



**CONSTITUTION OF THE
ASIA PACIFIC LACROSSE UNION LTD.**

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1. NAME

The name of the body shall be the "Asia Pacific Lacrosse Union Ltd.", hereinafter in this Constitution referred to as "the Union". The official abbreviation of the Union shall be "APLU".

2 INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Language: The official language of the Union shall be English.
- 2.2 Lacrosse shall include all versions/forms of the game of Lacrosse, approved by the Union.
- 2.3 The term "Region" shall include all Lacrosse playing or non-playing countries in the Asia and Pacific Rim. The term "country" shall include nation, territory and area, and the singular shall include the plural.
- 2.4 National Governing Body: The organization regulating and sanctioning Lacrosse within a country.
- 2.5 The term "Member(s)" shall include all type of Memberships when used in this Constitution unless specific reference is made.
- 2.6 Members "present and voting" shall include any Member who has nominated another Member as a proxy for that meeting.
- 2.7 If any dispute arises relating to the interpretation or application of this Constitution, the Members and the Executive Board shall try to settle it by negotiation in a friendly manner. If unable to resolve the dispute or disagreement relating to this Constitution may be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Sydney, Australia.

3. OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 To promote and develop Lacrosse in the Region.
- 3.2 To provide means of communication between all Lacrosse playing and developing countries in the Region.
- 3.3 To encourage international exchange and friendship through Lacrosse between Members and prospective members and provide assistance wherever possible.
- 3.4 To unify both men and women Lacrosse organizations/bodies in the Region in order to better develop the game in the Region.
- 3.5 To organize regular tournament/competition for the Members.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Membership categories shall be:
- 4.1.1 Full Member: This entitles the Full Member to one (1) voting delegate at the Union meetings and nomination of the Officers and members of the Executive Board. In the event that different National Governing Bodies for men and women Lacrosse in a country have been accepted as Full Members, both Members are entitled to one delegate at the Union meetings but that country shall be entitled to only one (1) vote. Nomination shall be allowed from both Members.
 - 4.1.2 Associate Member: This entitles the Associate Member to one delegate at the Union meetings of whom has no voting entitlement.
 - 4.1.3 Affiliate Member: This has no voting entitlement. There is no requirement for Affiliate Member to provide any delegates.
- 4.2 The National Governing Body for Lacrosse in any country of the Region shall be eligible for Full or Associate Membership of the Union. In the event that different National Governing Bodies for women and men Lacrosse exist in a country, both Bodies shall be eligible for Membership of the Union.
- 4.3 Any multi-national / sub-Regional or local Lacrosse organization, other than the National Governing Body, in the Region shall be eligible for Affiliate Membership of the Union.
- 4.4 Membership may only be conferred by a resolution passed by a majority of at least two thirds of the Members present and voting at a Union meeting.
- 4.5 The annual membership subscriptions payable by categories of Members to APLU shall be recommended by the Executive Board and agreed at a Union meeting.
Members whose subscriptions have not been paid and received by the time set by the Board in any year shall not be entitled to receive any of the benefits, advantages, privileges or services of APLU membership unless otherwise approved in writing by the Board. The Board at its discretion may extend the time for payment of subscriptions or fees either generally or in any particular case.
- 4.6 Each Full and Associate Member shall nominate annually one (1) delegate to attend the Union meetings.
- 4.7 Any Member may resign from Membership of the Union by giving 60 days advance notice in writing to the Executive Director but such Member shall remain liable for all monies due by the Member to the Union at the time of ceasing to be a Member.
- 4.8 The Union may refuse to continue the Membership of a Member by a resolution passed by a majority of at least two thirds of those present and voting at a Union meeting. Such motion shall only be considered provided that a minimum of 60 days notice of the motion has been provided to all

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Members and that the Member has the opportunity to make written and/or personal presentation to all Members present at the meeting to consider the motion.

5. OFFICERS

5.1 The officers of the Union shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Executive Director

5.1.1 The President and Vice President, nominated by a Full Member, shall be elected by a Union meeting for a term of three (3) years which shall commence on the September 1 following the date of election.

5.1.2. Should any adjustment to the term of Officers elected under this Constitution be necessary to ensure rotational terms in accordance with this Constitution, this shall be determined by the Board. Elections to subsequent Boards shall then proceed in accordance with the procedures in this Constitution.

5.2 The President is not entitled to a vote but is entitled to one (1) casting vote at Union meetings.

5.3 The Vice President is entitled to a vote at Union meetings except when acting as Chairperson of the meeting.

5.4 The appointment of the Executive Director is recommended by the President and approved by the Union for the term of office of the President. The Executive Director is not entitled to a vote.

5.5 In the event of a vacancy in the position of President or Vice President after taking up office, a replacement shall be elected at the next Union meeting or by postal / electronic ballot, for the balance of the term.

5.6 Nominations for the positions of President and Vice President are required to be advised in writing to the Executive Director at least 60 days prior to any Union meeting at which an election is to be held. A copy of all nominations shall be circulated to Members and the Executive Board members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

5.7 In the event that no nominations for the position of President and/or Vice President are received by the required date, nominations may be received at the Union meeting.

5.8 Where more than one (1) nomination is received for election to any position, the votes shall be cast by secret ballot and decided by a simple majority vote at the meeting.

- 5.9 If nominated by a Member other than their country of residence Board nominees must have the nomination supported in writing by the National Governing Association in their home country.

6 EXECUTIVE BOARD

- 6.1 The Executive Board shall undertake to organize all activities of the Union subject to the approvals of the Union meeting.
- 6.2 The Executive Board shall propose general policies and plans including financials at the Annual General Meeting for approvals. And at the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Board shall report the past activities of the Union.
- 6.3 Members of the Executive Board:

Members of the Executive Board shall be nominated by the Full Members, but in principle, shall not also represent their own countries as delegates.

Members of the Executive Board shall have voting rights at the Union Meetings except the Executive Director and President as per Clause 5.2 and 5.4. In addition, an Executive Board member can carry a maximum of one proxy vote.

6.3.1. President

6.3.2. Vice President

6.3.3. Executive Director

6.3.4. The total number of members of the Executive Board shall not exceed six (6). Among those who are nominated by the Full Member, and if there are more than three (3) nominations, the Union meeting shall elect up to three (3) members in addition to the President, Vice President and Executive Director.

6.3.5. Nominations of the members of the Executive Board shall be conducted in a same procedure as the Clause 5 of this Constitution.

6.3.6. A Member of the Executive Board has the right to resign their position by submitting a letter of resignation in writing to the Executive Board.

6.3.7 A casual vacancy on the Executive Board Members and their respective position(s) held, caused by death, or resignation which has been accepted by the Executive Board, may be replaced by a majority vote at any Executive Board Meeting, to serve until the next General Meeting.

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7 COMMITTEES

7.1 There shall be the Competition Committee and the Officiating Committee. The chairpersons of the Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Board. Other members of the Committees shall be drawn among the Members as appropriate. The Committee shall handle specific matters and make recommendations to the Executive Board and/or the Union meeting.

The Competition Committee, after consulting the Officiating Committee, shall approve the proposed alteration of the playing Rules for a particular tournament/competition, provided that they follow the guidelines approved by the Union meeting.

7.1.1. The Competition Committee shall handle matters covering Rules and competition

7.1.2. The Officiating Committee shall handle matters covering umpiring/refereeing

7.2 The Union may constitute one or more additional working and advisory committees, from time to time, provided such committee make reports and recommendations to the Executive Board and/or to the Union meeting,

8 MEETINGS

The Union meeting shall be a General meeting of the Union consisting of the Membership and the Executive Board.

8.1 General Meeting

8.1.1. The Union shall, at least once in two (2) calendar years, convene a General Meeting for purposes of transacting general business of the Union.

8.1.2. The venue (city) and tentative date of the next General Meeting shall be determined at each General Meeting of the Union.

8.1.3. All Members and the Executive Board members shall be advised of the exact venue and date of the General Meetings at least 60 days prior to the meeting.

8.1.4. Any Member desiring to bring any business before a General Meeting shall advise the Executive Director in writing at least 45 days prior to the meeting. The agenda shall be advised to Members and the Executive Board members 30 days prior to the meeting.

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8.1.5. Role of the General meeting:

- Elect the Officers and the Executive Board
- Vote on Constitution and Bylaw adoption/changes
- Approve any Policies and Plans
- Approve a budget and authorize the Executive Board to manage the budget
- Delegate day-to-day running to the Executive Board
- Oversee Executive Board activity and performance
- Receive and review reports from the Executive Board
- Receive and review reports from Member countries
- Provide a Member report to the Executive Board
- Set policies for creation/structure of Committees
- Approve the Executive Board recommendations
- Vote to confer Membership
- Agree the conditions and responsibilities of Membership
- Approve Competition/Tournament organized by the Union or among Members
- Approve Financial statements
- Approve Auditors as necessary

8.2 Special General Meeting

8.2.1. A Special General Meeting shall be convened within 60 days of receipt of a written request(s) to the Executive Director by at least three (3) Members. 45 days notice of such meeting must be provided to the Members and the Executive Board members.

8.2.2. The requisition of the Special General Meeting shall provide the specific nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting and no business other than that business is to be transacted at the meeting.

8.2.3. The Union shall be allowed to convene a Special General Meeting through phone and/or video conference if the business to be transacted has been determined as resolvable using this method by the Executive Board.

8.3. The Union meetings shall be convened by the President and the Executive Director.

8.4. The President or, in his absence, the Vice President shall preside as chairperson of all Union meetings

8.5. The Executive Director or, in his absence, a Full Member appointed by the chairperson shall be responsible for recording of minutes of the meeting and distribution of such minutes to all Members and the Executive Board

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members within 60 days of the meeting.

- 8.6 A quorum for any of the Union meetings shall comprise at least half (50%) of the total number of Full Members, who shall be present either in person or by proxy, plus the President or Vice President.
- 8.7 Members may nominate in writing another Member as a proxy vote if that Member is unable to attend a Union meeting.
- 8.8 Any vote at a Union meeting shall be decided by a simple majority more than fifty per cent (50%) of those present and voting, unless otherwise indicated in this Constitution.
- 8.9 Members shall advise the Executive Director the name and contact of their delegate(s) for each Union meeting no later than 30 days before the first day of that meeting.

9 FINANCIAL

- 9.1 The Financial Year of the Union shall commence on September 1 and end on August 31, in each year.
- 9.2 All Members of the Union, Executive Board members including Officers and Committee members shall be responsible for their own expenses, including insurance, when attending any meetings of the Union or when participating in any competitions or events organized by the Union.
- 9.3 All Members shall pay such subscription and other fees as may from time to time be prescribed by the Union. Such subscriptions and fees shall be passed as a resolution and/or be listed as an Appendix to the Bylaws of the Union. Any Member who has not paid in full all subscriptions and fees before the end of the financial year in which they fall due shall not be entitled to participate in any of the Union controlled/organized events or to vote at the Union meetings.
- 9.4 The Union shall have the power to discount or waive any subscription/fees from a Member by a resolution passed by a majority of at least two thirds of those present and voting at a Union meeting.
- 9.5 The Executive Director shall be responsible for the keeping of accounting records sufficient to show and explain the Union's transactions and to disclose at any time the financial position of the Union. The Executive Director and the Executive Board shall prepare and present for consideration an income and expenditure statement and a balance sheet for each Financial Year at the General Meeting. Financial reports shall be provided to Members within 60 days after the end of a Financial Year.

10 PLAYING RULES

- 10.1 The playing Rules shall be as laid down by the Federation of International Lacrosse.

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- 10.2 Alteration to the playing Rules for a particular tournament/competition organized by the Union shall be allowed provided that such alteration is approved by the Competition Committee as per the process described in the Competition By-laws.

11 BYLAWS

- 11.1 The Union may make, repeal and amend Bylaws for the furtherance of the objects of the Union and for the conduct of its business provided such Bylaws are not inconsistent with this Constitution.
- 11.2 Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be advised in writing to the Executive Director at least 60 days prior to any Union meeting. Those proposed amendments shall be circulated to Members and the Executive Board members at least 30 days before the date of the meeting. Amendments require a majority vote of at least two thirds of those present in person or by proxy at a Union meeting.
- 11.3 Proposed amendments to Bylaws may be determined by postal / electronic ballot provided that the conditions set in Clause 11.2 has been satisfied except that the resolution shall be determined by the majority vote of at least two thirds of those Members responded to the Executive Director within 30 days of the ballot note having been sent by the Executive Director.

12 AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

- 12.1 Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be advised in writing to the Executive Director at least 60 days prior to any Union meeting. Those proposed amendments shall be circulated to Members and the Executive Board members at least 30 days before the date of the meeting. Amendments require a majority vote of at least two thirds of those present in person or by proxy at a Union meeting.
- 12.2 Proposed amendments to Constitution may be determined by postal / electronic ballot provided that the conditions set in Clause 12.1 has been satisfied except that the resolution shall be determined by the majority vote of at least two thirds of those Members responded to the Executive Director within 30 days of the ballot note having been sent by the Executive Director.

13 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 13.1 If any dispute arises relating to the interpretation or application of this Constitution, the Members and the Executive Board shall try to settle it by negotiation in a friendly manner. If unable to resolve the dispute or disagreement relating to this Constitution may be referred to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Sydney, Australia.

14 DISSOLUTION

- 14.1 The Union shall not be dissolved except by a two thirds majority resolution of all Members voting in person or by proxy at a Union meeting. Conditions of Clause 12 of this Constitution shall apply.
- 14.2 If upon the dissolution of the Union there remains, after discharge of its debts and liabilities, any assets, property or rights the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the Members of the Union, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution having objects similar to the Union. Such institution shall be determined by the Executive Board or if it is possible before the time of the dissolution at a Union meeting.
- 14.3 If upon the dissolution of the Union there remains any debt and/or liability the Full Members of the Union agree to equally share such debt and/or liability not exceeding AUS\$10 per Member.