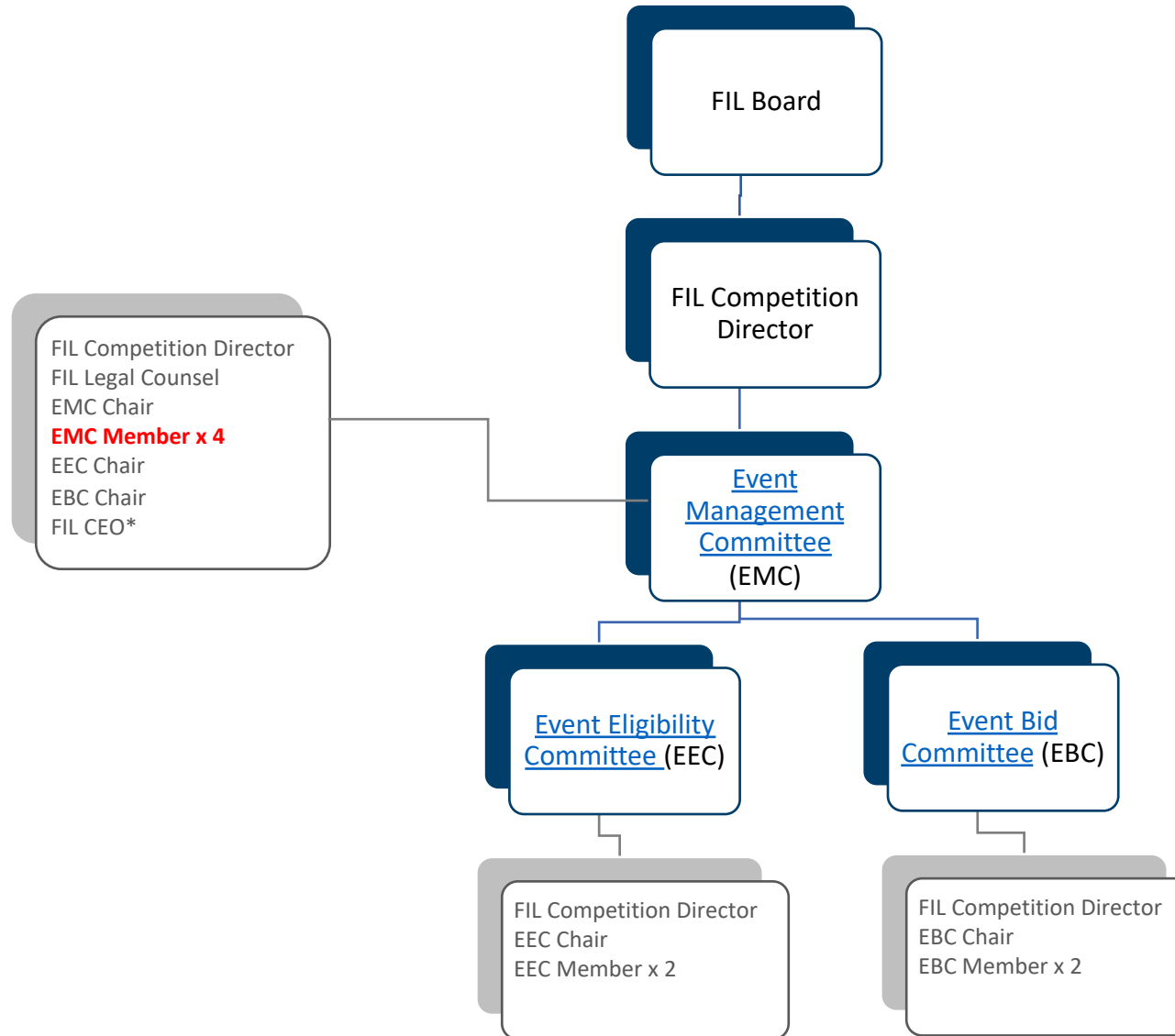
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Attachment 4

FIL COMPETITION STRUCTURE PROPOSAL

Presented by: Lorna Powell
Competition Director

FIL COMPETITION STRUCTURE - COMMITTEES



* Non-voting member

Permanent Committee

Temporary Group

FIL COMPETITION STRUCTURE (INCLUDING WORKING GROUPS) – BENEFITS

- ✓ FIL Competition covers a lot of ground. By breaking it into manageable chunks the **load is spread**, no one person is run ragged and activities can be run in parallel by the various committees / groups.
- ✓ This structure allows the FIL to be **more productive** as more work can be progressed via each committee / group.
- ✓ No single person holds all the Competition information, thus ensuring that there are **no key man dependencies**
- ✓ Staggered terms within the committees allows for **succession planning**



- ✓ Increased **collaboration** between groups
- ✓ Emphasis on **team work**. Everything a coach asks of players applies to the competition committees / groups – listen, learn, suggest, be prepared to try and most importantly support each other.



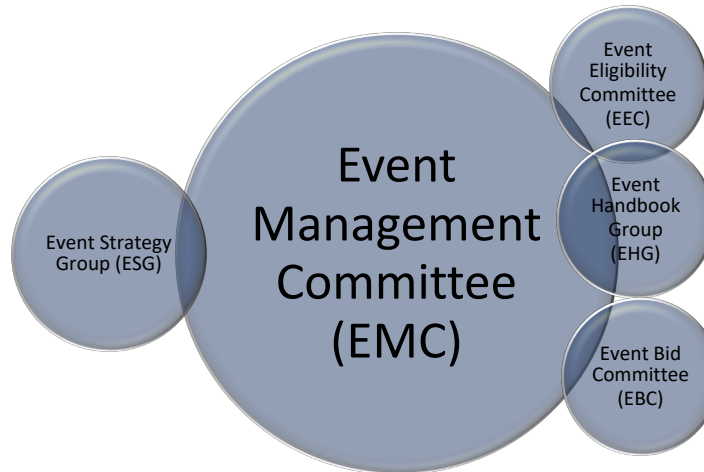
- ✓ **Each committee / group will represent both men's and women's lacrosse** – there will not be a men's xxx group and a women's xxx group, just one group with both men and women. No more gender silos.
- ✓ **Event management** for all FIL World Events can be **harmonised** – new Event Handbook
- ✓ The **Event bid process** for all FIL World Events can be **harmonised** – new Bid Book
- ✓ **Eligibility policy** for all FIL World Events can be **harmonised** and all requests and responses can be **centralised**
- ✓ **Consistency** and **ease of access** to information that NGBs, team managers & event hosts require



- ✓ FIL recognised Qualifying Events **creating opportunities**
 - ✓ for national competition nearer to “home” -> increased sponsorship / media opportunities
 - ✓ for hosting & promoting the sport in the host country
 - ✓ to raise profile of national teams in their region
 - ✓ to showcase our fabulous sport more frequently across the world



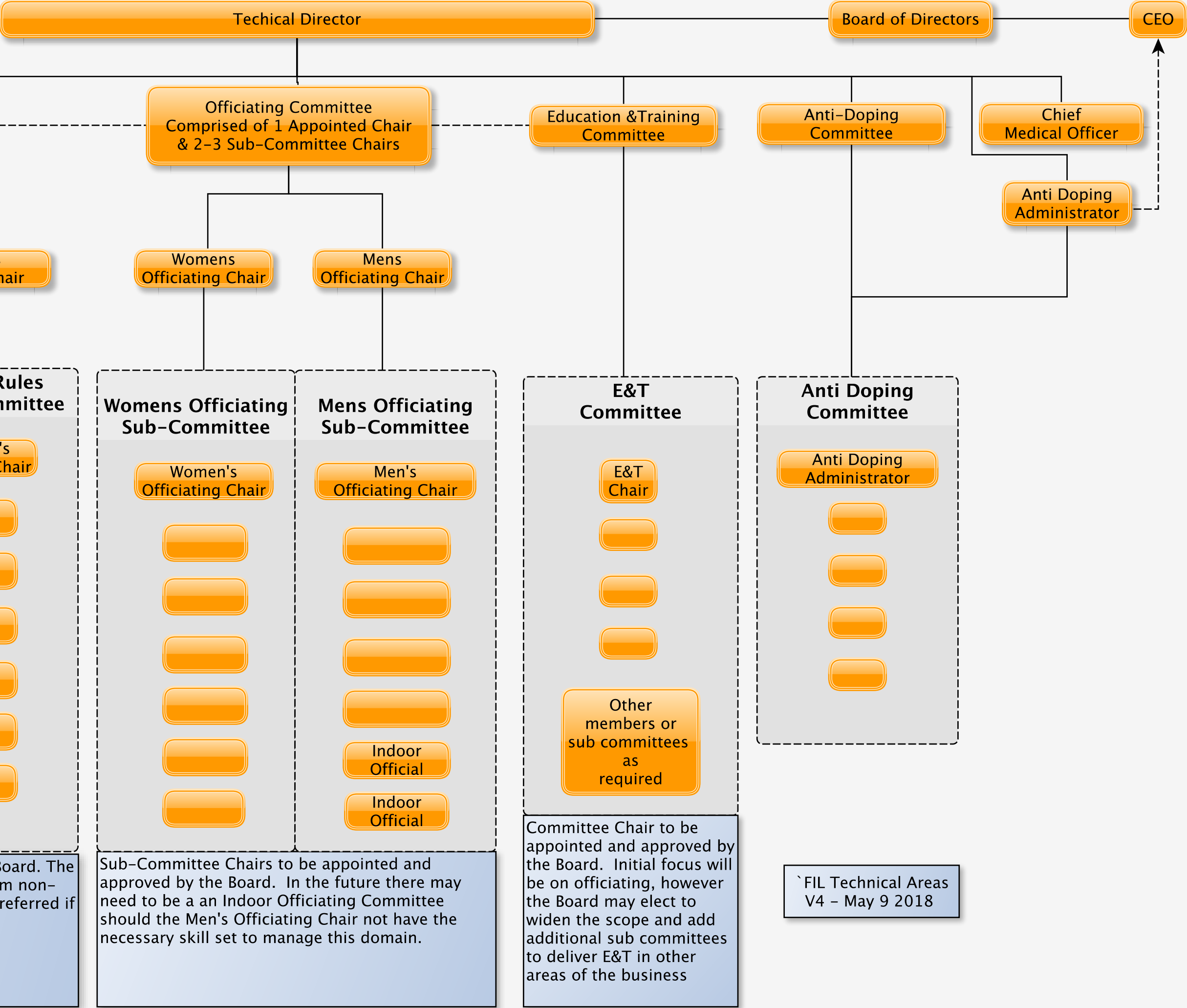
- ✓ Improved **support for hosts** of all FIL World Events
- ✓ Clearer consistent bid process across all FIL World Events
- ✓ **Quality FIL World events**
 - ✓ Smaller number of competing teams -> **increased hosting opportunities**
- ✓ **More membership involvement**



- ✓ All committees / groups interact with the EMC and will be **kept current** on what is happening in the competition space
- ✓ More opportunities for the membership to get involved in helping to **shape the FIL competition space** now and in the future
- ✓ With 19 positions to be filled there is a great **variety of interesting roles**
- ✓ **Long term benefit** for the sport in terms of how the organisation is viewed by other sporting / sporting bodies – professional, streamlined, efficient, consistent, fair and open.

*The success of the FIL Competition committees / groups is dependent on NGBs encouraging their members to apply.
Changing what you think is wrong is best done by getting on the committees / groups and working with the FIL to influence change.*

Questions / discussion



Summary of 2018 Approved Women's Lacrosse Rule Changes

Attachment 6



The following rules were approved by vote of the membership at the General Assembly held in Netanya Israel, July 2018. The rules will take effect for all FIL international play from 1st October, 2018 and will be used at the 2019 Under 19 Women's World Lacrosse Championship. Member nations are free to implement the rules at a timeline that best suits their individual needs.

Rule #	Rule Wording
5	Any number of players up to ten (10) are permitted on the field at the same time. One of the 10 players on each team may be a goalkeeper.
11.A	The duration of the game will be four 15 minutes quarters.
11.C	The umpire's whistle starts and stops play. When the whistle sounds to stop play, all players, except for the goalkeeper when she is inside the goal circle, must stand and may not move until the whistle sounds to resume play unless the player is able to self-start (Rule 13.D). The game begins at the sound of the umpire's whistle at the opening draw. The game is restarted with a draw after a goal is scored and following every quarter intermission. In some instances, the game begins with a throw or a free position, or at the spot of the ball on a 'dead ball' time out.
11.D	The clock is stopped on the umpire's whistle within the last 30 seconds in the 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd quarters and in the last 2 minutes in the 4 th quarter. When play is stopped prior the last 30 seconds (1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd quarters), the timer will stop the clock when it reaches 30 seconds if play has not resumed. The timer will stop the clock when it reaches 2 minutes in the 4 th quarter if play has not resumed.
11.J	<p>1. When the score is tied at the end regulation playing time, play shall be continued after 2 minutes intermission, with sudden victory overtime. In sudden victory overtime teams shall play periods of 4 minutes each until a goal is scored, deciding a winner. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a 2 minutes intermission between sudden victory periods.</p> <p>Sudden Victory Procedure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The umpires will call together the captains of each team at the center of the field at the end of regulation play and during the 2 minutes intermission. The charge umpire will toss a coin to determine choice of goal to defend; the visiting captain will call the coin toss. ii) All periods of sudden victory overtime will start with a center draw. iii) The teams will change ends at the end of each period. iv) Each team may request one 90 seconds time out during sudden victory overtime.
13.A	<p>A. The game is started with a Draw at the start of each quarter and overtime period and after each goal, except when a free position or throw is awarded at the center line. Players must be ready to start the game thirty (30) seconds after a goal has been scored.</p> <p>During the draw, a maximum of three players from each team may be between the restraining lines draw until the umpire's whistle is blown. All other players, including each team's goalkeeper, must be below <u>either</u> restraining line.</p> <p>During the draw, players positioned below/goal side of the restraining lines must not cross the restraining line until possession has been determined and indicated by the umpire's direction signal and verbal 'possession'.</p> <p>Players below/goal side of the restraining line may reach over the line with their crosses to play the ball as long as no part of the player's foot is on or over the line. (Rule 19.A.4)</p>



Summary of 2018 Approved Men's Lacrosse Rule Changes

The following rules were approved by vote of the membership at the General Assembly held in Netanya Israel, July 2018. The rules will take effect for all FIL international play October 1st, 2018 and will be used at the 2020 U19 Men's World Lacrosse Championship. Member nations are free to implement at timeline that best suits their individual needs.

Rule #	Rule Wording
29.1	The game shall be divided into 4 periods of 15 minutes duration each
29.2	<p>During the last 30 seconds of the first, second and third quarters, the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter, and during any overtime period, the game-clock and, if applicable, the penalty clock(s) shall stop whenever the ball becomes dead, and then shall restart whenever play is restarted.</p> <p>This shall apply for all stoppages, including the scoring of a goal.</p> <p>Such a stoppage of play shall not be considered to be an official time-out for the purpose of illegal substitution, the gate or the coaches' area, unless an official time-out is specifically requested by a referee or by the CBO</p>
29.3	At the end of each quarter, the teams shall change ends. The interval between the first and second quarters shall be of 2 minutes' duration. At half-time, the interval shall be 10 minutes long. At three-quarter time, the interval shall be 2 minutes.
31.2	<p>In the event of the score being tied at the end regulation playing time, play shall be continued, after a two minute intermission, with sudden victory overtime. In sudden victory overtime teams shall play periods of 4 minutes each until a goal is scored, thus deciding a winner. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two minute intermission between sudden victory periods.</p> <p>The following "sudden victory" procedure will take place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) The referees shall call together the captains of each team at the center of the field at the end of regulation play and during the 2- minute intermission. The head referee shall toss a coin to determine choice of goal to defend, the visiting captain shall call.ii) All periods of overtime shall start with a face-off as at the start of each quarter, subject to the provisions of Rule 34.1 being followed. <p>The teams shall change ends between overtime periods.</p>
33.1	<p>The game officials shall call together the captains of each team at the center of the field approximately 5 minutes before the start of the game.</p> <p>The Head referee shall toss a coin to determine choice of goal to defend, the visiting captain shall call the toss.</p> <p>At this time, any special ground rules shall be explained.</p>



Summary of 2018 Approved Men's Lacrosse Rule Changes

Rule #	Rule Wording
37.1	<p>Once the referee has signalled that the ball is ready for play, the restart shall occur in the same relative position where the ball was when play was stopped. The official shall resume play as quickly as possible. If an opposing player is within five yards of the player that has been awarded the ball, and the official blows the whistle to restart play, the opposing player is not allowed to defend the ball until he reaches a distance of five yards from the opponent. A violation will be a flag down (slow whistle) for delay of game. On any restart, no offensive player may be within 5 yards of the player with the ball. The Referee shall clearly indicate the player who is going to re-start to the opposing goalkeeper on a dead ball (non-quick restart situations) restart that is below the restraining lines in the awarded team's offensive end.</p>
61.18	<p>Over and Back</p> <p>Once the ball has been cleared into the goal area, the ball shall not return to the defensive half of the field through actions of the offensive team. If this occurs, it is an over and back violation. The result is an immediate turnover and a quick restart for the offended team.</p> <p>If the ball does not touch or go over the midline, no infraction has occurred.</p> <p>Defensive players may legally bat the ball to keep it in the offensive half of the field, but if it is possessed and their feet are in the defensive half, it shall be a turnover.</p> <p>An over and back violation does not occur in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A shot that leaves the offensive half of the field. 2. A loose ball that leaves the offensive half of the field and was last touched by the defensive team. 3. A loose ball that is leaving the offensive half of the field and the defense is called for a loose ball violation (or play-on) or caused the ball to go out of bounds in the defensive end. <p>In all of the above situations, a new clearing clock will be initiated when possession is gained.</p> <p>A.R. 61.2 Red 1 steps into the goal area with possession of the ball. Red 1 attempts a pass to Red 2 that is not caught, and the ball rolls toward the midline. Red 3, who is standing on his defensive half, bats the ball preventing it from crossing the midline without gaining possession. Red 2 picks up the ball, which never crosses the midfield line.</p> <p>RULING: Play continues.</p>
65.1	<p>A team is considered offside when it has no more than 10 players on the field (including players in the penalty box), AND:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It has more than six men in its attack half of the field (between the centerline and the end line) including men in the penalty box, OR b. It has more than seven men in its defensive half of the field (between the centerline and the end line) including men in the penalty box. <p><i>Note 1: If a player, seeing that he is going to be offside before he can stop, instead runs out of bounds, no penalty shall result from the failure of that player's team to have the required number of men in either end of the field, as long as the player returns immediately to field on the appropriate half of field.</i></p>



Summary of 2018 Approved Men's Lacrosse Rule Changes

Rule #	Rule Wording
65.5	When determining whether a team is offside, a player whose body (including a gloved hand on the crosse but not including the crosse itself) touches or steps on or across the center line is considered to be have entered that half of the field.
82.6	<p>Where a flag is thrown mistakenly then, when the whistle subsequently blows to stop the play, the ball shall be awarded to the team that has possession.</p> <p>When an official inadvertently blows the whistle, the ball shall be awarded to the team that has possession.</p> <p>If neither team has possession, then the ball shall be faced.</p>



Summary of 2018 Approved Women's Lacrosse Rule Changes

Rule #	Rule Wording
	<p><i>Guidance: When the game starts or restarts with a free position or a throw at the center line instead of a draw, any players within 4m of the free position / throw must move 4m away. All other players must stand until the whistle sounds.</i></p> <p>B. If both players draw illegally, or it cannot be determined why the draw was illegal, or an umpire determines that the draw was unsuccessful because it was not set correctly, the umpire will reset the draw.</p> <p>Players outside the center circle and below the restraining lines are not required to stand during the draw. Players may hang their crosses into the center circle and over the restraining lines, but their crosses must not touch the ground and their feet must not touch the center circle line or the restraining lines. (Rules 19.A.4, 20.A.9)</p>
13.B.1	<p>1. When a player crosses either restraining line illegally prior to the umpire indicating that possession has been gained, a minor foul free position will be awarded at the spot of the ball</p>
13.D	<p>Following a whistle for a major or minor foul outside the 15m Advantage Flag area, the player who is awarded the free position may continue to play when both her feet are stationary on the ground and the ball is in her crosse, without waiting for an additional whistle.</p> <p>The offending player must immediately move 4m behind for the major foul or 4m away to the side for the minor foul to the player taking the free position indicated by the umpire. Any other player/s within 4m must move 4m away from the foul indicated by the umpire. All other players must stand.</p> <p>The player who has been awarded the free position may self-start following the umpire's signal of the foul and the umpire awarding the free position.</p> <p>The option of self-starting is administered at the spot of the foul. However, if the ball is within playing distance (a stick and a half-length away approx. 2.5m) from the player who is awarded the free position she may pick up the ball and self-start.</p> <p>If the ball is outside the playing distance of the foul, the player who has been awarded the free position and the ball must return to the spot of the foul for the self-start. If the spot of the foul cannot be determined, the umpire shall indicate the location for the free position. If the umpire has to reset the free position, the umpire's whistle will restart play.</p> <p>If the player who has been awarded the free position chooses to self-start, then defensive players may play her immediately following the self-start. If any player moves prior to the player who has been awarded the free position self-start, this is a false start and shall be penalized at the spot of the ball. Repeated false starts, delays in moving 4m by the defense, or self-starts by the attack beyond the playing distance of the foul will result in a delay of game penalty.</p> <p>Self-start is not an option when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the game clock is stopped; b. the ball is out of bounds including the side line and end line; c. there is a restraining line violation; d. there is an illegal draw; e. major or minor fouls occurring in the 15m Advantage Flag area including offensive and goal circle fouls. <p><u>Guidance:</u></p> <p><i>Self-start is permitted when the ball goes out of bounds because of a foul that occurs within the field.</i></p> <p><i>If the player who is awarded the free position attempts to self-start from a position further than a playing distance from the spot of the foul, the umpire will blow the whistle, set the free position at the spot of the foul, and</i></p>



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	<p>commence play with the whistle. Repeated attempts to self-start from a position further than a playing distance from the spot of the foul may result in a delay of game card.</p> <p>If the player who is awarded the free position self-starts when this is not permitted, the umpire will blow the whistle set the free position at the spot of the foul and commence play with a whistle. Repeated attempts to self-start when self-starts are not permitted will be a delay of game card.</p> <p>Note: Mere instruction by the umpire as to the location of the free position does not preclude a self-start. Stand.</p>
18.A.1&2	<p>Restraining Line Rules & Penalties</p> <p>A team must not:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have more than six (6) attack players below/goal side of the restraining line in their offensive/attacking end of the field. 2. Have more than seven (7) defense players below/goal side of the restraining line in the defensive end of the field. One of these 7 players is usually, but not necessarily the goalkeeper.
20.A.8.d.2	<p>If both players draw illegally, or it cannot be determined why the draw was illegal, or the umpire determines the draw was unsuccessful because it was not set correctly, the umpire will reset the draw.</p>
20.B	<p>Minor Foul Free Positions</p> <p>B.1 ... The player who fouled will stand 4m away to the side from the opponent awarded the ball.</p> <p>B.2 ... The defender who fouled will stand 4m away to the side from the opponent awarded the ball.</p> <p>B.2.b ...she will be penalized as a field player and must move 4m away to the side of the player taking the free position.</p> <p>B.3 ... The attack player who fouled will stand 4m away to the side from the opponent awarded the ball.</p>
20.A.13	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Illegal Equipment: play with illegal equipment. An umpire may take time out at any time during the game to re-inspect the pocket of a crosse or other equipment. Any player on the field may request an umpire to check the pocket of an opponent's crosse. <p>The player requesting the crosse check must provide the umpire with the shirt number of the opponent whose crosse will be checked. (Rule 20.A.15)</p> <p>Guidance: <i>Umpires must be alert to sagging pockets and crosses that hold the ball after successive hard checks.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If the equipment is legal, the game will be restarted by awarding the ball to the player who was in possession of it when time out was called. If neither team had possession of the ball, a throw will be awarded to the two opponents who are nearest the spot of the ball. b. If the equipment is illegal, it will be placed at the scorer's table for the remainder of the period. The opponent nearest the spot of the ball will be awarded a free position. The player may continue to play with equipment that is legal. c. If a goal is scored with an illegal crosse, and the illegal crosse is discovered before the game is restarted with a draw, the goal will not count. The game will restart with a free position for the opponents at the center line. Player positioning for the draw will apply, players must stand. d. If any player other than the shooter is found to have an illegal crosse after a goal is



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23	Penalties for Delay of Game & Other Persistent Minor Fouls D.2 For the second delay of game or persistent foul penalty, the umpire shall award the appropriate major foul .