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FIL Women's World Event Bylaws			FIL	HC	PC	Schedule	Reference	Location
<b>Calr1. Organization</b>								
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Naming Rights</b>							
	1.1.1	Any "Naming Rights" to be included as part of a major sponsorship for a FIL World Event shall be known as the "FIL..... WORLD CUP/CHAMPIONSHIP" (subject to approval by the FIL Board). The host country is responsible for seeking sponsorship. If a major sponsor is granted, FIL will have final approval of the name.	•	•			World Event Contract	Web
	1.1.2	The Senior Championship shall be known as the 'FIL 20XX WORLD CUP'. It is the responsibility of the host country to promote this Championship under the banner of the FIL.  The U19 Championship shall be known as the "FIL 20XX U19 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP". It is the responsibility of the host country to promote this Championship under the banner of the FIL.	•	•			World Event Contract	Web
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Timing</b>							
Amend	1.2.1 *	The Senior World Cup will be conducted every 4 years. The U19 World Championship will be conducted every 2 years following the World Cup.	•				<a href="#">World Event History</a>	Appendix
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Selection of host country and location</b>							
	1.3.1	Countries interested in hosting a world event must complete the World event bid and submit by the due date.	•	•	•	1 December, 5 years pre-event	World Event Bid Timetable	Web
<b>1.4</b>	<b>Country Eligibility</b>							
Amend	1.4.1	A country must be a member of the FIL for at least two years prior to participating in a world event ( <b>from date of commencement of the event</b> ). A full member country is eligible to compete for the championship trophy. An associate member can participate in the event, however, will not be eligible to play in the play off rounds.	•	•	•	2 years pre-event	Membership	Web
<b>1.5</b>	<b>Invitation to Attend</b>							
	1.5.1	It is the host responsibility to work with FIL to set the exact dates not later than 1 June, 2 years prior to the world event, with dates included in the invitation.	•	•		1 June - 2 years pre-event		

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	1.5.2	FIL, in liaison with the host country, will send 'invitations to participate' to all FIL members no later than 1 June, 2 years prior to a world event. The invitation will include a form to accept the rules and regulations governing the world event (Acceptance form), a Country Contact form and payment of funds information.	•	•	•	1 June - 2 years pre-event	Acceptance Form Country Contact Form	Web
<b>1.6</b>	<b>Team Entries</b>							
	1.6.1	A country's First National Team is the only team allowed to participate in the FIL world event.						
<b>1.7</b>	<b>Cost of entry (Entry Fee)</b>							
New	1.7.1	The event entry fee will be determined and retained by FIL and advised in the invitation. All payments should be forwarded to the FIL Finance Director, or deposited electronically.	•	•	•		Entry fee	Web
Delete	1.7.2 *	Consideration may be given to first time entrants to a world event. Upon written request, the FIL Board may authorize a reduction of up to 50% of the entry fee. Full participation in cost sharing of officials will still be required.						
	1.7.3	It is the responsibility of each country wishing to compete to complete the Acceptance form and Country Contact form within 2 months from the invitation being sent to the FIL Women's Competitions Chair. After receiving these forms, an invoice will be issued for 50% of the entry fee which will be due not later than 60 days following receipt of the invoice. The entry fee will be paid either electronically or to the FIL Finance Director. A second invoice for the remaining 50% will be issued, due by 31 January in the year of competition.			•	Not later than 60 days following receipt of the invoice	Acceptance Form Country Contact Form	Web
<b>1.8</b>	<b>Late Entries</b>							
Amend	1.8.1	Late entries from countries who haven't participated in an prior world event may be accepted by FIL in consultation with the host country up to one year prior to a world event on a negotiated cost basis, unless replacing a withdrawing country. <b>The decision to participate will be made by the Women's Sector.</b>	•	•	•			
	1.8.2	Late entrants may face other additional costs as determined by FIL or the host country.	•	•	•			
<b>1.9</b>	<b>Team withdrawal</b>							
New	1.9.1 *	In the circumstances where a team has entered a world event, and proceeded beyond the point of paying the participation fee (due by 31st December of the year preceding) the event, various penalties will apply to the team's National Governing Body (the member of FIL) if the team subsequently withdraws from the event or fails to arrive to participate.	•	•	•		Withdrawal of teams policy	Web
<b>1.10</b>	<b>Player Eligibility</b>							

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	1.10.1	Eligibility to participate will be determined by compliance with the FIL Eligibility Criteria.					<a href="#">Player Eligibility Criteria</a>	Web
<b>1.11</b>	<b>U19 Only Player Eligibility</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	1.11.1	U19 Only: Competitors must be <b>15 years or over at the commencement of the event</b> and under the age of 19 as of 31 August in the year prior to the world event.					<a href="#">Player Eligibility Criteria</a>	Web
<b>1.12</b>	<b>Player forms - Registration, Proof of Eligibility, Medical Treatment Authority, Code of Conduct &amp; Anti-doping</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	1.12.1 *	It is the countries' responsibility to <b>electronically submit (bring)</b> all forms (Registration Proof of Eligibility, Medical Treatment Authority, Code of Conduct & Anti-doping) <b>no later than 3 months prior to the commencement of the event (to the first Managers meeting at the world event)</b> . If U19, the forms must also be signed by the parent/guardian.	•	•	•		Registration form, Proof of Eligibility form, Medical Treatment Authority form, Code of Conduct form, <a href="#">Anti Doping form</a>	Web
	<b>Staff forms (Registration &amp; Code of Conduct)</b>							
<b>New</b>	1.12.2 *	It is the countries' responsibility to electronically submit all staff forms (Registration & Code of Conduct) no later than 3 months prior to the commencement of the event (to the first Managers meeting at the world event). If U19, the forms must also be signed by the parent/guardian.	•	•	•			
<b>1.13</b>	<b>Medical Treatment Authority</b>							
<b>Delete</b>	1.13.1 *	It is the countries' responsibility to bring a signed Player Agreement form for all players to the first Managers meeting at the world event. If U19, the Player Agreement form must also be signed by the parent/guardian.	•	•	•		Player Agreement Form	
<b>1.14</b>	<b>Anti Doping</b>							
	1.14.1	It is FIL's responsibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- to include in the Acceptance form an acknowledgement that a country will abide by FIL drug testing regulations upon accepting the invitation.</li> <li>- to give to all countries a clear advance statement of the situation that will be in force regarding drug testing</li> </ul>	•				<a href="#">Anti Doping Policy</a>	Web
	1.14.2	It is the host country's responsibility to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- advise the FIL of any/exact drug testing procedures no later than 2 months (or as soon as the host country is notified) prior to the world event.</li> </ul>		•		2 months pre-event	<a href="#">Anti Doping Policy</a>	Web

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	1.14.3	The Women's Competitions Chair will communicate at least 2 months prior to commencement of world event of any drug testing that may take place and conditions.	•			2 months pre-event	<a href="#">Anti Doping Policy</a>	Web
	1.14.4	It is the countries' responsibility to: - agree to abide by the FIL Anti Doping Policy or decline the invitation to participate. - ensure they are conversant with the FIL Anti Doping Policy including the list of Prohibited substances and methods issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency - Submit athlete TUE (Therapeutic Use Exemption) forms at least 1month prior to the world event to the Women's Competition Chair.			•	1 month pre-event	<a href="#">Anti Doping Policy</a> <a href="#">Therapeutic Use Exemption form</a>	Web
<b>1.15</b>	<b>Communication</b>							
	1.15.1	It is the responsibility of FIL, the host country and participating countries to be punctual with all communications and to meet stipulated deadlines.	•	•	•			
	1.15.2	Fax and e-mail signatures are deemed valid.						
<b>1.16</b>	<b>Non-Compliance</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	1.16.1 *	The host country and participating countries must abide by the FIL Women's World Event Bylaws. A penalty may be imposed on any country for non-compliance with World Event Bylaws. Penalties will be determined by the FIL Board <b>and Women's Sector Chairs</b> , and may take several forms including financial. A financial penalty is defined in units. The amount of 1 unit will be determined by the Board at each General Assembly. Documentation regarding penalties (e.g invoices) will be advised following breaches.	•	•	•		Unit Determination 1 unit = \$100 USD	Web
<b>1.17</b>	<b>Damages</b>							
	1.17.1	It is the host country's responsibility to report any charges/damages/ to the FIL Board up to 90 days after the completion of the event. A decision on these damages will be made, with countries advised not more than 30 days following submission to FIL. Any damages or charges must be paid prior to any future world event participation, including women's or men's events.	•	•	•	up to 3 months post-event		
<b>2. Conduct of Tournament</b>								
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Playing Rules</b>							
	2.1.1	All world events will be conducted as per current FIL Women's Rules and Tournament Rules. It is the responsibility of the host country and each participating country to be fully conversant with all FIL Rules and Women's Tournament Rules and Procedures.	•	•	•		<a href="#">FIL Women's Rule Book</a>	Web Hard Copy
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Field Size</b>							

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	2.2.1	The size of the field is determined by current FIL Women's Rules. It is the host country's responsibility to mark the game fields with correct lines as defined in the current FIL Women's Rules book.	•	•	•		<a href="#">FIL Women's Rule Book</a>	Web Hard Copy
<b>2.3</b>	<b>The Team</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	2.3.1 *	<b>Players:</b> A team may consist of a maximum of 18 players once the event begins. A team may bring up to 2 additional players to train with the team prior to managers' meeting where the final roster is confirmed. The 2 additional players may remain with the team for the duration of the event <b>but may not participate in practices after the commencement of the event or on field activities including ceremonies. They may attend the banquet.</b>	•	•	•			
	2.3.2	<b>Staff:</b> Each country may have a staff of 6 which must include one person trained in the physical care of their athletes (for example, a physiotherapist, athletic trainer). Failure to include this member will result in liaison with the host country for provision of same at the country's own expense.  Each country may also include a licensed medical practitioner as a 7th staff member (for example, a doctor, general practitioner, nurse or equivalent).	•	•	•		<a href="#">Definition of medical practitioner</a>	Appendix
	2.3.3	<b>Interpreter:</b> An interpreter may be utilized by countries where English is not the first language. This staff member will be in addition to the staff identified in 2.3.2.  Countries must report the use of this person to the Women's Competition Chair at the first Manager's meeting.						
	2.3.4	<b>Total team:</b> A maximum of 25 (18 players plus 7 staff) may be on the sidelines of a game if the team has a licensed medical practitioner. The maximum is 24 (18 players plus 6 staff) without a licensed medical practitioner. (An interpreter is above and beyond this number)  Player and staff names are to be confirmed at the first Managers' meeting, held one day prior to the first game of the event. No player or staff may be added to any team following the conclusion of the first Managers' meeting.				1 day pre-event		
<b>2.4</b>	<b>Playing Uniform</b>							



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Amend	2.4.1 *	All uniforms must be in line with requirements in FIL rules and include the FIL patch. <b>Non compliance = 10 units.</b>	•	•	•		<a href="#">FIL Women's Rule Book</a>	
Amend	2.4.2 *	It is each country's responsibility to advise the Women's Competition Chair of exact uniform details, including a picture of the playing uniform no later than 6 months prior to the world event. <b>Non compliance = 1 unit per month late.</b>	•	•	•	6 months pre-event		
	2.4.3	Teams are required to bring shirts (home and away) to the first managers' meeting. If a shirt is non-compliant the offending country will be required to have plain shirts printed at their cost, and be ready for their first day of play.	•	•	•			
	2.4.4	Each team must have 2 "blood" shirts in each color available.	•	•	•			
<b>2.5</b>	<b>Playing Numbers</b>							
Amend	2.5.1 *	Numbers on the players' uniforms may be between 1-40 and must meet the size dimensions in the FIL Rule book.	•	•	•			
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Captain's Armbands</b>							
Delete	2.6.1 *	Each team shall designate one speaking Captain for the game. The designated Captain may choose to wear a distinctive armband. The Captain's number shall be noted in the official Score Book.	•	•	•			
<b>2.7</b>	<b>Playing Ball</b>							
	2.7.1	The color of the ball to be used for the world event is determined in accordance with the FIL Women's Tournament Rules.	•	•	•			
<b>2.8</b>	<b>Duration</b>							
	2.8.1	The tournament shall be not less than 10 and not more than 14 days from the first day of play to the final day of play, depending on the number of teams competing.		•				
<b>2.9</b>	<b>Schedule</b>							
	2.9.1	The FIL Women's Competitions Committee, in consultation with the Officiating Chair and the Women's Director, will determine the tournament schedule subject to the number of competing countries.	•				<a href="#">Schedule Options</a>	Appendix
	2.9.2	If the tournament is for 10 days, the schedule should include at least one rest day, and ideally this is to be the same rest day for all teams. It is preferable that no team have their only rest day on the Opening Day. If the tournament is between 11-14 days, the schedule should include at least two rest days, and ideally, these be the same rest day for all teams. If the rest day is not common to all teams, the individual team rest day is to rotate from world event to world event.	•					

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2.9.3	The daily schedule must allow sufficient time for all matches to be played to a clear winner.	•					<a href="#">FIL Women's Rule Book</a>	Web Hard copy
2.9.4	The first game of the day must not commence before 9am. The final game of the day must not commence later than 8pm.							
2.9.5	The schedule must be as even as possible, with a balance of late/early matches.	•						
2.9.6	Each team will participate in not more than one game per day.	•	•	•				
2.9.7	Night games may be included in game schedule. Ideally, countries should play equal number of matches under lights.	•	•	•				
2.9.8	The Women's Competition Chair will liaise with the host country and circulate to all countries at least 6 months prior to the event for comments.	•			6 months pre-event			
2.9.9	It is the responsibility of each country to advise the Women's Competitions Chair of comments/suggested alterations to schedule 5 months prior to the event.			•	5 months pre-event			
2.9.10	The final schedule will be ratified by the Women's Sector and circulated 4 months prior to the world event.	•			4 months pre-event			
<b>2.10</b>	<b>Postponed Games</b>							
2.10.1	The final decision to postpone games is to be made by the assigned Technical Delegate, the World Event Co-ordinator, the Women's Competition Chair and the head grounds person.	•	•					
2.10.2	The schedule will include provision for postponed games in the schedule.		•					
<b>2.11</b>	<b>Pre- match schedule</b>							
2.11.1	It is the host country's responsibility to: - ensure all bench officials have written instructions of pre-match schedule - provide timers and scorers - prepare a proposal of pre-game line-up and to inform dignitaries in advance of requirements to participate		•				<a href="#">FIL Women's Rule Book</a>	Web Hard copy
<b>2.12</b>	<b>Post match schedule</b>							
2.12.1	It is the host country's responsibility to prepare the post match schedule and to inform dignitaries in advance of requirements to participate.	•	•	•			<a href="#">FIL Women's Rule Book</a>	Web Hard copy
<b>2.13</b>	<b>Points and ladder calculation</b>							

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	2.13.1	A points system will be used for round robin and knock-out pool play with all matches being played to a clear winner. Win = 2 points Loss = 0 points	•	•	•			
	2.13.2	The final standings for knock-out play will be determined by points. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the result of the head-to-head meeting between the teams. In the event of a tie, the goal differential formula will be used as per FIL Women's rules.	•	•	•		<a href="#">Points Allocation</a>	Appendix
<b>2.14</b>	<b>Practice Schedule</b>							
	2.14.1	Practice fields must be the same surface as games where possible.		•				
	2.14.2	Practice goals must be supplied at site of games, preferably two goals per team.		•				
	2.14.3	It is the host country's responsibility to solicit practice schedule requests from the countries within three months prior to the world event and to advise countries and FIL Women's Competition Chair of the final practice schedule 2 months prior to the event. The host country is not required to schedule practice time for teams not submitting their schedule request.		•		3 months pre-event and 2 months pre-event		
	2.14.4	It is each country's responsibility to upon receiving the proposed practice schedule to confirm acceptance/non-acceptance of proposed schedule to the host country with opportunity to comment.			•			
	2.14.5	Only the official team members are allowed on the practice field from the time the final roster is confirmed at the managers' meeting until the end of the event.			•			
<b>2.15</b>	<b>Venue</b>							
	2.15.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule the locker rooms including toilets to ensure that only one team is in the locker room at any one time. Locker rooms will be secure for team members only.		•				
	2.15.2	Any team member may leave the field at any time during the game to go to the secure locker room.			•			
	2.15.3	It is the responsibility of the host country to provide shelters on the pitch for teams and officials.		•				
<b>2.16</b>	<b>Meetings</b>							

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Amend	2.16.1 *	<p><b>Coaches:</b> The first (pre-event) Coaches' meeting is to be scheduled one day prior to the first game of the event. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Head Coach. The meeting shall be co- chaired by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly.</p> <p><b>Non compliance = 3 units.</b></p>	•	•	•	1 day pre-event	<a href="#">Coaches Meetings</a>	Appendix
Amend	2.16.2 *	<p><b>Coaches:</b> At least one more ('in-event') Coaches meeting is to be scheduled during the competition. The first of these meetings shall be held at the conclusion of play on Day 2. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Head Coach. The meeting shall be co-chaired by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly. If any additional meetings are required, they shall be determined by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition and advised accordingly. <b>This meeting may be held in conjunction the Managers meeting.</b></p>	•	•	•	2nd day of event	<a href="#">Coaches Meetings</a>	Appendix
Amend	2.16.3 *	<p><b>Managers:</b> The first (pre-event) Managers meeting is to be scheduled one day prior to the first game of the event. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Manager. The meeting shall be co-chaired by the Event Coordinator and the FIL Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly. The team including players and staff are to be confirmed in writing at this meeting. No changes can be made to this list once submitted.</p> <p><b>Non compliance = 3 units.</b></p>	•	•	•	1 day pre-event	<a href="#">Managers Meetings</a>	Appendix
	2.16.4	<p><b>Managers:</b> At least one more ('in-event') Managers meeting is to be scheduled during the competition. The first of these meetings shall be held at the conclusion of play on Day 2. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Manager. The meeting shall be co-chaired by the Event Coordinator and the FIL Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly. If any additional meetings are required, they shall be determined by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition and advised accordingly. This meeting may be held in conjunction the Coaches meeting.</p>	•	•	•	2nd day of event	<a href="#">Managers Meetings</a>	Appendix
<b>2.17</b>	<b>Scoreboard and Clock</b>							
	2.17.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to provide scoreboard and clock. Countries should be identified on or by the scoreboard. Both scoreboard and clock must be clearly visible. Clock, showing elapsed time, must be positioned for easy sighting by players and officials (and spectators) if possible.		•				

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<b>2.18</b>	<b>Insurance</b>							
	2.18.1	No responsibility for insurance of players, officials or spectators, will be taken by the FIL. It is the responsibility of the host country to acquire site and liability insurance and consider cancellation insurance. It is recommended that each country have insurance to cover travel, baggage and medical insurance for their own players, officials and spectators and for players to have player liability coverage.		•	•			
<b>2.19</b>	<b>Filming</b>							
	2.19.1	<b>During Practices:</b> Filming is permitted under certain conditions. Practices will defined as open or closed (dependent upon the nature of the facility). Filming may occur at an open session, where the public has free entry. No filming may take place during a closed session, where public entry will be denied.			•			
	2.19.2	<b>During Matches:</b> It is the responsibility of the host country to provide a safe, secure media station for filming of matches, separate/away from the spectators and teams. During each game, each competing team will be permitted a maximum of 2 people to film from the official filming position. See digital recording section 6.9.		•	•			
<b>2.20</b>	<b>Wireless Communication</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	2.20.1 *	The use of wireless communication including phones, laptops, tablets & walkie talkies on the sideline is not permitted unless in the case of an emergency. In this instance, the call must be made at the scorers table.	•					
<b>2.21</b>	<b>Gift exchange</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	2.21.1 *	It is each country's responsibility to have sufficient gifts (pins or equivalent) for exchange for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- each team played at the event</li> <li>- Officials (Umpires and Technical Delegates)</li> <li>- Official Party</li> <li>- <b>Presidential Party</b></li> <li>- Host country</li> <li>- Visiting dignitaries</li> </ul>			•			
<b>3. Organizing Personnel</b>								
<b>3.1</b>	<b>World Event Co-ordinator</b>							
	3.1.1	The host country must appoint a world event Coordinator at least three years prior to the World event.		•		At least 3 years pre-event		
	3.1.2	FIL will invite the world event Coordinator to the Women's Sector meetings for two years prior to the world event as an "invited guest" (cost to be borne by host country, not FIL).	•					

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<b>3.2</b>	<b>Liaison Officers</b>							
	3.2.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to appoint a separate Liaison Officer to each country and brief on job requirements.		•			<a href="#">Roles &amp; Responsibilities</a>	Appendix
	3.2.2	The host country must provide contact details of the respective Liaison Officers to participating countries at least 6 months prior to the event.		•		6 months pre-event		
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Official (<del>Presidential</del>) Party</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	3.3.1 *	The Official ( <del>Presidential</del> ) Party consists of: - FIL Board - FIL Women's Chairs - <del>Country Presidents</del> - Coordinator of the next Women's World Event.						
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Tournament Medical Staff</b>							
	3.4.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to provide athletic trainer/ physiotherapist care for the umpires. This cost to be shared among all participating countries.		•				
<b>4. Officials (Umpires and Technical Delegates)</b>								
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Umpire/Technical Delegate selection</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	4.1.1 *	The number of umpires/alternate umpires/technical delegates-TDs appointed (all collectively known as 'the officials') should be relevant to the number of teams playing and pitches used. At least 1 umpire alternate shall attend in case of injury. The TDs shall consist of the FIL Women's Officiating Chair (Head TD), Women's Rules Chair (Associate TD), <del>FIL Women's Rules Chair</del> and others who must hold <b>International accreditation</b> . <del>(a minimum of a National umpire rating). At least 2 of the total of TDs must hold an international rating (remove).</del>	•		•		<a href="#">Umpires - Selection</a>	Appendix
	4.1.2	<b>Affiliation of Country:</b> An umpire's affiliation shall be based on either: a) the country where the umpire lives more than 51% of the calendar year OR b) the country which awarded the umpire his/her first national rating. A national rating shall be defined as the highest rating awarded by a country. An umpire must make this designation of affiliation by January 1 of the year prior to the year of the World Event. This designation of affiliation must be in writing and signed by the umpire and the President of the Lacrosse Association of the country being designated.			•	1 January - in year prior to event		

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	4.1.3	<b>Umpire selection:</b> All member countries having at least one accredited umpire shall be invited to nominate one umpire. Participating countries having more than one accredited umpire can submit a list of their remaining accredited, available umpires in rank order to the FIL Women's Officials Chair by 1 November in the year prior to the world event.	•		•	1 November - in year prior to event		
<b>Amend</b>	4.1.4 *	<b>TD selection:</b> All member countries ( <del>having at least one accredited umpire</del> ) shall be invited to nominate one or more Technical Delegates to the FIL Women's Officials Chair by 1 November in the year prior to the world event.				November 1st - in year prior to event		
	4.1.5	Officials will be ratified at the FIL Women's Sector meeting at least 4 months prior to the world event.	•			4 months pre-event		
	4.1.6	Officials uniform to be determined by FIL Women's Rules.	•				<a href="#">FIL Women's Rule Book</a>	
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Selection for Finals</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	4.2.1 *	Umpire selection for finals will be overseen by the Head Technical Delegate (Women's Officiating Chair). Input may be sought from <b>the Associate Technical Delegate</b> , other Technical Delegates & Umpires. <del>and Coaches.</del>	•	•	•		<a href="#">Umpires - Finals</a>	Appendix
<b>4.3</b>	<b>Official Costs/Expenses</b>							
	4.3.1	The host country will provide and pay for 100% of accommodation, as well as breakfast and lunch for the Officials. This will include one night after closing of World Event. The host country shall arrange the accommodation.		•				
	4.3.2	Direct transport for the officials are to be shared equally by all participating countries, including the pre-event Officiating clinic.						
	4.3.3	All countries must submit accounts and receipts of officials travel to/from a world event to the FIL Director of Finance as soon as known. FIL Director of Finance to reimburse countries at earliest opportunity and issue cost sharing invoices.			•			
<b>4.4</b>	<b>FIL Pre-World Event Officiating Clinic</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	4.4.1 *	The FIL Pre-World Event Officials Clinic will be held <b>3 (2)</b> days prior to start of a world event.	•	•	•	3 days pre-event		

FIL Women's World Event Bylaws			FIL	HC	PC	Schedule	Reference	Location
Amend	4.4.2 *	It is the responsibility of the host country to make arrangements for accommodation for 4 (2) nights and 2 meals per day for all officials selected for world event.		•				
4.5	<b>Officials meetings</b>							
	4.5.1	Officials will meet daily during the World event.	•				<a href="#">Officials Meetings</a>	Appendix
4.6	<b>Table Officials (Scorers and Timers)</b>							
Amend	4.6.1 *	It is the responsibility of the host country to provide Table Officials (at least 4 (2) per field) and to make sure they are fully conversant with the FIL Rules. It is the responsibility of the host country to provide the Table Officials with breakfast and lunch and accommodation (if they are not local) at the host country expense.		•			<a href="#">Roles &amp; Responsibilities</a>	
	4.6.2	It is the responsibility of the Head Table Official to ensure a copy of all score sheets are given to the Women's Competition Chair and Women's Officials Chair at the completion of each days play.	•	•				
4.7	<b>Ball Girls/Boys</b>							
	4.7.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to: supply ball persons; brief them on the rules of the game; set a standard uniform; and provide appropriate protective equipment if required.	•	•	•		<a href="#">Roles &amp; Responsibilities</a>	
<b>5. Hospitality</b>								
5.1	<b>Accommodation</b>							
	5.1.1	The FIL is to pay 100% of accommodation for the FIL Board and Women's Competitions Chair. This shall include not more than two nights prior to first match and one night after closing of the world event. The host country shall arrange the accommodation.	•	•				
	5.1.2	All countries are responsible for 100% of the cost of accommodation for their team and Country President. The host country shall arrange the accommodation.			•			
Amend	5.1.3 *	The following to be housed together: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teams with Liaison Officers</li> <li>- Officials</li> <li>- FIL Board &amp; <b>Women's Competitions Chair</b></li> <li>- <b>Country representative (Country President)</b></li> </ul> Note: The teams must be housed separately from the Officials, the FIL Board and <b>Women's Competition Chair (and Country Presidents)</b> .		•				



FIL Women's World Event Bylaws			FIL	HC	PC	Schedule	Reference	Location
	5.1.4	The following to be made available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- individual team meeting rooms with TV viewing and IT facilities</li> <li>- lounge area, preferably one per team</li> <li>- central message board</li> <li>- security</li> <li>- adequate telephone and IT facilities</li> </ul>		•				
	5.1.5	There must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a bed for each person</li> <li>- desirably not more than 2 people per room</li> <li>- a bathroom between not more than 4 people</li> <li>- laundry facilities available</li> </ul>		•				
	5.1.6	Spectators cannot be housed with teams, officials or FIL.		•				
<b>5.2</b>	<b>Meals</b>							
	5.2.1	FIL is to pay for breakfast and lunch for the FIL Board and Women's Competitions Chair.	•					
	5.2.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- arrange for provision of meals/meal package options</li> <li>- ensure meals are nutritionally balanced and culturally acceptable</li> <li>- request that 'special' dietary needs be advised by countries not later than 90 days prior to the event</li> </ul>		•		Not later than 3 months pre-event		
	5.2.3	All countries are responsible for 100% of the cost of meals for their team and Country President.			•			
	5.2.4	It is the responsibility of each country to advise the host country no later than 90 days prior to the world event of the special dietary requirements in their party.(ie., vegetarian)			•	Not later than 3 months pre-event		
<b>5.3</b>	<b>Transportation</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	5.3.1	The host country will arrange and pay for transportation from arrival point to event (tournament) residence and will <b>assist</b> in arranging for transportation from residence to departure point (if leaving immediately following the Championship) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Official Party</b></li> <li>- <del>Presidential party</del></li> <li>- Teams</li> <li>- Officials (umpires and technical delegates)</li> <li>- <del>VIPs/Past FIL Presidents/IFWLA Life Members/FIL Board</del></li> <li>- Score table personnel including announcers if coming from outside host city</li> </ul>		•				

FIL Women's World Event Bylaws			FIL	HC	PC	Schedule	Reference	Location
	5.3.2	The host country will provide transportation for teams to games and official functions as required. It is preferable that teams have their own buses. If sharing buses, match opponents on that given day must not travel with each other.		•	•			
	5.3.3	It is the responsibility of each country to advise the host country of exact details of arrival of team and officials - arrival point, date, time and mode of arrival. If a visiting team does not meet the deadline for informing the host country of arrival times, they risk forfeiting their right to transportation.			•	3 months pre-event		
<b>5.4</b>	<b>Refreshments &amp; Ice Baths</b>							
	5.4.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to: - provide injury ice and water at the playing venue 30 minutes prior to the commencement of each match, following each match, and to be replenished throughout the daily schedule. - provide 6 ice baths for each team at 15°C /59°F immediately following practices and games.		•				
	5.4.2	It is the responsibility of each country to notify the host country of additional ice orders within the specified time. Extra ice ordered by teams above the contracted amount will be billed to the individual countries.		•	•			
<b>5.5</b>	<b>Meeting Rooms</b>							
	5.5.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to have meeting rooms available for teams and officials with video/dvd facilities.		•				
	5.5.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule allocation of rooms and times, following requests provided from countries.		•				
	5.5.3	It is the responsibility of each country to liaise with the world event Coordinator/designated person if any changes are required.			•			
<b>6. Publicity and Promotions</b>								
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Media Coverage</b>							

FIL Women's World Event Bylaws			FIL	HC	PC	Schedule	Reference	Location
6.1.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to: - appoint a media co-ordinator for the event who is conversant with the FIL Bylaws. - publicize the world event within own country both pre tournament and during the tournament. - provide IT facilities for use by country media officers - inform competing countries of media coverage expected to maximize media link-up opportunities. - utilize all media sources including notifying international news services, eg Reuters, with results as tournament progresses.			•	•			
6.1.2	It is the responsibility of each country to: - inform host of official media representatives as soon as known. - be responsible for pre-event media promotion in their own country				•	1 month pre-event		
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Programme</b>							
6.2.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to publish an event programme.			•			<a href="#">Programme</a>	Appendix
6.2.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to advise the countries of the information required and dates. The Chair of Competition must be provided with draft prior to finalization and printing.			•	•			
6.2.3	It is the responsibility of each country to meet all deadline requirements.				•			
<b>6.3</b>	<b>FIL Logo</b>							
6.3.1	The FIL logo is to be displayed on all officials' and players' uniforms for the world event. Placement of the logo on players' uniforms is the lower left or right thigh edge of skirt.			•	•			
6.3.2	An electronic logo will be provided <b>for download from a secure area of the FIL website</b> to each country's Team contact upon payment of the entry fee.			•	•			
6.3.3	The FIL logo may not be used on sales items without written permission of FIL.			•	•	•	FIL World Event Contract	Web
<b>6.4</b>	<b>Sales Items</b>							
6.4.1	It is the responsibility of the host to provide at no charge to each country, World Event Committee, and FIL, the necessary facility to sell items. Sales items are the choice of each country. A country will confirm that they will require space to sell items by not later than 3 months prior to the event.			•	•	•	3 months pre-event	
6.4.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to permit/sell "sales space" to others, eg sponsors as well as ensure "sales area" is adequate, with provision for security.				•			
<b>6.5</b>	<b>Sponsored Items</b>							

FIL Women's World Event Bylaws			FIL	HC	PC	Schedule	Reference	Location
	6.5.1	Sponsored items to be worn/used/ promoted by participating countries must be advised to the host country no later than 6 months before the world event. Where such items may conflict with a country sponsored items, the latter shall prevail.	•	•	•	6 months pre-event		
<b>6.6</b>	<b>Championship Signage</b>							
	6.6.1	The right to secure world event signage is offered first to the host country. If host country denies offer, FIL may seek signage rights.	•	•				
	6.6.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to inform FIL and countries of world event signage agreements and associated contractual obligations at least 6 months pre-event, or whenever known.		•		6 months pre-event		
	6.6.3	It is the responsibility of each country to comply with host country signage contractual obligations.			•			
<b>6.7</b>	<b>Photographic Session</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	6.7.1 *	It is the responsibility of the host country to have photos taken preferably on the day prior to commencement of World Championship for the following: - Teams - The Officials - <b>Official Presidential</b> Party	•	•	•	1 day pre-event		
	6.7.2	Each team to be photographed <u>with</u> the World Cup or Margaret Boyd Trophy (Under19 Championship) for use in promotional material following the world event and for record. CD of photographs to be forwarded to FIL Women's Competition Chair with winners photographs to be held in FIL Archive.		•	•			
	6.7.3	Each country may ask for extra photos (eg with additional personnel) to be taken at their own expense. Each country has the option of having their photo taken in playing uniforms or walking out uniforms.			•			
<b>6.8</b>	<b>Uniform Advertising</b>							
	6.8.1	A maximum of four sponsor logos may be displayed on the field of play on the body or playing uniform (the country logo does not count as a sponsor), none of which may exceed 40 square centimeters.			•			

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	6.8.2	See 6.3.1 for placement of FIL logo.			•			
	6.8.3	No tobacco advertising permitted.		•	•			
	6.8.4	No alcohol advertising is permitted at an U19 Championship.		•	•			
	6.8.5	It is the responsibility of each country to advise FIL Women's Competition Chair of any uniform advertising 3 months prior to the event.	•		•	3 months pre-event		
<b>6.9</b>	<b>Digital recordings</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	6.9.1	Opening and closing ceremony and a minimum of the semi final and final matches must be digitally recorded, ideally with all matches digital recorded. These digital recordings are to be of the highest quality possible. The digital recorder must be approved by the Women's Director of Competition. A copy of all games digital recorded must be provided, post event, at no charge to FIL.	•	•				
	6.9.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to provide opportunity for coaches to review each game.		•				
	6.9.3	The host country should provide a platform for team use that will hold 2 team personnel from each team playing and the accredited official tournament media staff for TV or web casts.		•	•			
	6.9.4	Only teams participating in the game and accredited tournament media (television or web cast personnel) will be permitted in the official digital recording area.			•			
	6.9.5	Teams scouting games during the Championship may digitally record from the stands, but will not be permitted access to the official digital recording area.		•	•			
	6.9.6	The cost of digital recordings for member nations/individuals is to be determined by host country.		•	•			
<b>6.10</b>	<b>TV/Video Rights</b>							
	6.10.1	All TV/Video rights to be formalized with written agreements with the FIL	•	•				
<b>6.11</b>	<b>Media Policy</b>							
		<b>Pre event</b>						
	6.11.2	The requested players/coach from each country must accept the invitation to speak to the media with the exception of a medical concern.						

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	6.11.1	Pre - game There shall be a ten minute cool down period between the end of the game and the beginning of an interview by the media. The technical delegate or her/his appointee shall communicate the names of the players and coaches requested for interview to team managers. The losing team will be interviewed first. A maximum number of two players and one support staff maybe requested for interviewing.						
	6.11.2	Post - game There shall be a ten minute cool down period between the end of the game and the beginning of an interview by the media. The technical delegate or her/his appointee shall communicate the names of the players and coaches requested for interview to team managers. The losing team will be interviewed first. A maximum number of two players and one support staff maybe requested for interviewing.		•	•			
<b>7. Ceremonies and Functions</b>								
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Official Guests</b>							
<b>Amend</b>	7.1.1 *	To include: - Teams - Officials - Official Party - <b>Country representatives</b> - <del>Presidential Party</del> - Past FIL/IFWLA Presidents & Life Members - next World Event Coordinator - <del>other VIPS</del>	•	•	•			
	7.1.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to: ensure the official guest list is complete and guests are invited to the appropriate event.		•				
	7.1.3	It is each country's responsibility to advise the host country of VIPs from within their own country attending the world event.		•	•			
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Opening Reception</b>							
	7.2.1	Every world event should include a welcome reception.	•	•				
	7.2.2	It is the responsibility of the host country to determine the style of the reception and to advise the countries of dress code for the event.		•				
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>							

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	7.3.1	Every world event should include an Opening Ceremony.		•			<a href="#">Opening Ceremony</a>	Appendix
<b>7.4</b>	<b>Closing Ceremony</b>							
	7.4.1	Every world event should include an Closing Ceremony.		•			<a href="#">Closing Ceremony</a>	Appendix
<b>7.5</b>	<b>World Cup Only</b>							
	7.5.1	Presentation of Wes Patterson award to be included at the Closing Ceremony.	•					
<b>7.6</b>	<b>Farewell Banquet</b>							
	7.6.1	It is the responsibility of the host country to host a function/celebration (incorporating food) at the conclusion of the world event. This celebration may take several forms including a formal sit down meal or 'stand up finger food' approach. The re-presentation of the relevant World event trophy may occur, as well as other appropriate presentations.		•				
	7.6.3	It is the responsibility of the host country to determine the cost of the function/celebration and advise countries no later than 6 months prior to the world event.		•		6 months pre-event		
<b>Amend</b>	7.6.4 *	Costs for official team party <b>including country representative</b> is to be borne by individuals or their countries and paid not later than 3 months prior to the event.			•	3 months pre-event		
<b>Amend</b>	7.6.5 *	Costs for <b>presidential party, FIL Board</b> , umpires and technical delegates is to be shared equally amongst participating countries. <b>The Official party will paid for by FIL.</b>	•		•			
	7.6.6	It is the responsibility of each country to meet host country deadline for payment of monies.			•			
<b>8. Presentations</b>								
<b>8.1</b>	<b>FIL World Cup Trophy and "Margaret Boyd" Trophy (Under 19)</b>							
	8.1.1	It is the responsibility of the reigning champion to return the trophy to the next world event.			•			
	8.1.2	It is the responsibility of the reigning champion to ensure the trophy is kept clean and in good condition; transported at all times travel in the trophy box from the end of the presentation ceremony from one world event to the next. FIL recommends that insurance be taken out by the holder to cover the safety, repair and replacement costs and any other risks. The interest of FIL as the owner should be noted on such policy. Insurance details to be provided to FIL Administration.		•	•			

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8.1.3	It is the responsibility of the country holding the World Cup/Championship trophy to have the name and year engraved on it. The cost of engraving the winner's name and year is to be borne by the winning country. A replica of the trophy may be cast for the winning country for perpetuity. This will be at the cost of the winning country.				•			
8.1.4	It is the responsibility of the host country to display the trophy during the world event and have the trophy at all official functions.				•			
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Wes Patterson Award - World Cup only</b>							
8.2.1	FIL Women's Competition Chair to keep the perpetual award and bring to World Cup.	•	•	•			<a href="#">Wes Patterson Award</a>	Appendix
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Medals</b>							
8.3.1	28 gold, silver and bronze medals shall be presented to the winners, runner-up and third place teams (25 for the team personnel, 1 for Country President, 1 for winning team's National Body and 1 for FIL Archives). The striking of same will be the responsibility of FIL Women's Competition Chair. The "dye" will be held by FIL, with the Competition Chair to provide all medals to the World Championship Coordinator prior to the commencement of the Championship. Cost of medals to be born by FIL. If medal winners wish to have further engraving on medals (e.g. name/country) this is up to the individual and is at their own expense.	•						
8.3.2	All umpires and technical delegates shall be presented with a modified world event medal. This will be the responsibility of the FIL Competition Chair. Cost of medals to be borne by FIL.	•						
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Participation certificates</b>							
8.4.1	The host country shall provide a participation certificate to all team members, umpires, technical delegates and significant others.				•			
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Match awards</b>							
8.5.1	It is recommended that Player of the Match awards be presented. It is the responsibility of the host country to determine and provide the award. Player of the match awards to be selected by a combination of participating match table officials, coaches and umpires.				•		<a href="#">Player of the Match Award</a>	Appendix
<b>8.6</b>	<b>FIL World Team</b>							



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	8.6.1	A FIL World Team will be selected from competing teams. A selection panel will be established by FIL in consultation with the host country. Coaches and match award judges (if relevant) to be included in the selection panel with feedback sought from Team Coaches. The team to comprise one goal keeper, 3 defense, 5 midfield and 3 attack. The type and cost of the awards will be borne by FIL.	•					
<b>8.7</b>	<b>FIL Heart of Lacrosse Award</b>							
	8.7.1	These awards shall be presented to recognize an outstanding contribution by an individual/group to the team/group selecting them. One award will be presented by each participating team, by the umpires/TDs and by the FIL Women's Sector. Nominations will be compiled by the FIL Competitions Chair. The award may take the form of a certificate, plaque or similar and the cost will be borne by FIL.	•	•	•		<a href="#">Heart of Lacrosse Award</a>	Appendix
<b>9. Other</b>								
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Reports</b>							
	9.1.1	FIL is to receive a draft world event report and draft accounts from the event Coordinator (or proxy) at a date to be determined by the FIL Board.		•		Not later than 9 months post-event		
	9.1.2	FIL is to receive a final world event report and accounts from the event Coordinator (or proxy) not later than one year after the event.		•		Not later than 1 year post-event		
<b>9.2</b>	<b>Schedule</b>							
	9.2	Calendar of required activities	•	•			Schedule	Appendix



## APPENDIX

### Awards

#### ***Heart of Lacrosse Award***

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These awards will be made to individuals who have participated in any capacity at a FIL World Championship, or at a FIL supported/sponsored international event.

Awards may be made to individual players in own or opposing teams, competitors, administrators, officials, attendants or trainers.

- Each country squad may select one person for the award
- The group of umpires and technical delegates may select one person for the award
- The FIL Women's Sector may select one person for the award

The award will be a physical memento selected by the FIL Officers with the date and the event inscribed upon it, together with a brief written citation stating why the individual was selected by the relevant group. This award is paid for by FIL.

Presentation to be made in public at an appropriate part of the world event to be determined by the Competitions Committee and the host country organiser.

Criteria:

The individual selected by the group must have:

- Made an outstanding individual contribution to the group selecting them
- Made an excellent and professional contribution to the event
- Made a difference to someone in the group, or to the whole group which has significantly enhanced their ability to participate in the event

#### ***Medals***

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Gold, silver and bronze medals shall be presented to the winners, runner-up and third place (28 of each). 25 for the team personnel, 1 for Country President and 1 for winning team's National Body and 1 for FIL Archives. The striking of same will be the responsibility of FIL Women's Competition Chair. The "dye" will be held by FIL, with the Competition Chair to provide all medals to the World Championship Coordinator prior to the commencement of the Championship. Cost of medals to be born by FIL. If medal winners wish to have further engraving on medals (e.g. name/country) this is up to the individual and is at their own expense.

#### ***Wes Patterson Award***

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The Wes Patterson Award was established by the IFWLA in honor of Wes to be presented to a player who embodies the 'Spirit of the Game'. The player must stand out as one who:

- displays sportsmanship and team co-operation
- makes contributions to the team



- be an unselfish competitor
- be a person who is fair and generous
- be a good loser and gracious winner
- be courteous in her relations with others
- be one who accepts the results of the game and the decisions of officials

The following groups will comprise the selection committee and each group will have one vote:

- FIL Women’s Sector Chairs
- Umpires
- Technical Delegates
- Each team participating
- Carol Patterson or her representative.

### ***Player of the Match***

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Player of the Match Award is selected by a “Player of the Match” Committee, designated prior to the beginning of the games and may include table personnel, technical delegates, coaches, umpires, FIL members and other selected personnel. The award is given to a player whose outstanding contributions to the game impacted their team significantly. The Player of the Match Award trophy or award is designed by the host country and the responsibility of the host country to secure a sponsor to pay for these awards.

<b>Player of the Match Script</b>	
Ladies and gentlemen, May I direct your attention please to the field where we will be presenting the Player of the Match. Presenting the Player of the Match today is:	
_____	_____
<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
Our Player of the Match today from _____ is _____.	

## **Ceremonies**

### ***Opening Ceremony***

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This should include:

- March on by teams, umpires and technical delegates in uniform.
- Raising of countries’ flags and FIL flag. (FIL to be responsible for providing each country’s flag and FIL flag.)
- Flags and anthems (held by FIL Competition)
- Official Party
- Official welcome



- To have a player, coach and referee be nominated by Host Country and confirmed
- There must be at least 45 minutes between the end of the opening ceremony and the line-up of teams for the opening match.

It is the responsibility of FIL to:

- Provide country and FIL flags to the host country

It is the responsibility of the host country to:

- liaise with FIL Board on format of opening ceremony.
- advise those participating in ceremony of the format.
- advise visiting dignitaries at least two months prior to World Championship of prepared speeches.
- nominate a player, coach and referee to recite the oath (Refer Appendix H.).
- advise exact code of uniform for teams and officials for range of Championships.
- Prepare the programme.
- advise those participating in ceremony of the format.

It is the responsibility of each country to:

- abide strictly to uniform code as directed by host country.
- bring good quality tape of national anthem (music only) as back-up to tape held by host country.

## ***Closing Ceremony***

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All teams and officials are to be in uniform and to be present at closing ceremony. The ceremony is to include:

- medal presentation
- Relevant World Championship trophy presentation by FIL President. (It is the responsibility of the winning country to have trophy engraved. Account may be sent to FIL Director of Administration.)
- Lowering of flags.
- Playing of national anthem of winning country.
- Passing of FIL flag to host country of next World Championship.
- Farewell by host country.
- Invitation to next World Championship by incoming host country President/representative.

## ***Event Oaths***

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**Players' Oath** - recited by a player selected by the Event Coordinator

*In the name of fellow lacrosse players, I promise that during the FIL "xxxx World" event, I shall endeavour at all times to play within the spirit and rules of the game, while striving for the highest ideals of sportsmanship, for the honour of our sport and our country.*

**Umpires' and Officials' Oath** – recited by an official selected by the Officiating Chair



*In the name of all umpires and officials, I promise that during the FIL “xxxx World” event, I shall uphold the rules of women’s lacrosse with fairness and integrity for the good of the game.*

**Coaches’ Oath** - recited by a coach selected by the Event Coordinator

*In the name of all coaches, I promise that during the FIL X World ‘event’, I shall foster co-operation and teamwork in the pursuit of excellence and shall coach within the spirit and rules of the game.*

## Documentation

The following FIL World Event documentation can be found on the FIL website.

- World Event Contract template
- World Event Bid template
- Bid Calendar
- Acceptance Form (including Invitation to Attend)
- Country Contact Information Form
- Anti-Doping policy
- Player Registration and Medical Treatment Authority Form
- Code of Conduct
- Unit determination
- FIL/IFLWA Honorary Members and Past Presidents
- World Cup Final Standings

## FIL/IFLWA History

### *World Cup standings*

Year	Location	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th
<b>FIL</b>																	
2013	Oshawa, Canada																
2009	Prague, Czech Rep.	USA	AUS	CAN	ENG	IRE	WAL	JAP	SCO	CZE	GER	HAU	NZL	NLD	AUT	DEN	KOR
<b>IFLWA</b>																	
2005	Annapolis, USA	AUS	USA	ENG	CAN	JAP	WAL	SCO	CZE	GER	NZL						
2001	High Wycombe, ENG	USA	AUS	ENG	CAN	WAL	SCO	JAP	GER								
1997	Edogawa, JAP	USA	AUS	ENG	WAL	CAN	SCO	JAP									
1993	Edinburgh, SCO	USA	ENG	AUS	CAN	SCO	WAL	JAP	CZE								
1989	Perth, AUST	USA	ENG	AUS	CAN	SCO	WAL										
1986	Philadelphia, USA	AUS	USA	SCO	CAN	ENG	WAL										
1982	Nottingham, ENG	USA	AUS	CAN	SCO	ENG	WAL										



## U-19 Championship standings

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Year	Location	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th
<b>FIL</b>													
<b>2011</b>	Hannover, GER	USA	AUS	CAN	ENG	WAL	SCO	HAU	JAP	CZE	GER	NZL	NLD
<b>IFWLA</b>													
<b>2007</b>	Peterborough, CAN	USA	AUS	ENG	CAN	JAP	HAU	SCO	WAL	CZE	NZL	GER	
<b>2003</b>	Towson, USA	USA	AUS	CAN	ENG	JAP	WAL	SCO					
<b>1999</b>	Perth, AUS	USA	AUS	CAN	ENG	WAL	JAP	SCO					
<b>1995</b>	Haverford, USA	AUS	USA	ENG	CAN	SCO	WAL	JAP					

## Honorary Members and Past Presidents

### *IFWLA Life Members*

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Margaret Boyd (England - 1989) (dec)

Jane Vache (USA - 1989) (dec)

Elizabeth Blaydes (England - 1993)

Jackie Pitts (USA - 1993)

Lanetta Ware (USA – 2001)

Fiona Clark (Australia – 2009)

Sue Redfern (England – 2009)

Feffie Barnhill (USA – 2009)

Susie Ganzenmuller (USA – 2009)

Marge Garinger (USA – 2009)

### *Past presidents*

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Margaret Boyd (ENG) (dec) 1972-1980

Jane Vache (USA) (dec) 1980-1982

Elizabeth Blaydes (England) 1993-1985

Jackie Pitts (USA) 1986-1989

Maureen Watson (England) 1989 - 1993

Lanetta Ware (USA) 1993-2001

Fiona Clark (Australia) 2001-2008



## Meetings

### *Officials*

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A daily officials meeting will be held at the conclusion of each day's play. All officials will be required to attend this meeting unless otherwise determined. The Officiating Chair or delegate will chair these meetings. The format will be determined during the pre-Championship clinic.

### *Coaches*

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The first (pre-event) Coaches' meeting is to be scheduled one day prior to the first game of the event. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Head Coach. The meeting shall be co-chaired by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly.

At least one more ('in-event') Coaches meeting is to be scheduled during the competition. The first of these meetings shall be held at the conclusion of play on Day 2. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Head Coach. The meeting shall be co-chaired by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly. If any additional meetings are required, they shall be determined by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition and advised accordingly.

### *Managers*

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The first (pre-event) Managers meeting is to be scheduled one day prior to the first game of the event. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Manager. The meeting shall be co-chaired by the Event Coordinator and the FIL Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly. **The team including players and staff are to be confirmed in writing at this meeting. No changes can be made to this list once submitted.**

At least one more ('in-event') Managers meeting is to be scheduled during the competition. The first of these meetings shall be held at the conclusion of play on Day 2. Each team is to be represented, preferably, and at a minimum, by the Manager. The meeting shall be co-chaired by the Event Coordinator and the FIL Chair of Competition. It is the responsibility of the host country to schedule day, time and venue for meeting and advise accordingly. If any additional meetings are required, they shall be determined by the FIL Chair of Officiating and Chair of Competition and advised accordingly.





## Points Allocation & Tie Break Procedure

A points system will be used for round robin and knock-out pool play with all matches being played to a clear winner.

**Win = 2 points**

**Loss = 0 points**

The final standings for knock-out play will be determined by points. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the result of the head-to-head meeting between the teams. In the event of a tie then the goal differential formula will be used as per FIL Rules.

### ***Tie-Breaking Formula***

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In the event of a tie in ladder positioning after Pool Play rounds, tie will be broken by:

1. The result of the head-to-head meeting between the two teams (the winner gaining the higher ranking); or
2. If these two teams tied, then a formula for goal differential to be used.

### ***Definition of "Goal Differential"***

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If two teams tie during Pool Play then a formula for goal differential will be used. In the formula, the scores of all the games in the round robin of the tied teams are used. The maximum difference in scores allowed per any game will be 12, arrived at by reducing "goals for". Actual scores are used except those of matches in which the goal difference exceeds 12, in which case the goal difference is reduced to twelve (e.g. a score of 15 – 1 will be reduced to 13 – 1 before use in the goal formula).

$$\frac{\text{Goals for} - \text{Goals against}}{\text{Total Goals}}$$

### ***Tie Game / Overtime Procedure – Classification Matches only***

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1<sup>st</sup> Overtime – played in entirety

- 5 minutes rest
- Coin toss for choice of ends
- 6 minutes of overtime (two - three minute periods), clock stops on every whistle
- Teams change ends after three minutes – no coaching allowed

2<sup>nd</sup> Overtime (if needed) – Sudden Victory

- 3 minutes rest
- Teams change ends
- 6 minutes of overtime (two – three minute periods), clock stops on every whistle
- Teams change ends after three minutes – no coaching allowed



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Overtime (if needed) – Sudden Victory

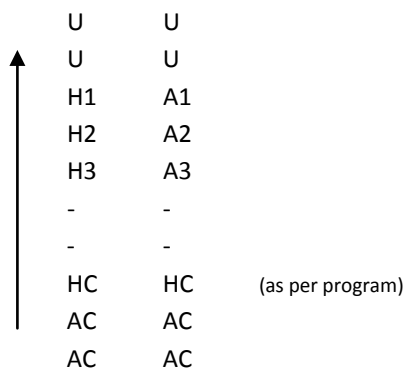
- 3 minutes rest
- Teams change ends
- 6 minutes of overtime (two – three minute periods), clock stops on every whistle
- Teams change ends after three minutes – no coaching allowed

## Pre-game Line Up Procedure with March and Anthem

Teams Line up along sideline in numerical order and walk onto field in two single file lines in the following order:

March out in groups of 2:

- Umpires
- Players in Numerical Order with 1 being first – Home team on left facing pitch
- Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Team Manager , Team Trainer, Team Physician as listed in program



At midfield walk in front of 1<sup>st</sup> Umpire and continue to stand beside person who was in front of you – face crowd, step out when name is called then step back, face the flag for national anthems, turn and face opposite team and last staff member leads home team towards the away team, continuing until lined up opposing coaching staff member, for pin exchange. Captains stay at mid field for coin toss, teams jog back to benches

HOME											AWAY																				
Dr	Tr	Mgr	AC	AC	AC	HC	18	17	16	...	3	2	1	U	U	U	U	1	2	3	...	16	17	18	HC	AC	AC	AC	Mgr	Tr	Dr

Pin Exchange:




Captains meet with officials,

\*\*clock holds at 2 minutes if captains have not returned to sidelines

2 minutes left in warmup when captains return to sideline

0 minutes Players must be on the field for the draw to start when the clock reaches 0.

## Programme

The event programme will include

- FIL President's welcome
- Host country President's welcome
- World Championship Coordinator's welcome
- Team photo/individual photos – 18 players plus 7 staff
- Information on team members
- Game schedule
- Score Sheet
- Acknowledgements by host country
- Names and photos of:
  - umpires
  - Technical delegates
  - FIL Board
- Brief rules of the game and field positions.
- Names of Countries' Presidents

## Roles & Responsibilities

### ***Ball person***

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1. Selection of Candidates – Host country to decide format for selection of candidates to cover all matches. There may be an evaluation process to select the appointments for the final matches.
2. Pre-match Training – Host country should arrange a training session for all ball persons to convey the importance of their jobs and the proper techniques. Ideally the training should be completed prior to the World Cup, but the training may also be held in conjunction with the opening ceremonies. Ball persons must be taught how to determine the proper speed and trajectory of the ball being rolled in as a replacement. For safety reasons, ball persons shall not be placed behind or near the goal in a position that they might be in line with a shot on goal.
3. Communication to Parents – It is vital that the parents know the importance of 1) their child having the correct uniform for the games and 2) ensuring that their child always arrives on time for their duties. Hosts must provide a method of contact for parents should a child be unable to perform their duties.
4. Uniform – Each ball person should wear the same identifying top. Suggest a T-shirt or bib of bright and distinguishing colour (different from all participating teams' uniform colours).



5. Placement of Ball persons – Recommended number of ball persons per match is eight – two per each side of the pitch and two behind each goal. Indicate where they are to stand in relation to Bench Area on the sidelines and in relation to goal cages. All ball persons must stand outside the boundary. **For safety reasons, ball persons shall not be placed behind or near the goal in a position that they might be in line with a shot on goal.**
6. Technique for Ball Replacement – When a ball goes out of play in a ball person’s area of responsibility, a new ball must first be dropped or rolled in direction of and/or directly to the player who is nearest to where the ball crossed outside the dotted boundary guideline. The old ball must then be chased and retrieved. Ball persons on either side of the person who is retrieving a ball should be ready to help out and supply a new ball should one be needed before the person retrieving a ball returns to her/his position.
7. Ball persons must report to the Score Table 20 minutes before the game begins.

### ***Medical Practitioner***

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A “Medical Practitioner” is a Medical Doctor who is registered with the country’s medical governing body and is licensed to practice medicine. The specific title "Medical Practitioner" is a protected title by law, and only applies to those listed in the country’s Medical Register for Medical Doctors.

By law, these “Medical Practitioners” are allowed to:

- Practice medicine independently of supervision
- Authorized to sign death certificates, cremation forms, do not resuscitate orders  
Suture cuts or set broken bones
- Prescribe and administer drugs

A Medical Practitioner is recognised by the following degrees:

- MD
- MBBS
- BMED
- DO

Or the equivalent in the country they are representing

Nurse practitioners and physicians assistants are not legally permitted to use the title and are not included in this definition.

### ***Scorer***

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1. Receive team rosters with starting line-ups 30 minutes before game time **and note the number of the speaking captain on the scoresheet for each team**
2. Record **goals and assists** scored – name and number of scorer **and assist** and time of goal



3. Record all warnings and suspensions – name and number of player, time, foul and colour or warning card; Inform player and coach at what time on the clock the player or substitute may enter the game.
4. Inform the Technical Delegate (TD) of any illegal substitution immediately.
5. Inform TD when lapsed playing time for a suspension is complete
6. Personal foul (yellow card) – 2 minute suspension; no substitute
7. Personal Foul (yellow/red or red card) – 10 minute suspension; no substitute
8. Team foul (green/red card) – 5 minute suspension; no substitute

### **Timer**

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1. Time 30 minute count down prior to game; Time 30 minute halves
2. Show Yellow Flag when 2 minutes remain in each half; Show red flag when 30 seconds remain in each half only if there is no visible clock on the field.
3. Reserve umpire notify nearest umpire when 30 seconds remains and stay on the field; Reserve umpire count down last 10 seconds to nearest umpire
4. Time 10 minutes half time; Notify umpires when 5 and 8 minutes have elapsed
5. Time injury Time outs: Field Player – 2 minutes maximum and Goalkeeper – 5 minutes maximum
6. Time Team Time outs (requested by either team after a goal)
7. 90 seconds – sound horn when 30 seconds remain and when time is up
8. Start/restart clock with umpire’s whistle and arm signal
9. Stop clock on umpire’s whistle and arm signal; After each goal; Whenever umpire signals “time-out” (for injury, cards, team time-outs, etc.); Within the last two minutes of each half on every whistle

### **Technical Delegates**

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At least one **Technical Delegate** shall be in attendance at each match and will be responsible for:

- Supervising timers and scorers which includes keeping track of cards and suspensions to ensure correct penalty is awarded.
- Keeping the pre-game schedule on time
- If an obvious error by the timer has occurred because of the failure to start or stop the game clock at the proper moment, the error may be corrected only when the umpire(s) (and/or TD at a sanctioned tournament) has definite information relative to the time involved.
- Assisting reserve umpire with taking water to the field umpires when appropriate.
- Liaising with grounds personnel, game umpires, and teams’ coaches if there is any dispute as to the condition of the grounds.
- Monitoring the number of people in the team bench areas. The home bench and coaching box will be on the scorer’s right.



- Supervision of extra crosses at the technical table and any illegal crosses ejected from the game at technical table.
- Supervising the ban on wireless communication except as necessary for medical emergency, forgotten equipment etc.
- Check all field markings.

The Technical Delegates shall:

- Act as the liaison between coaches and officials concerning interpretation of rules and emphasis on rules which need to be addressed.
- Attend meeting immediately prior to the world event for coaches and umpires.
- Tabulate game scores (keep copy of scoresheets) in order to schedule placement/timing of teams following round-robin play.
- Assist the Head Technical Delegate in scheduling umpires throughout the tournament.
- The schedule for the Technical Delegates will be drawn up by the Head Technical Delegate.
- Be provided with (or shall wear) a uniform.
- March with teams and officials at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- Receive a gift or memento in recognition of their participation in the event (as per the umpires).

### ***Team Liaison***

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Establish communication with the Head Coach and Team Manager of Team at least three months prior to world event, and continue communication throughout world event

- Meet and greet Team at Airport and facilitate their transportation needs to hotel.
- Facilitate check in process at hotel for team, particularly if language is a concern.
- Facilitate team manager and head coach with locating resources the team may need during event: ie: restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacy, hospital and medical services, banks, ATM's, etc.
- Facilitate team transportation to event.
- Be available to the team manager to answer questions and concerns.
- Facilitate team with opportunities to learn about the culture and tourist attractions available to the teams.
- Be the communication link between the world event organizers and the team.

## **Schedule**

### ***Tournament Format***

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The following styles of tournament have been used for World Championships in the past:

1. Round Robin where all teams play each other. Final positions decided by play off between 1st and 2nd for gold and silver medals respectively, 3rd and 4th for bronze medal etc.



2. Pool Play: Seedings for Pool Play will be determined on the previous world event final placings. A country may request a change to their seeding. This request must be made in writing to the Women's Competitions Director and received not later than 9 months prior to the commencement of the event. This request will be considered by the Women's Sector Chairs (Competitions, Officiating and Rules) and the Women's Director.

Given the large number of teams competing, Pool Play is the current schedule format utilized. See below for sample:

Qualification for quarter finals based on position at end of pool matches		
Seed	Pool	Quarterfinal letter
1	Pool A 1 <sup>st</sup>	a
2	Pool A 2 <sup>nd</sup>	b
3	Pool A 3 <sup>rd</sup>	c
4	Pool A 4 <sup>th</sup>	d
5	Pool A 5 <sup>th</sup>	e
6	Pool B 1 <sup>st</sup>	f
7	Pool B 2 <sup>nd</sup>	g
8	Play in match winner	h
Quarter finals (1-4) - winners contest semi finals; losers contest places 5-8		
	Option 1	Alternative Proposal
QF1	a v winner play in (1 v 8)	a v f (1 v 6)
QF2	b v g (2 v 7)	b v 3 (2 v 7)
QF3	c v f (3 v 6)	c v f (3 v 8)
QF4	d v e (4 v 5)	d v e (4 v 7)
Position 1-8 semi-finals		
	loser qf 1 v loser qf 4	winner in play off for 5th/6th; loser in play off 7th/8th
	loser qf 2 v loser qf 3	winner in play off for 5th/6th; loser in play off 7th/8th
	winner qf 1 v winner qf 4	winner in gold medal game; loser in bronze medal game
	winner qf 2 v winner qf 3	winner in gold medal game; loser in bronze medal game

## Selection of Umpires and Technical Delegates

### *Number of Umpires Required*

1. There shall be required three umpires for each game to be played on each day, with no umpire being required to umpire on field more than once per day.
2. There shall be required one reserve umpire for each game to be played, with no umpire being required to umpire on field more than one game per day and sit as a reserve umpire for more than one game per day. If an umpire is not on field, they can sit as a reserve for 2 games, however, these must not be consecutive.
3. There shall be a sufficient number of alternate umpires required such that no alternate umpire shall sit as a reserve umpire for more than two games per day.



## ***Selection of Umpires***

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1. By midnight of November 1 in the year prior to the world event, each FIL member country shall submit in writing, and in rank order, the names of qualified FIL International umpires to the Chair of the Officiating Committee. In addition, an Umpire Selection Application form must be submitted, and accompanied by a resume.
2. Each FIL member country shall submit a list in rank order of their qualified FIL International umpires for a World Cup or, for an Under-19 World Championship, their qualified FIL International umpires or their highest accredited qualified National umpires. Prior to submitting an umpire's name, the FIL member country or participating country must certify that each nominated umpire has passed the FIL designated fitness test(s).
3. The first-ranked umpire from each member country will be selected.
4. If there remains a need for an additional umpire after the first-ranked umpires from each member country have been selected and the host country has nominated a second-ranked umpire, that umpire shall be selected. This process shall continue throughout the selection of the pool of umpires. For example, if the need for umpires is such that the third-ranked umpires from the participating countries will be selected, the first selection of a third-ranked umpire shall go to the host country, if said country has a third-ranked umpire.
5. If after a 'round' of selection, an uneven number of umpires are required, the umpires in that 'round' shall be randomly selected, with the exception of the host country umpire (if available). If the host country has an eligible umpire at this time, they will automatically be selected, and the remaining umpires will be randomly selected.
6. The selection will take place at the FIL Women's Sector meeting at least four months prior to the world event.
7. Once umpire selections have been made for a FIL event, if any umpire must withdraw for health or other reason, the next ranked umpire from the country of the umpire who must withdraw will be selected as the replacement.
8. The next ranked umpire from that umpire's country will be named as the replacement regardless if s/he has been selected as an alternate.
9. If a country did not submit any other ranked umpires by the November 1 deadline, the first alternate will be selected.

### **Alternate Umpires**

The selected alternate umpire(s) will be part of the official umpiring party and the umpiring pool. S/he shall serve as Table/Reserve umpire during the event.

## ***Selection of Technical Delegates***

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1. By midnight of November 1 in the year prior to the world event, each FIL member country having at least one accredited umpire may submit in writing, and in rank order, the names of individuals being nominated by that country as a technical delegate to the world event. In





- addition, a Technical Delegate Selection Application form must be submitted, and accompanied by a resume.
2. Individuals nominated as technical delegates by a country must hold a national rating from the nominating country, a FIL International rating, or a FIL International Emeritus rating. At least two of the total number of Technical Delegates of the world event must hold a FIL International rating.
  3. Selection of technical delegates shall be made at the FIL Women's Sector meeting at least four months prior to the world event.

### ***Fitness Testing***

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All umpires and alternate umpires shall be required to pass the FIL designated fitness test(s) for upon arrival at the world event. The fitness test(s) shall be conducted by the Officiating Committee Chair or her/his appointed designee. The fitness test(s) shall be conducted prior to the first day of competition. In the event any umpire does not pass the required fitness tests at the world event, that umpire shall serve as an alternate umpire, and the first-ranked alternate umpire shall serve as the on field umpire in his/her place.

### ***Policy of Neutrality for finals***

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1. Umpires for final matches must be either three neutral umpires; or one umpire with affiliation to each country's participating team and one neutral umpire.
2. The **FIL Officiating Committee Chair** is responsible for selecting the best umpires who satisfy the above mandatory guidelines and may seek input from technical delegates **and coaches** participating at the world event.
3. The same guidelines are used for preceding matches until no longer possible.

### ***Umpire/Technical Delegate Country Affiliation for World Events***

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An umpire or Technical Delegate's country affiliation shall be based on either: a) the country where the umpire lives more than 51% of the calendar year OR b) the country which awarded the umpire his/her first national rating. A national rating shall be defined as the highest rating awarded by a country. An umpire must make this designation of affiliation by January 1 of the year prior to the year of the world event. This designation of affiliation must be in writing and signed by the umpire and the President of the Lacrosse Association of the country being designated.

### ***Neutral Umpire***

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An umpire not affiliated with the country of either team in a given match.

Three examples are shown to illustrate the possible implementation. For the purposes of this illustration, let it be hypothetically understood that England and Australia are playing in the game in question.



1. Umpires from Scotland, Canada, USA.
2. Three Umpires from the USA.
3. Umpires from England, Australia, USA.

This is acceptable given that there is one umpire affiliated with each of the participating teams, plus one neutral umpire.

### ***The Officiating Chair***

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1. May consult with umpires, team captains, coaches, other members of a country's management support team, the technical delegates, and FIL Women's Chairs to gather input pertinent to selection.
2. Must balance inquiries (ie approaching a coach of one team, should approach the coach of the other team).
3. Should allow an umpire to voluntarily withdraw their services from umpiring the gold medal match.
4. Is responsible for selecting the best umpires who satisfy the above mandatory guidelines.
5. Must apply these guidelines to the gold medal match. Thereafter, the same guidelines are used for subsequent matches until no longer possible.



## **WOMEN'S SECTOR**

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# Player Eligibility Criteria

Reviewed: April 2012

## 1. General Principles

1.1 These regulations apply to all Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) world events. They apply at national team level only.

1.2 These regulations apply to women.

## 2. Eligibility and Nationality

2.1 In order to play for the national team of a country, a player must be a national (see definition) or a non national (see definition).

2.1.1 A 'National' is defined as a person holding the legal nationality of that country (i.e., passport, landed immigrant status, permanent citizenship, etc.) as obtained by birth or by naturalization and who has fulfilled the conditions of eligibility according to the internal regulations of that country

2.1.2 A 'Non National' is defined a player who meets at least one (1) of the conditions below:

- a) Parents: One or both birth parents, adoptive parents or step-parents born in the country.
- b) Grandparents: One or more birth or adoptive grandparents born in the country. Step-Grand Parents are not acceptable.
- c) Marriage: Partner/spouse being a passport holder the country, with the qualification that the couple must be resident in the country being represented.

### Guidance:

- i) In the event of death of the partner /spouse this would not prevent the individual from qualifying by this criterion.
- ii) Divorce from the partner /spouse would disqualify the individual from qualifying by this criterion.
- iii) This criterion relates to a marriage or partnership which has been validated by a jurisdiction in that country

d) Residence: Minimum of a two-year residency period in the playing country within the last five (5) years is required.

### Guidance:

This does not necessarily have to be a continuous period but a cumulative total period of two (2) years over the previous five (5) years. **See 5.6 for proof of residency documentation .**

2.1.3 In the case of players in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, a UK passport is sufficient.

2.2 Any nation may have up to 15% of its players who are non-nationals (see above for requirements).

Guidance:

85% of the team must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 2. (85% of the current squad size of 18 is 15.3 rounded down to 15).

The maximum number of Non-Passport Holders would be 3.

NOTE: Must provide documentation

### 2.3 Age Requirements

2.3.1 To be eligible to play in a FIL world event, a player must have reached the age of 15 as of the day prior to start of the event.

2.3.2 For FIL Under 19 (U19) world events only, players must be 18 years of age or younger on 31 August in the year prior to the Championship.

2.4 A player who has two legal nationalities or more, by birth, or by naturalization, may choose, at any age, the national team for which she wishes to play.

### 2.5 Changing National Eligibility

2.5.1 A player who changes her citizenship or acquires another citizenship and wants to participate for the first time in a FIL competition must have an International Transfer Card (ITC) that shows the transfer to the national association of her new country, approved and dated at least eighteen months (18) for a senior event or twelve months (12) for an U19 event, prior to the start of the FIL competition in which she wishes to participate.

2.5.2 A player who has previously participated in a FIL world event may represent another country under the following conditions:

- a) She is eligible to play for the new country as per 2.1.1 and 2.1.2, and
- b) She has an international transfer card (ITC; see Section 2.5) that shows the transfer to the national association of the new country, approved and dated at least eighteen months (18) for a senior event or twelve months (12) for an U19 event, prior to the start of the FIL competition in which she wishes to participate.
- c) A player may switch national eligibility only once.

### 2.6 U19 World Events ONLY

2.6.1 Students who attend school in a country other than their home country may apply for a waiver from the FIL Board to be able to represent the country in which they attend school. The decision to represent this nation is binding for all future U19 events. Criteria to be considered in granting a waiver includes, but is

not limited to: endorsement from home country and length of time of attendance at school. (See Appendix X U19 School Waiver form)

A player applying for this waiver must choose which national governing body (country) they may represent prior to team trials/selection. (Once a waiver is granted, it is binding for all U19 representation).

- 2.6.2 A player who receives a waiver as outlined in 2.6.1 must apply for an ITC in order to participate for their home country at a World Cup.
- 2.6.3 The School Waiver form must be submitted to the Women's Competitions Chair by December 31 of the year prior to the year of competition.

### 3. International Transfers

#### 3.1 International Transfer Card

It is the responsibility of FIL to ensure the good order of the sport internationally and, in relation to player movement, to safeguard the player and her position with regard to player eligibility for international competitions and to uphold discipline and maintain order between countries and within the sport.

- 3.1.1 Players who wish to move from one country, irrespective of whether or not they are registered with the member national association of that country, to the member national association of another country are required to have a valid FIL International Transfer Card (ITC), **available on the FIL website**. The ITC must be signed by the player, by the FIL member of that country, by the new FIL member and confirmed by FIL. The transfer becomes valid on the date it has been confirmed by FIL.
- 3.1.2 Players who wish to move from one country to another in order to represent that country at a FIL world event must have a valid FIL International Transfer Card (ITC) approved and dated at least **twelve** eighteen months (128) for a senior world cup event or twelve months (12) for an U19 world championship prior to the start of the FIL competition in which she wishes to participate.
- 3.1.3 A player moving from a lower to higher age group (ie., U19 to World Cup), may change national eligibility without the two year waiting period (assuming all criteria is met). The reverse, from World Cup to U19 does not apply.

#### Guidance:

- i) An 18 year old could play in an U19 World Championship for one country and then for another at the next World Cup without the two year qualifying period.
- ii) An 18 year old player could not play in the World Cup for one country and then assuming age criteria is met, play in the next U19 event for a different country.

#### 4. Dispensation at an U19 event

4.1 For the purposes of gaining New Developing Nation (NDN) status, a New or Developing Nation is defined as a nation:

4.1.1 that is making their first appearance at the World Cup or U19 level, or

4.1.2 that is not in active contention for the Championship, i.e. Associate Members, Division C or below

4.1.3 that has been considered and approved by the FIL Chairs of Competition and Development and the Women's Division, and added to a NDN list, published three years in advance of a world event.

4.2 Teams who have previously participated in two Senior World Cups may not be eligible for NDN status.

4.1 A nation may apply to FIL to be allowed to field over-age players (up to U21) in an U19 Championship. This is generally granted to those teams competing in such an event for the first time. If a team is granted this dispensation, any player who is over-age must be a resident and play lacrosse in the country concerned, in the accepted form of competition, for a minimum of 12 of the previous 18 months (not necessarily consecutive periods).

4.2 Dispensation at U19 (over-age) – on a second occasion.

If a member requests dispensation on a second occasion then in addition to the residency requirement above, there will be an added requirement that those over-age players must be passport holders of the country.

Specifically if the allowance of up to 3 non-passport holders is taken up, these must all be within the U19 members of the squad. Over-age players may not take any of the non-member passport slots.

4.3 Any player receiving a waiver must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in Section 2.

4.4 The Dispensation Waiver Form, available on the FIL website, can be submitted at any time from the commencement of a squad until 31 December of the year prior to the event. A submission will be assessed within 4 weeks of its receipt.

4.5 Requests for dispensation should be addressed to the Women's Competition Chair who will consult with the Women's Competitions Committee and the other Women's Chairs, and then to the FIL Board for a final decision. The full membership or other Nations entered into a specific Under 19 Event must be notified by 31 December of the year prior to the event.

4.6 All teams participating in the event will be notified by 31 January in the year of the event as to those teams being granted dispensation.

##### Guidance:

The spirit of this is to ensure that any "over age players" are playing and supporting lacrosse development in the country that they represent and not simply strengthening a team by bringing in overseas players.

## 5. Proof of Eligibility

- 5.1 The FIL Women's Competition Committee may call upon a member country or their National Governing Body for evidence to verify the legal nationality (or nationalities) and eligibility of any player by requesting any documents it deems appropriate (ie., passport, ITC).
- 5.1.1 Under 19 teams must show proof of nationality and age of all players at Manager's meeting prior to the world event.
- 5.2 Proof of legal nationality of a country by itself does not constitute sufficient evidence to guarantee a player's right to play as a national for the national team of that country – see 2.1, 2.4.
- 5.3 Failure to provide satisfactory documentation may result in the player being disqualified from participating in the world championship in question and if discovered after a tournament has begun, may affect the results and standings of the team.
- 5.3.1 A player who is disqualified from participating in a world event after the tournament has begun due to lack of sufficient proof of nationality, will cause the team to forfeit all games in which the ineligible player was on the official roster and all points earned by the team. The player will be ineligible to participate in any team activities or games for the duration of the event.
- 5.5 Failure to abide by the FIL player eligibility criteria may result in financial penalty to the National Governing Body. A national governing body will be fined up to \$5,000 USD for failing to abide by the eligibility requirements of FIL. A country will be ineligible to participate in any future world events until this fine is paid.
- 5.6 Proof of Residency Documentation

### Non-National d) Residence

The following documents can be used for proof of residency in a country:

- copy of Passport with entry dates stamped (please black out passport number for security)
- Driver's license
- Utility bills with name and address (water, electricity, gas, telephone) - spanning 2 year period
- Pay slip/stub from employer
- Income Tax return documents (please black out security information ie. social security or tax file number, etc)
- Working visa (please note a student visa is not acceptable)
- Bank statements (please black out any bank number/s for security reasons)



- Rental/lease agreement
- Mortgage agreement
- Mobile phone
- Property tax card
- Voters ID card
- Property purchase/bill of sale
- Pay check stubs
- Credit card statement
- Marriage license
- Naturalization card/ ie green card
- School record/transcription - this would have to include a minimum of 2 years after completing 4 year school
- Automobile registration
- Social Security or Medical Insurance Card

Please note that it is important to black out numbers such as passport number, social security number, tax ID number, etc for security reasons.

At least three of the above documents must be presented with the International Transfer Card application to the FIL Women's Competition Chair 18 months prior to the start of the world event. These documents will help prove that the applicant has been a resident of the country a player is seeking to represent for a minimum of two of the previous five years.

The above documentation shall accompany the International Transfer Card and should be scanned and emailed/faxed to the FIL Women's Competitions Chair.