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AUTHORITY

The Men's National Technical Committee (MNTC) has been established as a support group for the Australian Lacrosse Association (ALA) appointed Referee in Chief, Australia to assist in the provision of equitable training, development and selection policies and the making of recommendations to the ALA for the appointment of officials (referees, assessors, and other officials) to national and international events. These terms of reference have been developed in accordance with the:

- Australian Lacrosse Association Constitution and Rules
- ALA Referee in Chief, Australia Position Description document

This document replaces all previous versions of the Men's National Technical Committee terms of reference.

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ALA Director, Officiating

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This document shall be maintained and reviewed annually by the Referee in Chief, Australia with the support of the Men's National Technical Committee members.

The ALA Director, Officiating is responsible for managing the updating of this document, in consultation with the ALA Referee in Chief.

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Mission

The Men's National Technical Committee (MNTC) aims to support the Australian Lacrosse Association Limited (ALA) appointed Referee in Chief (RIC) in fostering the development and accreditation of officials for men's lacrosse in Australia and Internationally.

The MNTC will achieve this by providing guidance and support in the identification, development and delivery of high quality officiating programs to support the sport of lacrosse, in its various forms, throughout Australia and elsewhere to:

- Promote, encourage and provide facilities for the education and practice of officiating to raise levels and standards of lacrosse play
- Support and uphold the laws of the game as at present adopted with such alterations and / or additions as the ALA may from time to time determine
- Review and refine the rules of lacrosse used in national competition
- Implement national officiating accreditation and education programs
- Provide standards of accreditation commensurate with the officiating career pathways
- Select and appoint lacrosse officials and officiating representatives or delegates in international competition or for any other purposes.

Scope

The scope is the provision and management of training, accreditation, selection and assessment standards of officials for all trial, interclub, premiership, championship, tournament and international lacrosse matches as arranged or sanctioned by the ALA.

The MNTC acknowledges the support of ALA member states and officials associations in their acceptance and delivery of its officiating programs across Australia and is cognisant of the need to collaborate, co-operate and assist any organisation having objects and purposes similar to those of ALA in any manner which may further the interest of lacrosse or ALA generally.

Key Functions

The MNTC reports to the ALA through the RIC and Director of Officiating and is tasked with undertaking the following key functions:

- Providing leadership, direction and quality of service to all affiliated lacrosse officials as the focal point for all men's lacrosse officiating matters to maintain best practice officiating standards in all forms of the game
- Engaging with others to assist with projects and link the activities of the MNTC to other relevant groups (coaches, players and administrators) at state, national and international levels to build partnerships that share information and identify, link and share strategies and best practice approaches to lacrosse officiating
- Designing and implementing national officiating accreditation and education programs for all levels of men's lacrosse officials across Australia including best practice models for management and assessment of officiating panels at events
- Identifying and addressing issues affecting the development and delivery of men's lacrosse officiating programs across Australia including:
 - education, accreditation and development programs, materials and resources
 - training needs including the conduct of courses, workshops, conferences and seminars
 - technologies and systems to enhance the delivery of MNTC programs materials and resources to all
 - participation strategies to increase the number of officials and improvements in officiating standards in member states and other relevant organisations
 - review processes for assessment methods (written, oral and physical).
- Establishing equitable selection policies for the making of recommendations to ALA for the appointment of officials (referees, assessors, and other officials) to national and international events or positions to:
 - ensure the participation in, and development of, qualified officials at national competitions and events
 - provide officiating career pathways supported by the highest standards of assessment and accreditation

- increase the international profile of and opportunities for Australian lacrosse officials and maintaining their standing and participation at international level
- Establishing and maintaining a National Register of qualified referees, assessors and other officials that includes a year by year record of their qualification and national grading levels
- Supporting the ALA and the RIC in the consistent application of rules and officiating practices across Australia by:
 - participating in reviews on how the game is being played in Australia
 - providing assessment of rule proposals and advice on rule disputes, interpretations and officiating practices
 - imparting and implementing the considered judgements on these men's rules / interpretations / practices
 - acting as arbiters (when required) of any rule or officiating dispute in respective state or national competitions
 - individually complying with the requirements of MNTC policies and programs in their respective competitions.

Membership and Administration

Membership of the MNTC will include the following:

- The ALA Director of Officiating (Chair)
- The Referee in Chief Australia (Executive Officer)
- The Chief and Deputy Chief Referees of member States
- Any Chief Referee of non-field lacrosse variations of men's lacrosse, as appointed by the Referee in Chief Australia (e.g. Indoor or 'Box' lacrosse)
- Other members, approved by the MNTC as required.

The MNTC will meet at least quarterly by attendance at meetings or through electronic communications such as "Skype" or teleconference.