



FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL
LACROSSE

ITEMS TO BE
VOTED UPON AT
FIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Presented by: Jack Emmer

I - PLAYING RULE CHANGES

MAJOR CHANGES



- 1.1 FLAGRANT MISCONDUCT SEEN BY THE CBO
- 1.2 THE NOMINATED DEFENDER
- 1.3 JEWELLERY
- 1.4 THE NATURE OF AN EXPULSION FOUL
- 1.5 TEAM TIME-OUT
- 1.6 THE FACE-OFF - SET
- 1.7 MINIMUM STICK WIDTH

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MINOR CHANGES



- 2.1 HANGING STRINGS
- 2.2 EXPULSION FOUL PROCEDURE
- 2.3 THE SCORERS
- 2.4 IN-HOME - STARTING ATTACK PLAYER
- 2.5 FACE-OFF NOT AT THE CENTRE

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CLARIFICATIONS

- 3.1 THE WARM-UP
- 3.2 THE FACE-OFF
- 3.3 TECHNICAL FOUL CANCELLED
- 3.4 THE END OF THE STALLING WARNING
- 3.5 SIMULTANEOUS FOULS BEFORE "POSSESSION"
- 3.6 SECOND FOUL DURING PLAY-ON
- 3.7 CLARIFICATION OF "TIME-OFF..... SHALL BE ADDED....."
- 3.8 GROUND PIPES AS PART OF THE GOAL



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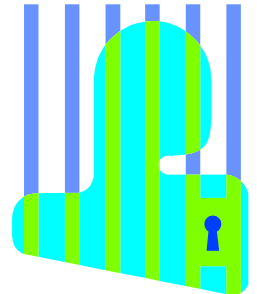
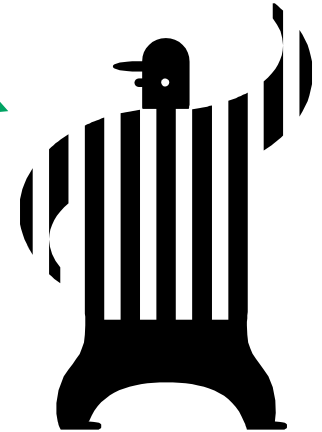
CORRECTIONS

- 4.1 THE SPECIAL SUBSTITUTION AREA
- 4.2 ILLEGAL STICK AFTER KICKED GOAL
- 4.3 ILLEGAL STICK CANCELS A GOAL
- 4.4 THE BUTT-END OF THE CROSSE'S HANDLE
- 4.5 MISTAKES



II – CODES OF CONDUCT

- General Code
- Player Code
- Staff Code
- Officials Code
- Final Disciplinary Procedure



GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

- The FIL is committed to providing a **safe and comfortable environment** for athletes, coaches, officials, staff, parents and volunteers; an environment which promotes equal opportunity for all participants.
- The FIL has created a Code of Conduct which applies to **all participants** listed above.
- This Code of Conduct applies to **all events** conducted under the exclusive jurisdiction of the FIL to include international championships, meetings, practice games and scrimmages.
- Where a violation of the Code of Conduct is investigated and determined to be founded, the possible implications range from verbal warnings to removal from the team and or event.
- In order to participate in FIL championships **all** athletes, coaches, officials, team staff, host country staff and volunteers involved in the championship **must sign a FIL Code of Conduct statement.**
- Only FIL Board members may adjust existing rules in the Code of Conduct as appropriate for the age and composition of the team.

GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

ALL INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THE FIL SHALL:

- Attempt at all times to work toward the mission and objectives of the FIL and the sport of lacrosse.
- Strive to maintain a positive image of the FIL and the sport of lacrosse as a whole and to refrain from behavior which may discredit or embarrass the FIL or the game.
- Refrain from unfavorable criticism of other members /representatives of the FIL.
- Strive to achieve excellence in the sport while supporting the concepts of sportsmanship, fair play and a drug free sport.
- Show respect for the cultural, social, and political values of all participants from all nations.
- Abide by the laws of the host country and adhere to any social customs concerning conduct.



GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT

ALL INDIVIDUALS' CONDUCT SHALL BE IN QUESTION WHEN THEY:

- Use their position within the FIL for personal and or material gains.
- Willfully circulate false, malicious statements derogatory to any other member of the FIL.
- Counsel others to ignore or break the bylaws, policies and rules of the FIL
- Act in such a manner as to dishonor, embarrass or disgrace the FIL or any of its members or participants.
- Any member of the FIL whose conduct is in question will have an opportunity to defend their actions and respond to the FIL Board of Directors, who will decide if any further action is warranted.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT



1. Represent the FIL, your country and your teammates
2. Prohibits possession and/or drinking of alcohol by any player under legal drinking age
3. Prohibits use of illegal and non-prescription drugs
4. Prohibits possession and/or drinking of alcohol by any uniformed player during or after a contest
5. Excessive use of alcohol
6. Prohibits use of alcohol in violation of the rules of institution providing housing
7. Prohibits violation of curfews and rules of institution providing housing
8. Unacceptability of incurring legal problems outside of lacrosse which bring discredit

STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT



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FIL STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

The Code of Conduct attached identifies the standard of behavior expected of all FIL staff making up the team's official party.

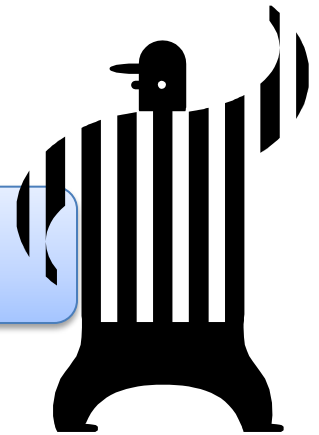
The FIL is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Following are the responsibilities which need to be strictly followed by all as they represent their country in a FIL championship:

1. Conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of the FIL, which include fairness, integrity and mutual respect.
2. Avoid behavior which brings the FIL or the sport of lacrosse into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol, use of non-medical drugs and use of alcohol by minors.

STAFF CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Conduct themselves with the values of the FIL...
2. Avoid behavior which brings the FIL or the sport of lacrosse into disrepute...
3. Adhere to the rules and regulations governing FIL events and activities...
4. Do not engage in any activity or behavior which interferes with a competition...
5. Refrain from comments or behaviors which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist...

OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT



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FINAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

1. At all FIL championships any report alleging the action of an individual(s) which constitutes a violation of the Code of Conduct shall be submitted in writing to the FIL Board within 30 days of the occurrence.
2. Upon receiving a report, any member of the Board shall immediately notify the Vice President who shall within 14 days determine whether there may be a violation. If the Vice President decides that there is not a violation, the complainant shall be notified of that decision with reasons and the complaint shall be dismissed.
3. If the Vice President determines that there may be a violation, the Vice President shall within 14 days of receiving the report, appoint a Discipline Committee of 3-5 members.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

4. A hearing with the Discipline Committee shall be scheduled to take place within 30 days.
5. All known interested parties will be notified of the hearing and will have the opportunity to attend the hearing of the Disciplinary Committee at their own expense.
6. The Discipline Committee may call witnesses and demand any relevant information which it deems necessary to arrive at a decision.
7. At the discretion of the Chairperson of the Discipline Committee, the hearing may be held by conference call.

FINAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

8. The decision of the Discipline Committee with reasons will be announced within 14 days of the hearing and all known interested parties will be provided with a copy of the decision with reasons.
9. At the discretion of the President, deadlines in the discipline procedure may be extended where circumstance require, to a maximum of 60 days.
10. Individuals may appeal the disciplinary action of the FIL by submitting a written notice of appeal to the President of FIL.

III – OFFICIALS SHARED EXPENSES PROPOSAL

THAT THE WORLD EVENT GUIDELINES READ AS FOLLOWS:

That direct travel and accommodation costs for officials (referees, assessors, technical delegates and umpires) be shared between participating countries.

RATIONAL:

- To ensure that there is consistency across Men's and Women's International competitions
- That all countries would take increased responsibility to ensure the growth of officials in their country
- That no one person be disadvantaged because of their financial situation



IV – MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

PROPOSED ADDITIONS & CHANGES



1) Bench Area Limitations

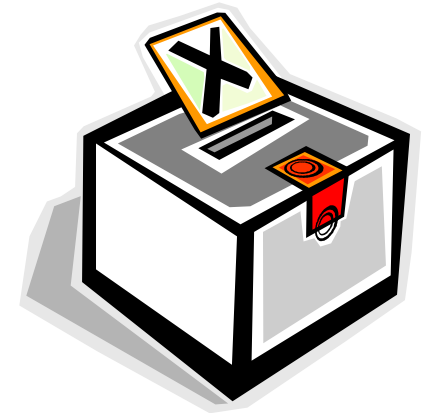
2) Official's Issues

- a) Appointment of RIC
- b) Deputy RICs
- c) RIC Travel Expenses
- d) Officials' Meals
- e) Appointment of Officials to Championships
- f) Officials Passports Holding/Residency



V – CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN SECTOR MEETINGS

- Women's
- Men's
- Men's Indoor



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ADMINISTRATION

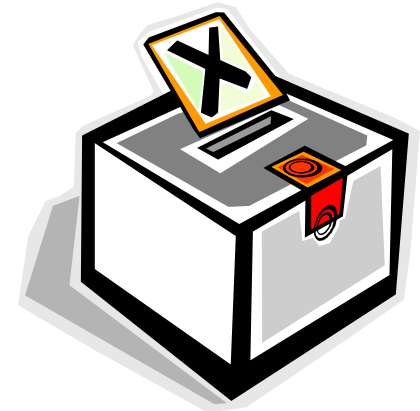
- A dedicated person (e.g chair / director) or sector / division / chapter for women's / men's / men's indoor lacrosse, formally identified to receive all correspondence

PLAYING

- A minimum of 18 players

COACHING

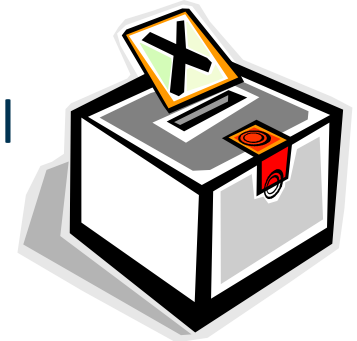
- A minimum of 2 coaches
- A Pathway for coaches, from junior coaching to national coaching



V – CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE IN SECTOR MEETINGS

OFFICIATING

- A minimum of 2 umpires/referees
- Pathway for officials from junior officials to national representation



COMPETITION

- A structured domestic competition e.g. school, youth, club, university, teams

AT LEAST 2 OF THE FOLLOWING 3:

- Competed in 1 FIL or FIL recognized event
- Competed against a FIL member in at least 2 organized matches
- Hosted a FIL or FIL recognized event



VI – HOW TO CHANGE RULES

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE SCHEDULE (IN A GA MEETING YEAR)

- **180 days** before GA meeting – deadline for open submission of rule changes to committee
- **90 days** before GA meeting – deadline for committee to submit proposals to the Board
- **60 days** before GA meeting – deadline to submit proposals to the GA
- **GA meeting** – GA considers proposals

No alteration to the Playing Rules shall be made to apply within two (2) years prior to a world championship.

VI – HOW TO CHANGE RULES

VOTING

- In instances of sector voting only those members who have an acceptable (to the GA) program within that sector will be permitted to vote.
- In the event of a tie the Chair will have a casting vote.
- For existing members as at the date of unification/creation of FIL (August 2008), the benefits, as at that time, will be retained.
- On all matters related to the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the **Rules** the majority must be at least 2/3 of those present at a meeting having a quorum, who are eligible to and cast a vote, recording a vote in favor.



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OFFICIATING REPORT

Presented by Don Blacklock

MEN'S OFFICIATING COMMITTEE
MEN'S RULES COMMITTEE

Submitted by:

- Don Blacklock – Chair Men's Officiating
- Graham Lester – Chair Men's Rules



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MEN'S OFFICIATING COMMITTEE

- Rule book: **updated 2010**
- Referee manual: **updated 2010**
- Assessors Manual & Program
- Bench Officials Handbook: **updated 2010**

International Referee Clinics:

- Brussels, Belgium - February 2010
- Vienna, Austria - March 2010
- Sofia, Bulgaria – April 2010
- Posnan, Poland (FIL Funded) – May 2010
- Amsterdam, The Netherlands – May 2010
- Dublin, Ireland – May 2010
- Zurich, Switzerland – September 2010



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MEN'S OFFICIATING COMMITTEE

Referee in Chief Hosting Manual –

- How to run a World Championship

Worlds Assigning Software –

- A. Crowe updating
- Target for completion: July 2010

International Referee Database –

- D. Blacklock outlined a database structure
- FIL certified referees



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MEN'S OFFICIATING COMMITTEE

Fitness Testing –

- Test this year
- Salford University
- Kevin Gibbens dissertation:

**RELATIONSHIP AMONG FIELD-TEST MEASURES
AND PHYSICAL MATCH PERFORMANCE IN
ELITE-STANDARD LACROSSE REFEREES**



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POLICY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Appointment of RIC for World Events –

- Current policy:
Host nation recommends
- Suggested policy:
Chair of Officiating to consult with host NGB

Appointment of Referees to World Championships

- Current policy:
Each country may send 2 referees
- Suggested policy:
Determine by Divisions, current state of programme, previous tournaments officiated



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POLICY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Referees not Residing in Their Home Nation –

- Current policy:

Must hold a passport from nominating country

- Suggested policy:

Officiating committee reserves right to select qualified officials who cannot be selected by home nation.

Managed by FIL Men's Officiating Committee

Approval from Director of Men's Lacrosse



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POLICY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Meal Plans for Referees and Assessors –

- Current policy:
 - Bed/breakfast covered
- Suggested policy:
 - 3 proper meals per day
 - No out of pocket



POLICY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Deputy RIC–

- Current policy:
One deputy
- Suggested policy:
Determined by number of teams participating

Event Size	# of Deputy RIC's
Less than 20 Teams	1
21-30 Teams	2
31-40 Teams	3



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POLICY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Confirmation of Participation Dates –

- Current policy:

 - Confirmations not later than January
preceding the event

- Suggested policy:

 - Confirmations not later than 31 July of year
preceding event



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POLICY ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

Transfers To and From the Airport–

- Current policy:
 - ILF covered transfers
- Suggested policy:
 - Covered by organizing committee



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2010 & 2012 EVENTS

Men's World Championship – Manchester 2010

- Referee in Chief:
Peter McGinnety
- Deputy Referee-In-Chief:
Phil Pearson / Don Blacklock

Men's World Championship – Turku 2012

- Referee in Chief:
Not Appointed
- Deputy Referee-In-Chief:
Not Appointed



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2011 EVENTS INDOOR

Men's World Indoor Championship – Prague, CZ 2011

- Referee in Chief:
Stewart Begg (Canada)
- Deputy Referee-In-Chief:
Milan Wit (CZ)



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REFEREES & RULES COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Men's Officiating Committee

Don Blacklock – Chair

Mike Slattery – Australia

David Goulet – Canada

Tim Howard – USA

Peter McGinnety – England

Men's Rules Committee

Graham Lester – Chair

Chuck Winters – USA

Eric Rudolph – USA

Kentaro Shimizu – Japan

Terry Harding – Canada



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THE END