

*EUROPEAN  
LACROSSE  
FEDERATION*



# ***CHAMPIONSHIP RULES***

*Approved 24<sup>th</sup> September 2007*

# EUROPEAN LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

## INTRODUCTION

1. This document sets out the general position regarding European Events organised under the auspices of the European Lacrosse Federation (ELF). This may include, but not exclusively limited to:

Men's European Championships  
Women's European Championships  
Men's Indoor / Box Championships  
Men's Newcomers Tournaments  
Women's Newcomers Tournaments  
Other tournaments agreed by the ELF Executive Committee

The points below cover the Championships / Tournaments whether held separately (Men / Women) or together (Men and Women).

2. Recognising that there are differences between the Men's and Women's games in terms of general background, history, protocol and rules etc. these Championship Rules are in three different sections covering:

Matters common to both Men and Women's competitions  
Matters relevant to Men's Competitions  
Matters relevant to Women's Competition

3. In the context of adoption and any subsequent changes these Rules shall be considered as part of the ELF Constitution and subject to the procedures covered in that document.

4. The Full Committee will decide upon the scheduling of events with the intent of holding the European Championships at least every 4 years.

5. Members will be invited to bid to host Championships / Events and complete documentation to support their bid as required by the Executive Committee. Host nations of the European Championships must submit the proposed format and draft playing schedule to the Executive Committee at least 9 (nine) months in advance of the event for agreement. The Executive will agree this within 3 (three) months, in discussion with the host as needed, to allow publication to all member nations 6 (six) months in advance of the event.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS / EVENTS (Common to both Men and Women)

### 6. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

6.1 A Championship Committee shall be appointed and carry out duties associated with these Rules to ensure the fair and smooth running of the Championships.

The Committee decision in all instances shall be final.

As required, at joint events, two sub committees (men's and women's) may be formed to consider matters that are relevant to playing or tournament matters (where these are different between the men's and women's games e.g. Event schedule, result dispute).

- 6.2 The committee(s) shall consist of a representative from the Governing Body of each competing team. The Committee shall appoint a Chairman.
- 6.3 Each member of the Committee(s), including the Chairman if also a competing team representative, shall have one vote. If a separate Chairman is appointed he/she shall not have a vote except in a tied position. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

## **7. VENUE / FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT**

- 7.1 These shall be as provided by the Host Association / Organising Group.

## **8. ACCOMMODATION / MEALS / TRANSPORT**

- 8.1 These shall be as arranged by the Host Association / Organising Group with due advice being given as to charges to competing nations at least six months in advance of the event.

## **9. FINANCE**

- 9.1 The Financial arrangements shall be as laid down by the Host Organisation with each competing nation paying its own way (including payment on a shared basis between all competing teams for Referees / Umpires, separate for Men and Women, Accommodation and local Transport) and with costs for Playing Facilities (for games and practice) shared equally amongst the competing teams.
- 9.2 Accounts of all income and expenditure must be maintained and the final position communicated to the ELF within six months of the Championship /Event conclusion.
- 9.3 Any surplus from the Championship / Event will be divided equally between the host Governing Body and the ELF.
- 9.4 Noting the support given to Referees /Umpires, there is an expectation that the number (of those supported) will be kept to a minimum with the intent (depending on the playing schedule) that each Referee / Umpire would have involvement with at least two games per day and shall be physically capable of so doing.

## **10. PARTICIPANTS**

- 10.1 The Championships are open to all members of the ELF (For current membership see Appendix A).
- 10.2 The ELF may decide from time to time to hold Newcomers Tournaments specifically for the newer members and potential members. Entries to these competitions will be determined by the ELF Executive Committee who will then extend invitations to possible participants.

## MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS / EVENTS

### 11. PLAYING RULES

All men's matches shall be played to ILF Rules.

### 12. ELIGIBILITY

- 12.1 The player eligibility criteria of the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF), or its successors, shall apply for all international men's lacrosse matches or tournaments played under the jurisdiction of the European Lacrosse Federation.
- 12.2 If these eligibility criteria are changed less than 10 months before a European Championships, either by the ELF or indirectly by the ILF, then the new criteria will not take effect until after that European Championship.

### 13. FORMAT

- 13.1 The teams will play each other in a Round Robin contest or in groups (depending on the number of entrants). One point will be awarded for a win and no points for a defeat. Note: there are no tied games (in the event of a tied score at the end of normal time in a game the overtime rules come into operation).
- 13.2 Positions in the Round Robin (or groups) will be determined by the number of points won.
- 13.3 In the event two or more teams finishing with equal points then positions will be determined:
- a) the win record taking into account those games in which the teams on equal points have competed against each other
- if not conclusive then
- b) by the Goal Difference taking into account those games in which the teams on equal points have competed against each other.
- if not conclusive then
- c) the decider will be the "fewest goals conceded" taking into account the games between the tied teams.
- if not conclusive then
- d) the decider, between the tied teams, will be the Goal Difference taking into account all the games in the Round Robin Qualifying round
- if not conclusive then
- e) the decider, between the tied teams will be the "fewest goals conceded" taking into account all the games in the Round Robin Qualifying round.

In the event of the above being inconclusive then the Championship Committee will decide on the order. This will also apply in the event of any games being abandoned or unable to take place (because of inclement weather etc.).

- 13.4 The Round Robin placings will determine the Semi-finals (if the schedule permits) or direct to playoffs:

7	v	8
5	v	6
3	v	4
1	v	2

Extended as needed on the principles of above depending on the number of teams in the competition

- 13.5 The 1 and 2 placings contest the Final for the European Championship.

#### 14. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 14.1 Each participating country shall nominate to the Championship Committee, in writing, by 9.00am on the first day of the Championships its squad of players with shirt numbers.
- 14.2 Once nominated shirt numbers may not be changed without reference to the Championship Committee.
- 14.3 The nominated teams will be made available to all other competing nations by the Committee as soon as practicable.

#### 15. MATCH OFFICIALS

- 15.1 A Chief Referee will be appointed by the ELF.
- 15.2 Each participating country will be invited to nominate up to two Officials for the Championship, these must be passport holders or be eligible for passports of the nominating country. The Host country will have the option to invite further nominations from competing and other countries to ensure sufficient officials are available. Given the nature of the tournament and to foster the International spirit some appointments may be made by the Chief Referee in consultation with the Chairmen of both of the ILF Competitions and Referees Committees.
- 15.3 Game appointments and advice to teams will be as per ILF criteria.

#### 16 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 16.1 The Championship Committee members, or their nominated representative, shall form the Disciplinary Committee with the Chief Referee acting as a technical consultant wherever needed.
- 16.2 The Committee shall have the powers to deal with any player, coach, official or team as it sees fit. This may include suspension from one or more games in the Championship.
- 16.3 Any player who is expelled from a game will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for it to consider the action to take.

## WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS / EVENTS

### 17. PLAYING RULES

All women's matches to be played to IFWLA Rules

### 18. ELIGIBILITY

- 18.1 The player eligibility criteria of the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations (IFWLA), or its successors, shall apply for all international women's lacrosse matches or tournaments played under the jurisdiction of the European Lacrosse Federation.
- 18.2 If these eligibility criteria are changed less than 10 months before a European Championships, either by the ELF or indirectly by the IFWLA, then the new criteria will not take effect until after that European Championship.

### 19. FORMAT

- 19.1 The teams will play each other in a round robin contest or in groups depending on number of entrants. Two points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a defeat.
- 19.2 Positions in the Round Robin or Groups will be determined by the number of points won.
- 19.3 If two or more teams are tied on points positions will be determined by the IFWLA goal formula:

$$\frac{\text{Goals for} - \text{Goals against}}{\text{Total goals}}$$

In the formula, the scores of all games in the Round Robin or group of the tied teams are used. The maximum difference in scores allowed per team will be 12, which is achieved by reducing 'goals for' for example a score of 15-1 will be reduced to 13-1 before using the goal formula.

- 19.4 If one team is leading by 12 or more goals, the clock shall continue to run after a goal is scored.
- 19.5 The round robin placings will determine the semi finals (if the schedule permits) or direct to playoffs:
- 19.6 The 1 and 2 placings contest the Final for the European Championship.

### 20. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 20.1 Each participating country shall nominate to the Championship Committee, in writing, by 9am on the first day of the Championship its squad of players with shirt numbers and bench personnel.

### 21. MATCH OFFICIALS

- 21.1 A lead technical delegate will be appointed by the ELF. The number of technical delegates appointed will be dependent on number of matches per day.

- 21.2 Each participating country will be invited to nominate up to 2 umpires for the Championship. The number of umpires appointed will be relevant to the number of teams playing.
- 21.3 Lead technical delegate to be responsible for determining the number of technical delegates and umpires required to run the event. The host country has the option to invite further nominations from competing and other countries to ensure sufficient umpires and technical delegates are available. Given the nature of the tournament and to foster the international spirit some appointments may be made in liaison with the IFWLA VP Rules and Umpiring.
- 21.4 The lead technical delegate will be responsible for game appointments.

## 22 DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 22.1 The Championship Committee members, or their nominated representative, shall form the Disciplinary Committee with the Head Technical Delegate acting as a technical consultant wherever needed.
- 22.2 The Committee shall have the powers to deal with any player, coach, official or team as it sees fit. This may include suspension from one or more games in the Championship.
- 22.3 Any player who is expelled from a game will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for it to consider the action to take.

**ELF Membership****Appendix A**

Founder Members 1995: CZECH REPUBLIC, ENGLAND, GERMANY, SCOTLAND, SWEDEN, WALES

Elected 2001: AUSTRIA, THE NETHERLANDS, IRELAND

Elected 2002: DENMARK, FINLAND

Elected 2003: ITALY, LATVIA, SPAIN

Elected 2004: SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA

Elected 2005: NORWAY

Elected 2006: SWITZERLAND

Elected 2007: BULGARIA, FRANCE

*End of Document*