



**To: FIL Members**

**General Assembly July 2016**

Please find below a summary of the main points from the General Assembly held in July of this year. Also attached are key documents, these and other are available on the FIL web site.

**Membership**

Haiti – elected as an Associate Member

China – moved from Associate to Full Member status

Thailand – placed in the “not in good standing category” (outstanding debts)

**International Olympic Committee recognition**

Application now submitted (deadline was August 31<sup>st</sup>)

Olympic Vision Committee (OVC) - structure and budget report presented.

**Development**

Recent clinics held in Taiwan and Croatia

Educational support grant awarded to Taiwan (attendance at US Lacrosse Convention – January 2016)

**Board / Staff structure**

Increase from 6 to 8 members agreed. Move to a functional rather than gender basis.

New roles agreed.

Elections deferred to 2017

Agreement as funds permit to employ an Executive Director (attend Board but no vote)

**General Assemblies**

Agreed to be held annually

Next GA in July 2017 in association with WC2017 (Women’s Seniors)

**Documentation (Constitution / Bylaws) changes**

Meeting quorum now 1/3 of Full Members (was 50% + 1 of Board plus Full Members)

Appeals to the Board / Membership no longer permitted where the Board has followed / enforced the Constitution, By Laws, Policies or Rules etc.

**Policies**

Revised Withdrawal (from World Events) policy agreed – copy enclosed

Forfeit Policy agreed – copy enclosed



### **World Events**

WC2019 (Women's U19) awarded to Peterborough, Ontario, Canada and provisionally scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2019.

### **Competition**

Host and Officiating costs at Women's Events.

Staged proposals to remove Host costs for Officials Accommodation and Food and to align Men's and Women's events not accepted. Membership direction to remove Host costs, teams not providing Officials to make an added contribution, Women's Officials to contribute and procedures aligned by 2021.

Full discussion on reduction of size of World Events, with Regional qualification, to be scheduled for the 2017 GA. (to reduce costs and increase options for host bidding).

Eligibility issues from WC2014 have resulted in changes in the declared rankings with France moving to 37<sup>th</sup> and Thailand to 38<sup>th</sup>.

Women's Events – top pool playing schedule to be released 12 months prior to the event.

Women's Eligibility – now based on passport holding (as per men) rather than citizenship.

### **Rules**

Men's Field – minor changes, no quorum for this and so will go to postal vote.

Men's Indoor – agreed. Committee to review position regarding wooden sticks

Women's – points of clarity on the FIL web site

Wheel Chair – draft reviewed, now to go to postal vote.

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For FIL Board

15th September 2016