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# LACROSSE SA BYLAWS

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SECTION 1 — GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: AFFILIATION, SUB-COMMITTEES, CLUBS AND UNIFORMS, COMMISSIONER, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TO LSA

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I. ADMINISTRATION

I.1 NAME

I.1.1 Lacrosse South Australia Incorporated shall use a logo as approved by the Board.

I.2 DEFINITIONS

I.2.1 Unless stated otherwise these Bylaws refer to all Field Lacrosse games sanctioned by Lacrosse SA.

I.2.2 Unless mentioned otherwise in these Bylaws "winter season" refers to the period from the first minor round game played for premiership points of the winter season until the completion of the major round.

I.2.3 SportsTG is the online registration database for Lacrosse SA and/or affiliated Clubs.

I.2.4 A Guest Player is a person who is not currently registered with Lacrosse SA.

I.3 AFFILIATION OF CLUBS/APPROVED BODIES

Please refer to the Lacrosse SA Constitution section 5. Membership.

I.3.1 In order to be affiliated with Lacrosse SA, each Club or Approved Body shall lodge on the prescribed form no later than 1st February each year an application for affiliation together with the prescribed affiliation fee and requested information. The prescribed form shall include the names of principal office bearers and wherever applicable details of the Club's (or body's) uniform and colours.

I.3.2 A new Club or Approved Body requiring to affiliate with Lacrosse SA shall make application in writing to the Executive Officer advising the name of the Club or body, the names and addresses of its members together with the name of the previous Club with which members have been registered, and details (wherever applicable) of its uniform and colours which shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

I.4 SUB-COMMITTEES

I.4.1 Junior Competition, Women's Competition and Men's Competition shall conduct sub-committees for the general administration of their respective competition committees.

I.4.2 Sub-committees will comprise of a member from each Club represented therein.

I.4.3 Meetings will be held monthly or as determined by the Board of Directors.

I.4.4 All recommendations will require ratification by the Board before implementation can proceed (please refer to relevant competition committee terms of reference).

I.4.5 All Clubs shall be required to have representation at Junior Competition, Women's Competition and Men's Competition sub-committees. Any Clubs not having required representation will incur a penalty of \$25 per meeting (Refer Bylaw 6.1.1).

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## 1.5 CLUB UNIFORMS AND COLOURS

- 1.5.1 Clubs shall submit to the Board for approval a photograph and written details, on the prescribed form, design information of all Senior and Junior uniforms. Uniforms must comply with the Club's registered colours (please refer to the uniform policy for uniform specifications).
- 1.5.2 No Club shall alter its colours or design except with the approval of the Board. When the application is approved it shall be considered registered.
- 1.5.3 On ceasing to be a member of Lacrosse SA, a Club shall forfeit the registration of its colours, and other Clubs may apply to register same.
- 1.5.4 Every member of a team shall wear the registered Club uniform with distinctive numbers on the front and back of the uniform. No two players in any one team shall wear the same number.
- 1.5.5 In all matches, both minor and major rounds, in all grades, players may only wear undershirts of the same colour as the playing uniform or as approved by the relevant Competition Director.
- 1.5.6 The officiating referee/umpire, Director of Men's, Women's and Junior Competitions or LSA Registrars shall report breaches of this Bylaw on the score sheet or match result sheet. After three (3) breaches of this Bylaw by a Team the relevant Club will be advised that a loss of points will apply for any further breaches by that Team.
- 1.5.7 Players will not be permitted to participate in the Major Round (Finals Competitions) if not in correct registered uniform (refer Bylaw 1.5.6).
- 1.5.8 Fines will be imposed by the Association for reported breaches of this Bylaw with some tolerance being allowed for novice players participating in up to their third match (Refer Bylaw 6.1.6).
- 1.5.9 Where a Club nominates more than one team in a particular grade, each team must when playing each other, wear a different uniform or bib approved by the Board.

## 1.6 COMMISSIONER

- 1.6.1 Before March 1st each year, the Board will appoint two Commissioners (one for Men's and one for Women's lacrosse). The Commissioners will adjudicate on all complaints and reports made under Bylaw 4.1.1 and 4.1.2, will have the power to suspend, fine, warn, reprimand or clear such reported persons in order to maintain a high level of conduct of players and officials at matches controlled by Lacrosse SA.

Any reports/complaints/appeals as a result of the Commissioner's adjudication, refer to Constitution clause 11b.

## 1.7 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE TO LACROSSE SA

- 1.7.1 Any Club wishing to dispute a Lacrosse SA account for fines or any other monies owing, has a maximum of thirty (30) days from the date of invoice in which to lodge a written objection or query on an account.
- 1.7.2 Any Club having outstanding accounts due to Lacrosse SA from the previous season as at March 1st each year, shall not have premiership points awarded to its teams, unless prior agreement has been given by the Board for deferred payments. Clubs/Players wishing to apply for deferred payments must do so in writing, setting

out details of amounts owing and anticipated dates for payment of the amounts, prior to due date of payment. If Board agreement is given for deferred payments, the Club will be advised when payments are due. The penalty of no premiership points will apply from the new due date if payment is not made, unless agreement for a further extension of time is granted by the Board.

- 1.7.3 Any Club/player in debt to Lacrosse SA for a period in excess of 14 days from the Payment Due Date may be disaffiliated/deregistered until payment is received as per a recommendation from the Executive Officer or the Director of Finance.

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## SECTION 2 — PLAYER ADMINISTRATION: REGISTRATION, OVERSEAS PLAYERS, TRANSFERS, LOANS, ELIGIBILITY, PASSING DOWN

### 2. PLAYER ADMINISTRATION

#### 2.1 REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- 2.1.1 Each affiliated Club shall, by 1.00 pm, 3 days preceding the first match of the winter season, ensure all players are registered on the SportsTG and lodge with the Executive Officer on the prescribed form, a list of all senior and junior players. The prescribed form shall include the Competition, the Club, Players name, address, telephone numbers and E-mail address (if applicable) and date of birth for players under the age of 21 as at the 1st of January in the respective year. If the application for registration is not complete with all relevant particulars in respect of any player, the application for registration shall be deemed not to be an acceptable registration (Refer Bylaw 6.1.3).
- 2.1.2 Any player previously registered with another winter season Club or Association will require a transfer approval before the application for registration can be submitted and accepted.
- 2.1.3 Any player competing for a school must be registered with a Club and will be deemed to be a registered player of that Club.
- 2.1.4 Each subsequent application for the registration of a player who begins their season following the first minor round shall be entered on SportsTG and lodged with the required particulars on the prescribed form with the Executive Officer no later than 1.00 pm on the Wednesday after the match in which the Club has first played such player. Fines will apply for failure to comply with this requirement (Refer Bylaw 6.1.4)
- 2.1.5 If a Club plays an unregistered player in any Association match and that player's registration is not subsequently submitted and approved, the match may be awarded to the opposing Club. The penalty will be the determination of the Board after recommendation from a committee comprising the Deputy President, Secretary and the respective Competition Director.
- 2.1.6 Registration lists shall at all convenient times be open to inspection by any member of the Board, Club Secretary or Club Coach via application through the Executive Officer.
- 2.1.7 The Board may invalidate a player registration for a period of time as determined by the Board if they do not comply with the requirements of Bylaw 5.1.3 in relation to State Team compliance.
- 2.1.8 No club shall play a guest player in any grade. Application may be made to the Executive Officer to play under the ALA player permit form. Penalty applies as per Bylaw 2.1.5.

#### 2.2 OVERSEAS PLAYERS

- 2.2.1 Any club wishing to play an overseas player must submit a completed LSA application form and provide a legible copy of the player's passport ID page and visa details, by 1.00 pm, 3 days preceding the player's first game. This written documentation must be provided to the Executive Officer (or by arrangement, the relevant Competition Director).
- 2.2.2 Any limitations on the number of overseas players permitted to be registered and played by any one club in a season will be advised to the clubs by December 31st of the previous year.

2.2.3 Clubs may register and play overseas players already residing in Australia. The player may be here for study, business, travel, awaiting permanent residency, or any similar reason. They must not be players who have entered Australia with the purpose of playing lacrosse. All overseas players are the sole responsibility of the Affiliated Clubs. Lacrosse SA bears no responsibility, legal or otherwise to any overseas player.

2.2.4 For the purpose of this Bylaw, an overseas player shall be one who first played lacrosse in a country other than Australia, who will attain the age of 18 in the relevant year, and who is in Australia on a temporary visa. Players from countries not competing in the same division as Australia or higher at the previous Senior World Championships will not be considered as overseas players for the purpose of this Bylaw.

Addendum - Under the above bylaw Clubs are advised that in 2015 - 2017 the limitations on overseas players apply to all Senior Men's and Women's participation only, and are as follows:

- Premiership ladder teams 1 – 4 (inc) 2015-2017, 2 OS players
- Premiership ladder teams 5 – 10 (inc) 2015-2017, 3 OS players

## 2.3 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

2.3.1 Applications for transfer will only be accepted by the Executive Officer between January 1st and June 30th in any year.

2.3.2 A player previously registered and having played with a Club in the previous 3 years shall require a financial clearance from that Club before playing for another Club. The application for transfer shall be lodged with the Executive Officer on the prescribed form accompanied by a \$20 transfer processing fee payable to Lacrosse SA.

2.3.3 Any transfer by a senior player to a Club whose most senior team finished higher on the previous end of season premiership table than the player's current Club, or who had been on loan to the respective Club within the subsequent twelve months will require the approval of the Lacrosse SA Commissioners and Executive Officer. Accordingly, all these requests will require the reasons for transfer attached to the request. The Commissioners and the Executive Officer are to review all these transfer requests and consider the overall benefit for lacrosse in SA and in particular the needs of both Clubs and the players. From the receipt the Commissioners should reply in 14 days to the Executive Officer during which time the Executive Officer is to provide his/her adjudication. Should both clubs involved in the player transfer process agree to a player's transfer, the transfer request will be considered by the Executive Officer.

2.3.4 Any transfer by a junior player to a Club whose previous year junior age group team finished higher on the end of season premiership table or who had been on loan to the respective Club within the subsequent twelve months will require the approval of the Lacrosse SA Commissioners and the Executive Officer. Any Club team not competing in the respective grade during the previous year will be deemed to be the lowest team for that grade. Accordingly, all these requests will require the reasons for transfer attached to the request. The Commissioners and the Executive Officer are to review all these transfer requests and consider the overall benefit for lacrosse in SA and in particular the needs of both Clubs and the players. From the receipt the Commissioners should reply in 14 days to the Executive Officer during which time the Executive Officer is to provide his/her adjudication. If the Lacrosse SA Commissioners and the Executive Officer cannot agree the majority decision should apply.

2.3.5 The request should be reviewed by the Commissioners and the Executive Officer only after the clearing Club has replied as required in Bylaw 2.3.7.

- 2.3.6 The clearing Club will be entitled to claim a recompense fee if the player is indebted to the Club from the transferee Club.
- 2.3.7 A Club that receives an application for consent for transfer shall within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the application notify the Executive Officer in writing:
- Whether or not the player is financially indebted to the Club, and if so, details of outstanding monies due to the Club and for what they are outstanding.
  - The clearing Club shall attach the reasons for the approval or non-approval of the player's transfer.
- 2.3.8 Failure to notify the Executive Officer within fourteen (14) days will result in a fine of \$50.00 being payable by the offending Club. If the Club fails to notify the Executive Officer within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the application, the player shall be deemed not to be financially indebted to the Club and the Club shall be deemed not to be seeking a recompense fee (Refer Bylaw 6.1.5).
- 2.3.9 A Club must have financial records to support claims that outstanding monies are due to the Club by the applicant for transfer, which must be produced to the Executive Officer upon request.
- 2.3.10 A Club may claim for equipment sold to a player by the Club and not paid for. A Club may claim for any direct debt incurred by the Club on behalf of the player for which that player is directly responsible. A Club may not claim any of the following:
- Equipment supplied in a good playing condition on a loan basis except where that equipment is not returned in reasonable playing condition.
  - For coaching received by the player.
- 2.3.11 A Club may not discriminate in any way in regard to financial claims against the player applying for transfer by making claims for any amount not reasonably expected to be paid by other members of the Club from which the player wishes to leave.
- 2.3.12 The Executive Officer shall make an investigation of the facts of a disputed financial claim and make a report to the Board who are empowered to make a ruling whether the player is financially indebted to the Club within the meaning of this Bylaw.
- 2.3.13 The Board may impose an embargo on clearances from a particular Club for a period of time should it consider circumstances are warranted.
- 2.3.14 If a recompense fee claimed by a Club is considered to be unreasonable, the applicant for transfer may appeal against that fee. Such appeal will be heard by the Appeals Sub-Committee (Bylaw 4.3.1) who, if exceptional circumstances exist, may determine an appropriate recompense fee payable. Exceptional circumstances will only be considered where the applicant is residentially displaced from his/her previous Club or if the applicant is a junior player (Bylaw 3.4).
- 2.3.15 Failure to respond to deadlines pertaining to a transfer application or a response thereof from the transferring club may result in the transfer application being approved by the Executive Officer.

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## 2.4 TRANSFER OF PLAYERS (INTER ASSOCIATION)

- 2.4.1 No person who has played in any match as a member of an interstate or other Association during any one season shall be allowed to play in any match under the control of the Lacrosse SA during the same season without the consent of the Board.
- 2.4.2 Such player shall submit with his or her application a financial clearance on the Lacrosse Australia or Women's Lacrosse Australia prescribed form, from the Lacrosse Association in which he or she previously played.
- 2.4.3 In that season such player must play in at least four (4) minor round matches under the control of Lacrosse SA to be eligible to play in the major round.
- 2.4.4 A player returning to SA after having been cleared interstate will require a clearance from his or her previous SA Club (as per Bylaw 2.3) if he or she wishes to play for a Club other than the Club played for immediately prior to the interstate transfer.
- 2.4.5 If the Interstate Club or Association fails to notify the Lacrosse SA Executive Officer or the respective National Association within twenty-one (21) days of receipt of the application, it shall be deemed that the player is not financially indebted in any form to their former Club or Association, nor under any suspension or penalty. The player may then be permitted to compete within SA while awaiting final approval.

## 2.5 LOAN PLAYERS

- 2.5.1 An application for Transfer is not required when a Club (Loaner Club), not participating in a senior grade competition, loans a player to another Club (Loanee Club) competing in that same grade competition. A Lacrosse SA Loan Agreement form must be completed and signed by the player, an Executive Officer of both the Loanee and the Loaner Clubs and the Executive Officer of Lacrosse SA prior to loan participation.
- For a Club not participating in the Women's State League competition, a Lacrosse SA Loan Agreement to a club participating in senior grade competitions will only be considered for application to the transfer of local (not international) aged appropriate players (not juniors).
  - All loans are to be reviewed annually and are for a maximum of three consecutive years. Loan clubs can apply to the Executive Officer Lacrosse SA for an exemption to the timeframe.
  - Clubs can apply for an exemption to the Lacrosse SA Executive Officer with supporting statements outlining the benefits to the competition.
  - Note: Application for an exemption does not guarantee approval.
- 2.5.2 An application for Transfer is not required when a Club (Loaner Club), not participating in a junior age grade competition, loans a player to another Club (Loanee Club) competing in that same competition. A Lacrosse SA Loan Agreement form must be completed and signed by the player, a parent/guardian, an Executive Officer of both the Loanee and the Loaner Clubs and an Executive Officer of Lacrosse SA prior to loan participation.
- 2.5.3 If the Loaner Club subsequently enters the respective senior or junior age grade competition the player is automatically released by the Loanee Club.

2.5.4 All fees to be paid by the players to their own Club. Agreements in relation to fees between the Loaner and Loanee Clubs will be a matter of joint negotiation.

2.5.5 All loan agreements are for a maximum period of 3 years, including the current season and renewals must be reviewed by the player and the participating clubs annually prior to the season commencement. Failure to perform an annual review may void the loan agreement.

## 2.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR MINOR ROUND MATCHES: SENIOR GRADES

### 2.6.1 Match Qualification

- A player must be in full uniform and ready to play prior to the completion of the half time break to be eligible to play in a particular minor round game.
- A player may only play one senior game in any one round of matches, unless the player is the subject of a current Lacrosse SA Loan Agreement.
- Any player competing in the Senior Competition must not be under the age of 15 years in the respective year (refer Bylaw 3.4.4).

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### 2.6.2 Passing Down of Player

- If a Club desires to pass down 3 or more players to a lower grade for any minor round match, a written application must be made to the Executive Officer for approval by noon on the day preceding the match.

Interpretation: Under this Bylaw all players, who through injury, availability or interstate representation miss a game or games are considered to be eligible for the team with which they last played.

- Any player passed down from a higher team to a lower team when the higher team has a bye, shall not return to the higher team in the following round. This does not apply if the player has missed the previous game in the higher team for any reason. If the lower team participates in a round and the higher team is not participating in that same round of matches, then the higher team is deemed to have a bye for the purposes of this Bylaw.
- In the event that the higher teams season commences later than the lower teams season the higher team shall be deemed to have a bye each week when the lower team plays and shall be required to submit a team sheet including a minimum of ten (10) players and shall be bound by the Bylaws relating to the passing down of players. Any player named on the higher team bye sheet shall not be eligible to play in the first round of the higher team season if they have played two or more games in the lower team prior to the commencement of the higher team season.
- Any player that has played in more than 50% of the equated games in a higher team (i.e. the duration of the higher team minor round) cannot return to a lower team for the remainder of the minor round after the completion of the higher team minor round games.
- No player shall be passed down more than one team/grade of the Club without the approval of the Executive Officer.

- No pass down approval is required for any junior player to pass down from senior grades to junior grades. However, the provisions of this Bylaw will apply if a Club wishes to pass down a junior player from one senior team to another senior team.
- If two teams from one Club are playing in the same grade then Bylaw 3.2.8 will apply.
- Breaches of this Bylaw may result in the match being awarded to the opposing Club and/or a fine of up to \$100 per occurrence. The penalty will be determination of the Board after recommendation from a committee comprising the Deputy President, Admin Director and the respective Competition Director.

## 2.7 ELIGIBILITY FOR MAJOR ROUND MATCHES: SENIOR GRADES

2.7.1 A player must have played four (4) senior minor round matches during the winter season to compete in major round matches. Where a player has been recruited to the game for the first time within the last 4 minor round games for that Club the player may play in the major round with the approval of the relevant Director of Competition.

2.7.2 If a Club desires to pass down 3 or more players to a lower grade for any major round match, application must be made to the Executive Officer for approval by noon on the day preceding the match.

Interpretation: Under this Bylaw all players, who through injury, availability or interstate representation miss a game or games are considered to be eligible for the team with which they last played.

2.7.3 A player who has played the majority of matches in any senior grade during the minor round shall not be eligible to play in any lower grade during the major round provided that this shall not apply if the team for whom the player has played the majority of minor round matches is also playing in the equivalent major round or has a "bye". For the purpose of this Bylaw, the Preliminary Final is deemed to be a bye for the team which progresses from the second semi-final to the Grand Final. Where a player is selected in a lower grade for a major round match under this Bylaw and the higher team is then eliminated from the major round, then such player continues to be eligible for the lower grade for the remainder of the finals.

2.7.4 No player shall be passed down more than one team of the Club without the approval of the Executive Officer.

2.7.5 No pass down approval is required for any junior player to pass down from senior grades to junior grades. However, the provisions of this Bylaw will apply if a Club wishes to pass down a junior player from one senior team to another senior team.

2.7.6 Where a player has played an equal number of games in two or more grades during the minor round, the grade in which he or she plays his or her first major round match shall be the grade in which he or she has qualified.

2.7.7 A bye match is considered a qualifying game where the player has played the match before and after that bye in the same team and is listed on the bye match report submitted to LSA.

2.7.8 A forfeit is considered a qualifying game for the team "winning" the forfeit where the player has played the match before and after that bye in the same team and is listed on the forfeit match report submitted to LSA.

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- 2.7.9 A player who has played in a higher grade in a previous major round match may not pass back to a lower grade or a grade of equivalent status if the team in which he or she has previously played has a bye or has completed its season. For the purpose of this Bylaw, the Preliminary Final is deemed to be a bye for the team which progresses from the second semi-final to the Grand Final.
- 2.7.10 Exception: Where the player has played the majority of minor round matches in the grade to which that player is being passed back and that the player was only in the other grade through exceptional circumstances in the previous week, e.g. injury, or illness to a regular player (loss of form or unavailability are not exceptional circumstances). Application may be made in writing to the Executive Officer by noon of the day preceding the match for approval for pass down.
- 2.7.11 No player may play in more than one team in any round of the finals series, except under exceptional circumstances, with the prior approval of the Executive Officer or the appropriate Director of Men's or Women's competition. Only circumstances such as sudden illness or injury are acceptable.
- 2.7.12 This Bylaw shall apply to junior players qualifying to play in the senior major round, and only senior grade minor round matches will be taken into account in determining eligibility for senior major round matches for the purposes of this Bylaw.
- 2.7.13 Clubs must submit a list of their players in each team competing in the ensuing major round game. Such lists must be forwarded to the Executive Officer 72 hours prior to the major round for checking by the respective Registrar or their representative. Lists must be provided for each Major Round. No team will be permitted to compete without this approval being received. Should an in-eligible player compete in a major round game, the match will be awarded to the opposing team (refer to Bylaw 2.1.1 for player registration in SportsTG).

## 2.8 ELIGIBILITY FOR MAJOR ROUND MATCHES: JUNIOR GRADES

- 2.8.1 A player must have played four (4) minor round matches in the respective grade to be eligible to compete in major round matches. Where the player is recruited to the game for the first time within the last 4 minor round games for that Club the player may play in the major round with the approval of the Director - Junior Competition.
- 2.8.2 A bye match is considered a qualifying game where the player has played the match before and after that bye in the same team and has been named on the team sheet submitted to LSA for the bye game.
- 2.8.3 A forfeit received will be considered a qualifying game where the player has played the match before and after the forfeit match in the same team and has been named on the team sheet submitted to LSA for the forfeit game.
- 2.8.4 Clubs must submit a list of their players in each team competing in the ensuing major round game. Such lists must be forwarded to the Executive Officer 72 hours prior to the major round for checking by the respective Registrar or their representative. Lists must be provided for each Major Round. No team will be permitted to compete without this approval being received. Should any player who is not eligible to play in a major round match, the match will be awarded to the opposing team (refer to Bylaw 2.1.1 for player registration in SportsTG).

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SECTION 3 – THE COMPETITION: PROGRAMME, TEAM NOMINATIONS, GRADING, AGE GROUPS, RULES, DRAWS, FORFEITS

## 3. THE COMPETITION

### 3.1 PROGRAMME OF MATCHES

- 3.1.1 The Board shall as soon as practicable after team nominations have been received arrange for the programme for all grades to be printed and available to teams.
- 3.1.2 Teams shall fulfil their engagements as set out in the programme and any Club failing to do so may be penalised at the discretion of the Board.
- 3.1.3 In the case of a team withdrawing from the programme after the commencement of premiership matches, Clubs/teams will not be entitled to a refund of the team nomination fee. The remaining matches for the season shall be recorded as forfeits by the withdrawing team unless re-programming is considered by the Board to be practicable.

### 3.2 NOMINATION OF TEAMS

- 3.2.1 Each Club shall nominate the number of teams it intends fielding in all senior and junior grades for the next season on or before the designated dates each year. The closing date for all senior team nominations will be the 28 February each year. The closing date for all junior teams will be the 31 March each year. Penalties apply for non-compliance (Refer bylaw 6.1.23).
- 3.2.2 Each club must submit three development reports per annum that outlines the processes the club has undertaken and proposes to undertake to ensure development in junior and senior numbers.
- 3.2.3 The development reports are due to Lacrosse SA and are to be received within 7 days following the end of SA School Term 1, 30 June and 31 October. The reports produced will see clubs satisfy development requirements for Lacrosse SA.
- 3.2.4 Clubs will be required to pay a \$300 bond, due with the first instalment of team nominations. Submission of each accepted Development Report to LSA by the respective due dates will result in a \$100 rebate per report.
- 3.2.5 A new player for the purpose of this Bylaw excludes any player requiring a transfer from another Club.
- 3.2.6 Clubs must pay all team fees on or before the due dates prescribed by the Board; otherwise teams may be ineligible for further competition (refer to Bylaw 1.7).
- 3.2.7 For every senior and U17/U18, U15, U13, girls and boys team nominated by a club, the club MUST nominate a referee/umpire with the team nomination form (Refer Bylaw 3.14.2). Failure to do so will deem the team nomination form incomplete and as a result, the team nomination will not be accepted.
- 3.2.8 Where a Club nominates more than one team in a particular grade, players may not interchange between the teams in that grade after the third match for the season in that grade, except in exceptional circumstances approved in advance by the Board.
- 3.2.9 Penalties apply for breaches of 3.2.6 and 3.2.7.

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3.2.10 If two or more Clubs wish to enter a combined team in any grade, the Clubs must jointly nominate the team on the correct form. Players in these teams should be registered as usual by their home or parent Club as well as the required loan agreement forms.

### 3.3 GRADING OF SENIOR TEAMS

3.3.1 Clubs shall submit for consideration suggested grading of their teams.

3.3.2 The final decision shall be made by the Board with preference given to Clubs fielding teams in consecutive grades.

3.3.3 If any alteration to suggested grading is proposed, the Club concerned shall be entitled to representation by a Club Official at a meeting of the Board or at a meeting of a sub-committee appointed by the Board.

3.3.4 The Board shall decide how many teams will play in each grade each season, and where appropriate may impose a maximum number of teams per grade.

3.3.5 All Senior teams must consist of a minimum of 50% non- age-restricted Junior players. ie: 15 players, 8 must be seniors (non- age-restricted Junior players).

- The penalty for Failure to adhere to this bylaw will be the determination of the Board after recommendation from the respective Competition Director.

### 3.4 AGE GROUPS

3.4.1 All players for under age grades in any year shall be under the age applicable to the grade on December 31st of the preceding year. All such players shall be classified throughout these Bylaws as junior players.

3.4.2 The Board may from time to time apply other restrictions to age eligibility for teams.

- In order to constitute a team in any specific age grouping there must be a minimum of at least 6 players in the actual age grouping.
- The penalty for Failure to adhere to this bylaw will be the determination of the Board after recommendation from the respective Competition Director.

3.4.3 Clubs may apply to the Executive Officer for a limited permit to play an over-age player, under the terms of the Overage Player Policy.

All overage players must be identified in the score sheet by writing OA next to the players' name.

3.4.4 Male players who are eligible for U15 teams and Female players who are eligible for U15 teams may only play in a Senior Grade team under the terms of the Junior to Play Senior policy.

- Any junior granted permission to play in a senior competition under the junior to play senior policy must: Must not play more than two games on the same day of competition.
- All underage players must be identified on the score sheet by writing UA next to the players' name.

## 3.5 HOME TEAM

3.5.1 The team named first in the programme of matches shall be deemed to be the home team. For major round matches, the team higher on the premiership table shall be deemed to be the home team. The home team shall be responsible to ensure the playing field is correctly marked out, supply a scoreboard and attendant for all League games played at the Club ground. In the case of a neutral ground each team will be responsible for duties as advised by the Board from time to time. Failure to comply will incur penalties as quoted in Bylaw 6.1.16.

## 3.6 PLAYING RULES

3.6.1 The Board may from time to time adopt local variations to the Laws/Rules of Lacrosse, which shall be applicable to any or all competitions under the control of Lacrosse SA.

3.6.2 The deadline for changes in rules and competition must be submitted to the Board by 30 November of the preceding year to allow for the 28 days' notice period that must be provided to all Board Members. This will allow ratification to occur in the January meeting and notification sent to Clubs prior to season start.

## 3.7 NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN A TEAM

3.7.1 In women's senior field lacrosse matches the maximum number of players (including substitutes) in a team shall be 14 (but may vary for national or international matches) except the lowest senior grade of a Club which shall have a maximum of 23 players. The minimum number of players for State League competition shall be 10.

3.7.2 In Men's State League and Division 1 matches the maximum number of players per team shall be 16, in Division 2 men's teams the maximum number of players is 23 (except the lowest senior grade of a Club which shall have a maximum of 23 players). The minimum number of players for State League competition shall be 10.

3.7.3 In all junior grade matches the maximum number of players per team shall be 23.

3.7.4 Breaches of this Bylaw may result in the match being awarded to the opposing Club and/or a fine of up to \$100 per occurrence. The penalty will be determination of the Board after recommendation from a committee comprising the Deputy President, Secretary and the respective Competition Director (Refer Bylaw 6.1.17).

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## 3.8 DRAWN GAMES

3.8.1 Refer Men's and Women's playing Rule books.

(July 2013)

## 3.9 FORFEITS

3.9.1 In all field lacrosse games teams with a minimum of players, as per the respective competition rules sanctioned by the Board at the commencement of each winter season, can and must take the field at match commencement time.

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- 3.9.2 In the event of a forfeit prior to match day, the forfeiting club must notify and receive confirmation from the opposing club secretary and the referee/umpire co-coordinator by 12 noon on the day prior to the match. The Lacrosse SA office must also be advised. Failure to advise and confirm with the opposing club and referee/umpire co-coordinator, or forfeiting on the day of the match shall incur the relevant fine. The fines may be waived at the discretion of the relevant Competition Director if a genuine scratch match is played (refer to forfeit procedure).
  - 3.9.3 Failure to comply with Bylaw 3.9.2 (forfeits) senior grades \$300 junior grades \$100.
  - 3.9.4 If a team forfeits more than 3 times during a playing season, such team may be withdrawn from the competition and may incur a further penalty as determined by the Board.
  - 3.9.5 If any junior teams which is one of the minimum required of a club (under Bylaw 3.2) forfeits more than 3 times during the playing season and is withdrawn from the competition, that Club will be deemed to be in breach of Bylaw 3.2 from the round from which the team is withdrawn.
  - 3.9.6 A Club forfeiting in a senior grade in a round of matches will not be eligible for premiership points in any lower senior grade of that Club in that same round, unless determined otherwise by the Board.

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### 3.10 DURATION AND TIME OF MATCHES

- 3.10.1 All matches shall commence at the time and be of duration as determined by the Board. The Board may where necessary stipulate finishing times (and any appropriate rule variations).

### 3.11 LATE START

- 3.11.1 Any team failing to take the field within 10 minutes (in all grades) of the official commencing time shall forfeit the match. The referee or umpire will report a late start on the score sheet or match result sheet (Refer Bylaw 6.1.20).

### 3.12 MATCH RESULTS — SCORE SHEETS

- 3.12.1 Each Club must forward to the representative appointed by the Board on or before 1.00 pm on the Wednesday in each week, the Lacrosse SA copies of score sheets for all matches in which teams of the Club participated during the previous week (where several games are played at one venue e.g. SACA the Association may provide a facility to deposit score sheets on that day).
- 3.12.2 The score sheet must list the Club, date of game, grade, teams competing, numbers and names of players, penalties, assists (where required), individual goals scored and totals, final totals, winning details, signatures, voting and umpires report where required.
- 3.12.3 Clubs must submit score sheets with appropriate details of teams by the above due times for all junior and senior forfeits and for all junior and senior grade byes, otherwise premiership points may not be awarded and these games will not be counted for purposes of finals eligibility for individual players.
- 3.12.4 Any Association Most Valuable Player voting required to be completed on the score sheet must be provided at the conclusion of the game and signed by a Club Representative from each team.

3.12.5 Failure to submit correctly completed score sheets and enter into SportsTG by the due times (as specified in 3.12.1), will incur a fine of \$10 per sheet per week late (Refer Bylaw 6.1.21).

### 3.13 MATCH RESULTS – PRESS REPORTING

3.13.1 Unless otherwise advised the home team shall report the results of all senior and junior matches to such persons as the Association shall determine not later than the nominated time on the day of the match. This MUST be lodged with the Advertiser (Sunday Mail) by no later than 6.30 pm on the day of the match (refer to Club Handbook).

3.13.2 The home league team is also required to advise details of both teams' best players and goal scorers at the time of reporting scores in Bylaw 3.12.

3.13.3 Failure to comply with this Bylaw may result in a \$10 fine for the relevant home team (Refer Bylaw 6.1.22).

### 3.14 REFEREES/UMPIRES

3.14.1 The Director - Officiating shall oversee the Officiating Sub-committee. The Sub-committees will be responsible via the Director - Officiating to the Board for the management of recruitment, training and appointment of referees and umpires in South Australia. It will also recommend fees payable to umpires and referees for each season.

3.14.2 Clubs must nominate at least one registered and accredited (or more, if requested by the Board of LSA or if preferred by the Club):

- Referee/Umpire per team for every nominated team (above U11 level). Nomination should be received by the date advised on the correct form, together with the team nomination form (Refer to Bylaw 6.1.12).
- Should any nomination not be acceptable to the Officiating Sub-Committee, or should a nominated referee or umpire be unavailable for more than 4 consecutive weeks, or greater than one half of the number of minor rounds in the current state league season, the nominating club will advise in writing and the club shall submit a new nomination.
- The relevant Officiating bodies will roster the Club nominated referees/umpires as needed.

3.14.3 A Referee or Umpire may not be nominated by more than one club throughout the current season.

3.14.4 Failure to comply with the requirements of bylaw 3.14.2 shall result in a \$100 fine each week until compliance is attained.

3.14.5 Failure to supply a registered and accredited referee or umpire as directed will result in a fine of \$100 (Refer Bylaw 6.1.8).

3.14.6 Where the referee or umpire provided is not properly attired a fine of \$40 will apply or \$20 (Juniors) may apply. (Refer Bylaw 6.1.9).

3.14.7 Clubs will be responsible for providing a Chief Bench Official or timekeeper or scorer when required. A fine of \$25 will incur for non-compliance (Refer Bylaw 6.1.10).

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- 3.14.8 Clubs will be responsible for providing suitable warning and time keeping instrument to the time-keeper. A fine of \$20 will incur for non-compliance (Refer Bylaw 6.1.11).
- 3.14.9 In all senior and Junior games, where only 1 (one) referee/umpire is in attendance at the designated start time both competing teams are responsible for the supply of a person to officiate under the supervision of the attending accredited umpire/referee. Both teams must supply a person to officiate otherwise the game will be declared 'a forfeit' by both teams and no points will be allocated and fines may apply.
- 3.14.10 Failure to comply with the requirements of Bylaw 3.14 shall result in the following penalties:
- Failure to ensure at least one nominated referee or umpire is registered and accredited per team will result in a \$100 fine, with a further \$100 fine for each week of the playing season that a referee or umpire is not nominated for each team (Refer Bylaws 6.1.12 and 6.1.7).
  - Failure to supply a registered and accredited referee or umpire as directed will result in a fine of \$50 (Refer Bylaw 6.1.12).
  - Where the referee or umpire (excluding Under 17 and Under 11) provided is not properly attired a fine of \$20 will apply (Refer Bylaw 6.1.14).
- 3.14.11 All senior and junior games where a maximum of 1 (one) referee/umpire attends; the game will not be permitted to commence. Each team competing will be required to supply a player or representative to officiate before the game can commence. Both teams must supply a person to officiate otherwise the game will be declared 'a forfeit' by both teams. No points will be allotted and fines will apply (Refer Bylaw 6.1.13).
- 3.14.12 A Referee or Umpire can only be nominated by one Club throughout the current season.
- 3.15 PROGRAMME OF MATCHES**
- 3.15.1 The Board shall as soon as practicable after team nominations have been received arrange for the programme for all grades to be printed and available to teams.
- 3.15.2 Teams shall fulfil their engagements as set out in the programme and any Club failing to do so may be penalised at the discretion of the Board.
- 3.15.3 In the case of a team withdrawing from the programme after the commencement of premiership matches, it shall not be entitled to a full refund of the team nomination fee. The remaining matches for the season shall be recorded as forfeits by the withdrawing team unless re-programming is considered by the Board to be practicable.
- 3.16 MINOR ROUND PREMIERSHIP TABLE: SENIOR GRADES**
- The method of determining the premiership in each grade in the minor round shall be:
- 3.16.1 The winning team in each match, whose Club complies with the requirements of Bylaws 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 shall receive four (4) points.
- 3.16.2 The winning team in each match, whose Club does not comply with the requirements of Bylaws 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3 and 3.2.4 shall receive three (3) points.

- 3.16.3 All clubs will be deemed compliant for the first three (3) rounds of each season.
- 3.16.4 Clubs can enter teams (and become compliant) up until June 30<sup>th</sup> of each season and will play for full points from the round at which they become compliant. Any club which ceases to be compliant during the season will play for reduced points from the round at which it ceases to be compliant.
- 3.16.5 The losing team in each match shall receive no points.
- 3.16.6 In the event of a draw, a team whose Club complies with the requirements of the Bylaws shall receive two (2) points.
- 3.16.7 In the event of a draw a team whose Club does not comply with the requirements of the Bylaws shall receive one (1) point.
- 3.16.8 In the event of a forfeit, the team receiving the forfeit shall be deemed to have won the match, with the result of ten (10) goals to nil (0).
- 3.16.9 In the event of a bye, the bye team shall be credited a win (and the relevant points).
- 3.16.10 The team shall be ranked during the minor round according to the points received as designated above. At the conclusion of the minor round the leading team shall be designated minor premiers.
- 3.16.11 In the event of two (2) or more teams having an equal number of points, at the end of the season, their relative positions on the premiership ladder shall be determined by the result(s) of matches between those teams during the season. The team with most wins in those games will take the higher place on the ladder.
- 3.16.12 Should there be an equal number of wins in the matches between the teams; the team which scored the greatest number of goals in those matches shall take the higher place on the premiership table.
- 3.16.13 Should the above criteria not separate teams positions shall be determined on the percentage of goals thrown for and against during the minor round. Such percentage is to be ascertained by dividing the total number of goals thrown by a team, by the total number of goals thrown against such team. The team with the highest percentage shall take the highest place on the premiership table.

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### 3.17 MINOR ROUND PREMIERSHIP TABLE: JUNIOR GRADES

- 3.17.1 The winning team in each match shall receive two points.
- 3.17.2 The losing team in each match shall receive no points.
- 3.17.3 In the event of a draw, each team shall receive one point.
- 3.17.4 In the event of a forfeit, the team receiving the forfeit shall be deemed to have won the match, with the result of ten (10) goals to nil (0).
- 3.17.5 In the event of a bye, the bye team shall be accorded a win (and two points).

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3.17.6 The team shall be ranked during the minor round according to the points received as hereinbefore set forth and at the conclusion of the minor round the leading team shall be designated minor premiers.

3.17.7 In the event of two (2) or more teams having an equal number of points, their relative positions shall be determined by the result(s) of matches between those teams during the season. Should there be an equal number of wins in the matches between two teams; the team which scored the greatest number of goals in those matches shall take the higher place on the premiership table.

3.17.8 Should the method in Bylaw 3.16.7 be unable to determine the relative positions, positions shall be determined on the percentage of goals thrown for and against during the minor round. Such percentage is to be ascertained by dividing the total number of goals thrown by a team, by the total number of goals thrown against such team. The team with the highest percentage shall take the highest place on the premiership table.

### 3.18 MAJOR ROUND PREMIERSHIP MATCHES

3.18.1 First Semi-Final - The first semi-final shall be played between the third and fourth teams at the conclusion of the minor round.

3.18.2 Second Semi-Final - The second semi-final shall be played between the first and second team at the conclusion of the minor round.

3.18.3 Preliminary Final - The preliminary final shall be played between the winner of the first semi-final and loser of the second semi-final.

3.18.4 Grand Final - The grand final shall be played between the winner of the second semi-final and the winner of the preliminary final.

3.18.5 Ranking - The winner of the grand final match shall be the Premier team and the loser of that match shall be deemed to be the second team. The third team shall be the loser of the preliminary final, and the fourth team shall be the loser of the first semi-final.

3.18.6 Variations - These arrangements (including the number of grand finals played) may be varied by the Board for A Grade/League major rounds, upon the recommendation of the respective competition committees.

3.18.7 Under 11 grade if two (2) or more teams finish the minor rounds on equal points then those teams will be declared equal winners.

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## 4 COMPLAINTS AND REPORTING

### 4.1 COMPLAINTS

4.1.1 A complaint against an affiliated Club, affiliated Approved Body or registered member will be dealt with in the following manner. A complaint against a team official which has been covered as a report under Bylaw 4.2.1 will not be considered under Bylaw. A complaint against a player which could have been covered as a report under Bylaw 4.2.1 will not be considered under this Bylaw.

Otherwise such complaint will be referred by the Executive Officer to one of the Commissioners appointed under Bylaw 27 who will adjudicate on whether there is a genuine complaint and case to answer under Constitution clause 11(b).

4.1.2 If so, the affiliated Club, affiliated Approved Body or registered member will be requested to forward within seven (7) days of being advised by the Executive Officer (or in his or her absence a person nominated by the Commissioner), a written statement in defence of their actions. The matter will then be considered in the manner set out in Bylaws 4.1.2 except that references to the "reported person" may be an affiliated Club, affiliated Approved Body or registered member as outlined above for the purposes of this Bylaw.

4.1.3 For a complaint to be considered under this Bylaw it must be received by Lacrosse SA within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence of the relevant matter or within fourteen (14) days of the President of Lacrosse SA becoming aware of the relevant matter.

### 4.2 REPORTS

4.2.1 If a referee, umpire or Association appointed Chief Bench Official deems an incident of rough play or misconduct (including the use of indecent, threatening or abusive language) of sufficient importance he or she may report such incident. Any player participating in the game or any team official within the defined bench area during the game may be the subject of a report. Such player or team official must, at the time of the incident, be informed that the offence is to be reported, and a note made on the score sheet. A written advice (wherever practicable) is to be given to the reported person or the team coach or team manager or team official at the end of the relevant period of play. If such incident occurs in the area controlled by the Chief Bench Official, he or she must immediately signal the referees to suspend play, and inform them of the incident. (Note: A player or team official may be the subject of a report at any time from the time of arrival of the relevant referee, umpire or Chief Bench Official at the match venue until the officials sign the score sheet).

4.2.2 The reporting official shall forward to the Executive Officer within three (3) days of the report a statement in writing giving details of the reported person's name, number (if relevant) and team, the nature of the offence and any other details deemed relevant to the matter.

4.2.3 The reported person or their Club may forward to the Executive Officer within three (3) days of being advised of the report by the Reporting Official, a statement in writing in defence of the actions of the reported person. The reported player's telephone contact is to be included in any defense submission.

4.2.4 The statement will be referred to the appropriate Commissioner for adjudication and the reported person and Club shall be notified of the Commissioner's ruling within a further three (3) days. If the Commissioner considers that there is insufficient or conflicting information contained in any written report submitted to the Commissioner, then in such an event the Commissioner may direct the Executive Officer to convene a hearing at which the Commissioner may receive verbal evidence from the parties or witnesses. Such hearing shall be

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convened to take place within 48 hours of the final date for receipt of statements from the reported person. The Executive Officer or such other person appointed shall make a written record of the proceedings.

- 4.2.5 Notification of the adjudication to the Club shall be effected by posting a notice in writing to the Secretary of the Club within three (3) day period.
- 4.2.6 Notification of the adjudication to the reported person shall be effected by posting a notice in writing to the registered address of the person within the three (3) day period.
- 4.2.7 In the event the appropriate Commissioner is not available, the other Commissioner shall hear the matter. Should both the Commissioners be unavailable, the Executive Officer shall appoint a proxy.
- 4.2.8 The reported person or their Club may appeal against the ruling within two (2) days of notification. Such appeal addressed to the Executive Officer must be in writing and be lodged with a \$100 bond which will be refunded after any successful appeal. The appeal must be heard by the Appeals Sub-committee within two (2) days of lodgement.
- 4.2.9 If the President considers that any penalty imposed upon a reported person found guilty of improper conduct by the Commissioner is inadequate or lenient, then the President in his or her sole discretion may appeal against the adjudication by lodging notice in writing of such appeal within 48 hours of the date of the adjudication having been given by the Commissioner, and in such an event the Appeals Sub-Committee shall be convened within 48 hours thereafter to consider and determine such appeal.

## 4.3 APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

### 4.3.1 Formation

The Board of Directors shall appoint a Sub-committee of at least seven (7), any three (3) who shall be required to hear an appeal against the Commissioner's findings under Bylaw 4.1, or a complaint by a State team official, or any other complaints referred to it by the Board. The persons sitting on an appeal shall be neutral parties.

(Note: For appeal hearings under Bylaw 4.1.2 the adjudicating Commissioner, if available, should be a member of the Appeals Sub-Committee, but not the Chairman).

### 4.3.2 Guidelines for Appeals

The Executive Officer shall select a Chairman, and arrange for 2 other Sub-Committee members to hear the appeal. (Note: It is the role of these hearings to judge the appeal, not to re-try the original offence.).

The Committee shall read the reporting official's account of the incident.

The reporting official(s) may be called to substantiate the report and answer questions where necessary.

The reporting official(s) shall then be asked to leave while the person reported gives his or her version of the alleged offence or complaint and answer questions where necessary.

Witnesses for both the reporting official(s) and/or the reported person may then be individually called to give their version of the alleged offence and answer questions where necessary.

The Commissioner's findings should be considered by the Committee. This report may be verbal or written.

The reporting official(s) and the reported person may then be recalled to ask questions of each other and/or to answer further questions of the committee.

The Committee shall then meet in private and determine as to whether or not the Commissioner's findings should be altered. (Note: In all cases, the spirit of law should be considered paramount. It is not desirable that a matter be completely dismissed if successfully appealed on a mere technicality, or when the original plea was guilty.)

The Chairman shall then make notes of the findings and inform the reported person and the reporting official(s) of the results of the Committee's deliberation.

The Chairman shall forward the details of findings to the Executive Officer who in turn shall notify the Clubs involved in the results.

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5 STATE TEAM ADMINISTRATION: SELECTION, OFFICIALS, UNIFORMS

5.1 STATE/REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS — SELECTION

- 5.1.1 The Board shall, in each season for each State team, appoint a Selection Committee(s) each consisting of a maximum of three (3) persons, one of which shall be the Coach of the particular team, to select players to form a squad from which the team shall be chosen to represent the Association. This squad may be added to or subtracted from at the discretion of the Selection Committee but all squad members must be ratified by the Board.
- 5.1.2 The Board of Directors shall approve the training squads from which the selectors shall select the senior and under age State teams and shall also approve the Co-captains of these teams.
- 5.1.3 No player shall be selected who:
- has not played a minimum of four games for a Club during the season in which the National Championships are being played or agrees in writing to play for a Club during the season if the Championships are held less than six weeks into the current season.
  - is not in good standing with Lacrosse SA or a National body.
- 5.1.4 Players must be selected for the State or Tournament Team relative to their age grade. If a player or players are not required in their age grade then the Board may permit those players to compete within another age grouping.
- 5.1.5 The Board must give approval for any player to compete in a team other than a SA State team or Tournament team in a National Championship or Tournament. All players must be available to compete for this State and if not required may then apply to compete for another team.
- 5.1.6 Any breach of this Bylaw may result in their Club registration being invalidated for a period of time as determined by the Board. (Refer Bylaw 2.1).

5.2 STATE/REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS — OFFICIALS

- 5.2.1 The Board shall appoint Coaches and Managers of teams to play in State matches.
- 5.2.2 The Coach may suspend or remove any player from the squad or team as he or she sees fit. If the team is interstate, a player may be suspended or sent home as the Coach sees fit. Any player sent home must be reported to the Appeals Sub-committee.
- 5.2.3 The Coach is responsible for all on field and training discipline. The Coach may over-ride all of the Managers' areas of responsibility where a difference of opinion occurs, except as in section 5.2.8 below.
- 5.2.4 The Coach shall prepare a written report on the results of the game(s) played by the team, in particular looking to how those results reflect the state of the game in SA.
- 5.2.5 The Manager shall be responsible for collection and payment of all dues and accounts. The Manager shall redeem in full from all players and officials the cost of uniform, travel, accommodation, etc, irrespective of

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any sponsorship implied or received. The Manager shall be advised by the Board of any preferred contractors for uniforms, travel and accommodation and such contractors must be used.

- 5.2.6 The Manager shall remove any player from the squad or team who has not paid all debts outstanding in relation to the team before the team travels or, where the matches are in SA, before the team plays. The Manager shall set a deadline date for payment which must be met by all players.
  - 5.2.7 The Manager is responsible for all off-field discipline and team co-ordination matters, taking into account the coach's requirements.
  - 5.2.8 Disciplinary and financial agreements must be completed by all players (and junior parents wherever applicable) and held by the Manager.
  - 5.2.9 The Manager is responsible for all equipment issued for use by the team.
  - 5.2.10 An amount of up to \$150 (or such other amount approved by the Board from time to time) to cover out-of-pocket expenses will be provided by Lacrosse SA to the Manager of each team selected to play in State matches.
  - 5.2.11 The Manager shall prepare a report at the completion of the team game(s) including a finance report, problems, recommendations and any disciplinary reports.
  - 5.2.12 Before a player is removed from the team for disciplinary reasons, fair warning must have been given and other avenues of discipline exhausted.
- 5.3 STATE/REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS — UNIFORMS
- 5.3.1 The Board shall approve the design and supplier of the uniform to be worn by State teams.
  - 5.3.2 The colours of the playing uniform shall be navy blue, red and yellow with red the predominant colour. All undershirts worn with the State Uniform must be red and all players must adhere to this regulation. The goalie may be permitted to wear navy blue track-pants.
  - 5.3.3 Playing Members, Managers, Coaches, and approved State team Referees and Umpires approved by the Board as officiating in State team games, Life Members and Lacrosse SA Officers will be entitled to wear a State blazer. The design of the blazer and its pockets shall be approved by the Board, but will at all times have wording to indicate for which team (if applicable) the blazer was awarded.

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6 FINES AND PENALTIES

6.1 SUMMARY OF PENALTIES FOR BREACHES OF BYLAWS ETC

- 6.1.1 Failure of Clubs to have a representative attend Junior Competition, Women's Competition or Men's Competition sub-committee meetings (Bylaw 1.4.5) \$25.00.
- 6.1.2 Breaches relating to interchange of players as per Bylaw 2.1.7 - (max) \$100.00.
- 6.1.3 Playing an unregistered player - Refer Bylaw 2.1.1.
- 6.1.4 If not registered by 1.00 pm on Wednesday following match \$25.00, each subsequent week \$25.00.
- 6.1.5 Failure to reply to player transfer application within 14 days (Bylaw 2.3.8) \$50.00.
- 6.1.6 Players not wearing the registered Club uniform and Club Number (Bylaw 1.5.4) Senior Players (max) \$20.00  
Junior Players (max) \$10.00.
- 6.1.7 Failure to ensure at least one nominated referee or umpire is registered per team (Bylaw 3.14.10) \$100.00.  
Failure to subsequently provide the list (Bylaw 3.14.2) \$100.00.
- 6.1.8 Failure to supply an accredited referee or umpire for Senior or Under 17 matches as directed (Bylaw 3.14.3) \$100.00
- 6.1.9 Failure to supply a properly attired referee/umpire for Senior and Under 17 matches as directed (Bylaw 3.14.3) \$40.00
- 6.1.10 Failure to supply a Chief Bench Official or timekeeper or scorer when required (Bylaw 3.14.8) \$25.00.
- 6.1.11 Failure to supply a suitable warning instruments to time-keeper (Bylaw 3.14.9) \$10.00.
- 6.1.12 Failure to supply an accredited referee or umpire for Junior (other than Under 17) matches as directed (Bylaw 3.14.13) \$50.00.
- 6.1.13 Failure to supply a properly attired Junior referee or umpire (other than Under 17 and Under 11) as directed (Bylaw 3.14.12) \$20.00.
- 6.1.14 Where a game cannot be played due to lack of referees or umpires and a 'forfeit' is declared as per Bylaw 3.14.15, senior games \$100.00 junior games \$40.00.
- 6.1.15 Duties relating to Bylaw 3.5:
  - Ground not marked out (Bylaw 3.5.1) \$40.00.
  - Ground incorrectly marked out (max) \$25.00.
  - Not supplying scoreboard and scoreboard attendant for League matches at home grounds as directed \$25.00.
  - Neutral Grounds — not proving duties as advised by the Board \$25.00.
  - Failure to comply with other duties as required \$25.00.
- 6.1.16 Breaches of Bylaw 3.7 — Number of Players in a Team (max) \$100.00.

- 6.1.17 Failure to notify the Executive Officer, opposing Club Secretary and Referees or Umpires by noon of the day previous to the match of inability to field a team: Senior grades (Bylaw 3.9.2) \$200.00, Junior grades (Bylaw 3.9.2) \$40.00.
- 6.1.18 Forfeiting a team in the Club's highest grade in the Association (Bylaw 3.9.3) \$100.
- 6.1.19 Forfeit due to Late Start (Bylaw 3.11) (max) \$100.00.
- 6.1.20 Correctly completed score sheets not received by 1.00 pm on Wednesday following match (Bylaw 3.12.2) \$10.00.
- 6.1.21 Match results not reported for Press release as per Bylaw 3.13 (max) \$10.00.
- 6.1.22 Failure to comply with Bylaw 2.6 concerning passing down of players and/or player eligibility for matches, where the Board subsequently approve \$10.00, where the Board disapproves, it may adjust the premiership points of the team involved in addition to a fine of up to \$100.00.
- 6.1.23 Team nomination consequences as per bylaw 3.2.1
- The consequence for a late team nomination is a 25% increase to the team nomination fee.
  - If a team has been previously nominated and withdraws from the competition, following the closing date of team nominations, Clubs will incur a fee of 50% of the team nomination fee.
  - If a team wishes to enter the competition once the fixture has been completed, the acceptance of that team nomination will be at the discretion of the Board. Please note this may incur an increase in team nomination fees or other penalties.

This includes the nomination of all combined teams, the Club that nominates the team is responsible for all aspects of that team.

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7 LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS

7.1 LIFE MEMBERSHIP — CONSTITUTION CLAUSE 16

7.1.1 Any officer of the Association or of an affiliated Club or Approved Body may submit To the Executive Officer before October 10<sup>th</sup> in any year, a written nomination for Life Membership.

7.1.2 Each nomination must give a detailed resume of the nominee's voluntary, meritorious service and involvement within lacrosse for a minimum of ten years specifically for Lacrosse SA. Consideration should be given to the length and continuity of service, responsibility of tasks or positions held, persona presented and the benefits derived from the commitment to lacrosse in this state. Club or National participation is not a qualification.

7.1.3 Upon receipt of such a nomination the Executive Officer shall arrange a meeting of a committee consisting of three Life Members and the President (who shall be Chairman of the committee) to consider such a nomination. If the committee recommends a nominee to be a Life Member it shall advise the Executive Offer who shall in turn submit such recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval. If approved, the presentation of Life Membership should occur at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

7.2 AWARD OF MERIT

7.2.1 Any Officer of the Association or an affiliated Club or Approved Body may submit to the Executive Officer, before October 10<sup>th</sup> in any year, a written nomination of a member for the Award of Merit. Such a member shall have rendered a minimum of seven years meritorious service and involvement for the benefit of lacrosse and Lacrosse SA through National, State, Club, Officiating, Coaching or Administrative service. A maximum of three awards can be presented annually. No maximum for the first year of instigation. Upon receipt of such a nomination the Executive Officer shall arrange a meeting of a committee consisting of three Life Members and the President (who shall be Chairman of the committee) to consider such a nomination. If the committee recommends a nominee for an Award of Merit it shall advise the Executive Offer who shall in turn submit such recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval. If approved the presentation of the Award of Merit should occur at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

7.3 SERVICE AWARD — OFFICIALS/ADMINISTRATORS

7.3.1 Any Officer of the Association or an affiliated Club or Approved Body may submit to the Executive Officer before October 10<sup>th</sup> in any one year, a written nomination of a member for a Service Award. Such a member shall have rendered meritorious service for a minimum of 7 years at National, State or Club level for coaching and officiating at an accredited level or as a Board member. Upon receipt of such a nomination the Executive Officer shall arrange a meeting of a committee consisting of three Life Members and the President (who shall be Chairman of the committee) to consider such a nomination. If the committee recommends a nominee for a Service Award it shall then advise the Executive Officer who will organise for the presentation of the Service Award that should occur at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

7.4 SERVICE AWARD - PLAYERS

7.4.1 Any Officer of the Association or an affiliated Club or Approved Body may submit to the Executive Officer of the Association before October 10<sup>th</sup> in any one year, a written nomination of a member for a Service Award. Such a member shall have competed in 300, 400 or 500 documented games in the Senior Competition conducted by Lacrosse SA or selection in 10 National and/or International senior competition teams. Upon receipt of such a nomination the Executive Officer shall arrange a meeting of a committee consisting of the

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Competition Directors, Secretary and the Deputy President (who shall be Chairman of the committee) to consider such a nomination. If the committee recommends a nominee for a Service Award it shall then advise the Executive Officer who will organise for the presentation of the Service Award that should occur at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

## 7.5 LACROSSE SA AWARDS

- 7.5.1 Selection Procedures-Nomination for the awards outlined in Bylaw s 7.6 must be submitted to the Executive Officer annually by October 10th from the officers of the Association and/or affiliated Clubs and other bodies.
- 7.5.2 The Executive Officer or the Secretary shall arrange a meeting forthwith of a committee consisting of the President (who shall be Chairman with both a deliberative and casting vote), the Deputy President, and the Competition Directors.)
- 7.5.3 The awards shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting of Lacrosse SA, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

## 7.6 PARTICIPATION AWARDS

The Trophies listed shall be documented under the following headings and in order of:  
Ability, Consistent Improvement, Sportsmanship, Leadership and Popularity.  
Refer to Bylaw 7.5 for nomination procedures

- 7.6.1 Sportsman of the Year
- 7.6.2 Sportswoman of the Year
- 7.6.3 HOBBS TROPHY - Under 21 Sportsman of the Year  
The nominee must be under 21 years on 1st January in the relevant year.
- 7.6.4 HEWITSON TROPHY- Under 21 Sportswoman of the Year.  
The nominee must be under 21 years on 1st January in the relevant year.
- 7.6.5 SANDERY TROPHY - Under 17 Sportsman of the Year.  
The nominee must be under 17 years on 1st January in the relevant year.
- 7.6.6 GOMER TROPHY - Under 17 Sportswoman of the Year.  
The nominee must be under 17 years on 1st January in the relevant year.
- 7.6.7 CARR TROPHY this trophy to be awarded annually for the “Administrator of the Year”  
This Trophy shall be documented under the following headings and in order of:  
Administrative Leadership, Achievement of Goal, Administrative Ability, Devotion of Time and Importance of Office held. The trophy is only available to those who serve in an honorary capacity.  
Refer to Bylaw 7.5 for nomination procedures

## 8. LACROSSE SA PLAYER AWARDS

### 8.1 SELECTION PROCEDURES

- The following Trophies shall be awarded annually and presented at a time as directed by the Board of Lacrosse SA.
- Voting will be carried out during Minor Rounds games only. Counting of votes for Best & Fairest Awards will be conducted under the auspices of ALRA and SAWLUA and for MVP and Goal Scorer Awards by the respective Registrars.
- In the event of a tie at the conclusion of counting for the Best and Fairest and Most Valuable Player awards all players with the highest total shall presented with a medal or trophy i.e. no count-back will be undertaken.
- In the event of a tie in the total number of goals tallied from the score sheets all players with the highest number of goals accredited to them shall receive the award.

#### 8.1.2 MEMORIAL MEDAL

Best and Fairest player in the Men's League minor round competition as selected by the Referees under the direction of ALRA.

#### 8.1.3 BONYTHON MEDAL

Best and Fairest player in the Women's League minor round competition as selected by the Umpires under the direction of SAWLUA.

#### 8.1.4 BEST & FAIREST TROPHIES — MEN'S COMPETITION

A Trophy shall be awarded to the Best and Fairest player in each Senior Grade minor round competition (excluding League) and shall be selected by the Referees under the direction of ALRA.

#### 8.1.5 BEST & FAIREST TROPHIES — WOMEN'S COMPETITION

A Trophy shall be awarded to the Best and Fairest player in each Senior Grade minor round competition (excluding League) and shall be selected by the Umpires under the direction of SAWLU

#### 8.1.6 BEST & FAIREST TROPHIES-JUNIOR MEN'S COMPETITION

A Trophy shall be awarded to the Best & Fairest player in the Under 17 grade minor round competition and shall be selected by the Referees under the direction of ALRA.

#### 8.1.7 THE MARGARET PALLANT TROPHY FOR THE BEST & FAIREST - JUNIOR WOMEN'S COMPETITION

A Trophy shall be awarded to the Best & Fairest player in the Under 17 grade minor round competition and shall be selected by the Umpires under the direction of SAWLUA.

#### 8.1.8 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHIES — MEN'S COMPETITION

A Trophy shall be awarded to the Most Valuable Player in each Senior grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the total votes counted from the completed voting slips from each Coach (or their representative) at the conclusion of all relevant games.

#### 8.1.9 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHIES — WOMEN'S COMPETITION

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A Trophy shall be awarded to the Most Valuable Player in each Senior grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the total votes counted from the completed voting slips from each Coach (or their representative) at the conclusion of all relevant games.

**8.1.10 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHIES — JUNIOR MEN'S COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded to the Most Valuable Player in the Under 17 grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the total votes counted from the completed voting slips from each Coach (or their representative) at the conclusion of all relevant games.

**8.1.11 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER TROPHIES — JUNIOR WOMEN'S COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded to the Most Valuable Player in the Under 17 grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the total votes counted from the completed voting slips from each Coach (or their representative) at the conclusion of all relevant games.

**8.1.12 HIGHEST GOAL SCORER — MEN'S COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded to the highest goal scorer in each senior grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the overall total of goals thrown in all relevant games.

**8.1.13 HIGHEST GOAL SCORER — WOMEN'S COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded to the highest goal scorer in each senior grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the overall total of goals thrown in all relevant games.

**8.1.14 HIGHEST GOAL SCORER — JUNIOR MEN'S COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded to the highest goal scorer in the Under 17 grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the overall total of goals thrown in all relevant games.

**8.1.14 HIGHEST GOAL SCORER — JUNIOR WOMEN'S COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded to the highest goal scorer in the Under 17 grade minor round competition and shall be determined by the overall total of goals thrown in all relevant games.

**8.1.15 THE DON GORMAN MEDAL for the ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD — MEN'S LEAGUE COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded the rookie player selected by the League coaches at the completion of the Minor Round. A rookie must not have played in more than 7 League games prior to the current season and have played in more than half of the games in the current League minor round season.

**8.1.16 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD — WOMEN'S LEAGUE COMPETITION**

A Trophy shall be awarded the rookie player selected by the League coaches at the completion of the Minor Round. A rookie must not have played in more than 7 League games prior to the current season and have played in more than half of the games in the current League minor round season.

**8.1.17 MEN'S LEAGUE ALL STARS TEAM**

Medals shall be awarded to an All Stars Team comprising the number of designated on-field players (including a goalie) in the respective year who are eligible for state team selection (including a goalie) and the coach of the current Minor Premiers team. The team shall be selected by the League Coaches at the conclusion of the Minor round determined by criteria provided by the Director of Competition.

**8.1.18 WOMEN'S LEAGUE ALL STARS TEAM**

Medals shall be awarded to an All Stars Team comprising the number of designated on-field players (including a goalie) in the respective year who are eligible for state team selection (including a goalie) and the coach

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of the current Minor Premiers team. The team shall be selected by the League Coaches at the conclusion of the Minor round determined by criteria provided by the Director of Competition.

**8.1.19 DEBBIE SWINTON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

A perpetual trophy provided by the friends of the late Debbie Swinton shall be presented at the Lacrosse SA Presentation Night to the Women's Club deemed by the Umpires to epitomise the criteria of the Award. At the conclusion of each Senior and Under 17 minor round game Umpires will award a point where warranted dependent upon players, coach/s and spectators attitude during the game. A point may be divided between teams or withheld as determined by the officiating umpires. Counting will be conducted at completion of the Minor Round and an aggregate defined by the number of Club teams will determine the overall winning Club.

**8.1.20 PRESIDENT'S MEDALS**

The President of Lacrosse SA will present the President's Medals to the players deemed to be the Best and Fairest player in both the Men's and Women's League Grand Finals. The President may have assistance from additional personnel in selecting the recipients of the medals.

**8.1.21 MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AWARDS — GRAND FINALS**

A medal may be awarded to the person selected as the Most Valuable Player in each senior grade Grand Final (excluding League — refer Bylaw 8.1.20)

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9. AUSTRALIA LACROSSE ASSOCIATIONS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

9.1 Any member of the Association may submit to the Executive Officer a nomination for a recipient of the Lacrosse Australia Certificate of Merit. Nominations should only be submitted for players who have shown continuing ability at Lacrosse Australia Senior Championships and for officials who have rendered long standing service to the Lacrosse Australia., the State Association or any of its affiliated Clubs or bodies.

9.2 ALA Suggested Requirements and Guidelines

Players who have shown conspicuous ability, Selection in a S.A. State team at Lacrosse Australia Senior Championships or in a representative Australian team on six (6) occasions over an eight (8) year period.

Officials who have given conspicuous service to State Associations or Lacrosse Australia.

(a) Service to a Club or body affiliated with a State Association as an active official or as a coach for at least ten (10) years, and/or

(b) Service to a State Association as an active official or as a coach for at least seven (7) years, and/or

(c) Service to the Lacrosse Australia as an active official for at least five (5) years.

9.3 Officials (e.g. referees) who have rendered service in the control of the game

(a) Service in control of State Association grade matches for at least ten (10) years, and/or

(b) Service in the control of Championship and Interstate matches at all levels at least six (6) occasions over a period of eight (8) years (one Championship series to be classed as one occasion only).

It is emphasised that these are suggested requirements, and that in assessment a combination of many factors may endorse an application which does not meet one particular facet. The nomination is to be made in writing, giving full details, and submitted to the Lacrosse SA Executive Officer before October 10th in each year.

The Executive Officer or the Administration Director will arrange a meeting forthwith of a committee consisting of the President (who shall be Chairman with both a deliberative and a casting vote), the Deputy President, the Administration Director and the respective Competition Director. This committee will forward the names of recommended nominees to the Australian Lacrosse Association Secretary.

9.4 The maximum number of recommendations shall be three (3) per year. Nominations received but not recommended for Certificate of Merit will be retained by the Executive Officer and reconsidered at the next two (2) subsequent annual meetings of this committee.

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10. LACROSSE AUSTRALIA FELLOWS AWARD (MEN'S LACROSSE)

- 10.2 Any member of the Association may submit to the Executive Officer a nomination for the Lacrosse Australia Fellows Award which is the highest award of Lacrosse Australia. Nominees for this award must be Lacrosse Australia Certificate of Merit holders who have given exceptionally long standing outstanding and meritorious service to men's lacrosse ideally at all levels in Australia.
- 10.3 The nomination is to be made in writing, giving full details, and submitted to the Lacrosse SA Executive Officer before October 10th in each year.
- 10.4 The Executive Officer or the Secretary will arrange a meeting forthwith of a committee consisting of the President (who shall be Chairman with both a deliberative and a casting vote), the Deputy President, the Secretary and the Director -Men's Competition. This committee will forward the name of any recommended nominee to the Board for ratification, and if approved by the Board, forward the nomination to the Lacrosse Australia Secretary.
- 10.5 The maximum number of recommendations shall be one (1) per year. Nominations received but not recommended for the Fellows Award will be retained by the Executive Officer and reconsidered at the next two (2) annual meetings of the committee.