



BYLAWS

FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE

UPDATES FOR REVIEW AT GA IN JULY 2010



FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE (FIL)

BYLAWS

1. MEMBERSHIP APPROVAL

- 1.1 The criteria for Full and Associate Members status are outlined in the Appendix to these Bylaws.
- 1.2 The Development Committee will review membership applications, and any proposed change of membership category, and present to the Board for consideration. The Board will determine whether an applicant country meets the criteria and policies set by the General Assembly (GA) and then may approve new members and any change of status.

2. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 2.1 These shall be agreed at the GA and detailed as an Appendix to these Bylaws.
- 2.2 For a new Member or Associate Member the subscription will be applicable from January 1st following membership acceptance or change of status.

3. MEMBER'S MANAGEMENT OBLIGATIONS

- 3.1 Every full or associate member shall provide an annual report to the Vice President (VP), using the template provided, including the name of the official contact person.

4. AWARDS

- 4.1 Recognition of individuals, at different levels, will be considered by and presented to the Board or the GA, by the Nominating Committee.

5. BOARD COMPOSITION

- 5.1 Members of the Board are elected by the GA.
- 5.2 Members of the Board are responsible for attending two Board meetings each year, as well as attending the GA every two years. Board meetings will be scheduled twice each year, the specific date to be determined by the President.
- 5.3 Four of the six Board positions (President, VP, Director of Women's Lacrosse and Director of Men's Lacrosse) will be game-representative for the first four years.



Thereafter, only two Board positions (Director of Women’s Lacrosse and Director of Men’s Lacrosse) will be guaranteed game-representatives.

- 5.4** Board nominees must reside within a Full Member nation in order to be considered for Board positions. If nominated by a different Member (not the country of residence) then the nomination must be supported by the home country Member (written confirmation being required).
- 5.5** The Nominating Committee is responsible for publicizing any Board and Committee Chair vacancy to the Board and delegates of the GA, identifying nominees and distributing to the delegates of the GA, at least 30 days prior to all GA meetings, a list of nominees for any Board positions for which an election is required.
- 5.6** Nominations for a game-representative position must be made by a Member that plays or played that form of the game.
- 5.7** Board terms will be four years, and Board members may serve up to two consecutive four-year terms, or a total of eight consecutive years, before they must cycle off the Board for at least one year.

6. BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1** The Board shall have the ultimate authority to manage the organization’s budget once it is approved by the GA.
- 6.2** It shall serve as the organization’s Strategic Planning Committee, with up to four (4) other people and is charged with leading efforts to prepare, present for GA approval and implement the organization’s strategic plan. The Board will also monitor and evaluate the plan, and provide regular progress reports to the GA.
- 6.3** The President shall establish the agenda and timing for Board meetings and the GA, and preside over these meetings. The President, subject to Board approval, shall have the power to temporarily fill Board vacancies until the next meeting of the GA, at which a formal election for the vacancy will be conducted.
- 6.4** The Board shall have and may exercise all of the powers and authority of the GA, in between meetings of the GA, in the management of the organization except for the following:
 - 6.4.1** The adoption, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws and Constitution.
 - 6.4.2** The amendment or revocation of any resolution of the GA that by its terms is amendable or revocable only by the GA.
 - 6.4.3** Action that is in conflict with the Bylaws or a GA resolution pertaining to a committee of the organization.
 - 6.4.4** Playing rule changes.
 - 6.4.5** Eligibility requirements.
 - 6.4.6** Changes in member dues.



- 6.4.7** Decisions on proposed new FIL championship events.
- 6.4.8** Changes in the GA meetings or world event calendar.

- 6.5** Board meeting minutes, General Assembly meeting minutes and financial reports, along with all accompanying reports, shall be circulated by the VP to the delegates of all member nations within 60 days following a meeting.
- 6.6** The Board shall have the responsibility to evaluate the performance of each committee of the organization and approve and/or replace committee chairs as needed or in the best interest of the organization.

7. COMMITTEES

- 7.1** FIL shall have a number of standing committees that shall convene regularly either in conjunction with the GA of members, international championships or independently (electronically or via conference call). Unless otherwise specified in a committee job description, committees shall consist of a chair, who must be a resident of a Full Member nation, or otherwise as approved by a unanimous decision of the FIL Board and no more than four additional members, all of whom must be residents of Full or Associate Member nations. Committee chairs not held by Board members and the members of each committee must be approved by the Board. Committee chairs may serve up to two consecutive four-year terms, but ultimately serve at the direction of the Board. The term for committee members is also four years, and members may also serve up to two consecutive terms at the discretion of the committee chair. However, the terms of the members of each committee may be adjusted by the Board for strategic reasons, to achieve a rotation of membership and to ensure continuity.
- 7.2** A call for nominations of any committee vacancy shall be circulated to all GA delegates; member nominated contact points and the Board, and also be posted on FIL's web site.
- 7.3** The chair of a committee is nominated by the respective Board member who oversees that particular area of activity. Committee chairs shall establish the agenda and timing for committee meetings, and preside over these meetings. The chair of each committee has the responsibility to select/replace members of his/her committee subject to Board approval. No more than two committee members, including the chair, from the same member nation may serve on the same committee at once. Although the quality and commitment of committee members is of significant importance, the representation of regional diversity within each committee is strongly encouraged whenever possible.
- 7.4** A committee chair is responsible for communicating committee activity to the Board and members by submitting reports according to established policy prior to each Board and GA meeting to the Board member who oversees that particular area of



activity. The Board provides oversight of and direction to each committee based on the strategic priorities of the Board and GA. Committee chairs are also responsible for participating in the budget process and effectively managing budget allocations.

7.5 The Committees proposed at the set up of FIL are:

- 7.5.1** Men's Officiating Committee
- 7.5.2** Women's Officiating Committee
- 7.5.3** Men's Rules Committee
- 7.5.4** Women's Rules Committee
- 7.5.5** Men's Competitions Committee
- 7.5.6** Women's Competition Committee
- 7.5.7** Nominating Committee
- 7.5.8** Development Committee
- 7.5.9** Finance Committee
- 7.5.10** Meeting & Event Calendar Committee
- 7.5.11** Communications Committee

8. FINANCE

8.1 Broadcast Rights

- 8.1.1** The rights for television and radio for all FIL events belong to FIL.
- 8.1.2** Written permission to broadcast such events must be obtained from FIL.
- 8.1.3** For television a license fee of a minimum of \$US100 (negotiable) per game per station, plus an archival copy at cost, is payable to FIL for the transfer of broadcast rights for any FIL event.

8.2 World Championship Revenues

- 8.2.1** A minimum of ten percent (10%), or as subsequently increased by the GA, of the revenue from all entry ticketed sales, excluding government taxes included in ticket prices, of all games would be due to FIL from the host country.
- 8.2.2** Fifty percent (50%) of the amount due must be paid within three (3) months of the date of the final game and the balance must be paid within six (6) months of the final game, this will be subject to the contractual agreement between the FIL and the NGB of the host country.
- 8.2.3** A failure to meet deadlines could result in consideration of future event participation.
- 8.2.4** FIL may order an audit or examination of financial records for World Championship events by independent auditors at FIL expense.



9. LICENSES

- 9.1** FIL retains all rights in and to its intellectual property. The GA may, upon appropriate resolution, authorize any member or other organization or individual to manage, organize or conduct any activities under license from FIL containing such terms and conditions as the GA may determine.
- 9.2** A license fee of 15% of the retail price is payable for any merchandise sold displaying the FIL logo.

10. INTERNATIONAL VISITS

- 10.1** An application for a National team/squad visit to another country must be approved by the member National Governing Body (NGB) of the team intending to tour.
- 10.1.2** The application must be approved by the host member NGB who must be kept fully informed of the visiting team program.
- 10.3** Visits should be encouraged and applications should not be unreasonably denied.
- 10.4** The visiting member NGB must advise the dates and schedule for all visits to the FIL Administrative Assistant and each member NGB to be visited with at least 6 weeks notice.

11. INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

- 11.1** FIL Men's World Championships (Senior and Under 19 Field and Indoor) shall be conducted according to the Men's existing Championship Handbook.
- 11.2** FIL Women's World Championships (Senior and Under 19) shall be conducted according to the Women's existing World event Guidelines. Note: the Women's World Cup is a Senior World Championship.
- 11.3** FIL World Indoor Championships (Men) shall be played according to the Rules for Indoor Lacrosse as adopted by the National Lacrosse League (USA) applicable at March 31 of the year before the event.
- 11.4** FIL may approve specific competitions to be conducted as FIL events.

12. ANTI DOPING

- 12.1** Policies and procedures regarding doping shall be as prescribed by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) from time to time and banned drugs shall be as outlined by the IOC / WADA. See attached document for details entitled FIL WADA Rules at Appendix C



12.2 During World Championship events at least one athlete, randomly selected, from each competing team shall be tested during Qualifying Round games, not including Play-in games, and one athlete, randomly selected, from each team in the Championship game unless otherwise agreed by the FIL Board.

12.3 Anti Doping offence penalties

See Appendix C

13. POSTAL / ELECTRONIC (E-MAIL) VOTING

13.1 The Board may from time to time call for a postal / electronic vote (as referred to in the Constitution). When this occurs for Members the communication will be sent to the contact point as nominated by the Member. A response will be required within 30 days of the request.

13.2 For postal / electronic votes within the Board the response period will be 15 days however this may be reduced to a shorter period if a matter of critical urgency.



MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

1. GUIDELINES

Note: These guidelines are for the purpose of eliciting information about the interested country and are not to be construed as an application form. It is expected that further information will be required as a result of the preliminary analysis of the data received.

- 1.1. A proposal for membership of FIL should include information from the following areas of interest:
 - 1.1.1 The name and/or geographical description of the applicant country;
 - 1.1.2 The name of the governing body for lacrosse within the applicant country together with a documentation confirming their status as a governing body;
 - 1.1.3 The names of the Board of Directors or appointed persons who are in direct control of, and fiscally responsible for, lacrosse activities in the applicant country.
- 1.2. A summary of the reasons for the application together with a brief history of lacrosse in the applicant country including any international involvement.
- 1.3. A timetable which will outline the proposed integration of the applicant country or territory into the FIL program of world championships and other international competition.
- 1.4. A commitment to the human and financial resources necessary to maintain membership in FIL, including the attendance at international competitions and/or meetings.

2. FULL MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Criteria for Member status
 - 2.1.1 National Association established.
 - 2.1.2 Must have sent a delegate to at least one General Assembly (following invitation).
 - 2.1.3 Must have a recommendation from the Development Committee that the applicant is ready to fully participate as a member of FIL.
 - 2.1.4 Must have participated in a FIL approved event.



2.2 Criteria for establishing Full membership by participation at recognized (but not necessarily sponsored FIL Tournaments

- 2.2.1** FIL dues must be current for all FIL members participating
- 2.2.2** At least 3 FIL member nations must participate in the event
- 2.2.3** Must have attended a FIL General Assembly meeting
- 2.2.4** Must give 6 months notification
- 2.2.5** Tournament must be played by FIL rules
- 2.2.6** In person evaluation by a FIL official before granting FIL Membership

2.3 Benefits:

- 2.3.1** Right to participate in all relevant FIL events.
- 2.3.2** One voting delegate at General Assembly meetings.

3. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

3.1 An organization may be accepted as an Associate provided that the FIL Development Committee:

- 3.1.1** Is satisfied there is no other lacrosse organization active in that country
- 3.1.2** Is satisfied that the organization is committed to the development of lacrosse in that country and
- 3.1.3** Recommends that the organization be accepted as an Associate.

3.2 Benefits:

- 3.2.1** Invitation to participate in relevant FIL events (but not able to compete for World Champion titles)
- 3.2.2** One non-voting delegate should attend General Assembly meetings.

4. MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

4.1 Participation in FIL meetings

4.2 Participation in relevant World Events

4.3 Payment of all financial obligations established by FIL, **INCLUDING:**

- 4.3.1** Membership Subscriptions
- 4.3.2** Event participation and hosting fees



4.4 Provision of information (template provided) on an annual basis.

5. ALLIED ORGANIZATION

5.1 The Board may assign the category of Allied Organization to any organization, other than NGBs for Lacrosse.

5.2 Allied Organizations have no voting rights.

5.3 There is no requirement for an Allied Organization to attend GA meetings but they may do so if they wish

5.4 Allied Organizations may speak at GA's at the discretion of the President (or the Chair of the GA at that time).

5.5 Allied Organizations will be charged an annual subscription fee, which must be paid within the requisite period of time, to retain Allied Organization status

5.6 Allied Organizations do not attain playing rights in FIL world events; this is only granted to National Governing Bodies.

6. MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

6.1 The Development Committee shall regularly review the status of member NGBs and make recommendations on any status change as necessary



APPENDIX B

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Full Members	2009	2010
Australia	4850	4850
Austria	700	800
Bermuda	500	700
Canada	6040	6040
Czech Republic	1500	1800
Denmark	1000	1200
England	5800	5800
Finland	500	700
France		700
Germany	3020	3020
Hong Kong	800	915
Ireland	1500	1800
Iroquois Nat./ Haudenosaunee	3200	3200
Italy	500	700
Japan	7390	7390
Latvia	500	700
Netherlands	1000	1200
New Zealand	1200	1500
Scotland	1500	1800
Slovakia	500	700
South Korea	1500	1800
Spain	500	700
Sweden	1000	1200
USA	8265	8265
Wales	1800	2000

Associate Members	2009	2010
Argentina	200	250
Belgium		250
Bulgaria	200	250
Costa Rica	200	250
Guatemala		250
Mexico		250
Norway	200	250
Poland	200	250
Portugal	200	250
Slovenia	200	250
Switzerland	200	250

Allied		
FIIC	200	200