

## 24.3 BOX LACROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

24.3.1 In order to be eligible to play in any LC National Box Championship, a player must meet the eligibility requirements of their respective MA's regional play-downs. For Minor Nationals, a player must be eligible to play in play-downs in any jurisdiction in the MA where they are registered. They may play for the MA where they are registered or they may play for the MA where they reside or for the First Nations MA if they are a member of the Iroquois Confederacy. On an annual basis, upon approval by the Box Sector, exceptions to this policy may be made by the Board to allow an MA to pick up players from another MA without the necessity of a transfer.

### 24.3.2 Approved Championships and Competitions

24.3.2.1 LC shall endeavour to conduct national competitions at the Masters, Senior, Junior, U17, U15 and 11 levels on an annual basis. The Masters, Senior, Junior and U19 competitions shall be designated as Major Championships. The U17, U15, and U13 competitions shall be designated as Minor Competitions.

24.3.2.2 The Senior A championship of Canada shall be conducted annually under the guidelines established by the agreement of participants to which all participating MAs, leagues that qualify and LC must be signatories.

24.3.2.2.1 Any MA applying to enter Senior A Championships, shall post a five thousand dollar (\$5000.00) bond with LC Head Office. This bond will be held in trust by LC until a five (5) year commitment of participation in the championship is completed whereupon it will be returned in full to the MA. If the commitment is not met for any reason this bond shall be forfeited in full and evenly dispersed between the remaining participating MAs.

24.3.2.3 The Senior B championship of Canada shall be conducted annually on the Labour Day Weekend of September on the basis of one (1) representative team per MA. The Host MA shall be allowed to enter

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the local host association or club as a second team in the competition.

24.3.2.3.1 The schedule for Presidents Cup will be a full round robin.

24.3.2.3.1.1 The schedule involving 7 registered teams or less will be a full round robin

24.3.2.3.1.2 The schedule involving 8 or more registered teams will consist of two (2) Pools with teams seeded 1,4,5,8,9 in one Pool, and teams seeded 2,3,6,7,10 in the other Pool.

24.3.2.3.1.2.1 A Task Force chaired by LC Director of National Championships and consisting of the Box Sector Chair and two (2) individuals appointed by the Member Council – one individual representing a Small MA, and one individual representing a Large MA – will be responsible for seeding all participating teams as per 24.3.2.3.1.2

24.3.2.3.1.2.2 Round Robin format will see teams play all other teams in their Pool.

24.3.2.3.1.3 In all round-robin play, the round-robin will be followed by cross-over games to ensure that the competition is fair and reasonable. The cross-over shall be as follows: The 1<sup>st</sup> place team in each pool gets a bye. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in pool A vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place team in pool B, The 2<sup>nd</sup> place team in pool B vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place team in pool A. The winners of these two games will play the opposite pool 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the pool that they have moved to. The winners of these two games will go to the gold medal game and the losers to the bronze medal game.

24.3.2.3.2 The rating of the MAs as defined in Section 18 are as follows:

BC	Type 2
SK	Type 3
ON	Type 1
NS	Type 3
NB	Type 3

AB	Type 2
MB	Type 3
QC	Type 3
CanAm	Type 2
TNLL	Type 3

24.3.2.3.3 Grandfather the previous AMA's Three Nations Lacrosse to continue to participate in the Presidents Cup.

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- 24.3.2.3.4 Upon the awarding of the Presidents Cup to the FNLA, depending on the League in the Association that is awarded the tournament be eligible to enter the Host Team plus league champion.
  - 24.3.2.3.5 In round robin tournament plan, all games are final after 3 periods of regulation play.
  - 24.3.2.3.6 Should the final score be a tie and the end of regulation play, the game shall be recorded as such, with each team receiving one (1) point.
- 24.3.2.4 The Junior A championship of Canada shall be conducted under the policies established by unanimous agreement of all participating MAs, and LC.
- 24.3.2.4.1 Qualifications
    - 24.3.2.4.1.1 The MA must have a Junior A league registered with two (2) or more teams. The players on the team roster must be registered as Junior A players.
    - 24.3.2.4.1.2 The Jr. A League must play a minimum of ten (10) games per team.
    - 24.3.2.4.1.3 BLC and OLA to be type 1 and Alberta type 2 for the Minto Cup National Championship. These players must be non-imports.
    - 24.3.2.4.1.4 The MA has to have a minimum best two (2) out of three (3) playoff round.
    - 24.3.2.4.1.5 The MA Jr. A Champion to move on to National Championships.
    - 24.3.2.4.1.6 Any MA applying to enter Junior A Championships shall post a five thousand dollar (\$5000.00) bond with LC Head Office. This bond will be held in trust by LC until the five (5) year commitment of participation in the championship is completed whereupon it will be returned in full to the MA. If the commitment is not met for any reason this bond shall be forfeited in full and evenly dispersed between the remaining participating MAs.
  - 24.3.2.4.2 Engraving of name on Minto Cup Replica
    - 24.3.2.4.2.1 Winning teams will have their names engraved on the replica Minto Cup Trophy
    - 24.3.2.4.2.2 The total number of names to be engraved will not exceed thirty-five (35).

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24.3.2.4.2.3 These names will be taken from the team registration form submitted at the coaches meeting prior to the start of the competition as follows:

24.3.2.4.2.3.1 The five (5) Bench personnel;

24.3.2.4.2.3.2 The twenty-five (25) players;

24.3.2.4.2.3.3 The twenty-sixth (26) player who is designated as the extra goalie, provided he is included on a game sheet and dressed to play during the competition;

24.3.2.4.2.4 In addition to the names above, the following may also be included:

24.3.2.4.2.4.1 The team General Manager;

24.3.2.4.2.4.2 The team President;

24.3.2.4.2.4.3 Two additional names of players may be added if extenuating circumstances prevented them from being included on the team registration form. These names must be submitted in writing to LC Board of Directors stating reasons for their inclusion by September 30th of the year which the team won the trophy. The decision to include or exclude these individuals rest solely with the Board of Directors and their decision is final and binding and not subject to appeal.

24.3.2.5 The Junior B championship of Canada shall be conducted annually commencing the third week of August (unless otherwise approved by the Sector Chair). A total of one team may be entered from any MA (subject to the approval of their participation by their MA), as well as a host team.

24.3.2.5.1 The schedules for the Founders' Tournament to be a full round-robin.

24.3.2.5.1.1 The schedule involving 7 registered teams or less will be a full round robin

24.3.2.5.1.2 The schedule involving 8 or more registered teams will consist of two (2) Pools with teams seeded **1,4,5,8,9** in one Pool, and the team seeded **2,3,6,7,10** in the other Pool.

24.3.2.5.1.2.1 A Task Force chaired by LC Director of National Championships and consisting of the Box Sector Chair and two (2) individuals appointed by the Member Council – one individual representing a Small MA, and one

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individual representing a Large MA – will be responsible for seeding all teams as per 24.3.2.5.1.2

24.3.2.5.1.2.2 Round robin format will see teams play all other teams in their Pool

24.3.2.5.1.3 In all round-robin play, with 8 or more teams, the round-robin will be followed by cross-over games to ensure that the competition is fair and unbiased. The cross-over shall be as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> pool A vs 2<sup>nd</sup> pool B, 1<sup>st</sup> pool B vs 2<sup>nd</sup> pool A. The winners go to the gold medal game and the losers go to the bronze medal game. In the Founder's the 3rd and 4th place teams also crossover to determine who goes to the (non-LC) Tier 2 trophy game.

24.3.2.5.2 The rating of the MAs as defined in Section 18 are as follows:

BC	Type 2
SK	Type 3
ON	Type 1
NS	Type 3

AB	Type 2
MB	Type 3
QC	Type 3
FNLA	Type 3

24.3.2.6 U17 (male and female), U15 (male and female) U13 and Junior Women: Only one representative from each MA at each minor level meeting the criteria as set out, will be allowed to enter a National Competition.

24.3.2.6.1 A representative from at least three MAs at each level must be entered in order to conduct the competition at the Minor level.

24.3.2.6.2 Each MA will submit a Provincial All-star team.

24.3.2.6.3 All competitions shall be held in one centre that meets the set criteria, to be designated two years in advance.

24.3.2.6.4 Minor Competitions shall be held on the first week of August each year.

24.3.2.6.4.1 Junior Women's box nationals shall be held in conjunction with the female minor national's competition.

24.3.2.7 Inter-Member Tournament

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- 24.3.2.7.1 Any Minor Association, defined as an association within a MA meeting their MA obligations will be eligible to host or attend an Inter-Member Tournament.
- 24.3.2.7.2 Each eligible association must meet the hosting criteria.
- 24.3.2.7.3 Teams can be Type 1, 2 or 3 as authorized by their governing body and may participate in Tiers A, B, C, etc., as competition dictates.
- 24.3.2.7.4 There must be at least two non-host provinces represented.
- 24.3.2.7.5 Teams must enter by October 31 of the year preceding the competition.
- 24.3.2.8 Masters: Competitions in the Masters category will be sanctioned as National Invitational Tournaments (NIT).
- 24.3.2.9 Awarding of Sr. B and Jr. B Championships
  - 24.3.2.9.1 The selection of host for Founders tournament will follow odd years in the West (AB, SK, MB, BC) and even years for the East (FNLA, QC, NB, NS, OLA). The inability to host would not relegate the MA to the bottom of the rotation if they wish to trade spots with another MA in their East/West group. MA must participate in the previous year in order to be eligible to host
  - 24.3.2.9.2 The selection of host for Presidents Cup will follow even years in the West (AB, SK, MB, BC) and odd years for the East (CANAM, TNSLL, QC, NB, NS, OLA). The inability to host would not relegate the MA to the bottom of the rotation if they wish to trade spots with another MA in their East/West group. MA must participate in the previous year in order to be eligible to host.
  - 24.3.2.9.3 In the event that there is more than one MA in the East or West, as the case may be, tendering a bid which satisfies the minimum criteria, and if any of tendering MA's have not hosted the Championship since the other tendering MA, then only those MA's are eligible to be selected to host the Championship.
  - 24.3.2.9.4 Unless otherwise directed at the Box Sector Meeting at the SAGM the selection of the host, for the following year, will be done at that meeting. Any bid must be submitted in writing and comply with LC hosting criteria.
  - 24.3.2.9.5 The Host must provide notice to the Sector whether they will host their respective championship for the year identified on the rotation. Notice must be given to LC Office and Sector Chair, no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> in the year preceding the championship.

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## 24.3.3 Approved Trophies and Awards

24.3.3.1 The following is the list of approved trophies for competition at national championships/competitions:

- 24.3.3.1.1 Senior A – The Mann Cup
- 24.3.3.1.2 Senior B – The Presidents' Cup
- 24.3.3.1.3 Junior A – The Minto Cup
- 24.3.3.1.4 Junior B – The Founders' Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.5 U17 A – The Tackaberry Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.6 U17 B – Bill McBain Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.7 U15 A – The Commissioner's Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.8 U15 B – LC Directors Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.9 U13 A – The E.G. Dopp Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.10 U13 B – E.D. Blair Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.11 Female U15 – Rose Engemann Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.12 Female U17 – Dorothy Robertson Trophy
- 24.3.3.1.13 Junior Women's – Carol Patterson Trophy

24.3.3.2 The Host Committee shall award the members of Canadian championship or competition teams suitable medals, plaques or other such award as deemed appropriate by LC in the following amounts:

- 24.3.3.2.1 Major Championships – 30
- 24.3.3.2.2 Minor Competitions – 25