



**FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL  
LACROSSE**

# How to change Men's Rules

**FEDERATION OF INTERNATIONAL LACROSSE (FIL)**  
**POLICIES Extract**

### **Rule Changes**

Unless submitted by a standing committee (rules, officiating or competition), requests for changes to men's Indoor or Field rules may only be submitted by full member nations that field at least one men's team in the respective (Indoor or Field) world championship play and must be accompanied by the endorsement of at least two additional full member nations (total of 3) that field at least one men's team in the respective world championship play in order to be considered by the General Assembly. Suggested rule changes must be submitted to the Men's Rules Committee at least 180 days prior to a GA.

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 to a Men's world championship within a period of two (2) years prior to that world championship except with the unanimous agreement of relevant sector votes.

It is noted that this is initial position at the set up of FIL, taking the current position from the ILF and will be subject to further consideration, as and when time permits, by the FIL Board and relevant Committees.

### **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.

In general it is expected that for a program to be acceptable there must be an

established structure (Either Club, University, and College or School teams playing in a competitive format).

For existing members as at the date of unification/creation of FIL, the benefits, as at that time, will be retained. As a specific instance, England, Ireland and Scotland who have participated in the Men's World Indoor Championship but do not have a functioning program (in that sector) will retain a Men's Indoor Sector vote (whilst still participating at the World Championship level).

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.