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ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

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Lacrosse SA is committed to treating all people with respect, dignity and fairness. Every Lacrosse member has the right to participate in an environment that is enjoyable, safe and healthy. As an association, we are both ethically and legally responsible to prevent discrimination and more specifically harassment from occurring in the sport.

As permitted in the rules of the game:

- This rule can be applied without any previous warning.
- The only person to have discussions with a match official is the team captain(s) and/or coach.
- Discussions can only take place at period breaks, time-outs or at any other time deemed appropriate by the match official.
- Discussions are restricted to Rule clarifications only.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

- The Lacrosse SA zero tolerance policy will be in support of Rule 23; Pursuant to this rule, players, coaches & team/bench personnel can be issued misconduct & warning cards. For the purposes of this policy, Rule 23 will include spectators.

Player Breach

- If a player is guilty of abusive language, unsporting behaviour or dissent, they will be given a yellow card.
- Any subsequent breaches of this rule, by any player will result in a yellow/red or straight red card.
- If the offending player continues to breach the rule, the team will forfeit the game and the offending player reported for abusive language, unsporting behaviour and/or dissent.
- If the forfeiting team is behind, the score shall stand. If the forfeiting team is ahead, the score shall be 1-0 in favour of the opponents.

Coach, Team/Bench Personnel or Spectator

- If a coach, team/bench personnel or spectator are guilty of abusive language, unsporting behaviour or dissent, the player from the offending team that is closest to their substitution area at the time of the infraction will be given a yellow card*.
- Any subsequent breaches of this rule by any coach, team/bench personnel or spectator; will result in the player from the offending team that is closest to their substitution area at the time of the infraction being given a yellow/red or straight red card. The offending coach team/bench personnel or spectator will be instructed immediately to leave the playing area**.
- The game shall be restarted within 30 seconds with a free for the opponent nearest the ball when play was stopped, or at the spot where the play was to resume.
- If the coach, team/bench individual or spectator refuses to leave the field and entire playing area when requested by the match official within the specified time, the team will forfeit the game and the offending coach, team/bench personnel or spectator reported for abusive language, unsporting behaviour and/or dissent.
- If the forfeiting team is behind, the score shall stand. If the forfeiting team is ahead, the score shall be 1-0 in favour of the opponents.

MEN'S LACROSSE

- The Lacrosse SA zero tolerance policy will be in support of Rule 75 & 78. Pursuant to these rules, players, coaches & team/bench personnel & anyone officially connected with a team can be issued Unsportsmanlike Conduct & Expulsion fouls. In addition and pursuant to Rule 22.2 the head coach shall, upon the request of an official, effectively control any actions of spectators, which are not in conformity with good sportsmanship.

Player Breach

- If a player is guilty of abusive language, unsporting behaviour or dissent they will be given a 3-minute unsportsmanlike penalty.
- Any subsequent breaches of this rule, by any player will result in a 3-minute unsportsmanlike penalty.
- If the offending player continues to breach the rule, the team will forfeit the game and the offending player reported for abusive language, unsporting behaviour and/or dissent.
- If the forfeiting team is behind, the score shall stand. If the forfeiting team is ahead, the score shall be 1-0 in favour of the opponents.

Coach, Team/Bench Personnel or Spectator

- If a coach, team/bench personnel or spectator is guilty of abusive language, unsporting behaviour or dissent, the 'first home' will be given a 3-minute unsportsmanlike penalty.
- Any subsequent breaches of this rule will result in the 'first home' player being given a 3 minute unsportsmanlike penalty and the offending coach, team/bench personnel or spectator instructed to immediately leave the playing area**.
- The game shall be restarted within 30 seconds with a free for the opponent nearest the ball when play was stopped, or at the spot where the play was to resume.
- If the coach, team/bench personnel or spectator refuses to leave the playing area** when requested by the match official within the specified time, the team will forfeit the game and the offending coach, team/bench personnel or spectator reported for abusive language, unsporting behaviour and/or dissent.
- If the forfeiting team is behind, the score shall stand. If the forfeiting team is ahead, the score shall be 1-0 in favour of the opponents.

* Pursuant to Rule 23 part 5, because it is a team penalty this player may be substituted as long as the team plays one player short for the appropriate period.

** The playing area is defined as the oval/park the game is being played on. For example, a breach at a club ground requires the individual to leave the ground, clubrooms & facilities, carparks and surrounding area.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Disciplinary Measure for coaches, team/bench personnel and spectators can be found in the Member Protection Policy.