

ATTACHMENT 'E'



MEN'S NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OFFICIATING POLICY

NATIONAL GRADING SYSTEM

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AUTHORITY

This National Grading System Standard has been developed as an attachment to the Men's National Technical Committee Officiating Policy to provide referee accreditation standards for all trial, interclub, premierships, championship, tournament and international lacrosse matches as arranged or sanctioned by the ALA in accordance with:

- Australian Lacrosse Association Constitution and Rules
- Australian Sports Commission National Officiating Accreditation Scheme

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1 INTRODUCTION

This Standard is an attachment to the Australian Lacrosse Association Limited (ALA) Men's National Technical Committee (MNTC) Officiating Policy. It is part of a formal officiating policy structure which includes standards for the training, assessment and selection of Australian lacrosse officials (referees, assessors and other officials).

2 AIM

To provide a National Grading System for all lacrosse referees and assessors in accordance with the requirements of the ALA Officiating Policy.

3 APPLICATION

The primary application of this policy is the establishment of a National Grading System (NGS) to provide a quantitative methodology for determining the ranking of lacrosse referees and assessors on a national basis, based on their performance in National and local competitions.

The rankings are structured to provide evidence of:

- Participation and high level performance over a period of time in their home state and;
- Attendance at sufficient ALA tournaments/championships where they are:
 - Tested physically and mentally in an extended tournament environment with multiple games
 - Exposed to international standard assessment processes by panels that includes referees and assessors from outside their home state.

Separate NGS rankings must be established maintained for field and other non-field variations of men's lacrosse (e.g. Indoor or 'Box' lacrosse). Points scored in one version of the game will not be applied to the NGS rankings in another version.

NGS rankings are one of the discriminating factors used in the MNTC Officiating Selection Standard (refer to **Attachment 'D'**) and they also provide evidence to support accreditation requirements.

The NGS is supported by the ALA By-Laws for National Championships and Tournaments which includes requirements for officiating appointments to take into account the NGS.

This Standard must be read in conjunction with the MNTC Officiating Policy and other related MNTC officiating standards.

4 GRADING METHODOLOGY

The NGS uses referee and assessor rankings at tournaments / championships and other competitions to compile a historic record and to calculate a point score that contributes to the overall rankings in the system. The key principles used in compiling the calculations are:

- At each of the accredited competitions (National tournaments / championships, State competitions or other events) the participants will be graded by the relevant assessment process and then ranked from one downwards based upon their performance in that competition (refer to **Attachment 'C'**)
- A referee must participate in a minimum of 60% of games scheduled for a season in their home State competition to earn a grading for their performance in that competition
- Where a referee or assessor participates in more than one level of National Championship / Tournament in a calendar year, the performance in the highest level competition will be used
- Performances over the last four participations (event or competition) by an official are taken into account (see paragraphs 4.1.2 and 4.2.2 below). A discounting factor of 10% for each missed year will be applied to those participations which are not in consecutive years.

4.1 REFEREES

4.1.1 Allocation of Grading Points

The following table illustrates the point scoring system applicable to referees.

National Events and Competitions			
	Seniors	Under Age	Season
1 st Ranked Referees	80	60	60
2 nd	76	57	57
3 rd	72	54	54
4 th	68	51	51
5 th	60	48	48
Continue to 20 th person	(minus 4 per ranking)	(minus 3 per ranking)	(minus 3 per ranking)

4.1.2 Maintenance of Grading Points

Referees who do not participate in consecutive years will have their grading points 'maintained' in accordance with the following guidelines.

Reductions	
Year to Year	Non Consecutive attendances
Year 1 = Full points	10% for each missed year. e.g. attendances in 1998,1996 & 1994 - 1996 scores reduced by 10% and 1994 scores reduced by 20% - with exceptions (as defined below)
Year 2 = Divide by 2	
Year 3 = Divide by 4	
Year 4 = Divide by 8	

Exceptions:

The MNTC may apply its discretion and maintain the grading points for a referee who is unable to complete a competition or attend an event for compelling personal reasons. In these circumstances the referee's prior year's score(s) will be used in the current years NGS calculations. This discretion can only be applied once in any 4 year period.

4.2 ASSESSORS:

4.2.1 Allocation of Grading Points

The following table illustrates the point scoring system applicable to assessors.

National Events and Competitions			
	Seniors	Under Age	Season
1 st Ranked Assessors	80	60	60
2 nd	76	57	57
3 rd	72	54	54
4 th	68	51	51
5 th	60	48	48
Continue to 20 th person	(minus 4 per ranking)	(minus 3 per ranking)	(minus 3 per ranking)

4.2.2 Maintenance of Grading Points

Assessors who do not participate in consecutive years will have their grading points 'maintained' in accordance with the following guidelines.

Reductions	
Year to Year	Non Consecutive attendances
Year 1 = Full points	10% for each missed year. e.g. attendances in 1998,1996 & 1994 - 1996 scores reduced by 10% and 1994 scores reduced by 20% - with exceptions (as defined below)
Year 2 = Divide by 2	
Year 3 = Divide by 4	
Year 4 = Divide by 8	

Exceptions:

The MNTC may apply its discretion and maintain the grading points for an assessor who is unable to complete a competition or attend an event for compelling personal reasons. In these circumstances the assessor's prior year's score(s) will be used in the current years NGS calculations. This discretion can only be applied once in any 4 year period.

5 ADMINISTRATION

The ALA Referee in Chief (RIC) is responsible for ensuring that:

- Databases which collate the information from event and competition rankings and calculates the overall rankings of the NGS, for each variation of men's lacrosse, is maintained in accordance with this Standard
- The NGS rankings are compiled before 30 November each year, approved by the MNTC and displayed and accessible to all officials on the ALA website, and available from members of the MNTC.

Each State Chief Referees is responsible for ensuring that individual State competition rankings are provided to the ALA RIC by 1 November each year.

Each ALA appointed event Referee in Chief is responsible for ensuring that the competition (Championship and/or Tournament) rankings are provided to the ALA RIC within 2 weeks of the completion of the competition.

Any official may lodge a grievance against a failure to comply with the procedures of this standard to the ALA Director of Officiating in accordance with the provisions of the MNTC Officiating Policy, paragraph 6–Grievance Procedures.

The MNTC will conduct performance reviews and complete an update this Standard by the 31 December each year in accordance with the requirements of the MNTC Officiating Policy.