

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STRATEGY COMMITTEE (IRSC)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The International Relations Strategy Committee (IRSC) is established as a Board Advisory Committee under section 7.3 of the World Lacrosse (WL) Bylaws.

The Committee reports to the WL Board of Directors via the President, who Chairs the Committee.

PURPOSE

The Committee is responsible for assisting WL Management in the development and implementation of the International Relations Strategy. It will have a number of Subcommittees as needed.

1. COMPOSITION AND MEMBERSHIP

- 1.1. The IRSC is comprised of a number of Board members, relevant WL Management/Staff, Advisors and the Chair of the Capital Campaign Committee when appointed.
- 1.2. The Committee is authorized to invite additional individuals to attend meetings as required.
- 1.3. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be the lead staff member for this Committee and may attend meetings without voting privileges.

2. SKILLS, QUALITIES AND COMPETENCIES

- 2.1. Members of the Committee will need to have the skills, qualities and competencies outlined in Appendix 1. In forming the Committee or Subcommittees, the Chair will seek to balance a range of skills, qualities and competencies, as well as gender and geographic diversity. Appendix 1 will be reviewed annually by the Committee Chair and may change.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1. The Committee is responsible for advising the Board on the following areas of the WL Strategic Plan and will:
 - 3.1.1. Assist in the development and review of the IR strategy
 - 3.1.2. Ensure the implementation and timescales in the IR strategy on behalf of the WL Board

- 3.1.3. Develop and nurture relationships between WL and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the wider Olympic sports family
- 3.1.4. Promote the inclusion of lacrosse in Multi Sport Events (MSEs), including the Olympic Games
- 3.1.5. Recommend to the Board the core proposition for lacrosse to be included in the Olympic Games
- 3.1.6. Build a case statement and appropriate messaging supporting the inclusion of lacrosse in the LA 2028 Olympic Games
- 3.1.7. Appoint appropriate subgroups as needed and report on these to the WL Board
- 3.1.8. Advise the WL Board and the WL GA and Members on all matters relating to the IR strategy
- 3.1.9. Be aware of and relay to the WL Board any issues arising that may affect the international standing and status of lacrosse
- 3.1.10. Support the CEO and President in setting up the Capital Campaign Committee
- 3.1.11. Ensure appropriate WL representation at all IOC and related events and conferences

4. OPERATING AND REPORTING PROCEDURE

- 4.1. The Committee will follow the WL General Procedures applicable to all Committees. (see Appendix 2)

5. MEETINGS

- 5.1. Minutes of all meetings will be circulated to the Committee and the WL Executive Administrative Assistant but will be confidential to the Committee. Summary reports will be shared with the Board as required and will be put on the WL website alongside the Terms of Reference (TOR).
- 5.2. A quorum of a minimum of 50% of the Committee shall be required for all meetings. In the absence of the Chair, he/she will appoint a deputy, or the members present will appoint a Chair for that meeting, who will liaise with the Committee Chair.

6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY

- 6.1. The Committee has delegated authority to determine how WL is represented at international events and meetings, keeping the Board informed.
- 6.2. The Committee may appoint Subcommittees/Working Groups to meet specific needs (e.g., Los Angeles Strategy Subcommittee or a Sport Accord Subcommittee). The Board will be kept informed.



6.3. The Committee does not have any other delegated authority for decisions or expenditure.

APPENDIX 1. SKILLS, QUALITIES AND COMPETENCIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STRATEGY COMMITTEE

The membership of the International Relations Strategy Committee will seek to gain a balance of the following amongst its members:

- Understanding of the WL strategy, the WL program and WL priorities
- Gravitas to represent the sport and the organization
- Strategic and project planning experience
- Capability and willingness to invest significant time and energy in this process
- Willingness to travel, possibly extensively
- Being a team player and having ability to stay on point with messaging once agreed
- Acceptance of the key strategic objective “to become known, liked and trusted” in the Olympic family

Members of the International Relations Strategy Committee should aim to uphold the values of World Lacrosse and to encourage these to be upheld across the community.

- Teamwork
- Passion
- Respect
- Integrity
- Friendship
- Inclusiveness



APPENDIX 2. GENERIC PROCEDURES FOR ALL WORLD LACROSSE COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS