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1. INTRODUCTION

These Game Day Rules (formerly known as By-Laws 2) are intended to govern game-day related matters in the Lacrosse Victoria competition.

Matters that more broadly concern the operations of LV are located in the Competition Rules (formerly known as By-Laws 1).

Where any LV Rule or policy is in conflict with any provision of the Constitution, the provision of the Constitution shall prevail.

The LV Board shall be responsible for maintaining proper records of all matters relating to the conduct of the competitions to which these Rules apply.

These Rules are to be read in conjunction with the Competition Rules and any Schedule or Appendix attached to either document as may be amended by the LV Board from time to time.

The LV Board may amend these Game Day Rules in accordance with the Constitution at any time by Board resolution.

2. DEFINITIONS

See Competition Rules for definition of words or phrases not defined in these Game Day Rules.

3. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF RULES

3.1 How these Rules will be reviewed

- (a) LV may itself review these rules as it sees fit.
- (b) Each year by 1 September, LV will call on Clubs and other interested parties to make written submissions regarding governance issues arising from these Rules, the Competition Rules, the Constitution and any other rule, regulation or policy within its power.
- (c) Submissions from Clubs and other parties will be required by 1 October in the same year.
- (d) By 30 January the following year LV will respond in writing to the views expressed in submissions and indicate whether it proposes to amend any document.

3.2 How these Rules may be amended

- (a) The LV Board may amend these Game Day Rules in accordance with the Constitution.

4. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LV

- (a) All returns, reports, records, requests for information, entries, applications, lists, etc., as required by any Rule or as required by LV from time to time, must be submitted to LV by Clubs and individuals complete and by the due date.
- (b) Failure to comply with this Rule may render a Club liable to such fine or penalty as the LV Board may determine.

5. INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

5.1 Limitations of International Players in a Club

- (a) Each Club may register for participation in an LV Competition any number of International Players in a season.
- (b) Notwithstanding Rule 5.1 (a) above, the participation of International Players in each level of senior competition (for both Men's and Women's competition) in any one game will be limited to:

Women's Competition

- (i) in Women's Premier League competition:
 - (A) one (1) player for teams that played in the State League/Premier League Women's Grand Final the previous year;
 - (B) three (3) players for teams that did not play in the State League/Premier League Women's Grand Final the previous year.
- (ii) in all other Senior Grades, **two (2)** per team.

Men's Competition

- (iii) in Men's State League competition:
 - (A) two (2) players for teams that finished in the top six in the State League Men's Competition the previous year.
 - (B) three (3) players for teams that finished outside the top six in the previous year, including any Club promoted from Division One into State League.
- (iv) in all other Senior Divisions, **two (2)** per team.

5.2 Interpretation

- (a) For the purposes of this Rule, an International Player is a person who:

- (i) is not an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia (as defined by their passport and/or visa status); and
- (ii) who has not been registered as an Eligible Player for the two consecutive seasons preceding the present season.

Note: the effect of this Rule is that a Club can have any number of International Players registered to play for the Club in a year or season but may only play the number of International Players set out in Rule 5.1 in each of the Club's senior teams at any one time.

- (b) A Club that is formally affiliated with an Australian university may apply to LV for an exemption to this Rule to permit international students to participate in LV Competitions.
- (c) This rule 5 does not apply to any indoor or box lacrosse LV Competition.

6. UNDERAGE PLAYERS PLAYING IN SENIOR GRADES

6.1 Permit required to play in senior grades

- (a) No player eligible for the Under 15 competition (or nearest equivalent) shall be allowed to take the field in any LV sanctioned senior (open age) competition except where approval has been provided from LV. LV may, at its sole discretion, provide a permit where:
 - (i) LV receives a written application from the Club wishing to field the junior player;
 - (ii) LV receives written permission from the junior player's parent/s or legal guardian; and
 - (iii) taking into consideration the player's physical suitability and competitiveness it appears, on balance, it is safe for junior player to play a senior game.
 - (iv) Penalty for breach will be as set out for playing an illegal player.
- (b) Player's eligible to play in Under 13 competition or younger are not eligible to take the field in LV sanctioned senior (open age) competition.

7. PARTICIPATION IN FINALS

7.1 Eligibility to play in Finals

No player (junior or senior) shall, except with the written permission of LV, participate in any finals game unless:

- (a) they are properly registered and otherwise an Eligible Player;
- (b) they are (in addition to being an Eligible Player) clear of debts to LV and ALA arising in the Current Year; and

- (c) they have played in not less than the minimum number of games, 30%, (in the relevant age group during the home and away season) – for the avoidance of doubt, the calculation for the minimum number of games will be rounded up to the nearest whole number (refer to the below table).

Finals Eligibility Calculator		
Available Rounds (including regular byes and forfeits for)	30%	Games required for Finals Eligibility
20	6.0	6
19	5.7	6
18	5.4	6
17	5.1	6
16	4.8	5
15	4.5	5
14	4.2	5
13	3.9	4
12	3.6	4
11	3.3	4
10	3.0	3

7.2 Movement between divisions/grades in finals

Despite Rule 7.1, limited player movement within a Club's teams will be permitted as follows:

- (a) Any player that has played the majority of the matches/games they have played during the home and away season in a higher grade, shall be 'tied' to that higher grade for finals.

In the case where a player has played in more than two (2) grades i.e. in Division 1, 2 and 3, that player would only be tied to the highest grade if a majority of games were played in that grade (i.e. Division 1).

Example: a player plays 4 games in Division 1, 3 games in Division 2 and 2 games in Division 3 (9 games total), this player would be deemed as having played a majority of games in the 'lower' grades i.e. 4 games in Division 1 and 5 games below Division 1, thus not being tied to the higher grade. In this example the player would be tied to the Division 2 grade, given a majority of games played (below Division 1), were played in Division 2.

In the case where a player has played the majority of games in the 2 lower grades, but where the number of games in the lower grades were equal (i.e. 4 in each grade) this player may then play in either grade as the player has not played a 'majority' in either one of those grades.

Note - this Rule does affect a junior's eligibility to participate in junior finals.

- (b) byes and walkovers received (not walkovers given) count as games played provided the player's name appears on a game report sheet, and that the player would have been available to play if a bye or walkover had not occurred. The player's name must be entered into ORS within prescribed timeframe, and the hardcopy game report sheet submitted to LV within the prescribed timeframe in order for this game to count.
 - (i) Where a division or grade has a round designated as a 'Competition bye' these games do not count for finals qualifications and teams are not required to fill out a team sheet.
- (c) LV may require evidence to prove the player was available to play during a bye or walkover as set out in this Rule.

7.3 Player non-selection in Higher Grades

- (a) Where:
 - (i) a club has two or more teams in finals;
 - (ii) a player qualifies under Rule 7.1;
 - (iii) and is not selected in a higher grade, they are permitted to play in the Club's next lowest grade team below that for which they are tied, provided the Club has teams engaged in both grades in a Finals Round.
- (b) A maximum of two players per team may be qualified under this Rule in each Finals Round (this number shall not be cumulative).
- (c) A player who qualifies under this Rule is permitted to continue to play in that grade provided they do not play in a higher grade during the finals series.

7.4 Maximum Participation in Finals

A player may only participate in one senior semi-final, senior preliminary final and senior grand final per year. Exceptions may be considered where a player has a permit to play with an additional Club team and both teams are contesting finals in that round.

7.5 Finals permits

Applications for permits and/or transfers for any Finals Round game shall be in the prescribed form as provided by LV and be lodged with LV before 12 p.m. on the Wednesday before the game/match to which the permit or transfer relates.

8. GROUND DATES

- (a) When Clubs submit ground dates, they must:
- (i) show the actual dates when grounds will be available; and
 - (ii) clearly state and show dates if their grounds will be available for the finals series.

9. TIME OF GAMES

9.1 Morning Under-Age Games (Boys)

Duration of quarters and starting times for under age games:

Age Group	Length of games	Start time
Under 11	4 x (10) minute quarters	9.00 a.m.
Under 13	4 x (12) minute quarters	9.00 a.m.
Under 15	4 x (15) minute quarters	10.30 a.m.
Under 17	4 x (15) minute quarters	10.30 a.m.

9.2 Morning Under-Age Games (Girls)

Duration of quarters and starting times for under age games:

Age group	Length of game	Start time
Under 11	4 x (10) minute quarters	9.00 a.m.
Under 13	4 x (10) minute quarters	9.00 a.m.

Under 15	2 x (20) minute halves	10.15 a.m.
Under 18	2 x (20) minute halves	11.30 a.m.

9.3 Afternoon games senior lacrosse (Men)

- (a) All senior games will begin at either 12.45 pm or 2.45 pm unless otherwise advised by LV.

Division	Length of games	Start time
State League	4 x (20) minutes quarters	2.45 pm
Div 1	4 x (20) minutes quarters	2.45 pm
Div 2	4 x (20) minutes quarters	12.45 pm
Div 3	4 x (20) minutes quarters	12.45 pm

Note: All Bendigo Division 3 games (both home and away) will commence at 2.30pm

9.4 Afternoon games senior lacrosse (Women)

Grade	Length of game	Start time
State League	2 x (25) minutes halves	3.00 p.m.
A Grade	2 x (25) minutes halves	1.15 p.m.
B Grade	2 x (25) minutes halves	1.15 p.m.

9.5 Grace Period

- (a) A 5-minute grace period for a late start is allowed. If one team is not ready to commence after the 5-minute grace period, then the team which is ready can claim the game as a walkover received after an inspection by the field official shows that it is ready to play.
- (b) If the LV GM allows the claim, the team that is late will be deemed to have given a Walkover.

- (c) The game can still be played after the period of grace, either for the usual points or subject to a claimed walkover, provided both sides agree.

9.6 Moving of Games

- (a) Any game may be moved from fixture time and venue provided:
 - (i) both participating clubs are in agreement; and
 - (ii) LV is notified in writing prior to 12 noon:
 - (A) on the Monday preceding the game for Saturday games.
 - (B) on the Tuesday preceding the game for Sunday games.
- (b) The penalty for not providing the required notice and then playing the game at a different time to stated scheduled time as published on the ORS is;
 - (i) no points awarded for the game; and
 - (ii) no votes or goals recorded for the game.

10. WALKOVERS

10.1 Number of players

- (a) Any team with fewer than the minimum number of on field players required for their grade 5 minutes after the commencement time of the game shall forfeit the game as a Walkover.
- (b) Number of players per team in each grade is as follows:

Grade	Women	Men	Maximum on field	Minimum on field
State League	16 players	16 players	10 players	8 players
A Grade	16 players	•	10 players	8 players
B Grade	16 players	•	10 players	8 players
Division 1	•	16 players	10 players	8 players
Division 2	•	16 players	10 players	8 players
Division 3	•	16 players	10 players	8 players
U17	•	16 players	10 players	8 players
U17	16 players	•	10 players	8 players

U15	•	16 players	10 players	8 players
U15	16 players	•	10 players	8 players
U13	•	16 players	10 players	8 players
U13	16 players	•	10 players	8 players
U11	•	16 players	6 players	5 players
U11	16 players	•	5 players	4 players

10.2 Notification

Any team notifying of a walkover must notify the Club, field officials and coach of the opposing team, at least thirty-six hours prior to the game.

10.3 Fielding highest graded team first

When giving a walkover, Clubs must field their highest graded teams first, with the exception of a Club having 2 senior teams that are more than 1 grade apart (for example State League and B Grade or Division Two teams). In this instance, the higher graded team may give a walkover.

10.4 Four walkovers

- (a) If a team gives four (4) Walkovers in any one season that team may, at the discretion of the LV Board, be withdrawn from the competition.
- (b) All teams fixtured to play the withdrawn team shall be awarded the game as a bye. The fixture may be redrawn by LV at its discretion.

10.5 Points for Byes and Walkovers

- (a) Any team receiving a walkover shall automatically receive full points for a win, and be credited with a goal score of 10-0.
- (b) Any team that receives a bye shall automatically receive full points for a win, and be credited with a score line of 0 – 0.

11. OVERTIME AND SUDDEN DEATH PROCEDURES

11.1 Junior Competition (Girls and Boys)

- (a) During the regular season, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the game shall be recorded as drawn and no overtime procedures followed;

- (b) During finals, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the overtime and sudden death procedures as detailed in the Rules of Lacrosse shall apply.

11.2 Senior Competition (Men)

- (a) During the Regular/home and away season, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the game shall enter into a 'sudden death' basis as follows:
 - (i) there will be a one minute break between the end of regular time and the first overtime period;
 - (ii) there shall be alternating four minute periods until a goal is scored to end the game;
 - (iii) following each four minute period teams change ends and play restarts without a break;
 - (iv) no time outs shall be permitted during any overtime period.
- (b) During any finals game, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the overtime and 'sudden death' procedures as detailed in the Rules of Lacrosse shall apply.

11.3 Senior Competition (Women)

- (a) During the Regular/home and away season, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the game shall enter into a 'sudden victory' basis as follows:
 - (i) there will be a three minute break between the end of regular time and the first overtime period;
 - (ii) there shall be alternating three minute periods until a goal is scored;
 - (iii) following each three minute period teams change ends and play restarts without a break;
 - (iv) no time outs shall be permitted during any overtime period.
- (b) During any finals game, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the overtime and sudden death procedures as detailed in the Rules of Lacrosse shall apply.

12. LADDERS

12.1 Points system

The following points system will be used to calculate the ladder:

Win	4 points and recorded score
Loss	0 points and recorded score
Draw	2 points each and recorded score

Bye	4 points and 0 – 0 the recorded score
Walkover received	4 points and 10 – 0 the recorded score
Walkover given	0 points and 0 –10 the recorded score
Abandoned Game	Where game/match abandoned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before commencement – 2 points each and 0 – 0 the recorded score • prior to three quarter time - 2 points each team and 0-0 the recorded score • at or after three quarter time - 4 points awarded to the team leading at the time the match is abandoned (2 points each if scores are level) and the recorded score at the time of abandonment <p>Notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - where a match is abandoned prior to commencement, the respective clubs may, in consultation with LV, reschedule the match to another time and/or date - these abandonment rules do not apply in finals (in finals LV shall determine the outcome or rescheduling of an abandoned game)

12.2 Grades

A ladder will be calculated for all grades except for under U11.

12.3 Same Number of Points

- (a) In the event of teams scoring the same number of points at the conclusion of the home and away rounds, the position of the teams shall be decided by ranking teams according to their percentage of goals for and goals against.
- (b) The official records shall conclusively determine all questions as to which teams are qualified to play in finals.

12.4 Withdrawal from Competition

- (a) Any team withdrawing from the competition shall remain on the ladder. All scores and points received by the withdrawing team shall stand but no further points will be received.

- (b) Scores and points from games played by the withdrawing team prior to their withdrawal shall stand. Teams scheduled to play the withdrawn team following withdrawal shall be receive a bye – that is, 4 game points and no score.
- (c) No team formally withdrawn may re-enter the competition later in a season.
- (d) Should a team withdraw from a competition creating a bye, the grade may be re-drawn.

13. GAME OFFICIALS

13.1 Game Officials

- (a) The duties of the game officials are to officiate Lacrosse games to the relevant Rules of Lacrosse applicable to the game that they are officiating.
- (b) There are three (3) distinct streams of game officials within LV sanctioned play. These streams are:
 - (i) Club accredited officials. (Club official)
 - (ii) Australian Lacrosse Referees Association (ALRA) referees or Australian Lacrosse Officials Association (ALOA) umpires. (Association official)
 - (iii) Minor Officials. Minor officials include, timekeepers, penalty timekeepers, and game scorers.

13.2 Club accredited official

- (a) A Club accredited officials is qualified to officiate LV Competitions including but not limited to the following
 - (i) LV sanctioned events;
 - (ii) LV Club based competitions;
 - (iii) School based competitions;
- (b) For Senior and Under 17 games all officials must be 18 years and over or have demonstrated maturity;
- (c) For junior games officials must be at least one age level above the division/ group in which they are to officiate and be accredited.
- (d) In order to receive accreditation as a club official an individual must meet the following criteria;
 - (i) Attendance at an LV sanctioned club official's accreditation course;

- (ii) Receive a score of at least 60% in completing the appropriate test an LV sanctioned club official's accreditation course; and
 - (iii) Possess a current valid Working with Children's Check, which has been registered with LV.
- (e) Club official's must register to be a club accredited official. Such registration may be through an ORS, which may from time to time at the sole discretion of LV change. Any such change will be advised to Clubs and officials wishing to accredit.
 - (f) Club accredited officials who are not registered players must be registered as non-playing members of their Clubs and must have and use a valid email address.
 - (g) A full list of the names of club accredited officials including their date of their accreditation must be submitted by all Clubs within two weeks of the commencement of each season.
 - (h) LV, at its absolute discretion, may remove Club accredited officials with an unsatisfactory performance or attendance record from the list at any time.
 - (i) If Clubs provide qualified correctly attired and equipped officials who perform satisfactorily as accredited official, Clubs may claim an allowance from LV provided as a fee credit for each game an official is provided. The value of this credit will be determined annually by LV.

13.3 Length of accreditation

- (a) Accreditation will initially be for a period of two (2) years
- (b) Accreditation can be extended on an annual basis up to a total of five (5) years if an individual can demonstrate they have officiated 10 (ten) LV sanctioned games per season in the season immediately prior to the season for which the extension is being requested. Any such extension will be granted at the absolute discretion of LV.
- (c) Failure to meet the conditions to maintain accreditation will require an individual wishing to accredit as a club official to repeat and complete the process detailed in 13.4.

13.4 Club officials' accreditation courses

- (a) LV will from time to time organise and provide sanctioned club officials accreditation courses
- (b) LV sanctioned club officials accreditation courses will be provided by LV prior to the commencement of each playing season in accordance with any agreement with any third party supplier of such courses.
- (c) The timing and venues for any LV sanctioned club officials' accreditation courses will be at the absolute discretion of LV.

- (d) LV may require a fee/s to be paid for attendance at LV sanctioned club officials accreditation courses.
- (e) Should a Club wish to organise an LV sanctioned club officials accreditation course outside of the schedule of courses determined by LV this can be arranged subject to the ability of LV to deliver such a course. A base fee for the provision of any such course will be set by LV at their absolute discretion and may from time to time vary. Any such fee will be advised to Clubs prior to the commencement of each course requested.

13.5 Association accredited officials

- (a) An Association official is an ALRA referees or ALOA Umpire accredited to officiate in all LV and ALA sanctioned events.
- (b) All Association officials allocated to LV sanctioned events should be accredited as per the requirements of the relevant Australian Lacrosse Association Accreditation Policies and any adopted LV Policies concerning accreditation.

13.6 Allocation of Association officials

- (a) Association official's allocations to each LV sanctioned event shall be made by the appointed Allocations Officer/s.
- (b) There shall be two Allocation's Officers, one for the men's competition and one for the women's competition.

13.7 Allocation of Association officials – Men's competition

- (a) Game Officials to each LV sanctioned men's event will be allocated by the Australian Lacrosse Referees Association Victoria (ALRAV) appointed Allocations Officer and in accordance with any appropriately endorsed agreement between ALRAV and LV.
- (b) Any agreement endorsed by ALRAV and the Board of LV regarding allocations may from time to time change in line with any governance and statutory requirements.
- (c) All allocations to LV sanctioned men's events will be made subject to the availability of ALRA officials and not all games will necessarily have ALRA official/s allocated.

13.8 Allocation of Association officials – Women's competition

Game Officials to each LV sanctioned women's event will be allocated by the LV appointed Allocations Officer. All allocations will be made subject to the availability of suitably accredited women's officials and not all games will necessarily have official/s allocated.

13.9 Allocation of officials - U17 Section

The allocation of Association officials to Under 17 section competition play will be dependent on association officials' availability unless otherwise requested by LV.

13.10 Junior Sections

Clubs will provide all officials for all boy's and girl's Under 15, Under 13, and Under 11 games.

13.11 Allocation of Association Officials for Finals Competition

The State Chief Referee (CR) - Men's and the State Umpire in Chief (UIC) - Women's shall determine the allocation of all game officials for competition finals. The GM of LV will ratify such allocations at least 7 days prior to the relevant finals game.

13.12 Allocation of Officials for Interstate/ALA Championships

- (a) The State Chief Referee (CR) Men's and the State Umpire in Chief (UIC) Women's shall with the ALA determine the allocation of all game officials for Interstate/ALA Championships. The GM or Board of LV will ratify such allocations.
- (b) In determining the allocation of all game officials for Interstate/ALA Championships the State Chief Referee (CR) Men's and the State Umpire in Chief (UIC) Women's will follow any relevant and current ALA and LV policies, Championship Rules and tertiary agreements that have been ratified by their respective bodies in respect of allocating officials to these events.

13.13 Association official's requirements and procedures - LV sanctioned events

For all sections of competition:

- (a) it is desirable to have three accredited officials at all LV sanctioned events. All games must have a minimum of two Accredited Officials controlling the game for its duration.
- (b) all Accredited Officials are required to be physically able to officiate a game of lacrosse at the commencement of each such game and not incapacitated by injury.
- (c) the relevant Allocations Officer will nominate an association official as the Head Official (Head Referee/Umpire). Should there be no association official allocated, the home team club official will be the Head Official.
- (d) each team participating in any game is to supply an accredited club official.
- (e) when a team fails to supply a club official, the opposing team may supply a second club official
- (f) where both teams are unable to supply a club official and there are less than two accredited officials able to take the field, the game will not take place.
 - (i) where only one club is able to provide an official and the game does not take place, the matter will be referred to the LV GM (or delegated body) for adjudication and the result of the game will be determined by the LV GM (or delegated body).

Note: It will be normal but not necessary that a walkover will be deemed as given by the team unable to supply a club official.

- (g) When two or more association officials are allocated to a game by the Allocations Officer, the number of club officials required reduces:
 - (i) If only one club official is required the away team's club official can be replaced, however if the home team fails to supply a club official and the away team have provided a club official, the home team's club official can be replaced. The nominated Head Official for the game will manage any dispute regarding this.
 - (ii) When three association officials are allocated, clubs are not required to supply any further on field officials.

13.14 Failure to provide an official

- (a) Where a team fails to provide a correctly qualified club official in any division/grade, or fails to officiate, the team will be liable for the following penalties:
 - (i) any senior team not meeting the above requirement shall be deducted two (2) premiership points.
 - (ii) any junior team not meeting the above requirement shall be deducted two (2) premiership points.
- (b) A Club may fulfil its obligation to provide a club official from any source provided the said official is correctly qualified, attired and equipped. This source may be the opposing team with the agreement of both Clubs and the Head Official.

13.15 Minor officials

- (a) For all LV sanctioned events each competing team is required to provide the required number of Minor Officials to manage the game.
- (b) Unless otherwise advised by LV the minimum requirement is for each club to provide at least one person to act as a Minor Official.
- (c) All games must have a minimum of two Minor Officials managing the game for its duration.
- (d) When a team fails to supply a Minor Official, the opposing team may supply a second Minor Official
- (e) Each person so provided must be capable of undertaking the functions of the Minor Official role
- (f) For all finals series games any Club failing to meet its commitments with respect to provision of Minor Officials shall be liable to a fine.

13.16 Dress and Equipment of Officials

All on-field officials are required to meet the minimum uniform requirements as required by the Rules of Lacrosse.

These are currently as follows:

- (a) Field Lacrosse
 - (i) Black and white vertical striped shirt;
 - (ii) Black shorts, skirt or pants
 - (iii) Black socks (with white band – men only);
 - (iv) Whistle; and
 - (v) Signal Flags and cards as appropriate.
- (b) Indoor Lacrosse
 - (i) Plain Black shirt;
 - (ii) Black shorts or pants; and
 - (iii) Whistle.
- (c) Special Events or Themed Rounds of Competition Play
 - (i) For Special Events or themed Rounds of Competition play LV may permit on request event specific Uniform dress. I.e. pink shirts – Breast Cancer Awareness; Blue Shirts – Beyond Blue, Men’s Mental Health etc.
- (d) Should a Club provide an incorrectly attired or equipped official the Club may be fined by LV.

14. DEMERIT SYSTEM (WOMEN)

14.1 Automatic Suspension

- (a) A member who has accrued eight (8) demerit points is automatically suspended for the next 'fixtured round'. The next fixtured round could be a final, or the first round of the following season in which their team is to participate, if the suspension occurs at the end of normal rounds.
- (b) Upon receiving 10 demerit points, a player or coach will be suspended for a further fixtured round (in addition to the fixtured round of suspension already served as a result of receiving eight (8) demerit points). At this time the member will also be required to

meet with the Board or the Commissioner prior to their next scheduled game to discuss the implications of their behaviour.

- (c) Any player/coach or off field team official receiving less than 8 points at the years end will begin the following year with a zero balance.

15. SCORESHEETS AND RESULTS

15.1 Score sheets

- (a) Players' names must be entered on score sheets for each game five (5) minutes prior to the starting time.
- (b) A player's name shall not appear on a score sheet where that player has not participated in the game.
- (c) To be deemed to have 'participated' under this rule a player must have, prior to the half-time break, have been equipped for, and have played in or been ready to play in, the game.
- (d) Each team's Head Coach must sign the final version of the scoresheet at the completion of the game to verify that the players' details and the result are correct and true.

15.2 Game results, statistics and scoresheets

- (a) It is each Club's responsibility to complete the game/match results for each team online through the ORS and forward hard copy to the LV office.
- (b) Game scores and players' statistics must be entered on line, using the ORS by Monday 10:00 am for men's competition and Tuesday 10:00am for women's competition following the game by both teams.

15.3 Lodging of Game Reports (score sheets)

- (a) Unless otherwise decided by LV, the Secretary of each Club shall, via electronic mail by 10 am on the Wednesday following every game, lodge at the LV office the game report of all games played by the teams of the Club during the previous week.
- (b) Hard copy lodging may be arranged with LV Office if necessary.

15.4 Game Report Details

The game report is to include the names, playing uniform numbers of all players engaged in the game prior to the commencement of the game, the starting time of the game, and be signed by the field officials and bench officials who controlled the game.

15.5 Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with this Rule 15 will make the offending Club liable to a fine/s at LV's discretion.

15.6 Submission of Ground Reports

Ground reports must reach LV by 12 noon Thursday following games.

15.7 Submission of Best and Fairest Votes

Women's Best and Fairest votes must reach the LV office by 12 noon Thursday following games.

16. GAME HOSTING

Any Club may apply to host a round of games, provided that all facility requirements are met as determined by LV.

17. BENCH EQUIPMENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF GAMES

17.1 Home Team

The Home team at all LV competition games provide, to the satisfaction of the Senior Official, all the bench equipment necessary for the conduct of a game of lacrosse.

17.2 Equipment to be provided

The equipment to be provided should be as set out in the Rules of Lacrosse pertaining to the Competition being played. As a minimum the following equipment shall be provided:

- (a) four seats (two for each team) for players observing time serving penalties;
- (b) one scorers' table;
- (c) seating for at least two scorers with a suitable shelter for adverse weather;
- (d) a sounding device distinctive from a whistle; and
- (e) at least two stop clocks or watches capable of displaying game and penalty times.

17.3 Scoreboard

A scoreboard adjusted to carry the true score at any time during the game must be provided at all competition games in the State League/Premier League division for both men's and women's competition. Scoreboards are recommended for all other games in lower divisions.

17.4 Failure to provide bench equipment

Any Club failing to provide suitable bench equipment may be fined by LV for each item reported as missing or unsuitable.

18. OFFICIAL RECORDS

18.1 Official Records

LV shall keep complete and accurate records of the results of all games played under the auspices of or sanctioned by LV. Such records shall be the official records of LV and shall be available for inspection at the convenience of all parties.

19. FINALS ORGANISATION

19.1 Timekeeper and Scorers

Timekeepers and scorers for all grand final games are to be from participating Clubs.

19.2 Rematch

If a rematch of any of the final games is necessary, it must not be played on the same day as any other final game involving the afore mentioned teams.

19.3 Applications to host finals

Applications to host finals must be received by the LV GM at a date determined by the LV GM or Board.

19.4 Selection of finals venue

- (a) The LV GM and/or Board shall select the venue(s) for the final series.
- (b) In the event of a finals venue being deemed unfit for play, the LV GM shall determine an appropriate alternative venue if possible. If no alternative venue that is deemed for play is available, then the matches shall be rescheduled until such time as they can be played.

20. ILLEGAL PLAYER

20.1 Consequence of playing an Illegal Player

- (a) Illegal Player means a player who's is not entitled to compete in the competition, grade or a game as specified in the LV Rules, Constitution or by a decision of the LV Board (or a delegate of the LV Board).
- (b) If in a game a Club plays an Illegal Player or an Illegal Player's name is placed on the game scoresheet, the offending team will forfeit the game and record a loss and in the case of a home and away season game the LV Board may also deduct a further 4 points from the offending team where it considers the nature or circumstances of the offence to warrant it.
- (c) If the conduct referred to in sub-clause (b) above occurs in any home and away season or final game, the offending team will have all goals and assists deducted; and

- (d) In the case of home and away game, points will be automatically credited to the offended team. The offending team's score will be zero. The offended team's score as recorded in the game will stand.

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