



FIL Qualifying Event Proposal

Problem Statement

FIL World Events

The FIL currently holds five World Events which take place in a 4-year cycle:

- Men's Lacrosse
 - Under-19 World Championship
 - World Championship
 - World Indoor Championship
- Women's Lacrosse
 - Under-19 World Championship
 - World Cup

The number of teams competing in each category has increased year on year, as has FIL membership, to a point that it is not possible to find a host for each of these events.

At the FIL GA 2017 the membership voted to limit the number of teams that could participate in a FIL World Event, so that a host had some certainty, relating to the scale of the event, when preparing the bid. The maximum limit voted on was 30 teams. This limit would be set for events taking place in 2021 onwards.

The maximum team limit of 30 introduced the need for teams to qualify to participate in a FIL World Event where this limit has been, or will be, breached and a qualification process needs to be created.

IWG

8 men's and 8 women's teams have been invited to participate in the International World Games 2021. Qualifiers for this IWGA event be 2017 World Cup (women) and 2018 World Championship (men). This *may* be different for future IWGA events as the qualifier ideally should take the same format as the version to be played at IWGA.

Olympics

We need to work on the assumption that lacrosse will be included in the Olympics. If the sport is accepted, then we are in a great position. If it is not, then we are still in a great position as we will have created a new and exciting format for our sport. We already know that our 10 or 12 a-side game is not acceptable so a new format is needed. This work is being covered in a separate report.

Note that this is "as well as" not "instead of" the game we play today. We will be extending our sport's appeal and increasing opportunities for more people to pick up a stick and play lacrosse.

Proposal for voting at GA

FIL World Events

- 30 teams max for a FIL World Event
- Top third 1/3rd pre-qualify, the remaining teams qualify through the CFs.
 - Currently this would be 10 (30/3) pre-qualify, 20 (30-10) qualify through CFs

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- This qualification calculation is based on the lacrosse programs that exist and operate, relevant to the event. As long as they have a lacrosse program relevant to the event, then they will be allocated a minimum of 1 nation.
- Top 6 ranked teams will continue to form a "top 6" pool / division
- Implemented from 2021 onwards
- Host will automatically be allocated an entry, regardless of qualification. This will be part of the allocation for that CF.
- CF qualifier nations must be a full member of that CF **and** FIL e.g. Mongolia is a member of APLU but not of FIL and Greece & Philippines are members of the FIL and not the CF.

IWGA 2021

FIL 2017 & 2018 World Event results will be used to determine the nations that play.

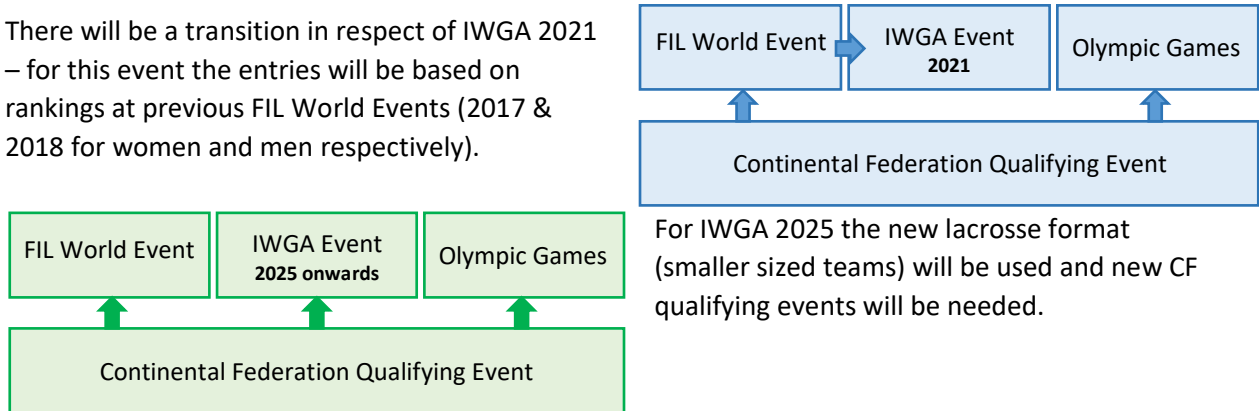
Event Calendar

Sample calendar in Appendix D – Qualifiers Calendar. Needs agreed in principle – further detailed discussion needed between FIL & CFs post-voting.

General Principle

Qualifying events will be the same lacrosse format as the event for which they are competing to qualify for e.g. 10 v 10 qualifier for a 10 v 10 event, 7 v 7 qualifier for a 7 v 7 event.

There will be a transition in respect of IWGA 2021 – for this event the entries will be based on rankings at previous FIL World Events (2017 & 2018 for women and men respectively).



For IWGA 2025 the new lacrosse format (smaller sized teams) will be used and new CF qualifying events will be needed.

All qualifying events will be FIL recognised therefore ensuring consistency across regions e.g. FIL playing rules, officials, suitable event. Agreements will be drawn up between FIL & each CF to ensure there is clarity relating to this new process.

FIL World Event Qualification

The top 10 ranked teams from the previous FIL Women’s Lacrosse World Cup will pre-qualify. See Appendix A – Current Rankings up to June 2018 on page 5. The remaining number will need to qualify through agreed qualifying event(s) run by their CF (see Appendix D – Qualifiers Calendar on page 9). This means that there will be more international events taking place around the world and more opportunity to showcase the sport in each region.

A maximum of 30 teams will compete in a FIL world Event.



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The remaining 20 (30-10) places will be applied proportionately, allowing for a minimum of 1 nation per CF, thus ensuring that all CFs are represented, as long as they have the relevant lacrosse program in place. Using indoor as an example, if a nation does not have an indoor program, then it does not get included in the calculation to determine the number of entries that their CF is allocated. It sounds complicated, but Excel makes it very simple & this method ensures transparency and fairness.

Each CF will host a FIL recognised qualifying event – these are described in Appendix D – Qualifiers Calendar. A CF will only be required to host a qualifying event if they have a relevant program. Using U19s as an example, if there is no U19 program yet, then there is no requirement to host a U19 qualifying event and no teams will therefore be allocated an entry to the event. In this instance the minimum of 1 is not applicable.

The results of the qualifiers must be advised to FIL by 1st January of the year *prior* to the FIL World Event, so 1st January 2019 for a 2020 event. Ideally, they should be completed before then, this is just a “no later than” date. This enables event management for the FIL World Event to proceed with certainty about the participating nations, for communications, press releases, scheduling etc. and allows nations time to prepare.

IWGA World Games Qualification

A new CF qualifying event will be needed, in future, where the IWG team size is different to that played at FIL World Events. This would be a single new event or series of new events for each CF to organise e.g. a CF may want to host events in north, south, east or west of their area, then have a finals play-off.

Each qualifying event will be recognised by FIL so CFs will need to liaise with the appropriate FIL to discuss the finer details and draw up agreements.

Olympic Games Qualification

A new CF qualifying event is needed, which uses the same format as will be played at the Olympics. The format will be considered during information gathering workshops in Netanya, then work can continue to shape what this will look like going forwards. It will definitely not be the same format as the field lacrosse being played at current FIL events.

Each qualifying event will be recognised by FIL so CFs will need to liaise with the appropriate FIL to discuss the finer details and draw up agreements.



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Approach

Following on from FIL GA 2017, a small working group was set up, composed of representatives from APLU, ELF and FIL.

Led by the Development Director, two new Continental Federations (CF) were created (PALA & AAL), bringing the total number of FIL CFs to 4:

- Africa Association of Lacrosse (AAL)
- Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union (APLU)
- European Lacrosse Federation (ELF)
- Pan-American Lacrosse Association (PALA)

This aligns lacrosse CFs to the structure of other sports CF and, importantly, closely aligns to the Olympic CFs, minimising risk of further re-organisation later on. As AAL & PALA are newly formed, discussions will take place to agree how to put CF qualifying events in place. Work has not yet started on this.

Areas considered

- How many teams will pre-qualify?
- How do we determine the number of teams that need to qualify, per CF, per event category?
- How long prior to an event will the qualifiers be held?
- What will the qualifying events be per CF?
- How many days are needed for a qualifying event?
- How do we ensure that nations have sufficient international competition opportunities to enable them to continue to attract players and sponsors and grow the game in their nation / region?



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Appendix A – Current Rankings up to June 2018

Men

U19 (2016)

1	United States	6	Israel	11	Hong Kong
2	Canada	7	Ireland	12	Korea
3	Iroquois Nationals	8	Germany	13	Mexico
4	Australia	9	China	14	Taiwan
5	England	10	Scotland		

Senior Field (2014)

1	Canada	14	Czech Republic	27	Belgium
2	USA	15	Switzerland	28	Austria
3	Iroquois Nationals	16	Netherlands	29	Spain
4	Australia	17	Wales	30	Russia
5	England	18	Italy	31	China
6	Scotland	19	Latvia	32	Uganda
7	Israel	20	Poland	33	Korea
8	Japan	21	Hong Kong	34	Argentina
9	Germany	22	Turkey	35	Colombia
10	Ireland	23	Mexico	36	Costa Rica
11	Sweden	24	Bermuda	37	France
12	New Zealand	25	Norway	38	Thailand
13	Finland	26	Slovakia		

Senior Indoor (2015)

1	Canada	6	Ireland	11	Germany
2	Iroquois	7	Czech Republic	12	Serbia
3	United States	8	Australia	13	Switzerland
4	Israel	9	Finland		
5	England	10	Turkey		



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Women

U19 (2015)

1	Canada	6	Japan	11	Finland
2	USA	7	Wales	12	Colombia
3	England	8	Scotland	13	Korea
4	Australia	9	Germany	14	Israel
5	New Zealand	10	Czech Republic		

Senior (2017)

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



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Appendix B - Continental Federation Member Nations

AAL (2)	APLU (13)	ELF (32)	PALA (14)
Kenya	Australia	Austria	Argentina
Uganda	China	Belgium	Bermuda
	Hong Kong	Bulgaria	Canada
	Japan	Croatia	Chile
	Malaysia	Czech Republic	Colombia
	Mongolia	Denmark	Costa Rica
	New Zealand	England	Guatemala
	Philippines	Estonia	Haiti
	Qatar	Finland	Iroquois Confederacy
	Republic of Korea	France	Jamaica
	Singapore	Germany	Mexico
	Taiwan	Greece	Peru
	Thailand	Hungary	Puerto Rico
		Ireland	United States
		Israel	
		Italy	
		Latvia	
		Luxembourg	
		Netherlands	
		Norway	
		Poland	
		Portugal	
		Russian Federation	
		Scotland	
		Serbia	
		Slovakia	
		Slovenia	
		Spain	
		Sweden	
		Switzerland	
		Turkey	
		Wales	

This list needs to be reassessed as all nations competing in a FIL Event or FIL recognised event i.e. CF qualifier nations must be a full member of that CF **and** FIL e.g. Mongolia is a member of APLU but not of FIL and Greece & Philippines are members of the FIL and not the CF.



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Appendix C - How qualification is determined for qualifying events

Places will be allocated to each CF based on the number of nations in each CF, taking into account pre-qualified nations and whether there is a lacrosse program for that event e.g. indoor, U19s.

Using a rather unreal example to illustrate the point, if a CF had 20 nations, and their lacrosse program profile was:

- Women's senior – played by 15 nations
- Women's U19s – played by 5 nations
- Men's senior – played by 15 nations
- Men's U19s – played by 10 nations
- Men's Indoor – played by 0 nations

Each event would take that profile into consideration, so that Women's U19s would use 5/20ths and women's seniors would use 15/20ths as part of the overall calculation.

This is a fair way to apportion places per CF as it relates to each event, takes into account the associated lacrosse program and is not simply based the overall number of nations.



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Appendix D – Qualifiers Calendar 2021 to 2028

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Key: FIL Event - Women FIL Event - Men
Non FIL Event - Women Non FIL Event – Men

2021

Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2021-W-FIL	Existing event - no change	2017 - W - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
		2019 - W - APLU - ASPACS	
		2019 - W - ELF - European Championship	
	New event	2019 or 2020 - W - AAL - New senior women's event	
		2019 or 2020 - W - PALA - New senior women's event	
2021-M-IWGA	Existing event - no change	2018 - M - FIL - World Championship	
2021-W-IWGA	Existing event - no change	2017 - W - FIL - World Championship	

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2022

Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2022-M-FIL	Existing event - no change	2018 - M - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
		2019 - M - APLU - ASPACS	
		2020 - M - ELF - European Championship	
	New event	2020 or 2021 - M - AAL - New senior men's event	
		2020 or 2021 - M - PALA - New senior men's event	

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2023

Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2023-MILC-FIL	Existing event - no change	2019 - M - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
		2021-MILC – ELF – Euro Box Championships	
	New event	2021 or 2022 - M - AAL - New senior men's indoor event	
		2021 or 2022 - M - APLU - New senior men's indoor event	
		2021 or 2022 - M - PALA - New senior men's indoor event	
2023-WU19-FIL	Existing event - no change	2019 - Women's U19 - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
	New event	2021 or 2022 - Women's U19 - AAL - New women's U19 event	
		2021 or 2022 - Women's U19 - APLU - New women's U19 event	
		2021 or 2022 - Women's U19 - PALA - New women's U19 event	
	Existing event - potential change	2022-WU20 - Women's U19 - ELF - Changed event?	The age group for ELF is 20 not 19, so we need to consider this difference

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2024

Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2024-MU19-FIL	Existing event - no change	2020 - Men's U19 - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
	New event	2022 or 2023 - Men's U19 - AAL - New men's U19 event	
		2023 or 2023 - Men's U19 - APLU - New men's U19 event	
		2025 or 2023 - Men's U19 - PALA - New men's U19 event	
Existing event - potential change	2023-MU20 - Men's U19 - ELF - Changed event?	The age group for ELF is currently 20 not 19, to encourage participation. ELF will continue to assess after each tournament	

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2025

Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2025-W-FIL	Existing event - no change	2021 - W - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
		2023 - W - APLU - ASPACS	
		2023 - W - ELF - European Championship	
	New event	2023 or 2024 - W - AAL - New senior women's event	
		2023 or 2024 - W - PALA - New senior women's event	
2025-M-IWGA	Existing event - no change	2023 or 2024 - M - AAL - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
	New event	2023 or 2024 - M - APLU - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2023 or 2024 - M - ELF - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2023 or 2024 - M - PALA - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
2025-W-IWGA	Existing event - no change	2023 or 2024 - W - AAL - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
	New event	2023 or 2024 - W - APLU - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2023 or 2024 - W - ELF - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2023 or 2024 - W - PALA - New event, IWGA lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event

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2026

Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2026-M-FIL	Existing event - no change	2022 - M - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
		2023 - M - APLU - ASPACS	
		2024 - M - ELF - European Championship	
	New event	2024 or 2025 - M - AAL - New senior men's event	
		2024 or 2025 - M - PALA - New senior men's event	

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2027

Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2027-MILC-FIL	Existing event - no change	2023 - M - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
		2025 - M - ELF - European Indoor Championship	
	New event	2025 or 2026 - M - AAL - New senior men's indoor event	
		2025 or 2026 - M - APLU - New senior men's indoor event	
		2025 or 2026 - M - PALA - New senior men's indoor event	
2027-WU19-FIL	Existing event - no change	2023 - Women's U19 - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
	New event	2025 or 2026 - Women's U19 - AAL - New women's U19 event	
		2025 or 2026 - Women's U19 - APLU - New women's U19 event	
		2025 or 2026 - Women's U19 - PALA - New women's U19 event	
Existing event - potential change	2026-WU20 - Women's U19 - ELF - Changed event?	The age group for ELF is 20 not 19, so we need to consider this difference	

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2028			
Event Name	New qualifying event needed?	Year and name of event qualifier	Notes
2028-MU19-FIL	Existing event - no change	2024 - Men's U19 - FIL - World Championship	To determine pre-qualifying nations
	New event	2026 or 2027 - Men's U19 - AAL - New men's U19 event	
		2026 or 2027 - Men's U19 - APLU - New men's U19 event	
		2026 or 2027 - Men's U19 - PALA - New men's U19 event	
	Existing event - potential change	2027-MU20 - Men's U19 - ELF - Changed event?	The age group for ELF is 20 not 19, so we need to consider this difference
2028-M-IOC	New event	2026 or 2027 - M - AAL - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2026 or 2027 - M - APLU - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2026 or 2027 - M - ELF - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2026 or 2027 - M - PALA - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
2028-W-IOC	New event	2026 or 2027 - W - AAL - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2026 or 2027 - W - APLU - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2026 or 2027 - W - ELF - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event
		2026 or 2027 - W - PALA - New event, IOC lacrosse	New Olympic lacrosse format qualifying event

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Appendix E - Previous FIL World Events Participation Numbers

The table below give us an idea of how close to the 30 teams maximum the different events are. Where available it shows the number of teams that competed in the most recent event for that category, the number of teams that were agreed in the bid document and the new maximum number of teams as voted on at the FIL GA2017 (which take effect from 2021).

Year	FIL World Event	Actual # teams	Host bid # teams	FIL max # teams
2014	Men's Lacrosse World Championship	38	-	n/a
2015	Women's Lacrosse Under-19 World Championship	14	-	n/a
2015	Men's Lacrosse World Indoor Championship	13	-	n/a



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2016	Men's Lacrosse Under-19 World Championship	14	-	n/a
2017	Women's Lacrosse World Cup	25	-	n/a
2018	Men's Lacrosse World Championship	-	47	n/a
2019	Women's Lacrosse Under-19 World Championship	-	22-24	n/a
2019	Men's Lacrosse World Indoor Championship	-		n/a
2020	Men's Lacrosse Under-19 World Championship	-		n/a
2021	Women's Lacrosse World Cup	-	24-30	30
2022	Men's Lacrosse World Championship	-		30
2023	Women's Lacrosse Under-19 World Championship	-	No bid	30
2023	Men's Lacrosse World Indoor Championship	-		30