



**LACROSSE
VICTORIA**



Competition Rules

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SECTION 1

1. INTRODUCTION

These rules, known as the 'LV Competition Rules' are intended to ensure fair, competitive and enjoyable play. These governing documents were presented as two separate rulebooks, which have now been combined into one document with two sections.

The rules detailed here are to govern the sport at play by protecting the integrity of the sport and its members.

Where any LV Rule or policy conflicts 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**), and any Policy, as well as any appendix, schedule or annexure to these documents 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) In each even 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 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

- (a) 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 means 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**.

LA means the Lacrosse Australia (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 Home Affairs (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 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:

- (a) Club Office Bearers,
- (b) Club Officials (coach, team manager, anyone who is officially associated with the Club),
- (c) Players of a Club,
- (d) Members of a Club,
- (e) 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,
- (f) Any person(s) involved with and/or who contributes to the game of Lacrosse in any capacity,
- (g) 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 in that year.

Eligible Player means a player who meets the eligibility criteria of the Competition as set out in Rule 11.3.

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.

WL means World 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 honorary 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 rule 38 of this rulebook.

International Player is defined in rule 24 of this rulebook.

Junior Competition means any U12, U14, U16 and/or U18 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:

- (a) 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
- (b) Where LV has determined that the competing teams are required to nominate a clubofficial for a game that forms part of a competition conducted by LV, the official(s) nominated.

Rule means a Rule contained in these Competition 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 WL, LA 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

- (a) 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).

4.2 Appointment of Honorary Officers

- (a) 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 25 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.

Clubs 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 Director of Finance, 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

Club fees shall be ratified by the Board and provided to clubs 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 issued. Clubs will be invoiced a monthly fine of 1.5% on any balance outstanding as set per rule 8.1(b). 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 to 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 WL Rules as may be varied by Lacrosse Australia or LV from time to time to meet the specific needs of LA, LV, its Clubs and members.
- (b) Where the WL Rules have been modified, those modifications will be contained in Regulations as issued by LV from time to time. See Annexure D.

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.

- III. 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.
 - II. 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. Any LV club,
 - II. LV and
 - III. LA.
- (b) Player eligibility is subject to 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 a 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 any LV Competition for the first time a player 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:

- (h) 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 WL, LA 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.
- (i) 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.
- (j) To be eligible to play in the Junior, Senior or Master's competitions a player must be registered with the Club with which they play or intend to play.
- (k) 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.
- (l) 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.
- (m) 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 LA or a Club of a Member of LA.
 - II. person is under suspension from a Club or Club of LA or any other lacrosse association affiliated with the WL.
 - 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.
- (n) 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.
- (o) Registered Players can only participate in a competition in accordance with the player eligibility criteria of that competition.

- (p) 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.
- (q) No club shall be allowed to compete in any game under the control of LV unless such list of players is so provided.
- (r) 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.
- (s) 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.
- (t) If an unregistered player is played, the Illegal Player rule (as defined in these rules) shall apply unless the LV board deems otherwise.
- (u) 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.
- (v) 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.
- (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 May of the year in which the season commences.
- (c) A junior player shall be allowed to play in one grade above their notional age group (junior) given 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 rule 25.
- (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) Where a round does not align with another senior competition round, a player can only play in one team on a given weekend or period*.

**for the purpose of this rule, the term 'period' is where games in one round might be spread over several days and may extend beyond the weekend, for example a scheduled game for a club's special event. The game may be scheduled to play midweek or even in another week.*

Examples:

- I. Men's State League round 5 played on the same weekend as men's Division Two round 3, a player can only play in one team over this weekend or period*.
 - II. Women's State League round 8 played on the same weekend as women's B-Grade round 9, a player can only play in one team over this weekend or period*.
 - III. A State League game is moved to midweek at the request of the competing clubs, a player can only play in one team over this weekend or period* in which the round was to be played.
- (b) A junior player can play a maximum of 2 games per day or round composed of either 2 junior games, or 1 junior game and 1 senior game in any round.

11.10 Mixed Gender Participation (Junior Grades)

In regular field competition, and in accordance with the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic), the following rules shall apply for the playing of members in gender specific grades. Players are allowed to participate in any Community Lacrosse Victoria event or competition (i.e. non representative competitions delivered and managed by local clubs or LV) which best reflects their Gender Identity.

This is in accordance with the Sex Discrimination Act 1984, which explains that it is unlawful to discriminate against a person on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status. Further details and guidance on the eligibility of a player and participant in the LV competition can be found under the "[Lacrosse Victoria Trans & Gender Diverse Policy](#)".

- (a) The U10's Lacrosse club participation is a non-gendered participation pathway. All genders may participate provided they are eligible under Rule 11.8.
- (b) The U12 competitions are non-gendered based competitions. All genders may play in any competition they choose provided they are eligible under Rule 11.8.
- (c) For all gendered competitions (U14 – U18), all juniors may participate in the competition that best reflects their gender identity in accordance with [Lacrosse Victoria's Trans & Gender Diverse Policy](#). If a junior identifies as non-binary or gender diverse, they are allowed to participate in the competition they feel most comfortable participating in. If a junior wants to play in a gendered competition that does not align with their gender identity, a [Gender Dispensation Permit](#) must be completed by the parent and [submitted to LV](#) for approval. 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.
- (d) Penalty for breach of the above shall be as set out in the illegal player rule of these rules (38).

11.11 Women's State League Playing Eligibility for A-Grade 2022

Players from Williamstown Women's, Newport and Footscray are not eligible to play A Grade if:

- they are a senior Victorian player in the 2022 team
- they are part of U23 Australian touring team
- they have been part of an Australian squad in the last five years

These clubs are only able to drop three (3) reviewed State League players per match. A State League player is a player who played 50% or more of the State League season which equates to 5 matches or more. This will be in effect from June 17, 2022.

Note – 'Reviewed State League players' refers the list of players reviewed by LV and distributed to Williamstown Women's, Newport and Footscray.

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 rule 26.5.
- (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

- (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 away 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 (not having played the prior round to the one when the player is seeking to move) on a day when the higher section team in which they had been playing has a bye or received or gave a walkover.

13.3 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.

13.4 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.

13.5 Transfer between two Clubs - appeals

- (a) 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.
 - III. 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.
- (b) 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).

13.6 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 deciding irrespective of the delay.
- (c) LV may grant the permit provided that the permit fulfils the Lacrosse Victoria's in the *best interests of the game* principle.

13.7 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.

13.8 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 LV.

14. ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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

Club colours are listed in detail in Annexure A.

15.2 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.
 - I. In the event of dispute over club uniforms, priority of registration shall take precedence.
 - II. Every registration of a Club uniform shall be deemed to be in force until superseded by a fresh registration.
 - III. 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.
 - IV. 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

(a) General Principles

- I. 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.
- II. The number of teams in each grade shall be an even number except where that is impractical.
- III. 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.
- IV. 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.
- V. 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.
- VI. 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.
- VII. 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.

- VIII. The procedure and details in regard to promotion and relegation shall be contained in this rulebook.

(b) **Competition Structure**

I. 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.

II. 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 – Men's and Women's
Senior – Men's and Women's

Indoor Lacrosse

Junior – Men's and Women's
Senior – Men's and Women's

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

Men's
Women's
Mixed

In regular field competition, and in accordance with the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic), the following rules shall apply for the playing of members in gender specific grades. Players are allowed to participate in any Community Lacrosse Victoria event or competition (i.e. non representative competitions delivered and managed by local clubs or LV) which best reflects their Gender Identity. This is in accordance with the Sex Discrimination Act 1984, which explains that it is unlawful to discriminate against a person on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and intersex status. Further details and guidance on the eligibility of a player and participant in the LV competition can be found under the "Lacrosse Victoria Trans & Gender Diverse Policy"

18. FINALS FORMAT

18.1 Determination of finals teams and order of play

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

- III. The **Preliminary Final** shall be a game played between the winner of the first semi-final and the loser of the second semi-final.
- IV. The **Grand Final** shall be a game played between the winner of the second semi-final and the winner of the preliminary final.
- V. The **Premier Club** shall be the Club winning the Grand Final.

18.2 Finals formats

- (a) Six teams or more in a grade: 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

- (b) Five teams or less in a grade: Final three – two weeks of finals

Preliminary Final	2 v 3
Grand final	1 v Winner of Preliminary Final

19 ATTENDANCE AT OFFICIAL 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. Club's 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 may be 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 Lacrosse Australia 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 LA Certificate of Merit.
- (b) Nominations for Certificate of Merit shall be referred to a sub-committee of the Board, who shall make recommendations for nominations to the Board.

Note: Not more than three names may be submitted to Lacrosse Australia 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 sport-personlike 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 sports-personship.
 - 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(s) 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) Player ineligibility for best and fairest awards:
- I. Any player that is found guilty of any charge of misconduct under the "LV Match Day Disciplinary By-Law" or any other disciplinary rules of LV shall be ineligible for the overall best and fairest award for any competition in that year they are found guilty.
 - II. 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.
 - III. 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.
 - IV. 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.
 - V. Further details on trophy names and associated information is contained in Annexure B.

20.7 Premiership Trophies

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the LV Board, all premiership trophies:
- I. shall be displayed at the Grand Finals of the respective sections and shall be presented on the day to the premier teams.
 - II. must be returned immediately to LV for engraving and safe keeping and shall not be retained by the Clubs.
 - III. may be provided to premier clubs to have temporary possession. Clubs must 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. 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.
- (b) Premiership Trophies
- I. The Board may alter any trophy.

II. The details and naming of such premiership trophies is listed in Annexure C.

(c) 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 DECISIONS

22.1 Purpose

Rule 22 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 teamsheet entered in the ORS or for making an inaccurate entry in the ORS; or
- (e) To determine a Game Result Dispute.
- (f) This rule does not provide for an appeal of a decision made under the "LV Match Day Disciplinary By-Law" which has its' own appeal processes and guidelines.

22.2 Investigation and Disciplinary Process

- (a) Any Club, which is the subject of an Administrative Decision (as defined under rule 22.1) 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 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:

- (d) Be made in full using the form as provided by LV (on the website or directly from LV);
- (e) include a copy of the relevant notice of the decision given by LV; and
- (f) 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.
- (g) Application Fee
 - I. 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:
 - Cheque, money order, cash or electronic funds transfer.
 - II. 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.
 - III. The fee, paid in accordance with Rule 22.2(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 22.2, 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
- (b) subsequent to the confirmation of panel members provide those members a copy each of:
 - I. a summary of the matters for review;
 - II. the application for review; and
 - III. 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 22.4(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. If 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) If 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 the applicant for review; and if the application for review concerns a Game Result Dispute, to the other Club involved in that dispute.
- (c) Amendment of the result in the online games records platform

The LV General Manager must, within two (2) business days of giving the notice required by cause any relevant amendment to be made on the online game records platform to give effect to a decision of a panel.

SECTION 2

23. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY LV

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

24. INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

24.1 Limitations of International Players in a Club

- (a) Each Club may register for participation in an LV Competition any number of International Players in a season.
- (b) Notwithstanding Rule 24.1(a) above, the participation of International Players in each level of senior competition (for both Men's and Women's competition) in any one game will be limited to:

In State League competition that had six (6) or more teams the previous year:

- I. **two (2)** players for teams that finished in the top 4 positions on the ladder the previous year;
- II. **four (4)** players for all other teams.

In State League competition that had less than six (6) teams the previous year:

- I. **two (2)** players for teams that finished in the top 2 positions on the ladder the previous year;
- II. **four (4)** players for all other teams.

- (c) In all other Senior Grades/Divisions, **four (4)** International players per team.

24.2 Interpretation

- (a) For the purposes of this Rule, an International Player is a person who:
 - I. is not an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Australia (as defined by their passport and/or visa status); and
 - II. who has not been registered as an Eligible Player for the two consecutive seasons preceding the present season.

Note: The effect of this Rule is that a Club can have any number of International Players registered to play for the Club in a year or season but may only play the number of International Players set out in Rule 24.1 in each of the Club's senior teams at any one time.

- (b) A Club that is formally affiliated with an Australian university may apply to LV for an exemption to this Rule to permit international students to participate in LV Competitions.
- (c) This rule 24.1, does not apply to any indoor or box lacrosse LV Competition.

25. UNDERAGE PLAYERS PLAYING IN SENIOR GRADES

25.1 Permit required to play in senior grades

- (a) No player eligible for the U16 competition (or nearest equivalent) shall be allowed to take the field in any LV sanctioned senior (open age) competition except where approval has been provided from LV U16 Playing Senior Grade Permit Form. LV may, at its sole discretion, provide a permit where:
 - I. LV receives a written application from the Club wishing to field the junior player;
 - II. LV receives written permission from the junior player's parent/s or legal guardian; and
 - III. taking into consideration the player's physical suitability and competitiveness it appears, on balance, it is safe for junior player to play a senior game.
 - IV. Penalty for breach will be as set out for playing an illegal player.
 - V. Player's eligible to play in U14 competition or younger are not eligible to take the field in LV sanctioned senior (open age) competition.

26. PARTICIPATION IN FINALS

26.1 Eligibility to play in Finals

- (a) No player (junior or senior) shall, except with the written permission of LV, participate in any finals game unless:
 - I. they are properly registered and otherwise an Eligible Player;
 - II. they are (in addition to being an Eligible Player) clear of debts to LV and LA arising in the Current Year; and
 - III. they have played in not less than the minimum number of games, 30%, (in the relevant age group during the home and away season) – for the avoidance of doubt, the calculation for the minimum number of games will be rounded up to the nearest whole number (refer to Annexure E).

26.2 Movement between divisions/grades in finals

Movement within a Club's teams will be permitted as follows:

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

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

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

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

Note - This rule does not affect a junior's eligibility to participate in junior finals.

- (b) Byes and walkovers received (not walkovers given) count as games played provided the player's name appears on a game report sheet, and that the player would have been available to play if a bye or walkover had not occurred. The player's name must be entered into ORS within prescribed timeframe, and the hardcopy game report sheet submitted to LV within the prescribed timeframe in order for this game to count.

Where a division or grade has a round designated as a 'Competition bye' these games do not count for finals qualifications and teams are not required to fill out a team sheet.

- (c) LV may require evidence to prove the player was available to play during a bye or walkover as set out in this Rule.

26.3 Player non-selection in Higher Grades

- (a) Where a club has two or more teams in finals;
 - I. a player qualifies under Rule 26.1; and is not selected in a higher grade, they are permitted to play in the Club's next lowest grade team below that for which they are tied, provided the Club has teams engaged in both grades in a Finals Round.
 - II. a maximum of two players per team may be qualified under this Rule in each Finals Round (this number shall not be cumulative).
 - III. a player who qualifies under this Rule is permitted to continue to play in that grade provided they do not play in a higher grade during the finals series.

26.4 Maximum Participation in Finals

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

26.5 Finals permits

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

27. GROUND DATES

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

28. TIME OF GAMES

28.1 Morning Under-Age Games (Boys)

Duration of quarters and starting times for under age games:

Age Group	Length of games	Start time
Under 12	4 x (10) minute quarters	9.00 a.m.
Under 14	4 x (12) minute quarters	10:00 a.m.
Under 16	4 x (15) minute quarters	11:30 a.m.
Under 18	4 x (15) minute quarters	10:00 a.m.

28.2 Morning Under-Age Games (Girls)

Duration of quarters and starting times for under age games:

Age group	Length of game	Start time
Under 12	4 x (10) minute quarters	9.00 a.m.
Under 14	4 x (10) minute quarters	10:00 a.m.
Under 16	4 x (12) minute quarters	11:30 a.m.
Under 18	4 x (12) minute quarters	10:00 a.m.

28.3 Afternoon games senior lacrosse (Men)

- (a) All senior Men games of lacrosse will consist of 4 x 15-minute quarters.
- (b) After any goal is scored the game clock shall be stopped.
Note: the officials, at their discretion, will stop the clock whenever the ball is deemed out of play for an extended period.
- (c) During the last 30 seconds of the first, second and third quarters and the last 2 minutes of the fourth quarter, and during any overtime period, the game clock and, if applicable, the penalty clock(s) shall stop whenever the ball becomes dead, and they shall restart whenever play is restarted. This shall apply for all stoppages, including the scoring of a goal. Such a stoppage of play shall not be considered an official time-out for the purpose of illegal substitution, the gate or the Coaches' area, unless an official time-out is specifically requested by an Official or by the

Chief Bench Official.

- (d) At the end of each quarter, the Teams shall change ends. The interval between the first and second quarters, and third and fourth quarters shall be of 2 minutes. At half-time, the interval shall be 10 minutes.

28.4 Afternoon games senior lacrosse (Women)

Grade	Length of game	Start time
State League	4 x (15) minute quarters	2:45 p.m.
A Grade	4 x (15) minute quarters	1:00 p.m.
B Grade	4 x (15) minute quarters	1:00 p.m.

28.5 Grace Period

- (a) A 5-minute grace period for a late start is allowed. If one team is not ready to commence after the 5-minute grace period then the team which is ready can claim the game as a walkover, after an inspection by the field official shows that it is ready to play.
- (b) If the GM allows the claim, the team that is late will be deemed to have given a Walkover.
- (c) The game can still be played after the period of grace, either for the usual points or subject to a claimed walkover, provided both sides agree.

28.6 Moving of Games

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

29. WALKOVERS

29.1 Number of players

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

Grade	Women	Men	Maximum on field	Minimum on field
State League	16 players	16 players	10 players	8 players
A Grade	16 players		10 players	8 players
B Grade	16 players		10 players	8 players
Division 1		16 players	10 players	8 players
Division 2		16 players	10 players	8 players
Division 3		16 players	10 players	8 players
U18		16 players	10 players	8 players
U18	16 players		10 players	8 players
U16		16 players	10 players	8 players
U16	16 players		10 players	8 players
U14		16 players	10 players	8 players
U14	16 players		10 players	8 players
U12		16 players	6 players	5 players
U12	16 players		6 players	5 players

29.2 Notification

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

29.3 Fielding highest graded team first

- (a) When giving a walkover, Clubs must field their highest graded team(s) first.
- (b) Failure for a club to comply with this rule will result in a penalty applied as laid out in the illegal player rule (38).

29.4 Four walkovers

- (a) If a team gives four (4) walkovers in any one season that team may, at the discretion of the LV Board, be withdrawn from the competition.

- (b) All teams fixtured to play the withdrawn team shall be awarded the game as a bye. The fixture may be redrawn by LV at its discretion.

29.5 Points for Byes and Walkovers

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

30. OVERTIME AND SUDDEN DEATH PROCEDURES

30.1 Junior Competition (Girls and Boys)

- (a) During the regular season, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the game shall be recorded as drawn and no overtime procedures followed;
- (b) During finals, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the sudden victory procedures as detailed in the Rules of Lacrosse shall apply.

30.2 Senior Competition (Men and Women)

During the Regular/home and away season as well as all finals series, in the event of a tied score at the end of regular time the game shall enter into a 'sudden victory' as detailed in the WL rules of lacrosse.

31. LADDERS

31.1 Points system

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

Win	4 points and recorded score
Loss	0 points and recorded score
Draw	2 points each and recorded score
Bye	4 points and 0 – 0 the recorded score
Walkover received	4 points and 10 – 0 the recorded score
Walkover given	0 points and 0 – 10 the recorded score

31.2 Abandoned Game

Where game/match is abandoned:

- (a) Before commencement – 2 points each and 0-0 the recorded score
- (b) prior to three quarter time - 2 points each team and 0-0 the recorded score
- (c) at or after three quarter time - 4 points awarded to the team leading at the time the match is abandoned (2 points each if scores are level) and the recorded score at the time of abandonment

Notes: where a match is abandoned prior to commencement, the respective clubs may, in consultation with LV, reschedule the match to another time and/or date. These abandonment rules do not apply in finals (in finals LV shall determine the outcome or rescheduling of an abandoned game)

31.3 Grades

A ladder will be calculated for all grades except for U12.

31.4 Same Number of Points

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

31.5 Withdrawal from Competition

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

32. GAME OFFICIALS

32.1 Game Officials

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

32.2 Club accredited official

- (a) A Club accredited officials is qualified to officiate LV Competitions including but not limited to the following
 - I. LV sanctioned events.
 - II. LV Club based competitions.
 - III. School based competitions.
- (b) For Senior and U18 games all officials must be 18 years and over or have demonstrated maturity.

- (c) For junior games officials must be at least one age level above the division/ group in which they are to officiate and be accredited.
- (d) In order to receive accreditation as a club official an individual must meet the following criteria;
 - I. Attendance at an LV sanctioned club official's accreditation course;
 - II. Receive a score of at least 80% in completing the appropriate test an LVsanctioned club official's accreditation course; and
 - III. Possess a current valid Working with Children's Check, which has been registered with LV.
- (e) Club official's must register to be a club accredited official. Such registration may be through an ORS, which may from time to time at the sole discretion of LV change. Any such change will be advised to Clubs and officials wishing to accredit.
- (f) Club accredited officials who are not registered players must be registered as non- playing members of their Clubs and must have and use a valid email address.
- (g) A full list of the names of club accredited officials including their date of their accreditation must be submitted by all Clubs within two weeks of the commencement of each season.
- (h) LV, at its absolute discretion, may remove Club accredited officials with an unsatisfactory performance or attendance record from the list at any time.
- (i) If Clubs provide qualified correctly attired and equipped officials who perform satisfactorily as accredited official, Clubs may claim an allowance from LV provided as a fee credit for each game an official is provided. The value of this credit will be determined annually by LV.

32.3 Length of accreditation

- (a) Accreditation will be for a period of one (1) year
- (b) Club Officials must be re-accredited each year.
- (c) Failure to meet the conditions to maintain accreditation will require an individual wishing to accredit as a club official to repeat and complete the process detailed in rule 32.4.

32.4 Club officials' accreditation courses

On an annual basis LV will publish details of the online rules test which will be accessible via the LV website and distributed to clubs via email.

32.5 Association accredited officials

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

32.6 Allocation of Association officials

Association official's allocations to each LV sanctioned event shall be made by the appointed Allocations Officer/s.

32.7 Allocation of Association officials – Men's & Women's competition

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

32.8 Allocation of officials - U18 Section

The allocation of Association officials to U18 section competition play will be dependent on association officials' availability unless otherwise requested by LV.

32.9 Junior Sections

Clubs will provide all officials for all boy's and girl's U16, U14, and U12 games.

32.10 Allocation of Association Officials for Finals Competition

The State Chief Referee (CR) - Men's and the State Umpire in Chief (UIC) -Women's shall determine the allocation of all game officials for competition finals.

32.11 Allocation of Officials for Interstate/LA Championships

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

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

For all sections of competition:

- (a) it is desirable to have three accredited officials at all LV sanctioned events. All games must have a minimum of two Accredited Officials controlling the game for its duration.

- (b) all Accredited Officials are required to be physically able to officiate a game of lacrosse at the commencement of each such game and not incapacitated by injury.
- (c) the relevant Allocations Officer will nominate an association official as the Head Official (Head Referee/Umpire). Should there be no association official allocated, the home team club official will be the Head Official.
- (d) each team participating in any game is to supply an accredited club official.
- (e) if a team fails to supply a club official, the opposing team may supply a second club official
- (f) where both teams are unable to supply a club official and there are less than two accredited officials able to take the field, the game will not take place.

where only one club is able to provide an official and the game does not take place, the matter will be referred to the LV GM (or delegated body) for adjudication and the result of the game will be determined by the LV GM (or delegated body).

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

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

32.13 Failure to provide an official

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

32.14 Minor officials

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

32.15 Dress and Equipment of Officials

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

These are currently as follows:

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

33. SCORESHEETS AND RESULTS

33.1 Score sheets

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

33.2 Game results, statistics and scoresheets

- (a) It is each club's responsibility to complete the game/match results for each team online through the ORS and forward hard copy to the LV office.
- (b) Game scores and players' statistics must be entered online, using the ORS by Monday 10:00 am for men's competition and Tuesday 10:00am for women's competition following the game by both teams.
- (c) Officials or Team Managers MUST complete association votes online via GameDay results entry.

33.3 Lodging of Game Reports (score sheets)

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

33.4 Game Report Details

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

33.5 Failure to Comply

Failure to comply with this rule 33 will make the offending Club liable to a fine/s at LV's discretion.

33.6 Submission of Ground Reports

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

34. GAME HOSTING

Any Club may apply to host a round of games including finals, provided that all facility requirements are met as determined by LV and in compliance with event tendering requirements.

35. BENCH EQUIPMENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF GAMES

35.1 Home Team

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

35.2 Equipment to be provided

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

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

35.3 Scoreboard

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

35.4 Failure to provide bench equipment

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

36. OFFICIAL RECORDS

36.1 Official Records

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

37. FINALS ORGANISATION

37.1 Timekeeper and Scorers

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

37.2 Rematch

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

37.3 Applications to host finals

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

37.4 Selection of finals venue

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

38. ILLEGAL PLAYER

38.1 Consequence of playing an Illegal Player

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

ANNEXURE A – Club Colours

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

ANNEXURE B – Best and Fairest Trophy Details

State League

Men's competition – V P Healy Memorial Cup

Women's competition - The Jeannie Matthews Perpetual Trophy

Division 1

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

A Grade

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 – Lacrosse Victoria Division 3 Fairest and Best Player Trophy

C Grade

Women's competition – Kristine Palmer Perpetual Trophy

Under 18

Men's competition – Ronald David (Ron) Alaino

Women's competition – Sue Gandy Perpetual Trophy

Under 16

Men's competition – Vernon Kinross (Ross) Bullock Memorial Trophy

Women's competition – Valerie Orr Perpetual Trophy

ANNEXURE C – Premiership Trophy Details

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	Captain Fearon Trophy.
B Grade - Women’s lacrosse	Cheevers Cup – donated by Mr and Mrs Marie Cheevers.
Division 3 – Men’s lacrosse	Hugh Woods Trophy.
C Grade – Women’s lacrosse	Lacrosse Victoria C Grade Perpetual Trophy
Under 18 – Men’s lacrosse	R.E Pettit Perpetual Trophy.
Under 18 – Women’s lacrosse	Kendall Pearson trophy – donated by Mrs Kendrea Kendall and Mrs Dot Pearson
Under 16 – Men’s lacrosse	J L Daw Premiership Trophy.
Under 16 – Women’s lacrosse	Vivienne Parker - White trophy – donated by Mrs Vivienne Parker –White
Under 14 – Men’s lacrosse	J L (Jack) Beattie Trophy.
Under 14 – Women’s lacrosse	LV trophy.
Box Lacrosse – Men’s lacrosse	Ken Read Cup.

ANNEXURE D – Playing Rules Variations

Senior Men's

1. Full WL rules to be played – bar the below variations
 - a. Unified field – modified as per document on LV website
 - b. Goals – goals not required to be compliant until 2023

Senior Women's

1. LA variations to WL rules to be played
 - a. Unified field – modified as per document on LV website
 - b. Mouthguards: All players, including the goalkeeper, must wear a professionally manufactured intra-oral mouth guard that covers all teeth of the upper jaw. The mouth guard shall be of any colour including white or colourless.

(I) All National and International tournaments e.g Senior/U18 National Championships will be operated in accordance with World Lacrosse Rules which state 'the mouth guard shall be of any readily visible color other than colorless or white and must not have graphics of teeth'

Note – LV encourages participants to purchase readily visible coloured mouthguards that are not white or colourless to adhere to the National and International tournament regulations.

- c. Headgear – LV require all headgear to meet standard ASTM F3137
- d. Eye guards - In accordance with the World Lacrosse and Lacrosse Australia Rules the wearing of eye guards is optional for all Senior Women's competition.

For all Junior

- e. Girls competitions, the wearing of eye-guards is compulsory.
When wearing any headgear these must incorporate eye guards and meet ASTM F3137. Eye guards must meet the manufacturer's specifications and are highly recommended to comply with ASTM 3077

Junior Boys

1. Senior men's rules played to in conjunction to grade specific rulebook as found on the LV website.

Junior Girls

1. Senior women's rules played to in conjunction to grade specific rulebook as found on the LV website.

ANNEXURE E – Finals eligibility calculator

Finals Eligibility Calculator

Available Rounds (including regular byes and forfeits for)	30%	Games required for Finals Eligibility
20	6.0	6
19	5.7	6
18	5.4	6
17	5.1	6
16	4.8	5
15	4.5	5
14	4.2	5
13	3.9	4
12	3.6	4
11	3.3	4
10	3.0	3
9	2.7	3



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