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CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the general position regarding European events organised under the auspices of the European Lacrosse Federation (ELF). This may include, but is 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 rules set out below cover the Championships / Tournaments whether held separately (Men / Women) or together (Men and Women).

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.

CHAMPIONSHIPS / EVENTS

1. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

- 1.1 The Full Committee will decide upon the scheduling of events with the intent of holding the European Championships at least every 4 years.
- 1.2 Members will be invited to bid to host Championships/Tournaments and complete documentation to support their bid as required by the Executive Committee. In the event of more than one bid to host the Championships, member countries will then be invited to cast a vote as to which bid should become the host Nation. The vote may be either at an AGM or by postal vote.

Host nations of the European Championships will inform the Executive Committee at least 9 (nine) months in advance of the event of the number of participating nations. The Executive will put together a format and playing schedule within 3 (three) months after this in discussion with the host, Referee in Chief (RIC) and Head Technical Delegate (HTD) as needed. The playing schedule will be made available to participating nations 6 (six) months in advance of the Championship.

- 1.3 Those with a possibility to influence the outcome of a match may not, by themselves or via any other person, bet on the outcome of a match. This means that players, officials, secretariat, coaches, team personnel and board members may not bet on a match where their own team participates. Referees and umpires may not bet on a match, or any match in a tournament, they are part of.

2. PLAYING RULES

- 2.1 All matches shall be played in accordance with the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Rules unless the RIC/HTD states otherwise.

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3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The player eligibility criteria of the FIL shall apply for all international lacrosse matches or tournaments played under the jurisdiction of the European Lacrosse Federation.
- 3.2 If these eligibility criteria are changed less than 10 months before a European Championships, either by the ELF or indirectly by the FIL then the new criteria will not take effect until after that European Championship.
- 3.3 An exception to the FIL rules may be offered to a new and/or developing nation needing support and this is undertaken through being actively sought or offered from outside. An exception may also be made for an individual player wishing to represent any ELF member country who does not meet the FIL eligibility criteria, but this will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Such applications should be submitted to and considered by the ELF Executive minimum 9 months prior to the Championship. The decision of the ELF Executive shall be binding and final.

4. FORMAT

- 4.1 The teams will play each other in a Round Robin contest or in groups (depending on the number of entrants). In the Women's tournament Round Robin/Group stage, two points will be awarded for a win, one for a tie and none for a defeat. In the Men's Tournament, one point will be awarded for a win and no points for a defeat. Note: there are no tied games in the Men's tournament (in the event of a tied score at the end of normal time in a men's game the FIL overtime rules come into operation).
- 4.2 Positions in the Round Robin (or groups) will be determined by the number of points won.
- 4.3 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.).

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4.4 Depending on the playing format agreed in advance, the Round Robin placings will determine:

a) the Semi-finals (if the schedule permits) as follows:

1	v	4
2	v	3

with the remaining teams playing on principle as in b); OR

b) direct to playoffs as follows:

7	v	8	(7th place match)
5	v	6	(5th place match)
3	v	4	(3rd place match)
1	v	2	(final match)

OR extended as needed on the principles of above depending on the number of teams in the competition.

5. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- 5.1. 30 full days before the first match of the Championship a list of the team delegation, shall be sent to ELF including specifications around how each player meets the player eligibility criteria as set out in section 3 of these Championship Rules. The list may consist of up to 30 players from which the final delegation shall be selected. Only those persons included in the final list are entitled to participate in the Championship. Passports or any other internationally accepted ID card shall be checked in connection with the accreditation.
- 5.2. 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.
- 5.3. Once nominated, players' shirt numbers may not be changed without reference to the Championship Committee.
- 5.4. The nominated teams rosters will be made available to all other competing nations by the Committee as soon as practicable.

6. MATCH OFFICIALS

- 6.1 A Referee in Chief (men's lacrosse) and Head Technical Delegate (women's lacrosse) will be appointed by the ELF Executive Committee confirmed by a 2/3 majority of the member nations of the ELF at least 12 months prior to the Championship. The RIC is responsible for determining the number of referees required to run the event and for selecting and assigning those referees. The HTD is responsible for determining the number of technical delegates and umpires required to run the event and for selecting and assigning those umpires and technical delegates.
- 6.2 Each participating country will be invited to nominate up to two referees and two umpires/technical delegates for the Championship. These must be passport holders or be eligible for passports of the nominating country. The RIC/HTD will have the option to invite further nominations from those countries competing and other countries that may not be competing to ensure sufficient officials are available. The

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appointment of referees, technical delegates and umpires is within the discretion of the RIC/HTD, and they are not obliged to accept any nominated individual.

Given the nature of the tournament and to foster International spirit, some appointments may be made by the RIC and/HTD of officials from non European countries.

- 6.3 Game appointments and advice to teams will be as per FIL criteria. However, the RIC and HTD each have an absolute discretion to deal with issues arising in the course of the event as they see fit.

7. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

- 7.1 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 Championship 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)

- 7.2 The committee(s) shall consist of minimum 5 individuals from ELF member nations with sufficient knowledge of lacrosse as well as experience from similar events. In addition, two substitute candidates should be elected in case of any of the committee members not being able to carry out their duty. The Championship Committee members and substitutes are elected at the last ELF Annual General Meeting prior to the event or, if for any reason this has not occurred, shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 7.3 Each member of the Championship Committee(s), including the Chairman 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.

8. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 8.1 The Championship Committee members shall form the Disciplinary Committee with the RIC and HTD acting as a technical consultant wherever needed.
- 8.2 The Committee shall have the powers to deal with any player, coach, official or team who is alleged to have breached the Championship rules or otherwise to have brought the game or the tournament into disrepute as it sees fit. This may include suspension from one or more games in the Championship.
- 8.3 Any player who is expelled from a game will be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for consideration of further action.
- 8.4 An appeal against any decision of the Disciplinary Committee from a participating team or individual must be written, signed and accompanied by the amount of 100 EUR, which will be returned only if the appeal is approved.
- 8.5 In the event that an appeal is received, the Championship Committee shall appoint an appeal panel consisting of at least 3 persons who were not members of the Disciplinary Committee formed to consider the original allegation. That appeal panel shall deal with the appeal as it sees fit and shall determine its own procedure for doing so.

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9. VENUE / FACILITIES / EQUIPMENT

9.1 These shall be as provided by the Host Organisation.

10. ACCOMMODATION / MEALS / TRANSPORT

10.1 These shall be as arranged by the Host Organisation with due advice being given as to charges to competing nations at least 12 months in advance of the event.

11. FINANCE

11.1 The Financial arrangements shall be as laid down by the Host Organisation with each competing nation paying its own way, accommodation and possibly local transport. The costs of playing facilities (for games and practice) and referees/umpires and their accommodation will be shared equally amongst the competing teams. The shared basis means that the costs of the referees for the men's event are shared by the competing men's teams and the cost of the umpires by the competing women's teams. Accommodation in this respect covers "half board" (accommodation incl. breakfast and dinner), all other meals are the responsibility of the individual.

11.2 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.

11.3 Any surplus from the Championship / Event will be divided equally between the host Governing Body and the ELF.

11.4 Participants shall be responsible for taking out the appropriate insurance to cover their delegations.

12. PARTICIPANTS

12.1 The Championships are open to all fully paid up members of the ELF.

12.2 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.

13. ANTI-DOPING

13.1 The host country shall be responsible for all costs and procedures for testing. The ELF Executive Committee shall act as the adjudicators and decide in matters regarding doping during the Championship. Sanctions imposed by the adjudicators are final as far as the duration of the competition to which they apply is concerned.

13.2 When taking decisions the valid ELF regulations and the policies and procedures as prescribed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) as adopted by FIL are applied. However, it is entirely a matter for the ELF Executive Committee in its absolute discretion whether or not testing is to be carried out at any particular event, and this decision need not be communicated to any team or country proposing to participate in the event.

13.3 All players registered for competition agree to undergo doping control tests upon request. Refusal of any player to submit to a doping test shall be considered as

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equivalent to a positive result. The player is entitled to be accompanied by an official or other member of the team during the test.

- 13.4 In case of a positive doping test the player concerned shall be suspended during investigation and not allowed to participate in any games or where games have been concluded shall not be eligible for selection of any award. If a player is to be sanctioned that decision will be taken after the Championship.

14. MEETINGS AT ELF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 14.1. Immediately prior to the start of the tournament a technical meeting shall be held where the organizing committee, the coach of each team, the referees/umpires and the ELF executive shall be present.
- 14.2 Immediately prior to the start of the tournament a meeting for managers shall be held where the organizing committee, the head of delegation of each team, the RIC/HTD and the ELF Executive Committee shall be present.

15. PRACTICE SESSIONS DURING ELF CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 15.1 Teams are entitled to practice for at least 60 minutes per day on a location near playing venue.
- 15.2 Practice sessions shall be conducted according to the official practice schedule.
- 15.3 Teams shall bring their own balls and other equipment to practice sessions.

16. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES

- 16.1 The ELF Executive Committee shall take decisions on all matters not provided for in these Championship Rules as well as in cases of "force majeure". Such decisions shall not be subject to appeal.

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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

Elected 2008: POLAND

Elected 2009: BELGIUM

Elected 2010 HUNGARY, PORTUGAL

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