



## WORLD LACROSSE EVENT SANCTIONING POLICY

### 1. SANCTIONING OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

**1.1. Overview.** World Lacrosse is responsible for supervising a global competition system in cooperation with the Continental Federation Members (CFs) and National Governing Body members (NGBs). For purposes of these General Rules, an International Competition shall refer to a) any lacrosse competition organized, authorized, sanctioned or approved by World Lacrosse, any Continental Federation (CF) or a National Governing Body (NGB) in which teams are authorized by and represent their NGB participate, or b) a competition that will count towards World Rankings. World Lacrosse will coordinate its World Lacrosse calendar and those of the respective CFs and NGBs to avoid or minimize conflicts as detailed below in 3.1. All International Competitions must be sanctioned in writing by World Lacrosse, and in certain circumstances by a CF or an NGB, according to these General Rules and any other policies, rules or regulations set forth by World Lacrosse. Any combination or integration of International Competitions into a series, tour or league requires written approval from World Lacrosse and/or the affected CFs and NGBs for the series, tour, or league as well as the individual International Competitions. The operation of International Competitions may be delegated to a third-party organizing committee if approved in writing by World Lacrosse and the applicable CFs and NGBs. If a CF or NGB fails to manage, control, or hold International Competitions in accordance with these Rules and/or any other World Lacrosse rules, regulations, and policies, as determined by World Lacrosse in its sole judgment or at the request of a CF or an NGB, then World Lacrosse shall be entitled and empowered to intervene and take such steps as it deems necessary.

**1.2. World Championships.** World Lacrosse has the sole right to organize and hold and to establish any rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of, World Championships for the sport of lacrosse. If lacrosse is added to the program of the Olympic Games, World Lacrosse would likewise have the sole right to organize the lacrosse competition at the Olympic Games.

**1.3. Continental Championships/World Lacrosse Qualifying Events** CFs shall have the right to organize and hold Continental Championships or World Lacrosse Qualifying events, subject to the prior written approval of World Lacrosse. CFs may also organize and hold such other intra-Continental International Competitions as they deem appropriate, subject to the prior written approval of World Lacrosse. World Lacrosse sanctioning approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

**1.4. Other International Competitions.** World Lacrosse may organize and hold such other International Competitions as it sees fit. NGBs may, subject to the prior written sanctioning approval of World Lacrosse, organize and hold International Competitions within their respective countries in which teams representing their



NGB(s) participate. World Lacrosse sanctioning approval is not necessary for national competitions in which clubs or individuals not representing their NGB(s) participate, but such competitions will not be advertised or promoted as being authorized by World Lacrosse.

1.4.1. International Competition is defined as a lacrosse game, series of games or a tournament involving two or more teams representing WL members. If the competition is a single, development-focused game between two teams representing WL members, it does not have to be sanctioned only if the game is not promoted publicly and has less than 100 people in attendance.

## 2. APPROVAL PROCESS

**2.1. Approval Prior to Announcing Dates.** Any International Competition must obtain prior written sanctioning approval of World Lacrosse, and such approval must be granted before announcing dates and the location/venue for the International Competition(s).

**2.2. Requests for Approval.** Requests for sanctioning approval will be made through forms provided by World Lacrosse and which may be obtained through the World Lacrosse website. An application for approval must include the following information, as well as any additional information requested by World Lacrosse

- (a) dates for the proposed International Competition(s);
- (b) details and information on the venue where the proposed International Competition will be held;
- (c) information on any third-party organizing committee;
- (d) information on the financial backing for the proposed International Competition;
- (e) competition programs, format and financial commitments made to entrants and participants, including without limitation prize money, if any;
- (f) Doping Testing Measures, if any;
- (g) health, safety and security measures;
- (h) appropriately accredited Officials
- (i) any proposed deviations from World Lacrosse playing rules, policies and regulations; and
- (j) a fee, which may be established by World Lacrosse at its sole discretion

**2.3. Review of Application.** The review of the application for sanctioning approval will be handled by World Lacrosse in a timely manner. An applicant agrees to respond in a timely manner to any requests for information or documents by World Lacrosse. Failure to respond in a timely manner to such requests may result in a delay in sanctioning approval of the application or could lead to the rejection of the application.



**2.4. Conditions and Requirements for Approval.** A sanctioning approval by World Lacrosse may include, at World Lacrosse's sole discretion, such pre-defined conditions and requirements as World Lacrosse may impose on the International Competition. World Lacrosse sanctioning approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

**2.5. Supervision of International Competition.** World Lacrosse may require that an International Competition be supervised by one or more representatives of World Lacrosse. Any expenses for the supervisor of an International Competition will be the responsibility of World Lacrosse.

### **3. WORLD LACROSSE CALENDAR OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

**3.1. Calendar of International Competitions.** World Lacrosse, in consultation with the CFs and NGBs, shall compile and publish on its website the World Lacrosse calendar in which all International Competitions sanctioned by World Lacrosse will be listed.

**3.2. Conflicts in Dates of Proposed International Competitions.** When a new application for sanctioning approval of an International Competition is received, World Lacrosse will compare the proposed dates of the new International Competition with the World Lacrosse calendar to determine if the new dates conflict with a previously approved International Competition or an International Competition that customarily receives World Lacrosse approval for certain dates. If a conflict is deemed to exist by World Lacrosse, after considering the geographic region of the International Competition and/or age group of the competitors and/or any other matter which World Lacrosse may in its sole discretion take into consideration, World Lacrosse will contact the new applicant and advise them that a conflict exists, and request that the dates be changed or the proposed International Competition be postponed to avoid the conflict. Applicants are advised to check the World Lacrosse calendar for potential conflict in dates prior to applying for approval of a new International Competition.

**3.3. Cancellation or Rescheduling.** Any cancellation or rescheduling of an International Competition that has been sanctioned by World Lacrosse and published on the World Lacrosse calendar shall be reported to World Lacrosse as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of that International Competition.

### **4. CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**4.1. Compliance with Rules, Regulations and Policies.** All International Competitions must be conducted in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, and policies of World Lacrosse, including without limitation



eligibility rules for participants, unless a modification or exception has been approved by World Lacrosse as part of its approval. Any modification or exception is intended to be limited in scope and shall not excuse the host CF or NGB from otherwise complying with those rules, regulations or policies that have not been modified or given exceptions.

**4.2. Failure to Comply with World Lacrosse Rules, Regulations and Policies.**

Any organization and/or person that does not comply with a World Lacrosse rule\*, regulation, or policy in connection with an International Event shall be subject to penalty or discipline, or any combination thereof, as determined by World Lacrosse.

\*Rule refers to World Lacrosse nonplaying rules.