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3.8 AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS

3.8.1 *Amendments to the Regulations*

- 3.8.1.1 Notice of any proposed addition to, repeal of, or amendment to the Regulations must be submitted in writing on a policy change form to, and be received by LC Head Office the Association at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Board of Directors meeting at either the Semi-Annual Meeting (SAM) or the Annual Meeting (“AM”). The Association shall circulate to all Directors and Members the proposed changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.
- 3.8.1.2 Notwithstanding the above, any motion to make any addition to, repeal of, or amendment to the Regulations may be accepted for consideration from the floor of a Board of Directors Meeting provided a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to consider the proposed change or changes.
- 3.8.1.3 At the discretion of the President, in the period of time between the Board of Director Meetings, any additions to, deletions or amendments to the Regulations, excluding changes to rules of play, shall be resolved in the following manner:
 - 3.8.1.3.1 The President will prepare a Board E-mail Ballot proposal to be circulated to the Board of Directors with all supporting documentation.
 - 3.8.1.3.2 The Board E-mail Ballot Process will consist of the following:
 - 3.8.1.3.2.1 First Reading: The ballot is to be circulated electronically to Directors as per the contact information provided to LC Office. Any questions, comments or concerns regarding the proposal are to be submitted to the office within 10 days.
 - 3.8.1.3.2.2 Second Reading: All questions, comments or concerns received (if any) are to be circulated with the

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appropriate answers or responses to the Board of Directors. Any suggested improvements to the proposal are to be incorporated at the discretion of the President. Responses to the second reading are due to LC office within 7 days after the day the notice is sent out.

3.8.1.3.2.3 Final Reading/Vote: At the end of the Second Reading period, the final proposal is circulated to the Board of Directors including all questions, comments or concerns with the appropriate responses calling for a final vote. Responses are due in LC Office within 5 days. A two-thirds (2/3) majority would constitute approval

3.8.1.3.3 E-mail votes/responses will be accepted. However, only votes received from the appropriate Board Member's e-mail address as per what is on file with LC will be accepted. Otherwise, a faxed vote must be sent.

3.8.1.3.4 Non-Responses to the final vote will be recorded as approved.

3.8.1.3.5 Changes made to the Regulations will take immediate effect, unless otherwise stated, with the exception of changes to rules of play; however they will be reported to the Members.

3.8.1.3.6 To ensure the accuracy and effectiveness of the Bylaws or Regulations, it is the responsibility of LC Director Administration to review the bylaws and policies with LC Executive Director in advance of the AM and SAM and bring forward recommendations to the Board of Directors and the Members as the case may be.

3.8.2 *Amendments to Sector Regulations*

3.8.2.1 Change to Sector Regulations must first be discussed and subject to a weighted vote at the Sector Level.

3.8.2.2 The votes are based on the number of votes the MA holds for the sector in question as determined by the voting grid established at LC Annual Meeting prior to the meeting of the sector.

3.8.2.3 Notice of any proposed addition to, repeal of, or amendment to any Sector regulation must be submitted in writing on a policy change form to and be received by LC Head Office at least forty-five (45) days prior to the Semi-Annual Meeting (SAM). The Association shall circulate to all Directors and Member Associations the proposed changes at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

3.8.2.4 Notwithstanding the above, any motion to make any addition to, repeal of, or amendment to the Sector regulations may be accepted for consideration from the floor at a Sector meeting provided a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to consider the proposed change or

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changes. Changes shall be adopted, repealed or amended by a motion support by a majority of votes at a meeting.

- 3.8.2.5 At the discretion of the Sector Chairperson, between full meetings of the Sector, any action requiring a vote, excluding changes to rules of play, shall be resolved in the following manner:
- 3.8.2.5.1 The Sector Chair will prepare a Sector Email Ballot proposal to be circulated to each Sector representative representing their respective MA.
 - 3.8.2.5.2 The Sector E-mail Ballot Process will consist of the following:
 - 3.8.2.5.2.1 First Reading: The ballot is to be circulated electronically to all sector representatives representing their respect MA as pe the contact information provided to LC office. Any questions, comments or concerns regarding the proposal are to be submitted to LC office within 20 days.
 - 3.8.2.5.2.2 Second Reading: All questions, comment or concerns received (if any) are to be circulated with the appropriate answers or responses to the Sector representatives representing their respective MA. Any suggest improvements to the proposal are to be incorporated at the discretion of the Sector Chair. Responses to the second reading are due to LC Office within 14 days after the day the notice is sent out.
 - 3.8.2.5.2.3 Final Reading/Vote: The proposal is circulated to the Sector representatives representing their respective MA including all questions, comments or concerns with the appropriate responses calling for a final vote. Responses are due into LC Office within 10 days. A simple majority will constitute approval.
 - 3.8.2.5.3 Only the responses from the Sector representatives will be accepted unless a proxy has been assigned by informing the office in writing by mail, e-mail or fax. The Sector representative can choose to proportion the number of votes they carry as they see fit. For example, a member holding 5 votes can choose to vote all 5 for a motion, or can vote 3 for and 2 against if they so choose.
 - 3.8.2.5.4 E-mail votes/responses will be accepted. However, only votes received from the appropriate Sector representative e-mail address as per what is on file with LC will be accepted. Otherwise, a faxed vote must be sent. If a proxy is used, only the e-mail that is submitted in writing will be accepted.
 - 3.8.2.5.5 Non-responses to the final vote will be recorded as approved.

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- 3.8.2.5.6 E-mail ballots must be completed and final votes recorded at least (45) days prior to the sector meeting.
- 3.8.2.5.7 Changes to the Sector regulations which receive a majority of the votes at the Sector meeting will come forward as a motion to accept the change to the Board of Directors. The changes shall be adopted, repealed or amended by a motion support by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of votes at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Any changes which have been through the email ballot process may, at the discretion of the President, come forward as a motion to the Board of Directors by the email ballot process as sent out in Section 3.9.1.
- 3.8.2.6 If the change is approved by the Board of Directors, it will take immediate effect. If the change is defeated, it cannot be brought forward again for a minimum of one (1) year.
- 3.8.3 *Amendments to Regulations Related to Rules of Play*
 - 3.8.3.1 Regulations relating to Rules of play may only be changed in even numbered years through a process of review which is directed by the appropriate Sector Chair and which includes the input of the Coaching Committee and Officiating Committee. Regulations relating to rules of play may also be changed in odd numbered years when necessary in the interest of participant safety or the integrity or image of the game.
 - 3.8.3.2 Proposals for rule changes must be received by LC Head Office by February 15. Submissions will be forwarded to the appropriate Sector Chair and to the Coaching and Officiating Committee Chairpersons by March 1. Rule changes will only be accepted from the Board of Directors, National Officials Certification Program, National Coaches Certification Program, Members Council and Member Associations.
 - 3.8.3.3 The Coaching and Officiating Committee Chairpersons will submit their evaluations to LC Head Office by April 15. The Head Office will forward the evaluations to the appropriate Sector Chairperson.
 - 3.8.3.4 All proposals for rule changes must be considered at the Sector Meeting, at which time a vote of the representatives will be taken. Any proposal approved by 2/3 majority will be referred to the Executive Director and President for ratification within 5 business days of receipt, unless they determine that it may (i) present unacceptable safety risks; (ii) threaten the image of the game; or (iii) impose financial costs not accommodated in approved budgets, in which case the proposal will be referred to the Board of Directors who will proceed with a formal approval or rejection process within 15 days of receipt of it. Any proposals that are defeated cannot be brought forward again for a minimum of two (2) years.

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- 3.8.3.5 Rule changes not rejected by the Directors of the Association will be incorporated into the playing rules for the following playing season of the Sector unless immediate implementation is necessary in the interest of safety or integrity or image of the game.
- 3.8.4 *Amendments to Field and Sixes Lacrosse Regulations Related to Rules of Play as proposed by World Lacrosse.*
- 3.8.4.1 All proposals for rule changes must be considered at the Sector Meeting, at which time a vote of the representatives will be taken. Any proposal approved by 2/3 majority will be referred to the Executive Director and President for ratification within 5 business days of receipt unless they determine that it may (i) present unacceptable safety risks; (ii) threaten the image of the game; or (iii) impose financial costs not accommodated in approved budgets, in which case the proposal will be referred to the Board of Directors who will proceed with a formal approval or rejection process within 15 days of receipt of it. Any proposals that are defeated cannot be brought forward again for a minimum of two (2) years.