## 24.21 BANQUET AND CEREMONIES

- 24.21.1 The Host Committee shall organize opening and closing ceremonies for all championships or competitions. The format and content of these ceremonies shall be up to the discretion of the Host in discussion with LC Convenor.
- 24.21.2 In Box Championships or Competitions the Host Committee is not obligated to have an awards banquet. However, if official Championship awards are being presented, an awards event that all participants (teams, referees and officials) must attend has to be organized and scheduled. The host committee may have the option of charging a fee if costs are incurred and deemed reasonable by LC Head Office. This awards event cost will be added to each teams registration fee, due at the appropriate date.
- 24.21.3 In Men's Field Championships and Competitions individual awards shall be given out at a formal or informal gathering after the preliminary round of the Championships. Team awards and the Championship Trophy/Cup shall be awarded at the end of the final game. The Host Committee is not obligated to have an awards banquet. However, if the Host Committee decides to hold a banquet for participants and approved guests of the National Championship tournament, it will be held on the night before the medal rounds. Effective in 2013, attendance at the banquet for all approved players, coaches and team personnel is mandatory. The costs for the banquet must be approved for reasonableness by the Sector Chair in consultation with the Director National Championships. The cost of the event will be added to the tournament entry fee and is to be paid with the entry fee according to the deadlines outlined in 24.10.2.
- 24.21.4 In Women's Field Championships and Competitions the Host is required to hold a banquet for the participants and guests of the National Championships tournament. The cost of such a function is recoverable by charging the participants a fee.
  - 24.21.4.1 All players, coaches and team personnel are expected to attend the banquet.
  - 24.21.4.2 The Host Committee will schedule and organize both opening and closing ceremonies. The format of such ceremonies will be left to the discretion of the Host.
  - 24.21.4.3 Participants must be informed of the dates and times of the ceremonies. Dress code and other specifics must be included with this information.
  - 24.21.4.4 The production of a souvenir program is at the discretion of the Host Committee. Participants must meet the requirements and deadlines for printing, including photographs and rosters.