

Section 2

Lacrosse Victoria

Committee By-Laws

Introduction

Following the incorporation of the Victorian Lacrosse Association, on 17 August 1984, it was necessary to consolidate the Rules of Lacrosse and those parts of the old Constitution and By-Laws not included in the 'Constitution and Rules, 1984'. The following, in three parts, were submitted to the Annual General Meeting (1984) for approval:

Playing Rules of Lacrosse.

The Rules of the International Federation Women's Lacrosse Association and the International Lacrosse Federation as adopted by the Australian Lacrosse Association shall be taken as 'The Rules' in Victoria together with variations for both women's and men's codes adopted by Lacrosse Victoria. Any exceptions must be approved by a majority of the members of Lacrosse Victoria at a General Meeting of Lacrosse Victoria.

The rules for women's lacrosse were adopted in March 2004.

The rules for both women's and men's lacrosse were adopted by Lacrosse Victoria in January 2007.

Lacrosse Victoria By-Laws.

Includes those parts of the old constitution not in the Rules of Incorporation, these can only be amended at an Annual General Meeting of the Lacrosse Victoria. with a 3/4 majority of the Members present voting in favour.

Committee By-Laws.

Used to be the (1984) By-Laws of the V.A.L.A., with those parts covered in the Rules of Incorporation deleted, can be amended by the Board at or after its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

In 2007 at the point where the administration of men's and women's lacrosse joined, Section 2 and Section 4 of the (then) By Laws were amalgamated.

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1 Introduction

Lacrosse Victoria. Committee By-Laws can be amended by the Board of Lacrosse Victoria at or after its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

All fines levied under these By-Laws are in units which may be adjusted annually at the discretion of the Board.

2 Information Required by Lacrosse Victoria

All returns, reports, records, requests for information, entries, applications, lists, etc., as required under the Rules and By-Laws and as requested from time to time by Lacrosse Victoria, must be submitted to Lacrosse Victoria by member clubs, complete and by the due date.

Failure to comply with this By-Law shall render a club liable to such fine or penalty as the Board of Lacrosse Victoria may determine.

Clubs that do not reply to Lacrosse Victoria correspondence by the due date will, apart from being liable to such fine or penalty as stated above, be deemed by Lacrosse Victoria to have lodged an affirmative reply to such and any questions requiring an answer and as embodied in Lacrosse Victoria's correspondence.

3 Attendance at Official Association Functions

3.1 Annual Club conference

Each club affiliated with Lacrosse Victoria shall be required to have 2 club representatives attend a club conference, to be held at the beginning of each year. Clubs will be fined 25 units for non-attendance per person at the conference, even if an apology has been received.

3.2 Annual Presentation Night

Each Club with a senior team affiliated with Lacrosse Victoria shall be required to have 10 club representatives at the Annual Presentation Night at the conclusion of a winter season. Clubs with junior teams only will be required to have 5 representatives present. Clubs will be fined 25 units per person for non-attendance, even if an apology has been received.

4 Payment of fees

4.1 Fees, subscriptions, levies, fines and any other amounts payable, to the Lacrosse Victoria, shall be confirmed or altered by the Board at a date to be determined from time to time by the Board.

4.2 Accounts shall be paid by clubs to Lacrosse Victoria as per the invoices received. Clubs will be invoiced a monthly fine of 1.5% on any balance outstanding, That is payments overdue by one month or part of one month will be fined 1.5% of the total overdue amount.

Clubs not paying their account by the date indicated on the invoice will lose all winning points for all teams on the first Saturday / Sunday after the indicated due date and will continue to lose winning points until the account is paid Points lost will not be reinstated upon payment of an account.

5 Grants of Assistance

- 5.1 Applications must be addressed to the Secretary of Lacrosse Victoria and made on form 'Application for Grant of Assistance' (See Appendix F) which is available from the Secretary. Applications from schools should be made through an existing club, such club to be regarded as the sponsor for the new school team.
All applications for a Grant of Assistance shall be accompanied by the club Annual Report and financial statements for the two (2) years prior to the date of such application.
- 5.2 The Lacrosse Victoria Board and recommend Grants of Assistance as appropriate.
- 5.3 Applications shall be considered according to the following order of priority:
- New district or institutional clubs
 - For new teams only, to play in Lacrosse Victoria Saturday competitions.
 - New Schools
 - For teams to play in mid-week competitions.
 - Schools already playing in mid-week competitions:
 - (a) for the introduction of additional school team(s)
 - (b) for the establishment of a competition within the school.
 - Established District or Institutional Clubs
 - For the introduction of an additional team of new players in the Lacrosse Victoria weekend junior competitions.

NOTE: In determining priority of grants, consideration will be given to the applicant's ability to generate their own finances.

- 5.4 Any Grant of Assistance made by Lacrosse Victoria will be subject to the following conditions:
- The lodging of an application for a Grant of Assistance is not to be construed as an undertaking that assistance will be provided.
 - Allocations of Grants of Assistance will be contingent on the number of applications received and the funds available for allocation.
 - All grants shall be subject to the undertaking that all equipment granted or procured as a result of such a grant shall remain the property of Lacrosse Victoria for a period of three (3) years, and if at the end of the three years the recipient Club undertakes to participate for the fourth (4th) consecutive year in lacrosse competition, such equipment may then, subject to the ruling of the Board become the property of the club.
 - The recipient club shall appoint a responsible person who will guarantee to undertake care and custody of such equipment, maintaining it in a state of good condition and repair and who will immediately report to the Secretary, any losses or irreparable damage to the equipment.
 - The club having received a Grant of Assistance shall report to the Secretary, no later than 30th September following such a grant, giving details of the uses to which the equipment has been put and results achieved. By 30th September in each of the next two

consecutive years, the Club shall report to the Secretary of Lacrosse Victoria giving details of the condition and availability of all items of the equipment.

The type of equipment which may be purchased with the money granted shall be limited to sticks, one goalkeeper's pad, one goalkeeper's helmet and, in the case of completely new club, one set of goals.

Grants of Assistance for either schools or non-district teams are made with the intention to encourage the eventual establishment of new district clubs and players are expected to be guided toward this end, and if at all possible, NOT given to existing clubs.

The amount of any one grant to any one club in any one year shall be limited to an amount determined each year by the Board, except in the case of a completely new club, in which case the Board in its discretion may recommend a Special Grant of a larger amount subject to the availability of funds.

Grants of Assistance allocated to a club or other organisation shall be on a 'dollar-for-dollar' basis and all equipment must be purchased from the Lacrosse Shop.

Payment for lacrosse equipment purchased due to such a grant shall be made either:

- direct to the club on presentation to the Treasurer of the supplier's receipted account,
- direct to the supplier on presentation to the Treasurer of the supplier's account.

5.5 In the event of a balance of funds remaining in the Development Fund after all applications submitted have been considered, the Board of Lacrosse Victoria may consider further applications.

6 Funding and Expenditure

6.1 General Expenditure and Levies

6.1.1 The normal net expenditure incurred by Lacrosse Victoria shall be recovered from member clubs under the powers given in Section 4 of the Rules of Incorporation.

6.1.2 Level of fees

For each year, the Board will establish the fees and subscriptions under Section 4 of the Rules of Incorporation under the following headings:

Affiliations Fees	\$ _____ per club
Registration Fees:	
Playing Member (Open-age)	\$ _____ per member
Playing Member (Under 17/18 years)	\$ _____ per member
Playing Member (Under 15/16 years)	\$ _____ per member
Playing Member (Under 13/14 years)	\$ _____ per member
Playing Member (Under 11/12 years)	\$ _____ per member
Non-Playing Member	\$ _____ per member

6.1.3 Special Events Fund Levies

Lacrosse Victoria shall operate a Special Events Fund which will be debited with the net expenditure of raising representative teams and of organising representative matches, a junior gymkhana or any other special events.

The net expenditure of this fund shall be recovered from member clubs by means of a levy based on open-age teams entered in domestic competition by each club and the matches played in domestic competition (including walkovers given and received) by those teams.

The levy for the year for each open-age team per home and away game will be determined by the Board.

Any surplus remaining in this fund at the end of the year shall be carried forward to be offset against expenditure on special events in subsequent years.

6.2 Development Fund Levies

6.2.1 Lacrosse Victoria shall operate a Development Fund which will be debited with the net expenditure of conducting development and promotion of lacrosse projects. Monies from this fund will be allocated in accordance with the provision of Lacrosse Victoria Committee By-Law 17.8 relating to the Grants of Assistance.

6.2.2 The net expenditure of this fund shall be recovered from member clubs by means of a levy based on open-age teams entered in domestic competition by each club and the matches played in domestic competitions (including walkovers given and received) by those teams.

6.2.3 The levy for the year for each open-age team will be determined by the Board.

6.2.4 Any surplus remaining in the fund at the end of the year shall be carried forward to be offset against expenditure on development in subsequent years.

6.3 Capital Projects Fund

Lacrosse Victoria shall levy each club a sum determined each year towards the eventual cost of establishing a Lacrosse facility in Victoria.

6.4 Fines

6.4.1 Fines will be levied in units and will be adjusted by the Board.

6.4.2 Where the Rules and By-Laws provide for the imposition of fines for breaches of the Rules and By-Laws, notification of such fines shall be conveyed to the respective clubs through the Board.

6.4.3 Notification of fines shall be signed by the Lacrosse Victoria Secretary or Treasurer or the Chair of the Board or Sub-Committee which imposes that fine.

6.4.4 For 2007 1 unit = \$2.50

6.5 Rendering of Accounts

- 6.5.1 Except in special circumstances, the Treasurer shall render accounts to member clubs in accordance with the accounting procedures adopted by the Board.
- 6.5.2 These accounts shall be sent to clubs no later than the third day of the following month after the month in which the accounts have been presented to the Board and at such other times deemed appropriate by the Board.
- 6.5.3 Where special circumstances apply or where the Treasurer has failed to keep the provisions of Lacrosse Victoria. Committee By-Laws 19.4 the Treasurer shall report the matter to the Board at its first available meeting.

6.6 Payment of Accounts

- 6.6.1 Unless the rules provide otherwise, all accounts to member clubs shall become due from the date shown on the account and shall be payable to Lacrosse Victoria. address no later than 30 days from that date.
- 6.6.2 All accounts shall be payable in full, that is without any deduction.
- 6.6.3 Any club which requests cancellation, reduction or deferment of payment of an account shall state, in writing, the reasons for such request before payments become overdue.
- 6.6.4 The Board shall grant or refuse all such requests at its first available meeting.
Except That
Any three of the President, Deputy-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, in conjunction, shall have power to grant or refuse the deferment of payment of an account subject to the confirmation of their actions by the Board at its next available meeting.
- 6.6.5 Any request for cancellation, reduction or deferment of payment of any account shall reach Lacrosse Victoria's address within 35 days from the date shown on the account.
- 6.6.6 Where a request for deferment has been refused, the account shall be payable either:
- within the period stated in By-Law 4.2 above.
 - within 21 days from the letter refusing the request; whichever is the longer period of time.
- 6.6.7 Where a request for deferment has been granted, the account shall be payable on or before a date to be decided by the Board.
- 6.6.8 Where a club fails to pay an account in full within the time specified in Lacrosse Victoria Committee By-Law 4.2 the outstanding amount shall be considered to be overdue.

7 Nominations for Annual Awards and Trophies

The Secretary is to send a circular to all clubs at the close of each playing season drawing attention to this By-Law.

Each nomination must show the nominee's full name and address, their present office if any, in the club and / or Association and give as complete a history as possible of their association with and to the game, the Australian Lacrosse Association, Lacrosse Victoria, other State Association(s) and his or her club or clubs.

7.1 Australian Lacrosse Association Certificate of Merit Awards

- 7.1.1 The secretaries of member clubs will forward to the Lacrosse Victoria Secretary, not later than the 30th September each year, their club's nominations for recommendations for the ALA Certificate of Merit.
- 7.1.2 Nominations for Certificate of Merit shall be referred to a sub-committee consisting of the President, Secretary and a Vice-President, who shall make recommendations for nominations to the Board of Lacrosse Victoria.
Note: Not more than three names may be submitted to the Australian Lacrosse Association in one year.

7.2 Lacrosse Victoria Past President's Trophy Award

- 7.2.1 The Secretaries of member clubs will forward in duplicate to the Secretary, not later than the 30th September each year, their Club's nominations for recommendations for the Past President Trophy Award.
- 7.2.2 Nominations for the Past President's Trophy shall be referred to a sub-committee of the President, Secretary and the previous recipient, whose recommendation shall be final.

7.3 Nell Rawlins Award – Women's Lacrosse

The Board shall consider any nomination brought forward for the Nell Rawlins Award in any one year – the award is for any outstanding achievement on or off the field. If awarded the Board shall decide what form the award shall take and the cost of same. The award may be presented at an Annual General Meeting, a Special General Meeting, a presentation evening or on Grand Final day.

7.4 Lacrosse Victoria Life Membership

- 7.4.1 Life Members are entitled to an inscribed certificate and medallion.
- 7.4.2 Life Members Badges shall be the official Lacrosse Victoria badge with a blue enamel bar attached. The words 'Life Member' are to be in gold lettering on the bar.
- 7.4.3 Life members shall have any further privileges which the Board shall decide.
- 7.4.4 A Life Member shall be entitled to all privileges of a member including the right to stand for election.
- 7.4.5 Life Members shall not pay Lacrosse Victoria registration fees.

- 7.4.6 The Secretaries of member clubs will forward in duplicate to the Secretary, not later than the 30th September each year, their club's nominations for recommendations for the life membership.
- 7.4.7 Nominations for life membership shall be referred to a sub-committee consisting of the President, Secretary and a Life Member. Not more than two recommendations are to be submitted to the Annual General Meeting in any one year.

7.5 Best and Fairest Players

The judging for Best and Fairest Player Awards shall be carried out by the field official each Saturday in the appropriate section. Votes for all divisions to be recorded in first, second and third preference, such votes to be credited 3 points, 2 points and 1 point respectively and to cover home and away games only. Scores of 3,2,1 for each team may also be given.

The awarding of the best and fairest trophies is to be made by Lacrosse Victoria to the eligible player or players who receive the highest number of field official's votes during the home and away games of each season of each grade. In the event of more than one player so qualifying, each player will be awarded a trophy.

The recipient(s) will be presented with a trophy and their name and the year in which the award was made will be inscribed on the perpetual trophy.

The recipient wishing to have temporary possession of a perpetual trophy may apply in writing to the Property Officer. Such applications shall be granted at the discretion of the Property Officer having regard to proper arrangements for the care, safe keeping and return of the trophy.

- 7.5.1 State League
For the men's competition - Lacrosse Victoria

For the women's competition - The Jean Matthews Perpetual Trophy
- 7.5.2 Division 1
For the men's competition -- The J.L. Beattie Cup
A Grade
For the women's competition – The Jackson Trophy
- 7.5.3 Division 2
For the men's competition - The C.G. (Chas) Middleton Cup.
B Grade
For the women's competition – The Finnigan Trophy
- 7.5.4 Division 3
For the men's competition – Lacrosse Victoria

7.6 Premiership Trophies

Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all premiership trophies:

- shall be displayed at the grand finals of the respective sections and shall be presented on the day to the premier teams;
- must be returned immediately to the Property Officer for engraving and safe keeping and shall not be retained by the clubs.

- any winning club wishing to have temporary possession of a premiership trophy may apply in writing to the Property Officer. Such applications shall be granted at the discretion of the Property Officer having regard to proper arrangements for the care, safe keeping and return of the trophy. Any damage to trophies while in the temporary possession of a club will be repaired at a cost to that club. Failure by any club to deliver any trophy or trophies in its care to Lacrosse Victoria as required shall make that club liable to a fine of one hundred units.
- 7.6.1 State League – men’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the State League competition will be presented a trophy by Lacrosse Victoria.
- 7.6.2 State League – women’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the State League competition will be presented with the Fearon Cup – donated by Mr and Mrs Titter.
- 7.6.3 Division 1 – men’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the Division 1 competition will be presented a trophy by Lacrosse Victoria.
- 7.6.4 A Grade – women’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the A Grade competition will be presented with the Parker Cup – donated Mr Laurie and Mrs Joy Parker.
- 7.6.5 Division 2 – men’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the Division 2 competition will be presented a trophy by Lacrosse Victoria.
- 7.6.6 B Grade - women’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the B Grade competition will be presented with the Cheevers Cup – donated by Mr and Mrs Marie Cheevers.
- 7.6.7 Division 3 – men’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the Division 3 competition will be presented a trophy by Lacrosse Victoria.
- 7.6.8 Under 18 – men’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the Under 18 competition will be presented a trophy by Lacrosse Victoria.
- 7.6.9 Under 17 – women’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the Under 17 competition will be presented with the Kendall Pearson trophy – donated by Mrs Kendrea Kendall and Mrs Dot Pearson
- 7.6.10 Under 15 – women’s lacrosse
The team winning the grand final in the Under 15 competition will be presented with the Vivienne Parker - White trophy – donated by Mrs Vivienne Parker - White

7.7 Premiershhip Medallions

Official Association premiershhip medallions will be presented to all premiershhip winners for all relevant grades each season with the year and grade of premiershhip engraved. The number of medallions for each team will be determined by the Board.

8 Registration and eligibility

8.1 Registration and Membership Declaration

A Registration form and Membership Declaration form must be completed for each member (player, coach, official) in the Association on an annual basis. (See Appendix A).

8.1.1 A Registration form and Membership Declaration form for each member must be received by the Secretary of the Board of Lacrosse Victoria prior to a member's first game in any season.

Penalty: A member will not be permitted to participate until the forms have been received.

8.1.2 Registration fees and insurance fees – 50% of both registration and insurance fees for each member must be received by the Treasurer by a date determined by the Board. The remaining 50% to be paid prior to the June 15.

Penalty for non compliance: A fine at the discretion of the Board.

8.2 Registration fees

Registration fees shall be proposed by the Board and ratified by the members at the Annual General Meeting prior to the commencement of the following season.

8.2.1 Fees are not transferable

Fees are not transferable between players. Any player having played less than 30 percent of games (see Section 2 Rules of Lacrosse) may apply for pro-rata refund to the Treasurer at the end of the season.

8.2.2 Refund of fees

A player may apply for a refund of fees if less than 30 percent of games are played in any one season.

Insurance costs are not refundable.

8.3 Playing with a single club for the season

A player shall be bound to the club they played for at the beginning of any season and shall not play with any other club during this season.

Women's lacrosse have a permit system.

8.4 Player from a disbanded club

A player from a disbanded club which has not operated for two years or more has an automatic clearance. This gives the player the ability to move to any club in any state without restriction provided they are financial with Lacrosse Victoria.

8.5 Non completion of a season

Any player who does not compete for a season shall be deemed to have an automatic clearance with the proviso that they are:

- (a) financial with both the Club they are leaving and Lacrosse Victoria and
- (b) has completed a transfer form.

8.6 Junior Players

A junior player must be under the appropriate age level on the 1st January of the year in which the season commences.

8.7 Maximum number of games in one round

Women

A junior player can play a maximum of 3 matches per day comprising either 2 junior matches, or 1 junior matches and 1 senior match in any fixtured round for their club.

9 Team Nominations

9.1 Team nominations

A team nomination must be submitted on the Team Nomination form (see Appendix B). Both the form must be received by the Board at a date determined by the Board.

9.2 Teams from Same Club in Same Section

Where two or more teams from the same club are engaged in the same division, the club concerned shall, either prior to or halfway through the season, lodge with Lacrosse Victoria a list of the players in each teams in the same section connected with that club irrespective of the name of the teams. Players may not change teams after these lists have been submitted.

9.3 Under 12 Teams

Any club fielding two Under 12 age junior teams for the season shall be awarded one match point for all senior teams for each week two under 12 teams are fielded.

Withdrawal of any of these teams before or during the season, or failure to keep the engagement of these teams as defined in Association By-Law 19 (Section 1) shall be deemed as non-compliance with this By-Law. Women's lacrosse will implement a similar rule in 2009

Eight players represents a team. Clubs fielding less than eight players will not be awarded bonus points for each senior team on those days where less than 8 players in any under 12 team take the field.

10 Overseas players

10.1 Limitations of International (Overseas) Players in a Club

Registration of International players in Lacrosse Victoria competition in any one season will be limited to:

- one (1) per club in any one season for clubs whose State League team finished in any of the top four positions of the ladder at the end of the preceding season;

- all other clubs shall be limited to three (3) per club. in any one season.

For the purposes of this By-Law definition of an international player is one who last played competitively in the country of his residence as defined by his passport and who did not take the field as a registered player in Lacrosse Victoria. in the season immediately preceding that for which his registration is sought. Australian citizens returning from overseas after absence of more than one Lacrosse Victoria season are exempt from this By-Law.

NOTE: This would exempt an international player after their first registration in any sequence of consecutive seasons.

11 Underage players playing in senior grades

11.1 *Right of Entry to Senior Competition (Men)*

No player eligible for the Under 16 competition shall be allowed to take the field, in senior competition except where approval has been provided from the Permit Committee. The Permit Committee shall provide a permit under the following conditions:

- written application from the club;
- written permission from the player's legal guardian;
- taking into consideration the player's competitiveness.

Penalty for breach will be as set out for playing an illegal player.

12 Participation in Finals (Men)

12.1 No player shall, except with the permission of the Permit Committee, participate in semi-final, final or grand-final matches unless:

- They are properly registered, and
- They have played in not less than 30% games during the year, and
- If a player has played the majority of matches that season in a higher grade, they shall be tied to that higher grade for finals. Note: the calculation for the minimum number of games will be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
- A junior player, playing in senior finals must satisfy the 30% rule as above, in respect of their senior home and away games played that year, i.e. the junior games played in that year do not count in respect of the 30% Rule.
- This By-Law does not affect a junior's eligibility to participate in junior finals.
- Byes and walkovers count as games played provided the player's name appears on a match report sheet, and that the player would have been available to play if a bye or walkover had not occurred.

12.2 A player who qualifies under By-Laws 12.1 but is not selected in that grade is permitted to play in the Club's next lowest grade team below that for which they

are qualified, provided the Club has teams engaged in both grades in a finals round (refer By-Law 9.4).

A maximum of two players per team may be qualified under this By-Law.

A player who qualifies under this By-Law is permitted to continue to play in that grade provided they do not play in a higher grade during the finals series.

12.3 A player may only participate in one senior semi final per year.

13 Player eligibility for finals (Women)

13.1 Playing above a qualified grade

During finals, senior players can play above their qualified grade but can only play 1 (one) game per finals round. Once a player has played a final, a permit must be applied and approved to enable her to play in a lower grade (not including junior competition).

13.2 Permits

Permits for all players to regrade (moving from one grade to another, already having qualified) for finals are to be dealt with by the Board.

13.3 Player not selected

A player who qualifies under By-Laws but is not selected in that grade is permitted to play in the club's next lowest grade team below that for which she is qualified, provided her club has teams engaged in both grades in a finals round. A maximum of two players per team may be qualified under this By-Law. A player who qualifies under this By-Law is permitted to continue to play in that grade provided she does not play in a higher grade during the finals series.

14 Interchange, Transfers (Men)

14.1 Interchange of players between teams from the same club

All interchange of players between teams from the same club engaged in the same Junior (U18 and younger) division shall be determined by the formula:

- total players who played for the club in that division in the previous week divided by 4 and delete fractional player; e.g. total of 31 players / 4 = 7.75 = 7 players can transfer, say 4 up and 3 down.

14.2 Junior players transferred between teams in the same division

Junior players transferred between teams in the same division must qualify for inclusion in finals teams under By-Law 12. For the purposes of grading teams to suit these two By-Laws, clubs must nominate the seniority of teams in the same division by 30 June.

14.3 Transfer after ceasing to play

When a player ceases to play with his club and does not register with that club or transfer to another club by **30 June** in the current playing season, and who to all appearances has ceased to play may then be approached by a club and should such player agree to play with that club, then a Transfer Permit will be granted unless the

club of which such player was previously a member can show cause acceptable to the Permit Committee why a Transfer Permit should not be granted.

All players shall be bound for the season to the club they first played with in that season. unless granted a transfer by the Permit Committee.

14.4 Substitutes

14.4.1 In the event of a team fielding less players than required by the Rules of Lacrosse the opposing captain may permit one or more members of his team to play as substitutes.

14.4.2 No player shall play with any club in one season for more than two matches as a substitute without being qualified so to play by permit. In the event of a substitute being played, his name and club, if any, must be recorded on the match report.

14.4.3 Unless a player has been qualified by permit he must obtain the consent of the opposing captain to play as a substitute. Any player who has been refused a permit by the Permit Committee shall not be allowed to play as a substitute for the club to which such player has applied for a permit, even if the consent of the opposing captain is obtained.

15 Permits (Women)

15.1 Moving from higher grade to a lower grade in the same round

Not more than four (4) players per team shall be allowed to move from a higher grade to their club's next lower grade in any one fixtured round of matches.

Penalty: Both teams will be penalized at the discretion of the Permit Committee.

15.2 Moving from higher grade to a lower grade in successive rounds

There is no restriction on movement of players to their club's higher graded team from one fixtured round of matches to the next.

15.3 Interchange between two teams in the same grade

A club that has two teams entered in the same grade shall have no restrictions on player movement between these teams other than in finals matches.

16 Rule codes

All matches shall be played under the Rules of Lacrosse as for the time being adopted by the Australian Lacrosse Association for both men's and women's codes with the exceptions currently listed within the Lacrosse Victoria By-Laws. The interpretation of these rules and exceptions shall devolve upon the officials for both codes

17 Ground Dates

17.1 Ground Dates

When ground dates are submitted by clubs, they must show the actual dates when grounds will be available and they must also clearly state and show dates if their grounds will be available for the finals series.

18 Time of matches

18.1 Morning Under-Age Matches (Men)

18.1.1	Duration of quarters and starting times for under age matches:			
	Under 12		four ten (10) minute quarters, to commence at 9.30 a.m.	
	Under 14		four fifteen (15) minute quarters, to commence at 9.30 a.m.	
	Under 16		four fifteen (15) minute quarters, to commence at 11.00 a.m.	
	Under 18		four twenty (20) minute quarters, to commence at 11.00 a.m.	

18.2 Morning Under-Age Matches (Women)

18.1.1	Duration of quarters and starting times for under age matches:			
	Under 11		four ten minute quarters, to commence at 9.30 a.m.	
	Under 13		four ten minute quarters, to commence at 9:30 a.m.	
	Under 15		two twenty minute halves, to commence at 10.30 a.m.	

18.3 Afternoon matches senior lacrosse (Men)

All senior matches will begin at 2:30 pm unless otherwise advised by the Board.

18.4 Afternoon matches senior lacrosse (Women)

Because of different scheduling arrangements women's lacrosse matches will start at advertised times.

18.5 15-minute Grace Period

A 15-minute grace period for a late start is allowed. If one team is not ready to commence after the 15 minutes grace period then the team which is ready can claim the game after an inspection by the field official shows that it is ready to play. If the claim is allowed by the Match Committee the team which is late incurs a penalty for a Not-notified Walkover.

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.

19 Walkovers

19.1 Number of players

Apart from teams not being prepared to play at the appointed time with 15 minutes grace, any team with fewer than the minimum number of on field players required for their grade 5 minutes after the commencement time of the match shall forfeit the match.

Number of players per team in each grade is as follows:

Grade	Women Team	Men Team	Maximum on field	Minimum on field
State League	16 players	16 players	10 players	8
A Grade	16 players		10 players	8
B Grade	16 players		10 players	8
Division 1		16 players	10 players	8
Division 2		16 players	10 players	8
Division 3		16 players	10 players	8
U18		16 Players	10 players	8
U17	16 players		8 players	8

U16		16 Players	10 Players	8
U15	16 players		8 players	8
U14		16 Players	10 Players	8
U13	16 players		10 players	6
U12		16 Players	8 Players	8
U11	16 players		8 players	6

19.2 Notification

Any team giving a walkover must notify the club, field officials and coach of the opposing team, thirty-six hours prior to the match.

Penalty: A fine of **75 units** is payable for failure to do so and this will be deemed to be an un-notified walkover.

19.3 Fielding highest graded team first

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

19.4 Payment of fine

Any team giving a walkover and subject to a fine, shall not play in any subsequent match until that fine is paid.

19.5 Four walkovers

After giving four (4) walkovers, a team shall be withdrawn from the competition. All teams fixtured to play the withdrawn team shall be awarded the game as a bye. The fixture may be redrawn.

20 Sudden Death Procedures

Because of scheduling, Women's lacrosse does not include sudden death.

Men's lacrosse:

Overtime and sudden death procedures apply to all senior games – but not to junior games.

21 Ladders

21.1 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
Bye	4 points and 10 - 0 the recorded score
Walkover received	4 points and 10 - 0 the recorded score
Walkover given	0 points and 0 - 10 the recorded score
Washout	2 points each

21.2 A ladder will be calculated for all senior, U18,U17,U16,U15,U14 grades. No ladders will be kept for U13, U12 and U11 grades.

- 21.3 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 the proportion of goals scored for and against each of the teams concerned.
All questions as to which teams are qualified to play in finals shall be conclusively determined by the official records.
- 21.4 Any team withdrawing from the competition shall remain on the ladder, however, all scores and points received by:
- either the withdrawing team
- or
- teams having played the withdrawing team prior to their withdrawal will be removed. Teams scheduled to play the withdrawn team shall be receive a bye – that is, 4 match points and no score.

22 Match Officials

- 22.1 For the men's code
The Australian Lacrosse Referees Association (Victoria) shall deal with all applications for the position of ALRA Field Official and with the scheduling of ALRA officials for all open age and Under 18 matches.

22.2 Provision of officials for each section (Men).

Under 16, 14 and 12 sections:

- will be refereed by a minimum of two accredited officials;
- both the home and away teams are to provide an official;
- where a team refuses or is unable to supply an official the opposing team has the right to supply a second official;
- when an ALRA field official is supplied, by agreement with the club field officials they replace the away team official. By agreement with club field officials two ALRA field officials replace both club field officials.

Under 18 and Senior Sections:

- will be refereed by a minimum of two accredited officials;
- each team will supply an official;
- where a team refuses or is unable to supply an official the opposing team has the right to supply the second official;
- if an ALRA (Vic) official is in attendance they replace by agreement with the team officials an official from the teams, by further agreement with club officials, two ALRA (Vic) officials may replace both club officials.
- Where only one official is able to take the field a walkover will be given by the team unable to supply a field official,
- Where both teams are unable to supply a field official and there are less than two officials able to take the field the matter will be forwarded to Match Committee for adjudication

The head field official shall, not later than noon of the Tuesday following the match, lodge a written report of their match with the Permit Committee.

22.3 Allocation of ALRA (Vic) officials

ALRA (Vic) will at all times endeavour to allocate officials to cover as many senior games as possible, while continuing the training and development of its members. Under 18 coverage will be dependent on ALRA referee availability unless otherwise decided by the Board of Lacrosse Victoria.

22.3.1 For the women's code

The Technical Committee (or its nominee) will appoint officials for fixtured matches. In these games each team shall supply their own official.

The Technical Committee (or its nominee) will arrange club officials training and tests as required. .

The number of officials appointed to any game under Lacrosse Victoria jurisdiction or in domestic competition shall be at the discretion of the Board of Lacrosse Victoria. Each game shall have at least 2 officials assigned who must sign the score sheet on completion of the match and allocate best and fairest votes for the match.

A register of all accredited officials will be kept by the Technical Committee.

22.3.2 Officials officiating at any interstate matches or ALA Championships or Tournaments are to be appointed by the Technical Committee (or its nominee) and ratified by the Board.

22.4 Seniority

The senior official shall be the ALRA (Vic) official. The official from the home club is the senior official of the club officials.

22.5 Failure to provide an official

Failure to provide a correctly qualified official in any grade, or failure to officiate, will render a club liable to a fine of 30 units. However, a club may fulfill its obligation to provide an official from any source provided the said official is correctly qualified and dressed. This source may be the opposing team with the agreement of both teams.

Should a referee from a club be unqualified but officiate for the match, the penalty would be a fine of 15 units.

Independent officials (ALRA) will be fined 20 units for an un-notified non-attendance.

22.6 Number of officials

The number of officials appointed to any game under Lacrosse Victoria jurisdiction or in domestic competition shall be entirely at the discretion of Lacrosse Victoria.

22.7 Dress and equipment for officials

22.7.1 Officials supplied by clubs for senior matches should wear the approved officials uniform the minimum requirements are:

Black and white vertical striped shirt;

White shorts / black skirt.

For men, long black socks with a white band.

For women, short black socks.

22.7.2 Officials must equip themselves with an adequate whistle and yellow signal flags.

22.7.3 The fine for incorrectly attired or equipped official: **5 units**.

22.8 Accreditation of officials

22.8.1 Any person holding a certificate indicating that they have passed a course conducted by ALRA (Vic) or Women's Lacrosse Australia will be accepted as accredited.

22.8.2 A full list of the names of accredited officials, the date of their accreditation must be submitted by all clubs two weeks after the commencement of each field season. The Board will review each list in consultation with ALRA (Vic) and Women's Lacrosse Australia and reserves the right to remove unsatisfactory club officials from the list at any time.

22.8.3 If a club provides a qualified, approved, correctly-dressed accredited official who performs satisfactorily as an official the club may claim a credit of an amount for each game as determined annually by the Board in all sections.

22.9 Minimum qualifications for officials

22.9.1 For Senior and Under 18 games all officials must: be 18 years and over or have demonstrated maturity

- be an accredited official (women's lacrosse does not require accreditation at this time);
or
- be an ALRA official

22.9.2 For junior games officials must be at least one age level above the division/group in which they are to officiate and be accredited.

22.9.3 Duties of officials (men)
As outlined in Rule 23 of the Australian Lacrosse Association Rules of Lacrosse and rule 8 of the IFWLA rule book.

22.9.4 Registration of club officials
Club officials who are not registered players must be registered as non-playing members of their clubs.

22.10 Match officials special events

22.10.1 Clubs to provide match officials

All member clubs must, when requested by Lacrosse Victoria provide such officials as may be deemed necessary by Lacrosse Victoria to assist in the running of championships, interstate matches, gymkhanas, etc. Such officials will include on field officials, ball boys, time keepers, chief bench officials, scorers or such other ground or other officials as may be designated.

Any club failing to meet its commitments with respect to this By-Law shall be liable to a fine up to 4 units for each individual failure.

For men' lacrosse clubs will provide all officials for Under 12, Under 14, and Under 16 matches.

22.10.2 For all finals series matches each club is to provide: at least one scorer / penalty timekeeper, and the home club will provided adequate stop-clocks, bells, etc. Any club failing to meet its commitments with respect to this By-Law shall be liable to a fine of 5 units for each individual failure.

23 Demerit system (women)

23.1 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.

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.

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.

24 Scoresheets and results

24.1 Score sheets
Players names must be entered on score sheets for each game 5 (five) minutes prior to the starting time.

24.2 Match results
It is each team's responsibility to complete their match results on line and forward hard copy to Lacrosse Office.
Match scores must be entered on line by Tuesday 10:00 am following the match by both teams.
Penalty for non compliance: 2 Units

24.3 Match statistics / score sheets
Player statistics must be completed on line by 8:00 pm on the Wednesday following the match by both teams. Hardcopy must be received at the lacrosse office by 5 pm Thursday following matches.
Penalty for non compliance: 2 Units

24.4 Unless otherwise decided by the Permit Committee, the Secretary of each club shall, before last mail (or electronic mail before 5:00pm) on the Thursday following every match, lodge at the lacrosse office the match report of all matches played by the teams of the club during the previous week.

- 24.5 The match report is to include the names, day numbers of all players engaged in the match prior to the commencement of the match, the starting time of the match, and be signed by the field officials and bench officials who controlled the match.
- 24.6 Failure to comply with this by-law will make the offending club liable to the following fines:
- 24.6.1 Match Report Sheets not lodged by due day and time: 2 Units in respect of each team for which such match report sheet is not lodged.
- 24.6.2 Match Report Sheets deemed by the Permit Committee to be unsatisfactory or incomplete: 1 Unit in respect of each match report sheet.
- 24.7 Ground reports must reach Lacrosse Victoria by 5:00 pm Thursday following matches. Penalty for non compliance: 4 Units.
- 24.8 Women's Best and Fairest votes must reach the Lacrosse Victoria office by 5:00 pm Thursday following matches. Penalty for non compliance: 2 Units

25 Use of Lacrosse Victoria Badges

Clubs must not in any circumstances use or embody either the Lacrosse Victoria badge or premiership medallion, or such other token or motif as may be considered peculiarly applicable to Lacrosse Victoria, as or forming part of a club trophy or award.

26 Victorian Representative teams

- 26.1 The Board shall call for nominations for the team staff of each State Team. Nominations shall close at the Annual General Meeting in the year prior to competition. A State Selection Panel comprising 3 experienced and independent individuals shall interview the prospective applicants and as a result may select one of the candidates to the position of State Coach for the relevant team/s. The Panel shall be provided with selection criteria as well as prospective coach resumes. Interviews shall be held at a time convenient to all, with a written recommendation to the Board for ratification.
- 26.2 Job Descriptions
- 22.2.1 Job descriptions for roles and responsibilities of all team staff can be found in Lacrosse Victoria Operations Manual.
- 26.3 Removal of team member
The coaching staff has the power to recommend to the Board the removal of a team member from the team if they does not fulfil the requirements as set out by the coaching staff.
- 26.4 Reports
All Coaching staff must submit a report for inclusion in the Annual Report of Lacrosse Victoria at a date to be determined by the Board Secretary, no later than 30 days after the completion of the respective Championship / Tournament. State head coaches may submit an oral report to the Board following the Championship / Tournament. Penalty: Non payment of final 20% of re-imburement.

- 26.5 Payment of outstanding monies
Any player or coaching staff having competed in a National Championship / Tournament has thirty (30) days following the event to finalise all outstanding monies (unless previously arranged with Director of Finance). **Penalty: Inability to compete in domestic competition until debt is cleared.**
- 26.6 Selection Committee
The Board shall call for nominations for a Selection Committee for each state team. Nominations shall close at a date to be determined by the Board and the Board will appoint the selectors. Each Selection Committee shall consist of the state team head coach and at least two others, of whom no two shall be from the same club. Selectors may not be players trying for selection in State Teams, with the exception of the team coach. Relatives of players trying for selection in state teams shall not vote on the selection of such players. In the event of a tied vote, the coach shall have a casting vote. The Selection Committee shall select the team(s), with the team to be ratified by the Board prior to announcement.
- 26.7 Medical Certificates
The Selection Committee has the power to request medical certificates from any player trying for selection.
- 26.8 Number of selection trials
There shall be a minimum of three (3) selection trials.
- 26.9 Reimbursement of travel costs
Subject to appropriate accounting and other procedures, coaching staff and officials shall have their direct travel offset. 80% shall be reimbursed upon receipt, with the remaining 20% returned upon completion of a written report. The subsidy offset is as follows:
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| Head coach | 100 % |
| Assistant coach | 50 % |
| Manager | 100% |
| Physiotherapist | 50 % |
| Field Official | 100% |
- Note: For 2007 Women's Lacrosse reimburses both airline costs or surface travel costs and accommodation costs. Men's lacrosse reimburses airline costs or surface travel costs for the team staff listed above.
- 26.10 Selection trial participation fee
All players intending to try out for selection in a State side will pay a \$40 fee on the first day of tryouts. The fee is non-refundable.

27 Lacrosse Victoria State Team clothing

27.1 Allocation of Lacrosse Victoria Blazers and Playing Uniforms

Allocation of state blazers, pockets and playing uniforms to selected people will be on the instructions of the Board of Lacrosse Victoria.

27.2 Specifications for Lacrosse Victoria Blazer

The standard specifications for the Lacrosse Victoria Blazer shall be:

Material	Navy blue cloth
Style	Single breasted (2 or 3 buttons)
Lapels	Single breasted style
Pockets	Outside 2 each patch type (1 L.H. and 1 R.H.) Inside optional Breast 1 L.H
Buttons	Gold or Silver in colour
Pocket Badge	The left breast pocket badge shall consist of a white "V" 50 mm high by 50 mm wide 25 mm down from the top of the pocket. Beneath the "V" a white ball, approximately 60 mm diameter, under the apex of the "V" and white crossed racquets under the ball. Above the "V" the world LACROSSE and beneath the crossed racquets a description of why the blazer has been awarded e.g. SENIOR - 2007 or SENIOR COACH 2007 etc.

28 Match Hosting

Any club may apply to host a round of matches, provided that all facility requirements are met. See Appendix A for match hosting requirements.

29 Bench Equipment for the Conduct of Games

- 29.1 The home team of all clubs of Lacrosse Victoria shall at all competition matches provide, to the satisfaction of the Senior Official, all the bench equipment necessary for the conduct of a game of lacrosse as set out in the Rules of Lacrosse.
- 29.2 In addition, the following equipment shall also be provided. A scorer's table and seating for at least two people with a suitable shelter for adverse weather, a sounding device distinctive from a whistle and at least two stop clocks or watches.
- 29.3 A scoreboard carrying the true score shall be provided at all competition matches in the State League division. Scoreboards are recommended for all matches.
- 29.4 Any club failing to provide suitable bench equipment may be fined **2 Units** by the Match Committee for each item reported as missing or unsuitable.

30 Official Records

- 30.1 Official Records

The Marketing and Information Technology Committee shall keep complete and accurate records of the results of all matches played under the auspices of Lacrosse Victoria. Such records shall be the official records of Lacrosse Victoria and shall be available for inspection at the convenience of all parties.

31 Semi-finals, Finals and Grand Finals

31.1 At the conclusion of the home-and-away series, the first four clubs on the premiership ladder shall play off for the premiership in the following manner:-

31.1.1 The **First Semi-Final** shall be a match played between the club third on the ladder and the club fourth on the ladder.

31.1.2 The **Second Semi-Final** shall be a match played between the club first on the ladder and the club second on the ladder.

31.1.3 The **Preliminary Final** shall be a match played between the winner of the first semi-final and the loser of the second semi-final.

31.1.4 The **Grand Final** shall be a match played between the winner of the second semi-final and the winner of the final.

31.1.5 The **Premier Club** shall be the club winning the grand final.

31.1.6 Finals formats

The finals formula may vary according to the number of teams in the competition. The finals formula will be as follows:

Six teams or more in a grade: Final four – three weeks of finals

1st Semi Final	3 v 4
2nd Semi Final	1 v 2
Preliminary Final	Loser of 1 v 2 plays winner of 3 v 4
Grand Final	Winner of 2 nd Semi Final v winner of Preliminary Final

Four or Five teams in a grade: Final three – two weeks of finals

Preliminary Final	2 v 3
Grand Final	1 v winner of Preliminary Final

Three teams or less in a grade: Final two – one week of finals

Grand Final	1 v 2
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Only teams active at the completion of the season will be considered when applying the finals formulae (that is, any team that has withdrawn from the competition during the season is deemed to be non active).

32 Points for Byes and Walkovers

32.1 Byes and Walkovers

Any team that has a bye or receives a walkover shall automatically receive full points for a win, and be credited with a goal score 10-0.

- 32.2 Non – Appearance of teams
Information regarding the non – appearance of teams is given in Lacrosse Victoria. Committee By -Laws.

33 Tied Scores in Finals of all Grades

If there is a tied score at the end of a final game, play may be continued in accordance with the ALA Rules of Lacrosse for men's lacrosse.

34 Finals Organisation

- 34.1 Timekeepers and scorers for all grand final matches are to be from participating clubs. See Lacrosse Victoria. By-Laws Appendix D for a list of duties.
- 34.2 For women
All officials for all finals matches are to be appointed by the Technical Committee (or its nominee).
- 34.3 For men
The ALRA (Vic) Chief Referee and ALRA assessment panel will allocate field officials to all senior and under 18 matches.
- 34.4 If a rematch of any of the final matches is necessary, it must not be played on the same day as any other final match involving the afore mentioned teams.
- 34.5 Applications to host finals must be received by the Secretary of the Board of Lacrosse Victoria at a date determined by the Board.
- 34.6 The Board shall select the venue(s) for the final series.

35 Illegal player

- 35.1 If an illegal player is played, four match points will be deducted from the offending team (irrespective of whether the team won or lost). If the offending team wins the match, the score line will be 0 - 10 in favour of the offended team and the offending team will lose 4 points. If the offending team loses the match, 4 match points will be deducted, and the score line will stand.

Appendix A - Registration form & membership declaration

Visit www.lacrossevictoria.com.au to download the forms.

Appendix B - Team nomination form

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Appendix C – Facility Requirements – Match Hosting (Women’s Lacrosse)

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Clubs intending to host a round of Women’s lacrosse are required to meet the following requirements:

- Have sufficient grounds marked out and suitable for competition.
- Provision of goals in good condition.
- Have time keeper and scorer benches and chairs at each ground.
- Have player benches at each ground for both home and away teams.
- A point where match reports and other paperwork can be deposited.
- Have an appropriately maintained first aid kit at a known location.
- Display a directory of appropriate emergency services in the event of unforeseen incidents, e.g., Ambulance, Police, Local hospitals.
- Have a stretcher available.

Appendix D – Premiership Trophies History

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Australian Lacrosse Association Certificate of Merit Awards

Lacrosse Victoria Past President's Trophy Award
Nell Rawlins Award – women's lacrosse

Lacrosse Victoria Life Membership

Fairest and Best Players

State League – men's lacrosse

The Jean Matthews Perpetual Trophy - women's lacrosse

Jean played for the Melbourne Ladies Lacrosse Club during the 1960's. She was instrumental in Melbourne becoming Newport Ladies Lacrosse Club in 1964. She was a State Umpire and Manager throughout the 60's -'70's and sadly passed away in 1976. Jean was the Newport delegate through the formative years of VWLA and was also a State netballer during the 1940's. She significantly contributed to Newport being the strong club they are currently.

The J.L. Beattie Cup – Division 1, men's lacrosse

The Jackson Trophy – A Grade, women's lacrosse

Jan Jackson is the most distinguished umpire Victoria has had. Jan has currently officiated in 16 Senior National Championships, and only started her involvement in women's lacrosse when daughter Sally began playing for Camberwell. Jan was President of the Association for 2 terms – 1984 – 1986 and 1995 – 1997. Jan was honoured with Life Membership of Victoria in 1989 and received her Australian Life Membership in 1996. Jan holds an International officials rating and continues to umpire at World events, both on the field and as a Technical Delegate.

The C.G. (Chas) Middleton Cup – Division 2, men's lacrosse

The Finnigan Trophy – B Grade, women's lacrosse

The Finnigan family is another name synonymous with lacrosse.

Division 3 - men's lacrosse

Premiership Trophies

State League – men's lacrosse

The Fearon Cup, State League – women's lacrosse

Lacrosse Victoria, Division 1 – men's lacrosse

The Parker Cup, A Grade – women's lacrosse

Mrs Joy Parker was the inaugural Secretary of WLV (at the time known as the Victorian Women's Amateur Lacrosse Association). She held this position from 1936 – 1940, when

lacrosse was forced to endure a lengthy break because of World War II. In 1962 the Association reformed, and was led by Mrs Parker until 1969. She then continued to work on the Executive, holding the Finance position from 1972 – 73, and 1976 – 79. Mrs Parker was the first Life Member of the Association (1966) and was Patron until her death in 1996. At club level, Mrs Parker was instrumental in establishment of the Williamstown Women's Lacrosse Club and held Life Membership. Mrs Parker was also responsible for establishing Women's Lacrosse Australia (formerly the Australian Women's Lacrosse Council) and was awarded Life Membership to this body in 1989. She was also its Patron. Lacrosse in both Victoria and Australia will be forever indebted to Mrs Parker's commitment and dedication to the sport. The name Parker will forever remain synonymous with women's lacrosse.

Lacrosse Victoria, Division 2 – men's lacrosse

The Cheevers Cup, B Grade - women's lacrosse

Marie Cheevers was the Director of Finance from 1963 - 66. She was also President of the Association in 1975. Marie helped to establish

Lacrosse Victoria, Division 3 – men's lacrosse

Lacrosse Victoria, Under 18 – men's lacrosse

The Kendall Pearson trophy, Under 17 – women's lacrosse

Kendrea Kendall began her lacrosse playing career with Coburg/Newport She has represented Victoria at the senior level on 10 occasions, one of only 11 individuals to have achieved this feat. Kendrea led Women's Lacrosse on 2 occasions, 1976 and 1987. Kendrea has maintained her involvement with the Eltham Lacrosse Club.

The Vivienne Parker - Grant trophy, Under 15 – women's lacrosse Vivienne has been active in every capacity within the sport.

Vivienne was born to be involved in lacrosse. She has been involved in administration from an early age, acting as the Association Secretary from 72-74. In 1981 she became President and resided over Victoria for 3 years. After some years away from the sport, she re-entered the administrative arena, becoming Director of Administration from 2000 - 2002. Vivienne is currently Patron of WLV and is also a Life Member of her club, Williamstown as well as the Association.

As a player, Viv donned the blue and white a total of 7 times (1969 – 74, 81). Vivienne also followed the footsteps of her late mother, and was at the helm of WLA for 7 years, spanning 1983 - 1989. Viv was also awarded her Australian Life Membership in 2002.

Appendix E – Coach of the year nomination

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Appendix F – Official of the year nomination

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Appendix G – Application for Grant of Assistance

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