

30 April 2012

Feffie Barnhill
FIL Vice President
feffieb@comcast.net



Dear Feffie,

The ALA wishes to record with FIL that the scheduling of the FIL 2012 GA, being aligned with the 2012 European Championships, is fundamentally inappropriate. It is believed that the FIL GA should be aligned with the FIL events - as that supports and consolidates with the purpose of FIL members coming together over any two year period. Hence the GA's outcomes will be determined by those national members that support the FIL events. The GA's should not be perceived as a marketing exercise nor a convenience of the majority.

The ALA perspective is that the GA scheduling is a matter of principle rather than convenience.

The reality of availability, timing and costs could very well mean that ALA will not have a member of its Board attending the FIL 2012 Men's Under19 World Championship in Turku, Finland. This would directly result from the GA being held with the 2012 European Championships. And would be, with regret, the first time Australia hasn't been represented at Board level at a FIL event.

The matter of having representative/s travel and be accommodated for both the FIL 2012 GA and the FIL 2012 Men's Under19 World Championship plays a large part in whether or not ALA will be able to manage both. At this time ALA's ability to have formal representation of its Board at both events is very doubtful. The fact is that it is expensive and time critical (travel of 20 hours elapsed to/from for each event any ALA representatives for each event).

ALA believes that the FIL GA's should only be held in conjunction with FIL world events.

FIL CONSTITUTION:

Current -

5.3 Meetings

5.3.1 The General Assembly (GA) shall meet every two years and the meetings should, preferably be aligned to a joint international event in the June – August time frame.

Proposed Amendment –

5.3 Meetings

5.3.1 The General Assembly (GA) shall meet every two years and the meetings should be aligned to a joint FIL world event in the June – August time frame.

ALA requests that this submitted change to the FIL Constitution is scheduled for the FIL GA 2012 Agenda.

Regards,

Vivienne Parker-White
Director of Administration

Copy to: Mike Slattery, ALA President

www.lacrosse.com.au
vivienne.j@hotkey.net.au

AUSTRALIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION LIMITED ACN 124 440 124

MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS:

NEW SOUTH WALES LACROSSE • QUEENSLAND LACROSSE ASSOCIATION • LACROSSE SOUTH AUSTRALIA
LACROSSE TASMANIA • LACROSSE VICTORIA • LACROSSE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Principal Sponsor



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

da