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POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Over the past couple of years there have been various changes that have affected the National Championships. Please familiarize yourself with the material related below.

EQUIPMENT

There have been numerous changes in equipment rules. The CLA website has the latest approved equipment listed and CLA Operations Manual Section 12 – Safety and Equipment must be adhered to without exception. Ensure that there are no deviations from this policy.

CLA CERTIFIED BALLS

deBeer Lacrosse is current the exclusive supplier of Balls for the CLA National Championships. The Host is required to supply only these certified balls for use during game play.

FORMS

Team Registration, Liability/Code of Conduct Forms and Coaches form 100.

As per CLA Operation Manual – Section 24, the Team Registration form and the Liability/Code of Conduct Forms will be brought to the coaches meeting prior to the tournament.

The Liability/Code of Conduct Forms must be signed by all players, coaches, management staff, trainers and bench personnel connected with all participating teams. This waiver will have to be signed by all on floor, minor officials as well as all personnel involve in any capacity in the tournament.

DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOUR

The CLA requests that all Conveners deal very harshly with discipline and unacceptable behaviour. Team Representatives who violate the CLA Code of Conduct should be disciplined or banned from the area.

All discussions with the CLA Convenor and/or the Chief Official are to be held in private.

SECTION 1 – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POLICY

The following statement is the Guiding Policy on National Championships. This statement has been passed by the Membership of the Association and forms the underlying philosophy behind all CLA sanctioned National Competitions (CLA Operations Policy 24.2)

- 24.2.1. National Championships and Competitions are an important function of the Association and must be conducted in the best interests of the development of all MAs and AMAs. To be effective they must involve commitment, cooperation and communication among all the MAs and AMAs.
- 24.2.2. The objective of the National Championships and Competitions is to enhance future competition while at the same time protecting the heritage of each championship. This will be accomplished by developing opportunities for personal growth (leadership, friendship, national awareness and fun), and recognition for athletes, coaches and officials.
- 24.2.3. National Championships and Competitions should be perceived as competitive, organized and representative. Regardless of their format they should be the culmination of the year's competition. They must provide a positive image through the promotion of excellence in ethics, skills, fair play and organization, in an atmosphere of mutual respect and camaraderie among all participants.
- 24.2.4. National Championships and Competitions are a vehicle for the enhancement, growth and promotion of the sport of lacrosse to or through the:
 - 24.2.4.1. lacrosse community;
 - 24.2.4.2. general public;
 - 24.2.4.3. corporate sponsors;
 - 24.2.4.4. media;
 - 24.2.4.5. government.
- 24.2.5. National Championships and Competitions shall adhere to the regulations of the CLA Operations Manual.
- 24.2.6. National Championship Agreements signed between MAs or AMAs, such as but not limited to the Mann and Minto agreements shall meet or exceed the standards outline in the CLA Operations Manual.

SECTION 2 – ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

CLA CONVENER

Appointment – The national championship CLA Convener is the representative of the CLA at the Championship. The VP of Domestic Competition, in consultation with the Executive Committee, Host MA/AMA and the Sector Chairperson appoint the CLA Conveners.

The CLA Convener is responsible to the Canadian Lacrosse Association for the decisions made on behalf of the Association. The nominee should be drawn from (in order of precedence): Executive Committee, CLA Directors, Sector Chairs, or the Sector Committee Members. If no candidate is available from those sources, the Host MA/AMA should be asked to provide the name of a prominent and respected member of the Lacrosse community.

The CLA Convener appointment is to be confirmed by April 1 prior to the National Championship.

Duties – The role of the CLA Convener is to act as a general supervisor of the competition. The function of the CLA Convener is to ensure that the competition adheres to without changing:

- The Bylaws and Policies of the CLA
- The rules of play as per CLA rulebook and current situation manual
- Coordinate with the Host Committee and ensure the hosting agreement is followed
- Supervise the competition to insure orderly operation of the event
- Work in conjunction with the Chief Official
- Be familiar with and have on hand CLA Operations Manual, Conveners Guide, and CLA Rule Book
- Verify the registration of the participants prior to the start of the competition by insuring all registration forms are brought to the coaches meeting.
- Verify all waivers are signed by all players, coaches, team personnel, referees and all Host Committee members deemed necessary. (teams must bring forms to Coaches Meeting)
- Serve as the chairperson of the Appeals Committee
- Conduct a pre-competition meeting with the Host, the Referee-in-Chief and the representatives of the participants
- Maintain a close liaison with the Host
- Attend Opening and Closing Ceremonies and present Championship Trophy.
- Review all game sheets ensuring that they are complete and accurate, and deal with any items requiring further action

- File a report at the end of the competition, which includes all game sheets, reports of further actions required and evaluations of the competition, the efforts of the hosts and the organization, and any recommendations on improvements to the competition.

Expenses – Transportation, accommodations and per diem for CLA Convenor is to be paid for by CLA as per CLA guidelines.

CHIEF OF OFFICIALS

Appointment – The Chief Official (Referee-in-Chief, Umpire-in-Chief) of a national championship competition is appointed by the Chair of Officiating upon consultation with the Host MA/AMA as per the “National Officiating Program” guidelines.

The Chief Officials (Referee-in-Chief, Umpire in Chief) appointment will be confirmed by April 1 prior to the National Championship.

Duties – The Chief Official is responsible to the CLA Convenor and reports directly to that person. The Chief Official is to serve as the technical resource for the CLA Convenor and:

- Coordinate pre-event planning with Host Committee
- Ensure hosting guidelines as they pertain to officiating are being followed
- Chair pre-competition meeting with officials to review rules applications
- Attend the pre-competition meeting and answer all questions and issues pertaining to officiating
- Respond to all questions regarding application and interpretation of rules
- Handle all communication between officials and participants
- Inspect all playing facilities to ensure they meet the requirements of the playing rules and are a safe and proper environment
- Assign supervise and evaluate the officials at the competition/ Hold a pre-medal round meeting with the officials to announce assignments for the medal games
- Supervise the minor officials
- Receive and distribute payments to officials
- Provide input to inquiries or discipline procedures as the representative of the officials under supervision
- Submit a final report to the CLA Chair of Officiating, VP Domestic Competition and the CLA Office
- Supervision and evaluation responsibilities include:
 - Overseeing the officiating of the games
 - Where possible, providing ongoing comments and feedback.(dressing room on private)
 - Ensuring limited access to officials dressing room
 - Complete a written evaluation of each official (copies to the CLA Chair of Officiating, the official and the home M/A of the official)

The Chief Official does not officiate during the Championships. However should a situation arise which requires the Chief Official to participate as a game official approval must be sought from the CLA Converter.

Expenses and Honorarium – Transportation, accommodations and per diem for the Chief of Officials to be paid for by CLA as per CLA guidelines.

The honorarium for the Chief Official, with the exception of Sr. and Jr. Box, is to be paid by the Host Committee in advance of the competition. A payment will be made by the CLA upon receipt of their report.

TOURNAMENT/SERIES CONVENER/COORDINATOR

Appointment – The Tournament/Series Convener/Coordinator is appointed by the Hosting Member Association in conjunction with the local hosting organization.

Duties – The Tournament Coordinator/Convener is responsible for ensuring that:

- All logistics of the competition are in place
- Information packages are distributed to the participants in advance of the competition
- Sufficient volunteers are in place to effectively operate the competition
- All volunteers have signed the CLA Waiver (CLA F005)
- Facilities are reserved for the pre-competition meeting, and other required meetings (eg. Discipline Committee)
- Opening and closing ceremonies are coordinate, including presentation of the Championship trophy
- All financial requirements are fulfilled
- Sufficient minor officials are in place and coordinate the minor official assignments with the Chief Official
- The event is well publicized
- The schedule is followed appropriately and the games start on time
- The sites are properly supervised and there is sufficient security
- Potential Sponsors/Advertisers are approached and all Marketing Agreements follow CLA Operations Manual – Section 15.13
- All results are reported to the Media in a correct, consistent, and complete manner as per CLA Operations Manual – Section 15.14
- The requirements of the CLA National Hosting Guidelines are met
- First Aid and Medical Services are provided

SECTION 3 – RULES AND INTERPRETATIONS

RULES

The rules of play are issued by the CLA. Specific situational applications of the rules are set out in the CLA Policy Manual and in the Rule and Situation Handbook as approved by the relevant Sector. These are the rules all National Championships are governed by and no variation will be permitted

PLAYING FACILITIES

The Host Member Association shall be responsible for the provision of adequate facilities.

In the situation where the Chief Official or the representative of any of the participants has raised a safety concern regarding playing facilities, the CLA Convenor must rule on the matter and ensure that unsafe situations are corrected, or other facilities are provided by the Host. The CLA Convenor must not allow play to continue in an unsafe situation.

CLA CERTIFIED BALLS

Under the policies of the CLA all National Competitions must use GAIT CLA certified balls. The CLA will supply a number of balls to be used during the competition. The Host Committee must supply any further balls needed. Only GAIT CLA certified balls may be purchased to augment the original supply. Ensure that the Chief Official has instructed the game officials that they must be using only GAIT CLA Certified balls. If the Host Association does not have an adequate supply of certified balls for the competition an incident report must be filed and it must be raised in your Convenor report. The matter will be treated as a disciplinary issue with the Host subject to being fined for non-compliance.

SECTION 4 – SUPERVISING THE COMPETITION

PRE-COMPETITION MEETINGS

The CLA Convenor shall chair the pre-competition meeting of team representatives, the host representatives and the Chief Official. Attendance of representatives of all teams is mandatory due to the importance of this meeting. The meeting is held the day (or evening) before the competition begins. The following persons must be in attendance at the meeting:

- The Chief Official (RIC or UIC)
- Tournament Convenor/Coordinator
- At least one representative of each participating team
- Other Host Association representatives as required.

The following subjects must be covered in the meeting. A sample agenda for the pre-competition meeting has been included in the guide as Appendix A.

Introductions – It is important to ensure that everyone is familiar with the tournament personnel. Each participating team nominates one (1) person as their spokesperson. All dealings with the tournament personnel, and CLA representatives must be done through that spokesperson. This will eliminate redundant communication and possible confusion where issues may arise during the event.

Host Association Briefing – The Host Association representative (Tournament Convenor/Coordinator or some other representative) must provide a briefing on the competition and include the following areas in their presentation:

- transportation schedules (teams and officials)
- competition schedule
- ceremonies and special events
- access to competition site (teams, officials, CLA representatives)
- social event arrangements
- awards and selection process

Registrations – Review the process for verifying the registration of the athletes and coaches. (See the section of the guide on registrations.)

Discipline and Appeals Procedures – Review the procedures for handling discipline issues, and the lodging of appeals. (See the section of the guide pertaining to discipline and appeals.)

CHIEF OFFICIAL BRIEFING

The Chief Official briefing will include:

Introduction of officials – If participating officials are present, they should be introduced to the team representatives. In any case, the teams should be given the names of the participating officials.

Rule application and interpretations – The Chief Official should provide a summary of any direction to officials on the application of the rules. Specific directives which have been issued by the Sector Chair through the CLA Officiating Committee should be reviewed. These directives are published through the CLA Technical and Information Bulletins. Application of common rules (e.g. slashing or holding in Box) should always be covered.

Selection of officials for the medal games – The Chief Official must review the process of selection of officials to work in the final game.

Question and Answers – An opportunity must be provided for the representatives of the participating teams to ask questions and seek clarification on various aspects of the tournament including officiating, discipline, or organizational matters.

REGISTRATION

The CLA Convenor is responsible for ensuring that all the athletes listed on the game sheets are properly registered and approved by their Member Associations. The Convenor is also responsible for ensuring that the CLA coaching requirements are met.

ATHLETE REGISTRATION

Each Member Association is required to sign the National Championships Team Registration Form. Copies of each form are to be brought to the Coaches meeting prior to the competition.

The CLA Convenor must check the roster against the Team Registration Form approved by the Member Association.

If there are any discrepancies (i.e. a player on the roster is not on the MA list) the responsibility rests with the team to prove the player is eligible, otherwise the player is disallowed from the competition.

The team may prove player eligibility by producing a properly authorized Member Association registration card for the player in question. Alternately, the team may contact the MA and have an appropriate person send, by FAX, confirmation of the player's eligibility. In the case of the player being a pick-up from an affiliated team, the team at the competition must provide a player's registration with the affiliated team duly approved by the MA.

The CLA Convenor should check the game sheets immediately before the games to ensure that all players on the game sheet are properly approved.

COACHES

All coaches must meet the minimum requirements as defined by the respective Form 100 for their discipline and level/age group in order to be eligible to coach at CLA National Championships. These forms can be found on the CLA website or in the CLA Operations Manual.

GAME SHEETS

As each game is completed the minor official responsible (e.g. scorer) ensures that all information is entered and properly summarized. The game sheet is then taken to the Chief Official for review. The Chief Official should ensure that the sheet is properly completed, and check for any penalties or incidents which may require written reports or further disciplinary action.

Once checked and properly signed off by the game officials and the Chief Official, the game sheets should be split, appropriate copies being given to each team, host and the original of the form being given to the CLA Convenor. The Convenor and the Chief Official may make alternate arrangements for control of the original game sheet.

Example: The Chief Official may keep the game sheets until the end of the day and turn all the originals over to the Convenor at that time.

Tournament of series statisticians must use a copy of the game sheet for their purposes. The CLA Convenor must have control over the original game sheets.

The CLA Convenor must include all the original game sheets in the final report to the CLA.

AWARDS

Selection Committee and Process – The CLA Convenor is responsible for ensuring that a fair selection process is in place and will advise the participants of the process. Protocol established over the years has the CLA Convenor chair the Awards Committee. It is sufficient though for the CLA Convenor to approve an Awards Committee or selection process which does not directly include the Convenor's participation.

Championship Trophy and Medals – The CLA office will ensure that the appropriate championship trophy has been delivered to the Host Association prior to the commencement of the competition. The CLA Convenor should inspect the trophy to ensure that it is in appropriate condition to be presented at the completion of the competition. If repairs are required, the Host should be directed to have the repairs completed immediately and the bill should be forwarded to the CLA Office.

The CLA Convenor should ensure that all medals and awards are in readiness. The CLA Policy Manual requires that the Host Association is required to purchase medals from the CLA, or for CLA approval for substitute awards. The Host should take care of this with the CLA Office.

It is suggested that the Host should provide for an all-star team award (recipients to be selected by the awards committee), a tournament Most Valuable Player, and if possible a Player of the Game Award.

Presentation of awards – There is no set protocol for the presentation of the awards. It is normally up to the Host to decide if the awards are to be presented on floor, at a social event, or at a final banquet. In addition there is no set protocol for who shall be selected to deliver the awards, with one exception: the championship trophy must be presented by the CLA Convenor to the winning team. As with the selection process, the responsibility of the CLA Convenor is to ensure that the Host Association has put the necessary elements in place before the tournament begins. It is very difficult, and open to disaster, if these things are left until the final day or final game.

TIE BREAKING

Games – Breaking a tie in a game is set out in the rules of play and the CLA Convenor should consult with the Chief Official if there are any questions regarding application. In the round robin portion of a competition, all overtime periods shall be sudden victory.

Standings – The process for breaking ties in the standings is laid out in the policy manual under each Sector. If two teams are tied, the first level of tie breaking is the game between the teams; the winner getting the higher placement. If there are more than two teams tied, the formula is then used. Only game results between the teams which are tied are used. The CLA does not wish to promote running up the score on weaker teams. The amount by which a team beats an out of contention team has no effect on the calculation.

Example: In the tournament a three way tie has been created when team A beat B 11-9, team B beat C 14-6, and team C beat A 8-5.

- Step 1 Calculate the goals for and against teams:
A (GF=16 GA=17), B (GF=23 GA=17), C (GF=14 GA=19)
- Step 2 Calculate the average per the formula $GF/(GF+GA)$ for each team:
A ($16/33=.485$), B ($23/40=.575$), C ($14/33=.424$)
- Step 3 Rank the teams
1 = team B
2 = team A
3 = team C

SECTION 5 – DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

DISCIPLINE

The Canadian Lacrosse Association requires that there be a fair, just and vigilant system of discipline at all competitions. The CLA Convenor must never be reluctant to issue disciplinary action if it is warranted. Athletes, coaches, officials and other participants are expected to follow the guidelines and policies of the CLA, and adhere to the Official Rules of Lacrosse.

The underlying philosophy of the CLA Disciplinary procedure is based on the expectations of natural justice. This philosophy requires that the decision must be made in a timely and unbiased fashion, and that the person subject to the disciplinary action must have the opportunity to provide input or answer to the accusation prior to a decision being rendered. In addition CLA philosophy on discipline requires that the Convenor ensure that all parties to the action must have a opportunity to be heard (e.g. the officials or the coaches of both teams involved as well as the athletes).

THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The CLA Convenor must chair any committee required to act on disciplinary matters. Such a committee would consist normally of three persons. The other two representatives are usually nominated by the Host or specified in the competition agreement. The Chief Official should be at every discipline hearing, regardless of membership on the Discipline Committee. If not part of the committee, the RIC should participate as a technical resource, though not a voting member of the committee.

Actions Requiring a Hearing – The CLA Convenor may be required to initiate a hearing for disciplinary review, protest or appeal. The situations which may require such action are specified in a number of areas.

- The playing rules of the Sector may specify actions which require Discipline Committee review. These are identifiable in the rule book as actions which require reporting to the governing body. For each reportable action the game officials are required to complete the Officials Incident Report.
- The CLA Discipline Policy may require action be taken based upon a breach of CLA guidelines or code of conduct (Section 16 of the Policy Manual).
- The Sector policies may specify discipline guidelines for suspension for specific occurrences.
- If there is a protest of an official's call, the CLA Convenor shall schedule a hearing to consider the protest and render a decision. Only protests that are based upon errors in fact and/or application of the rules will be considered, not those based on the official's judgment.
- It has become common practice at competitions over the last few years that all game ejections (game misconducts or expulsion fouls) are referred automatically to the Discipline Committee for review.

Actions Not Requiring Discipline Committee Review – Each sector establishes a pre-determined minimum suspension guideline for each reportable infraction contained in the official rules (Appendix B). The CLA Convenor should rely on the Chief Official to ensure that these situations are brought to the Convenor's attention.

The automatic discipline situations do not require the Committee to act, and the required action should be issued immediately by the Convenor. If, in the opinion of an interested party, the circumstances warrant further consideration, a hearing of the Discipline Committee will be scheduled.

THE DISCIPLINE REVIEW

The committee must meet within 24 hours of an occurrence requiring disciplinary action. All game reports or other pertinent documentation must be reviewed. Where applicable the committee must interview the official(s) involved in the game. The person(s) subject to the discipline action must have the opportunity to provide their input on the situation. Input will be allowed from the designated team representative of both teams (identified at the pre-competition meeting). The committee may interview any other person it feels would have pertinent information on the issue.

REPORTING DISCIPLINE ACTION

For each and every action taken on disciplinary matters (automatic or through Committee Review) the CLA convenor is required to complete the Action Report. Copies of the form are included in the Convenor's package (Appendix C). The original is to be attached to the Convenor's final report. Each team representative is required to sign for their copy. This will ensure there is no confusion over the nature and content of the decision.

Where discipline issued cannot be served within the confines of the tournament (e.g. three (3) game suspension with only one game left in the tournament), or where the discipline is of a major or severe nature (e.g. recommended suspension be made in the next year), the CLA Convenor is to make special note of the incident and the action taken in a memorandum to the Sector Chair which must be sent to the CLA office within 15 days of the close of the competition.

APPEALS AND PROTESTS

A team may want to appeal a decision related to the competition or decisions made by tournament personnel or the officials, which they feel has had a direct effect on the outcome of a game or a pending discipline action. The teams, through their designated representative, have the right to request an appeal on any matter.

An appeal must be received in writing, stating the issue being appealed and the nature of the appeal. The appeal must be accompanied by \$100.00 cash, certified cheque, or money order. If the appeal is upheld, then the money is returned to the person(s) submitting the appeal. If the appeal is not upheld, then the money is retained and sent to the CLA Office along with the CLA Convenor's report.

Appeals are not accepted related to judgment calls by officials. A team, though, may appeal a mistake of fact or error in the application of a rule.

Examples: A player who is called for intent to injure would not be appealable on the grounds that it wasn't really an attempt to injure; however, if the wrong player is ejected through a mistake on the number, then this is an appealable situation. Failure to award a penalty shot for too many men against a team on defense with less than two minutes in the game, is an appealable error.

An appeal must be dealt with as soon as possible as often these situations will have an immediate effect on standings. As with a discipline action there must be no more than a 24 hour delay in achieving the decision. Normally an appeal will be heard by the Discipline Committee. If there is a situation where a member of the Discipline Committee is in conflict of interest, or does not wish to sit on an appeal, the Convenor should request the host representative (Tournament Convenor) provide an alternate.

The decision of an Appeal Hearing may be appealed to the Sector Chair as per the appeal process set out in the CLA Policy Manual.

REPORTING APPEALS AND PROTESTS

As with the reporting of discipline actions, decisions on appeals and protests must be reported on the CLA Convenor Action Report.

SECTION 6 – COMPETITION REPORT TO THE CLA

Every CLA Convenor is expected to file a report on the competition which they have supervised. The CLA does not use a standardized form for a report, but requests that the Convenor submit a written document providing assessment and comment in the areas listed below. As this report forms the basis of review and planning for the Sector Chair and the Executive, it is vitally important that these reports be filed.

The Convenor's Report must be sent to the CLA office for distribution to the appropriate persons within twenty-one (21) days of the close of the competition.

CONVENOR REPORT OUTLINE

Overall Assessment – This section should contain a general overview of the competition, highlighting your reaction and thoughts on the event.

Evaluation of Host Association – This section should contain an evaluation of the Host Association, and its compliance with the Hosting Agreement and guidelines.

Competition – This section is a commentary on the calibre of play at the competition, as well as an evaluation on the structure of the competition. Please emphasize the highs and lows of the competition from your perspective.

Officiating – Submit an evaluation of the Chief Official and the organization and management of the officiating by the Chief Official. Submit an opinion on the quality of officiating.

Disciplinary Actions – If there were any disciplinary actions required, please include a summary of the action which describes the incident, the process followed, and the actions taken. Ensure the original of the Convenor Action form is attached to the report. This is particularly important if there is a requirement for follow-up action to be taken by the CLA Sector Chair or Executive Committee (i.e. suspension which will continue after the end of the competition).

Media Coverage – If possible please include an assessment of the media coverage with some examples of press clippings and promotional material.

Banquet and Awards – We would like to have some commentary on the social event(s) and award presented at the competition.

Recommendations – This is of course the most crucial section of the report. If there are any suggestions or recommendations which would improve the competition, or issues which should be raised with the Sector or the Board, please include them in your report.

SECTION 7 – EXPENSES

CLA CONVENER AND CHIEF OFFICIAL

All travel, accommodations and per diem expenses shall be covered by the CLA upon receipt of a CLA Expense form and a written report based on the CLA Operations Manual.

APPENDIX A – PRE-COMPETITION AGENDA

CANADIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Host Presentation
 - 2.1 Game Schedule
 - 2.2 Transportation Schedule
 - 2.3 Ceremonies and Special Events

3. Registration Guidelines

4. Discipline Procedures and Guidelines

5. Referee-in-Chief Presentation
 - 5.1 Introduction of Officials
 - 5.2 Rule Interpretations
 - 5.3 Q & A on rules

6. Q & A

7. Other Business

APPENDIX B – DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

CANADIAN LACROSSE ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 24.15.6. General Discipline Guidelines
- 24.15.6.1. In addition to any other disciplinary action which may result from an incident, the Head Coach shall be suspended for one (1) game and the team fined \$1,000 for failing to control the benches during an altercation which leads to a bench clearing brawl.
- 24.15.6.2. Any person suspended under the rules of play, these guidelines, by action of the CCDC or CLA Convenor shall not participate in pre-game, game, or post-game activities of the championship or competition including any medal ceremonies.
- 24.15.7. Box Sector Pre-Determined Discipline Guidelines
- 24.15.7.1. For Minor Lacrosse, any person who incurs a Game Misconduct in the last ten (10) minutes of the third period or anytime in overtime of a game shall be suspended for the next game.
- 24.15.7.2. The first player from each team who leaves the player's bench during an altercation shall be suspended for two (2) games at a minimum and the incident shall be reviewed by the CCDC to determine if further action is warranted.
- 24.15.7.3. Any player who leaves the penalty box during an altercation shall receive a two (2) game suspension at a minimum and the incident shall be reviewed by the CCDC to determine if further action is warranted.
- 24.15.7.4. Any person who receives a Gross Misconduct penalty shall be suspended for two (2) games at a minimum and the incident shall be reviewed by the CCDC to determine if further action is warranted.
- 24.15.7.5. Any player who receives a Match penalty shall be suspended for three (3) games at a minimum and the incident shall be reviewed by the CCDC to determine if further action is warranted.
- 24.15.7.6. Any person who enters into acrimonious discussions, makes abusive or obscene comments or gestures, or threats to referees, the CLA RIC, or the CLA Convenor shall be fined a minimum of \$100 and where applicable, suspended for two (2) games.
- 24.15.8. Men's Field Sector Pre-Determined Discipline Guidelines

- 24.15.8.1. Any player who leaves the penalty area during an altercation shall receive an expulsion foul at minimum and the incident shall be reviewed by the CCDC to determine if further action is warranted.
- 24.15.8.2. Any person, who enters into acrimonious discussions, makes abusive or obscene comments or gestures, or threats to referees, the Referee-in-Chief, Minor Officials or the CLA Convenor shall be fined a minimum of \$100 and where applicable, dealt with further by the CCDC.
- 24.15.8.3. Any person falsifying eligibility or certification documentation will be suspended indefinitely, until the CLA Discipline Committee can meet to render a decision.

Any person suspended under the rules of play, these guidelines, or by action of the Disciplinary Committee shall not participate in pre-game, game, or post-game activities of the championship/competition including medal ceremonies.

Any fines levied under these guidelines are payable to the CLA.

