



FIL General Assembly (GA) 2018 - Competition Report

This report covers the area of Competition over the past twelve months

The key strategic initiatives which have been considered are:

- FIL Competition Structure
- World Events and Qualifying Events
- Re-imagining World Events

1. FIL Competition Structure

Proposals to change the structure have been presented to the FIL Board and are now out to the membership for postal vote consideration

2. FIL World Events and Qualifying Events

The General Assembly in 2017 agreed that from 2021 the senior FIL World Events would be restricted to 30 teams. Since then there have been opportunities to bid for FIL World Events, but there have not been any bids for hosting 2023 U19 Women's World Championship. This ties in with feedback that 30 is still too high, so this will be discussed at the 2018 General Assembly.

Further work on Qualifying Events has been undertaken and discussions held with APLU, ELF. A separate document will be distributed with proposals to consider at the GA this year.

Qualifiers will be required for re-imagined World Events and for World Events based on a new form of lacrosse which need to be developed (see point 3 below). Note that this new form of lacrosse will be *as well as, not instead of* the game we play today, thus opening up opportunities for more people to play lacrosse around the world.

3. Re-imagining World Events

Due to so many other things going on in the Competition space, this has not really progressed beyond the data gathering stage however there will be an opportunity in Netanya for members to attend workshops to discuss this topic. No decisions will be made, these workshops have been set up to give members the opportunity to share their ideas at the start of this journey to extend our sport further.



FIL World Events in past year

World Cup 2017 (WC2017)

25 countries participated over 10 days with the final positions being:.

1 USA	6 Israel	11 Italy	16 Netherlands	21 Sweden
2 Canada	7 Wales	12 Haudenosaunee	17 Latvia	22 China
3 England	8 New Zealand	13 Ireland	18 Hong Kong	23 Spain
4 Australia	9 Japan	14 Germany	19 Switzerland	24 Colombia
5 Scotland	10 Czech Republic	15 Korea	20 Mexico	25 Belgium

Over 250 volunteers were recruited to help to ensure a positive experience for participants and spectators and an Event Management company was appointed for the event to support EL and the Local Organizing Committee.

Online coverage was good and it is clear that this is an effective way to spread the word about lacrosse:

7,420 streams – online
50,000 web users / 120,051 web sessions
Social media 5.5 million reach

Ticket sales were significantly higher than anticipated and although this introduced an increase in venue equipment, infrastructure and personnel cost, EL exceeded the budgeted payment to FIL by 70%.

As well as the World Cup event, 62 teams participated in the FIL festival of lacrosse over an 11 day period in a number of age and ability related tournaments and the FIL Development Clinic proved popular with local clubs and schools.

EL produced a Post-Event Report, which will contribute to the FIL Event work that is being carried out.

FIL would like to thank EL for presenting such a well-run, successful FIL World Event.

The World Games 2017 (TWG2017)

Lacrosse featured in the World Games for the first time last year. These were held in Wroclaw, Poland over a 4 day and the teams competing were Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, Poland (as host nation) and USA.

The number of athletes, team staff and officials were restricted by IWGA “envelopes” of defined numbers and this resulted in the FIL Board decision that the games would be played 10 a side and with some modifications to the speed up the play.

The athletes enjoyed playing in the multi-sport games and had no difficulty with playing 10 x 10. The positions in the event were:



1. USA
2. Canada
3. Australia
4. Great Britain
5. Japan
6. Poland

IWGA and IOC attendees were impressed with the game but made observations on the need to speed up the game, particularly after a goal is scored, smaller field and less interval between games.

Future FIL World Events

Men's World Championship 2018 (WC2018)

This will be held in Netanya, Israel over the period 12th – 22nd July with 47 team competing. It would have been 48 but regrettably Bulgaria withdrew last month.

There are a number of teams playing in their first world event including:
Croatia, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Peru, Philippines and Puerto Rico.

The host, Israel Lacrosse Association, has done a remarkable job having taken on the event, following the withdrawal of the previous host in April 2017. They have had 15 months to prepare rather than the usual period of 4 – 5 years.

We all look forward very successful event.

Women's World U19 Championship 2019 (WC2019)

This will be hosted at Justin Chiu Stadium at Trent University and Fleming College in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada over the period 1st August – 10th August 2019.

Men's World Indoor Championship 2019 (WILC2019)

This will be hosted at the Langley Events Centre, British Columbia, Canada over the period 19th – 28th September 2019. Hotel information has recently been sent out to members and currently requests to participate are being received. It is expected that the number of teams competing will be in the range 17 -20. The initial Host Organizing Committee Bulletin will be issued shortly.

Men's World U19 Championship 2020 (WC2020)

This is being hosted at the University in Limerick by Ireland Lacrosse over the period 9th – 18th July 2020 with in excess of 20 teams anticipated. While still more than two years away members have been asked to give a preliminary notification of whether they are able to participate by 30th June this year.



Women's World Championship 2021 (WC2021)

The 2021 FIL Women's World Cup will be hosted by US Lacrosse and held at Towson University, Baltimore, MD USA. This will take place in July 2021 – note that actual dates will be confirmed once more is known about the IWGA 2021 dates for lacrosse.

Men's World Championship 2022 (WC2022)

Bids have been received for this event and evaluated. There are a number of logistics issues to be resolved and then an announcement of the host will be made.

This championship will be restricted to 30 teams, some pre-qualified based on their position in WC2018 and others will qualify through Regional events.

Women's World U19 Championship 2023 (WC2023)

No bid received at date of writing. Bid date extended to 31st May 2018. Hosts have been asked to provide a maximum that they can accommodate, which may be lower than the 30 teams maximum as voted on at GA 2017.

Men's World Indoor Championship 2023 (WILC2023)

A number of bids have been received and these are being evaluated. It is expected that the Board will decide on the host in July of this year.

Updates on these events will be provided at the General Assembly.

Thanks go to the FIL Event Leads and all the NGB Organizing Committees for the immense effort that they put into producing FIL World Events, from bid to execution.

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