



## **POSITION STATEMENT: UNIVERSITY LACROSSE**

### **PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT**

The purpose of this document is to inform the lacrosse community of the expectations and views Lacrosse Victoria (LV) holds in regards to participation at University lacrosse. From 2017 onwards the LV Board has removed the long standing “University Rule” from the list of rules for the association. This may lead some to question the future of University lacrosse in Victoria, this document will outline why LV holds great optimism for the future growth of University lacrosse. This document will outline the incentives and reasons why more young people who move from High School into University for the first time should take up lacrosse as their sport of choice.

### **LACROSSE VICTORIA POSITION**

At Lacrosse Victoria we recognise the strong connections many existing player’s hold at their current club. We also believe the University experience should be fully embraced and unconditionally support and strongly encourage any young person who enters University study to also transition to a University lacrosse club. We discourage a player’s home club from blocking or failure to support fully a player’s decision to transfer to a University Club.

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2. Override any club’s decision to block a player’s decision to transfer, except on outstanding financial debts.
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### **BACKGROUND**

Lacrosse Victoria removed the long standing University Rule from 2017 onwards. The University Rule mandated that a player, who previously had been a registered member of a club affiliated with Lacrosse Victoria upon being accepted for full-time education at a University which has a lacrosse club, shall be deemed a member of the lacrosse club of that University for a period of at least two years.



## SUMMARY

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This support highlights Lacrosse Victoria's commitment to supporting University Lacrosse in Victoria. It should be noted that players that wish to participate in the University Lacrosse League (ULL) are not required to transfer for this social comp. LV fully supports the development and growth of this initiative and hopes to see this prosper as a way for players to build stronger connections with their University lacrosse section