

Competition Rules

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LACROSSE VICTORIA – COMPETITION RULES

1. INTRODUCTION

These Competition Rules (formerly known as By-Laws 1) are intended to govern the Lacrosse Victoria competition generally.

Matters that broadly concern game-day related issues are located in the Game Day Rules (formerly known as By-Laws 2).

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

The Lacrosse Victoria 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 Constitution of Lacrosse Victoria, Inc (**LV**), the Game Day Rules and any appendix, schedule or annexure to either document as may be amended by the LV Board from time to time.

2. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF RULES

2.1 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 Game Day 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.

2.2 How these Rules may be amended

The LV Board may amend these Competition Rules in accordance with the Constitution.

3. DEFINITIONS

“Accredited Official” means an individual who holds current accreditation recognised by LV as a referee or an umpire.

“Accredited Referee” means an individual who holds current accreditation recognised by LV to officiate Men's lacrosse.

“Accredited Umpire” mean an individual who holds current accreditation recognised by LV to officiate Women's lacrosse.

“Administrative Decision” means the decisions of LV as set out in Rule 22.

“Advisory Group” means a non-committee body established by LV to assist LV with expertise in a particular area or with a particular issue.

“Affiliate” or **“Affiliated Member”** see **“Club”**.

“ALA” means the Australian Lacrosse Association (the National governing body for Lacrosse).

“Annual Registration” means the annual registration and entry of a player’s details on Online Registration System with a Club to play in the LV Competition in the Current Year of LV competition.

“Approved Contact” means the person or persons nominated by a Club as its approved contact for all information, notification and advice between LV and the Club.

“Australian Citizen” means a person who is recognised by the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (or equivalent body so named from time to time) as an Australian citizen.

“Board” means the LV Board of Directors as elected or appointed in accordance with the LV Constitution.

“By-law” means a Rule of these Competition Rules, the Game Day Rules and any other Rule adopted by LV from time to time.

“Closing Date” means the date set by LV as the closing date for applications for team entries to a competition conducted by LV.

“Club” means a lacrosse Club or association that is a member of LV as specified in rule 8.4 of the Constitution.

“Club Associate(s)” means one or more of the following, whether individually or collectively:

- (i) Club Office Bearers;
- (ii) Club Officials (coach, team manager, anyone who is officially associated with the Club).
- (iii) Players of a Club;
- (iv) Members of a Club;
- (v) Supporters of a Club including spectators at a Game who unless otherwise identified with a Club shall be deemed to be supporters of the Home Club;
- (vi) Any person(s) involved with and/or who contributes to the game of Lacrosse in any capacity.
- (vii) Club(s).

“Competition Structure” means those competition sections specified by LV from time to time as outlined in this document.

“Competition Specification” means the specification for each grade of each division (if any) of a competition conducted by LV and set out in the Schedule to the Regulations.

“Current Year” means a year commencing on January 1 in each year and ending on December 31 the following calendar year.

“Eligible Player” means a player who meets the eligibility criteria of the Competition as set out in Rule 11.

“Financial Default” means an event notified to a Club by LV that arises from the failure by the Club to pay an amount owing to LV by the final due date determined by LV and for which an arrangement satisfactory to LV has not been agreed.

“FIL” means the Federation of International Lacrosse (the world governing body for Lacrosse).

“Finals Round” means a week of finals play such that each week of finals competition (e.g. Semi Final, Preliminary Final and Grand Final) is a distinct round.

“General Manager” or “GM” means the person appointed or employed as such by LV Inc. from time to time.

“Honorary Officer” a person appointed to a position in within LV on an honorific basis bearing no functional role.

“Home Team” is the name of the team first named on a fixture of a particular game.

“Illegal Player” is defined in the Game Day Rules

“International Player” is defined in rule 5 of the Game Day Rules

“Junior Competition” means any under 11, under 13, under 15 and/or under 17 competition.

“LV” means Lacrosse Victoria Incorporated (ABN [31 876 640 323](#)), its successors and assigns (the Victorian State governing body for Lacrosse).

“LV Competition” means any lacrosse league, tournament, round, match or game which has been sanctioned by LV.

“LV Website” means the official website of Lacrosse Victoria (presently bearing URL <http://www.lacrossevictoria.com.au>) as amended from time to time.

“Masters Competition” means a male or female competition designated for players over 35 years of age only.

“Minor Premier” means the highest ranked team in a division of a grade or in a grade at the completion of the Regular Rounds of an LV competition.

“Officer” means person appointed to a formally recognised position of a particular office and /responsibility within LV

“Online Registration System” (ORS) means the online system LV has established for the electronic transmission of match results, team information, the recording of player registrations, permits and transfers.

“Operational Officer” means an Officer appointed to a functional position within LV that reports to the GM or the Board.

“Permanent Resident” means a person who has been approved as such by the Australian Department of Home Affairs (however named from time to time).

“Player Eligibility Criteria” means the criteria specified by LV to govern the eligibility by age and/or gender or other criteria of players in a competition conducted by LV.

“Playing Permit” means a permit issued by LV to enable a player to participate in a team fielded by a Club to which that player is registered and for which that player would otherwise be ineligible to participate.

“Premiers” means the team declared as the winner of the round of Finals Games in any division (if any) of any grade.”

“Registered Player” means a player nominated by a Club as a playing member of that Club in terms of the Rules and Regulations of LV.

“Registration Transfer” means a transfer of a player registration from one Club to another Club. See also “clearance”.

“Regular Rounds” means the rounds of games excluding the Finals Games that comprise the Regular Season.

“Regular Season” means the main season competition generally conducted by LV during the months of April to September in each year and not including Finals Games.

“Rostered Official” means:

- (i) An Accredited Official (referee or umpire) who has been scheduled to officiate at a game that forms part of a competition conducted by LV; or
- (ii) Where LV has determined that the competing teams are required to nominate a club official for a game that forms part of a competition conducted by LV, the official(s) so nominated.

“Rule” means a Rule contained in these Competition Rules or the Game Day Rules as may be altered from time to time.

“Rules of Lacrosse” means the Rules of Lacrosse as amended and promulgated from time to time by FIL, ALA or LV.

“Senior Competition” means a male or female open age competition.

“Team Management” means the coaches and other members of the non-playing support staff of a team that is permitted to accompany the team to the area generally known as the team benches.

“TPAG” means the Transfers and Permits Advisory Group, or other such advisory body established by LV to assist LV in such matters, however named from time to time.

“Scorers” means individuals appointed either by LV or competing teams to whom the officials choose to delegate control of the time keeping of a game.

“Usually Plays” means the team in which a player has played the majority of his/her games for the season in a competition section up to any specific point in that Regular Season. If the player has played an equal number of games between two teams at that point, then the majority of games would be considered as being in the higher ranked of those two teams.

“Walkover” means the forfeit of game by one team to another by reason of failure to provide sufficient players to commence or complete that game.

4. OFFICERS

4.1 Power to appoint Officers

In addition to the Officers of LV set out in the Constitution, the LV Board may elect or appoint other Officers as provided in this rule.

4.2 Appointment of Honorary Officers

The LV Board may appoint persons it considers appropriate to Honorary Officer positions.

4.3 Appointment of Operational Officers

- (a) For positions that report to the Board, nomination and election shall be the same process outlined in clause 21 of the Constitution.
- (b) For positions that report to the GM, appointment shall be undertaken in a process as directed by the Board, and enacted by the GM.

5. ADVISORY GROUPS

5.1 Establishment

- (a) The LV Board and the General Manager have the power to establish Advisory Groups as and when they deem necessary.
- (b) Where the LV Board or the General Manager proposes to establish an Advisory Group, they will notify Clubs of this intention and call for expressions of interest for persons wishing to be considered as an Advisory Group member.
- (c) The LV Board may appoint one of its members as an ex-officio member of each active Advisory Group, with voting rights to be determined by the rules governing the group.
- (d) The General Manager may appoint one or more LV staff members to each active advisory group, with voting rights to be determined by the rules governing the group.
- (e) The proceedings for any Advisory Group shall, with any necessary or incidental amendment, be the same as that applicable to meetings of the Board in clause 24 of the Constitution.
- (f) Within 7 days of any meeting of any Advisory Group, the advisory group shall send a copy of the minutes and any supporting documents to the General Manager.
- (g) In the establishment of Advisory Groups under this Rule the Board or LV General Manager must aim to meet the requirements set out in rule 21.1 of the Constitution.

6. DISQUALIFIED CLUBS

6.1 Disqualified Club/Clubs

Any Club ceasing to be affiliated with LV or being disqualified by LV by reason of any breach of the Constitution or of any Rule shall cease to have any claim whatsoever on any money, property, credits, or any other assets of LV, but shall be liable for all money, property, credits, or any other assets due by it to LV.

7. INCOME AND PROPERTY OF LACROSSE VICTORIA

- (a) The income and property of LV however derived shall be applied solely to the promotion of its objectives listed under rule 2 “Purposes of the Association” of the Constitution.
- (b) Members of LV may be appointed to a salaried position or an office of LV.
- (c) Honoraria may be paid to the Secretary and Treasurer, or other positions as determined by the Board.
- (d) Repayment of out-of-pocket expenses, interest on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or left to LV must be approved by the Board.

8. PAYMENT OF FEES

8.1 Amounts Payable

- (a) For each year, the LV Board will establish the fees and subscriptions under Section 9 of the Constitution.
- (b) Membership Fees, subscriptions, levies, fines and any other amounts payable to LV shall be confirmed or altered by the LV Board at a date to be determined from time to time by the LV Board or nominated delegates of the LV Board.

8.2 Club fees

- (a) Club fees shall be proposed by the Board and ratified by the members at the annual club conference prior to the commencement of the following season.

8.3 Fines

- (a) Fines will be levied in either units or a change in Club annual fee structure and will be adjusted by the Board.
- (b) Where the Rules provide for the imposition of fines for breaches of the Rules, notification of such fines shall be conveyed to the respective Club through LV.
- (c) Notification of fines shall be signed by the LV GM, Board Secretary or Director of Finance or the Chairperson of the Board.

8.4 Accounts

- (a) Accounts shall be paid by Clubs to LV as per 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.
- (b) Clubs not paying their account by the date indicated on the invoice will receive one reminder of the arrears. Any subsequent transgression in a calendar year will cause the offending Club lose all winning points for all teams on the first round 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.

9. PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS

9.1 Payment of additional funds

- (a) The LV Board may require each Club to pay to LV, in respect of each of its registered members, a contribution additional to that provided for in Rule 9 of the Constitution.
- (b) The amount of such additional contribution shall be such as the LV Board shall from time to time deem necessary.
- (c) The LV Board shall fix a date on or before which such additional contribution shall be paid. The date shall be shown on the statement furnished to a club by the Director of Finance or Finance Officer of LV.

10. CONDUCT OF COMPETITION

- (a) Any Competition conducted by LV shall be conducted according to the FIL Rules as may be varied by Australian Lacrosse Association or LV from time to time to meet the specific needs of ALA, LV, its Clubs and members.
- (b) Where the FIL Rules have been modified, those modifications will be contained in Regulations as issued by LV from time to time.

11. REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY

11.1 Right to enter teams

- (a) A Club shall be eligible to apply for entry of a team or teams in any LV Competition provided the players who will at all times make up that team meet the eligibility criteria of the particular competition for which the team is entered.
- (b) A Club joining LV for the first time may, on request made in writing to the LV Board, be exempt from player registration fees for one or more teams, if applicable, for their first year of participation. No exception will be made for fees required in respect of insurance. This exemption may apply to more than one team in the Club.
- (c) Any Club not financially indebted to LV on the last day of December of the preceding year shall be entitled to have one or more teams engaged in premiership games in the following year.
- (d) An application by a Club which is financially indebted to LV on the last day of December of the preceding year to enter a team or teams in the following year shall be dealt with by the LV Board in any manner it deems fit.
- (e) LV reserves the right to refuse any application from a Club that has debts outstanding for more than 30 days from the date of the invoice notifying the debt to the Club.

11.2 Players

- (a) To be eligible to play in a competition conducted or sanctioned by LV a person must be:
 - (i) an Eligible Player as per Rule 11.3;
 - (ii) registered to play in LV Competition with a Club; and
 - (iii) otherwise eligible to play in the competition in which they are seeking to play.
- (b) The Club is solely responsible for ensuring that all their players are:
 - (i) Eligible Players; and

- (ii) have been registered for the current year in accordance with LV Rules and requirements.

11.3 Player Eligibility

- (a) An Eligible Player is a person who resides in the State of Victoria and is fully financial as at the January 1 in the Current Year of the competition in which they wish to compete with each of:
 - (i) LV,;
 - (ii) Any other Club of LV; and
 - (iii) ALA.
- (b) Player eligibility is subject to rule 5 of the Game Day Rules (the International Player Rule).
- (c) Where requested by LV, a player and any relevant Club must provide the relevant documentation to prove they are eligible under this rule or any other applicable rule and may be deemed ineligible until such documentation is provided.

11.4 Registration of players

- (a) To be eligible to play in LV Competition a person must be formally registered. Each player must be registered with a Club.
- (b) The registration period will be from January 1 in the current year and will expire on December 31 of the same year.
- (c) When a player is being registered for LV Competition for the first time, each of:
 - (i) a Player Registration form; and
 - (ii) Membership Declaration form, (as provided by LV and/or the [LV Website](#)):
 - (A) must be submitted via the Online Registration System (**ORS**). Proof of date of birth must be submitted with the application.
- (d) The player's Annual Registration will be considered valid when the player's Registration and Membership Declaration form is accepted and confirmed by the ORS, or the player is listed as a registered member with the Club on the ORS.
- (e) Registration must occur at the latest the same week as the player's first game in any season. A player will not be permitted to participate in further games until the Annual Registration and Member Declaration forms have been received by LV.
- (f) A registration entered prior to January 1 for the Current Year of the LV Competition will not be considered valid until January 1 in the Current Year of the LV Competition.
- (g) The player or the Club of the player may make application to register a player in the following manner:

New Player to the Club:

- (i) Prior to registering a new player the Club should determine whether the player requires any formal transfer under any LV Rule or any rule of FIL, ALA or other state association.
- (ii) Should the player require a transfer, the Club is responsible for ensuring that the transfer is approved and processed prior to the player playing any games with their new Club. The player will not be eligible to play for the Club making the application for a transfer until the transfer has been fully approved and fully processed.
- (iii) Where a transfer is not required the Club should register the new player by the means set out in these Rules or by LV from time to time.

Existing Player of the Club:

- (i) The player, or the Club on behalf of the player, should ensure that the player's record is updated where necessary and that the player is registered each season.
 - (ii) The player will not be eligible to play for the Club making the application for registration until the conditions of this Rule are met.
- (h) To be eligible to play in the Junior, Senior or Masters competitions a player must be registered with the Club with which they play or intend to play.
 - (i) Applications to register an Eligible Player must contain sufficient information to enable LV to identify that person. What constitutes sufficient information in terms of the Rules is wholly at the discretion of LV.
 - (j) The burden of proof that a player is an Eligible Player is the responsibility of the player and the Club applying for registration and LV reserves the right to call for supporting evidence satisfactory to LV of any information required.
 - (k) LV may at its sole discretion refuse an application to register a player but shall be required to give reasons for that refusal. Grounds for refusal include but are not limited to:
 - (i) person not fully financial with any other Member of ALA or a Club of a Member of ALA.
 - (ii) person is under suspension from a Club or Club of ALA or any other lacrosse association affiliated with the FIL.
 - (iii) insufficient information has been supplied to enable LV to reasonably identify that person.
 - (iv) person has not provided to LV evidence satisfactory to LV regarding residential qualifications.
 - (l) Registered Players are those players who have been registered by a Club for whom they are to play and whose registration has been accepted by LV.
 - (m) Registered Players can only participate in a competition in accordance with the player eligibility criteria of that competition.
 - (n) Except if playing as a substitute as approved by LV, no person shall be allowed to compete in any premiership game unless their name appears on the registration list of the club for which they may play.

- (o) No club shall be allowed to compete in any game under the control of LV unless such list of players is so provided.
- (p) To be eligible to be a member of an LV sanctioned state team, a player must be a registered and financial playing member of a Club of LV.
- (q) If requested in writing by a Registered Player, a Club shall apply to LV to change that player's Club by following the procedure used for Registration Transfers.
- (r) If an unregistered player is played, the Illegal Player Rule (as defined in the, Game Day Rules) shall apply unless the LV board deems otherwise.
- (s) LV shall maintain an up-to-date register of players in which shall list the names of all players together with the name of the Club that has registered each one and any other details as may be required by LV including but not limited to details necessary to identify an individual player. This register shall be prima-facie evidence that the named players are Registered Players with the Clubs recorded.
- (t) In all cases of dispute as to whether a person is registered within the meaning of any LV rule, the aforesaid list of registered players shall be taken as conclusive and final evidence of such membership.

11.5 Non-player Registration and Membership Declaration

- (a) Except where provided by the rules of LV, any non-playing member (coach/field official/manager or other team official) will be required to register with LV and will complete a Registration form and Membership Declaration form via the ORS.
- (b) Bench officials and other individuals who are involved in game day commitments will be required to sign the score sheet at the completion of a game with which they are involved. This will be considered as temporary registration with LV, and will provide jurisdiction over these individuals by LV.

11.6 Playing with a single Club for the season

- (a) In all LV men's competitions, a player shall be bound to the Club they first played for at the beginning of any season and shall not play with any other Club during this season, unless a transfer or temporary permit is approved by LV.
- (b) LV women's competitions may have from time to time a permit system in place.

11.7 Clearance after absence

Any player who is not registered to compete in an LV competition for a season (not including a box lacrosse season) shall, if they wish, be deemed to have an automatic clearance to another Club in a subsequent season provided they:

- (a) are financial with the Club they are leaving;
- (b) are financial with LV; and
- (c) have completed the necessary transfer form(s) and paid any fee determined by LV from time to time.

11.8 Junior Players

- (a) No person younger than 5 years of age (on the relevant day) may participate in LV Competition unless otherwise notified.
- (b) A junior player must be under the appropriate age level for the competition in which they wish to play on 1 January of the year in which the season commences.
- (c) No junior player shall play in a grade above their notional age group (junior or senior), except where they have provided LV written acknowledgement and permission of a parent or guardian to do so, in a form to be communicated by LV. See also Game Day Rule 6.1.
- (d) The LV Board may determine or may delegate to a committee or sub-committee to determine that this rule may in exceptional cases, be waived or an exemption granted in the particular case. Further detail and guidance can be found under the “LV Junior Age Exemption Policy”.
- (e) LV may publish and amend from time to time a Policy concerning junior player participation in both junior competitions above the notional age grouping for a player and senior (open age) competition.

11.9 Maximum number of games in one round

- (a) Players may only participate with one team in a given round in each age grade or competition
- (b) For the purpose of this Rule all grades/divisions of senior lacrosse will be taken to be one grade/division or competition

Examples:

- (i) A player participates in a Friday night game with one of their Club’s under 13 teams, they are not eligible to play with the Clubs second under 13 side on the Saturday of the same round, but would be able to play in their Club’s under 15 team on the Saturday or Sunday, if they are otherwise eligible
 - (ii) A State League player plays in a Friday night game, they are unable to play for any other senior team in that round, i.e. they cannot play Division 2 the next day.
 - (iii) An under 11 player participates in a Friday night game cannot play in a second under 11 game on the Saturday of the same round, but may participate in an under 13 game.
- (c) A junior player can play a maximum of 2 games per day or round composed of either 2 junior games, or 1 junior games and 1 senior game in any round for their Club.

11.10 Mixed Gender Participation (Junior Grades)

- (a) In regular field competition, and in accordance with the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)*, the following restrictions shall apply for the playing of members of the opposite gender in gender specific grades. For the avoidance of confusion this rule relates to boys playing in girl’s competitions and girls playing in boy’s competitions.
 - (i) In Under 11 competitions there are no restrictions on boys playing in girl’s competition and girls playing in the boy’s competition provided they are eligible under Rule 11.8.

- (ii) In the Under 13 girls' competition, no boys may participate.
- (iii) In the Under 13 boy's competition there shall be no restriction on girls playing provided they are eligible under Rule 11.8 and have completed a parental consent form.
- (iv) In the Under 15 girl's competition there shall be no male participation.
- (v) In the Under 15 boy's competition female participation shall be allowed provided they are eligible under Rule 11.8 and have an approved permit from LV prior to the commencement of the game.
- (vi) In the Under 17 girl's competition there shall be no male participation.
- (vii) In the Under 17 boy's competition female participation shall be allowed provided they are eligible under Rule 11.8 and have an approved permit from LV prior to the commencement of the game.
- (viii) Penalty for breach of the above shall be as set out in Game Day Rule 20 – Illegal Player.

12. TEAM NOMINATIONS

12.1 Team Nominations

Team nominations must be submitted to the LV Office by a date determined by LV.

12.2 Teams from Same Club in Same Section

- (a) This Rule 12.2 does not apply to LV junior competitions.
- (b) Where two or more teams from the same Club are engaged in the same division or grade, the Club concerned shall, either prior to or halfway through the season, lodge with LV a list of the players in each of the 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.

13. TRANSFERS AND PERMITS

13.1 Power to Approve Transfers and Permits

- (a) Subject to the Rules and any resolution passed by the LV Board, the LV Office shall have power to:
 - (i) decide all questions relating to permits and transfers,
 - (ii) grant or refuse any application for a permit or transfer;
 - (iii) grant a permit or transfer subject to such conditions as it thinks fit;
 - (iv) defer an application for permit or transfer pending the receipt of such further information as it may request;
 - (v) consider game and field official's reports and take action where the Rules of Lacrosse or the Rules of LV permit or with the concurrence of the Board;

- (vi) impose fines or sanctions permitted by the Rules, or with the concurrence of the Board;
 - (vii) undertake any other task referred to it by the Board.
- (b) Applications for permits and/or transfers shall be in the prescribed form as provided by LV and be lodged with LV before 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the game/match to which the permit or transfer relates
- (i) Any application for a permit or transfer during finals must be submitted no later than 12 p.m. on the Wednesday before the game/match to which the permit or transfer relates – see also Game Day Rule 7.5.
- (c) Decisions of LV shall be put in writing.
- (d) LV shall notify the nominated or appropriate contact person of both the current Club and the intended Club that the permit or has been:
- (i) approved, and that the player is now registered or permitted to play with their intended Club/team, or
 - (ii) denied, and that the player remains registered with their current Club (or not permitted to play for a certain team) until such time as the provisions of this Rule have been satisfied.
- (e) If LV refuses an application for a permit or transfer, the LV Office shall endorse the reasons on the application. If there is an appeal against such refusal the application and the reasons for the refusal shall be made available to the any person or Tribunal hearing the appeal.
- (f) The LV Board may resolve to delegate the powers set out in this Rule 13.1 to TPAG (or other relevant Advisory Group) at its discretion.

13.2 Transfer within the same Club (Men)

- (a) Except in the case of the team having a bye or giving or receiving a walkover, Clubs may transfer players between teams in senior competition in home and home games without the need for a transfer or permit.
- (b) In the case of a Club wishing to transfer a player or players to a lower division when a higher team from the Club has a bye, gives or receives a walkover, they may do so without a permit, provided that a maximum of two (2) players can be played in the next lowest grade.
- (c) Permits to play in a lower section will not be required in the case of a player returning from absence on a day when the higher section team in which he had been playing has a bye or received or gave a walkover.

13.3 Transfer within the same Club (Women)

Not more than four players (maximum of two senior 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 games. Four game points lost.

13.4 Transfer after ceasing to play

When a player ceases to play with his or her Club and does not register to play with that Club to which they have been a member or transfer to another Club in any given year, and to all appearances has ceased to play then a transfer will be granted unless the Club of which such player was previously a member can show cause acceptable to LV why a transfer should not be granted.

13.5 Transfer of Players – Application Process

- (a) All Applications for interclub transfer are to be submitted in duplicate. The original is to be sent to the Secretary of the Club from which the player concerned wishes to transfer, and the duplicate is to be sent direct to the GM of LV.
- (b) The Club from which the player wishes to transfer is to advise LV within two weeks of the date of the application of their approval or opposition to the application. The advice to LV shall be in writing.
- (c) LV, should they not have received any notice within the stipulated two weeks of the lodgement of the application, shall assume that there are no objections and shall grant the Application.
- (d) Where a Club objects to an Application for interclub transfer LV will consider the reasons for that objection and also the relevant strengths of both interested clubs before the granting or otherwise of such Application.
- (e) All applications for a permit for interclub transfer are to be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on each Tuesday. The applications are to be addressed to the GM of LV.
- (f) A player from a disbanded Club which has not operated for one year or more has an automatic clearance to the Club of their choosing provided they are financial with LV.
- (g) The clearance from another association must be signed by the secretary of that association. LV shall have power in its discretion to refuse or defer for any period any application made to it.

13.6 Transfer between two Clubs - appeals

In the event of a Club refusing to consent to a clearance, a player may have one appeal to LV in any one year if:

- (i) the player concerned has attained the age of 18 years;
- (ii) the player has not played during the previous calendar year for the Club; or
- (iii) if being under the age of 18 years the player has moved their place of residence a significant distance from their former residence and considerably closer to the new club.

An appeal to LV may be considered by the GM or by the TPAG (or relevant advisory group in place at the time of appeal).

13.7 Permits for Players (Women)

- (a) No senior player can play in more than one game on any fixtured round of games without the consent of LV. For a player to be given permission to play with more than one club, both the club to which the player is registered and the club to which the player is wishing to

play for shall provide written consent. The Board will not consider any request until the necessary paperwork has been submitted.

Penalty: Loss of 4 game points to be imposed on second team played with.

- (b) An application for player permit is to be submitted on a permit form. If both clubs approve the permit/transfer, the application should be completed and forwarded by the 'new / 2nd club' to LV. Upon receipt of the completed form, one copy shall be sent to the Secretary of both clubs involved. If one or both clubs oppose the permit, the application should be submitted to LV by the player. Upon receipt, LV shall send the form to the clubs involved for action. The clubs have 14 days to action and return the form (that is, either approve or reject the request) to the LV. Failure of action or failure to return form will result in the LV making a decision irrespective of the delay.
- (c) LV may grant the permit provided that:
 - (i) the permit fulfils the Lacrosse Victoria's 'in the best interests of the game' principle

13.8 Power to refuse to Register Players

- (a) The LV Board may at any time refuse to allow any player to compete in any game, notwithstanding that their name may appear on the registration list of their club.
- (b) The LV Board may at any time refuse to register any person or may cancel the registration of any person.

13.9 Person signing application for admission to a new club

No person who has signed an application for admission to a Club with open teams to LV shall, after such application has been granted by the LV Board, be allowed to play with another Club during that season without the sanction of TPAG.

14. ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

LV may make use of an Online Registration System (**ORS**). The ORS will be an LV Board sanctioned internet-based IT solution that assists game day and record management.

- (a) The major functions of ORS are to:
 - (i) enable LV and Clubs to register and transfer registration of players on-line, and
 - (ii) enable Clubs to record and disseminate game results and associated information on-line.
- (b) It is the responsibility of both the 'home club' and the 'away club' for a particular game to enter game day results, including any team sheet changes for both teams, and associated information on the ORS at the direction of the LV Office

15. CLUB UNIFORMS

15.1 Club Colours

15.2 See Annexure A. Registration of Club Uniforms

- (a) The Secretary of each club shall register with the Secretary of the LV Board a description of the Club uniform(s) specifying the grades in which variant uniforms which will be worn and submit samples if required.
- (b) Any Club wishing to alter its colours or design must gain the approval of the LV Board. Request for new uniforms, or alterations to current uniforms are to be detailed in writing, including at the minimum a coloured diagram, and preferably a sample.
- (c) The Board may refuse to register any uniforms.
- (d) In the event of dispute over club uniforms, priority of registration shall take precedence.
- (e) Every registration of a Club uniform shall be deemed to be in force until superseded by a fresh registration.
- (f) No Club or member thereof shall play in any uniform not registered with LV as the uniform of that club for the grade unless with the consent of the opposing captain and the game day referee or umpire.
- (g) These uniform requirements must be read in conjunction with the [LV flexible uniform policy](#).

16. ASSOCIATION COLOURS

LV colours shall be Navy Blue and White.

17. GRADING

17.1 General Principles

- (a) Prior to the commencement of any LV Competition , LV shall, at its sole discretion, determine the eligibility and placement of teams in the grades of that competition.
- (b) The number of teams in each grade shall be an even number except where that is impractical.
- (c) Games will be played at a time and a date and at a venue as determined by LV and notified to the participating Clubs at least seven days prior to the scheduled time of the game unless such shorter notice is agreed by the Clubs competing in that game.
- (d) Where practical, and having regard for the length of the season, each team shall play sufficient games to enable it to play all the other teams in its particular grade at least once and preferably an equal number of times. Subject to scheduling determinations these games shall be played on a home and away basis.
- (e) Promotion and relegation shall apply where LV determines, at its sole discretion, that such promotion and relegation best serves the conduct and quality of the competition.

- (f) In general terms the highest ranked team in its grade at the end of the Regular Rounds shall be eligible for promotion to a higher grade and the lowest ranked team in its grade at the end of the Season shall be eligible for relegation to a lower grade.
- (g) Except where specifically determined by LV prior to commencement of the Regular Season of a competition, LV shall offer promotion to a second team that fulfils the conditions for promotion and shall have the power to relegate the second lowest ranked team from any grade.
- (h) The procedure and details in regard to promotion and relegation shall be contained in the Game Day Rules.

17.2 Competition Structure

- (a) Principles

From time to time LV shall offer a competition structure to Clubs that LV determines best suits the needs of its Clubs and their members.

- (b) Playing Sections

LV shall determine the playing sections from time to time but shall generally conduct competitions within the following Competition Sections provided that LV determines there are sufficient players and venues to conduct such competitions:

Field Lacrosse

Junior
Senior

Indoor Lacrosse

Junior
Senior

Within each section LV shall endeavour to form competitions in the following sub-sections:

Male
Female

Eligibility for entry into all competitions will be determined from time to time by LV however, subject to law, males shall not be eligible to participate in a female competition.

From time to time LV may promote a competition on a trial basis that may need some relaxation of the provisions of the Rules and Regulations during its development phase. From time to time LV shall determine which competitions require such a classification and declare them as a "Development Competition".

18. FINALS FORMAT

- (a) 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).
- (b) 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:-

The **First Semi-Final** shall be a game played between the Club third on the ladder and the Club fourth on the ladder.

The **Second Semi-Final** shall be a game played between the Club first on the ladder (Minor Premier) and the Club second on the ladder.

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

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

The **Premier Club** shall be the Club winning the Grand Final.

Final four – three weeks of finals

1 st Semi Final	3 v 4
2 nd 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

- (c) Where there are less than four teams in a competition, LV will prepare an appropriate finals format.

19. ATTENDANCE AT OFFICAL LV FUNCTIONS

19.1 Annual Club Conference

Each Club shall be required to have 2 (two) representatives attend a 'club conference', to be held at the beginning of each year. Clubs may be fined for non-attendance per person at the conference.

19.2 Annual Presentation Night

- (a) Each Club with a senior team Club with LV shall be required to have 10 representatives at the Annual Presentation Night at the conclusion of a winter season.
- (b) Clubs with junior teams only will be required to have 5 representatives present. Clubs maybe fined for non-attendance.

20. NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS AND TROPHIES

20.1 Notification and nomination

- (a) The GM is to send, or cause to be sent, a notice to all Clubs by the 31 July drawing attention to this Rule. Following which Clubs may make nominations in respect of the awards set out below that are open for Clubs to nominate.
- (b) Each nomination must show the nominee's full name and address, their present office if any, in the Clubs and / or Association and give as complete a history as possible of their association with and to the game, the Australian Lacrosse Association, LV, other State

Association(s) and his or her Club or Clubs. Nominations may be required to be in the prescribed form specific to the award being nominated for.

20.2 Australian Lacrosse Association Certificate of Merit Awards

- (a) The secretaries of member Clubs will forward to the LV Secretary, not later than the 30th September each year, their nominations for recommendations for the ALA Certificate of Merit.
- (b) 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.

Note: Not more than three names may be submitted to the Australian Lacrosse Association in one year.

20.3 LV Past President's Trophy Award (Men's)

- (a) The Secretaries of Clubs will forward in duplicate to the Board Secretary, not later than the 31 August each year, their club's nominations for recommendations for the Past President Trophy Award.
- (b) 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.

20.4 Nell Rawlins Award – Women's Lacrosse

- (a) The Secretaries of member Clubs will forward in duplicate to the Board Secretary, not later than the 31 August each year, their Club's nominations for recommendations for the Nell Rawlins Award.
- (b) Nominations for the Nell Rawlins Award shall be referred to a sub-committee of the President, Secretary and the previous recipient, whose recommendation shall be final.

20.5 Sporting Act Award

- (a) Sporting Act of the Month Award
 - (i) Shall be awarded for an individual(s) demonstration of outstanding sportsmanlike behaviour.
 - (ii) The recipient(s) shall receive a certificate and a \$50 prize.
 - (iii) Clubs or individuals can nominate nominees for this award at any time.
 - (iv) The winner, along with all nominees be highlighted on the LV website.
- (b) Sporting Act of the Year Award
 - (i) This award shall be awarded annually at the LV Presentation Night to the individual, team or club for the act that most represents the spirit of sportsmanship.
 - (ii) The award to be determined by a panel of three (3) nominated by the LV Board from the winners of the Sporting Act of the Month.
 - (iii) An amount of \$200 and a trophy accompany the award.

- (iv) All finalists announced on the night.

20.6 Best and Fairest Players

- (a) Adjudication for Best and Fairest Player Awards shall be carried out by the field official for each game of the home and away season in all divisions and grades that compete for a best and fairest award. 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 in addition to the votes for the best three player's overall in each game.
- (b) The awarding of the best and fairest trophies is to be made by LV to the Eligible Player/s who receive the highest number of field officials' 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) The recipient wishing to have temporary possession of a perpetual trophy may apply in writing to the LV General Manager. Such applications shall be granted at the discretion of the LV General Manager having regard to proper arrangements for the care, safekeeping and return of the trophy.
- (e) Further details on trophy names and associated information are contained in Annexure B.

20.7 Premiership Trophies

Unless otherwise determined by the LV Board, all premiership trophies:

- (a) shall be displayed at the Grand Finals of the respective sections and shall be presented on the day to the premier teams;
- (b) must be returned immediately to LV for engraving and safe keeping and shall not be retained by the Clubs.
- (c) any winning Club wishing to have temporary possession of a premiership trophy may apply in writing to the LV General Manager. Such applications shall be granted at the discretion of the General Manager having regard to proper arrangements for the care, safekeeping 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.
- (d) Failure by any Club to deliver any trophy or trophies in its care to LV as required shall make that Club liable to a fine to be determined by the LV Board.
- (e) Further details on trophy names and associated information is contained in Annexure B.

20.8 Premiership Trophies

The Board may alter any trophy.

20.9 Premiership Medallions

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

21. USE OF LV BADGES

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

22. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

22.1 Purpose

This rule provides a means of reviewing an Administrative Decision made by LV, the LV Board or a person(s) exercising a power delegated by the LV Board:

- (a) to refuse an application for:
 - (i) the entry of a team in a competition conducted by LV;
 - (ii) the registration of a player;
 - (iii) the transfer of a player's registration; or
 - (iv) a Playing Permit
- (b) to revoke the registration of a player;
- (c) to impose a fine, or other penalty (including forfeit of game points), against a Club for a breach of any Rule, regulation or policy of LV;
- (d) to fine, or otherwise penalise, a Club for unauthorised alteration of a team sheet entered in the ORS or for making an inaccurate entry in the ORS; or
- (e) to determine a Game Result Dispute.

22.2 Investigation and Disciplinary Process

- (a) Any Club, which is the subject of an Administrative Decision may make application for review of that decision only upon the ground that the decision was made as a result of a misinterpretation, or misapplication, of the relevant rule, regulation or policy.
- (b) An application for review of an Administrative Decision must be made within three (3) business days of the date & time at which notification of the relevant decision was given, calculated by reference to the date and time recorded on the email or other correspondence by which such notification was given by LV.
- (c) An application for review must be made in writing and must:
 - (i) be in the form, and include the matters, set-out in appendices;
 - (ii) include a copy of the relevant notice of the decision given by LV; and

- (iii) not include reference to any document or other information which was not made available to LV prior to the making of the decision the subject of the application for review.

(d) Application Fee

A fee of \$300.00 must be paid to LV each time an Application for Review is made. The fee can be paid via any one of the following methods:

- (i) cheque;
- (ii) money order;
- (iii) cash; or
- (iv) electronic funds transfer.

The Application Fee must be paid, or satisfactory evidence provided to LV that the fee has been paid, within two business days of the date & time recorded on the email from LV of the original relevant decision that is the subject of the Application for Review.

- (e) The fee, paid in accordance with Rule 24.2 (d), may be refunded in part or in full at LV's determination. The Appeal Panel may submit their recommendations in regard to the refund of the Application Fee for LV's consideration in its determination. A full refund will be made in all cases where the Appeal Panel finds in favour of the Club.

22.3 Review Panel

- (a) If an application for review has been made in compliance with Rule 24, the LV General Manager must, within two (2) business days of receipt of that application:
 - (i) commence convening a panel of three persons, drawn from a pool of panel members approved by the LV Board, to consider and determine the application for review; and
 - (ii) subsequent to the confirmation of panel members provide those members a copy each of:
 - (A) a summary of the matters for review;
 - (B) the application for review; and
 - (C) the documents upon which the decision the subject of the application for review was made.

22.4 Match Result Disputes

- (a) If a panel is convened to review a determination of a Match Result Dispute the GM must within two (2) business days of the confirmation of a panel give to the other Club involved in that dispute:
 - (i) a copy of the application for review; and
 - (ii) a further 24 hours within which that Club may lodge its statement of grounds of objection to the application for review.

- (b) A statement lodged in response to a notice given under Rule 24.4 (a) must:
 - (i) be in the form, and include the matters, set-out in Schedule to this Part; and
 - (ii) not include reference to any document or other information which was not made available to LV prior to the making of the decision the subject of the application for review.
 - (iii) In the event that a statement is lodged in response to a notice, the GM must provide that document to the panel as soon as practicable after receipt of that document.
- (c) Limited Review
 - (i) In considering an application for review, a panel must consider only whether the decision the subject of the review was made as a result of a misinterpretation, or misapplication, of the relevant Rule or Regulation.

22.5 Conduct of the Review

- (a) Unless it considers that a hearing should be held prior to the making of a decision, a panel must determine an application for review on the papers.
- (b) In the event that a panel proceeds to hold a hearing, it is bound by the rules of natural justice but may otherwise regulate its proceedings as it sees fit.

22.6 Disposition

- (a) A panel may:
 - (i) affirm the decision under review; or
 - (ii) vary the decision under review; or
- (b) Set-aside the decision under review and make another decision in substitution for that decision.
- (c) In making a decision a panel is limited to the dispositions set out in the provisions of the Rules or Regulations relevant to the application for review.

22.7 Decision

- (a) A panel must give written notice of its decision to the GM as soon as practicable after that decision is made.
- (b) The GM must give written notice of a panel's decision to:
 - (i) the applicant for review; and
 - (ii) if the application for review concerns a Game Result Dispute, to the other Club involved in that dispute.
- (c) Amendment of the result Sporting Pulse

- (d) The LV General Manager must, within two (2) business days of giving the notice required by cause any relevant amendment to be made in Sporting Pulse to give effect to a decision of a panel

Annexure A

Club colours

Club	Colours
Altona	Purple and gold (First strip) Navy and light blue (Second strip)
Bendigo	Maroon, silver and gold
Camberwell	Red and royal blue
Caulfield	Bottle green and gold
Chadstone	Red, yellow and navy blue
Eltham	Black and Gold
Footscray	Green and white
Knox	Jade, white and navy blue
Malvern	Black and red
MCC	Red, navy blue and white
Melbourne High School	Maroon, Green and Black
Melbourne University	Black, blue and white
Moreland	Orange and white
Newport	Black and gold
Surrey Park	White and red
Williamstown	Navy blue and gold
Williamstown Women	Navy blue and gold
Wyndham	Purple and grey

Annexure B

Best and Fairest Trophies

State League

Men's competition – V P Healy Memorial Cup

State League/Premier League

Women's competition - The Jeannie Matthews Perpetual Trophy

Division 1

Men's competition - The J.L. Beattie Cup

Women's competition – The Jackson Trophy

Division 2

Men's competition - The C.G. (Chas) Middleton Cup

B Grade

Women's competition – The Finnegan Trophy

Division 3

Men's competition -

Premiership Trophies

State League – Men's lacrosse	Joel Fox Memorial Shield - donated by the Malvern Lacrosse Club.
State League – Women's lacrosse	Fearon Cup – donated by Mr and Mrs Titter.
Division 1 – Men's lacrosse	George Smith Memorial Trophy.
A Grade – Women's lacrosse	The Parker Cup – donated Mr Laurie and Mrs Joy Parker.
Division 2 – Men's lacrosse	Capitan Fearon Trophy.
B Grade - Women's lacrosse	Cheevers Cup – donated by Mr and Mrs Marie Cheevers.
Division 3 – Men's lacrosse	Hugh Woods Trophy.

Under 17 – Men’s lacrosse	R.E Pettit Perpetual Trophy.
Under 17 – Women’s lacrosse	Kendall Pearson trophy – donated by Mrs Kendrea Kendall and Mrs Dot Pearson
Under 15 – Men’s lacrosse	J L Daw Premiership Trophy.
Under 15 – Women’s lacrosse	Vivienne Parker - White trophy – donated by Mrs Vivienne Parker –White
Under 13 – Men’s lacrosse	J L (Jack) Beattie Trophy.
Under 13 – Women’s lacrosse	LV trophy.
Box Lacrosse – Men’s lacrosse	Ken Read Cup.

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