

# 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, championships, tournament and international lacrosse matches as arranged or sanctioned by the LA in accordance with:

- Lacrosse Australia Constitution and Rules
- Australian Sports Commission Officiating General Principles

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## Men's National Technical Committee

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### NATIONAL GRADING SYSTEM

## 1 INTRODUCTION

This Standard is an attachment to the Lacrosse Australia (LA) 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 others).

## 2 AIM

To provide a National Grading System (NGS) for all lacrosse officials in accordance with the requirements of the LA Officiating Policy.

## 3 APPLICATION

The primary application of this policy is the establishment of a NGS to provide a quantitative methodology for determining the ranking of lacrosse officials on a national basis, based on their performance in National and domestic competitions.

The ranking system is structured to provide evidence of:

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

Separate rankings of referees and assessors are maintained for:

- Field and non-field variations of men's lacrosse (e.g. Indoor or 'Box') and,
- National and Domestic competitions within each variation.

Ranking points scored in one activity will not be applied to the rankings of another.

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NGS rankings are 'Discriminating Factors' used in the MNTC Officiating Selection Standard (refer to Attachment 'D') and they also provide evidence to support accreditation requirements.

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

## **4 GRADING METHODOLOGY**

The NGS uses officials' rankings at national tournaments / championships and domestic competitions to calculate point scores that are used to create the rankings in the system.

Performances over the last four participations (event or competition) by an official are taken into account (see paragraph 4.4 below).

The key principles used in compiling the calculations for each ranking are described below.

### **4.1 NATIONAL TOURNAMENTS / CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Officials participating in national events 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')

Where an official participates in more than one level of National Championship / Tournament in a calendar year:

- only the performance in the highest-level competition will be used or,
- if the available NGS points are equal the official is credited with the highest score obtained at those events. (refer to para 4.3 below for a ranking of national events)

### **4.2 DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS**

Officials must participate in a minimum number of games equivalent to at least 60% of the weeks of competition scheduled for the current season in their home State to earn a domestic grading in that State.

The 'current season' will be the number of weeks set for the highest grade of senior competition, including finals.

*(e.g. The number of WEEKS in a 15-week State League competition (= 15), with 3 weeks of finals (= 3) = Total 18 games. 60% of 18 (rounded down) = 10 GAMES)*

Officiating in either junior or senior grades will count towards this participation requirement.



### 4.3 ALLOCATION OF GRADING POINTS

The following table illustrates the point scoring system applicable to officials gradings.

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

When an official has participated in more than one national tournament or championship in a calendar year, ranking points for the “highest level of competition” must be used (refer to para 4 above).

For this purpose, national events are ranked as follows:

Level 1 (Seniors points)

National Events points for Seniors will be allocated to the following events:

- National Senior Championships
- Other LA sanctioned tournaments involving open aged National teams (e.g. the 2017 Maverik Tournament)

Level 2 (Under age points)

- National U18 Championship/Tournament

Level 3 (Under age points)

- Under 15 National Tournament

### 4.4 MAINTENANCE OF GRADING POINTS

Officials can maintain a ranking in the NGS when they do not participate in a relevant event or domestic competition in consecutive years.

Their ranking will be 'maintained' by applying the following reductions for each year of non-consecutive participation by an official:

Year to Year Reductions (from the last participation)
Year 1 = Full points
Year 2 = Divide by 2
Year 3 = Divide by 4
Year 4 = Divide by 8

These reductions are applied automatically when the NGS is compiled each year.

An official who has compelling personal reasons for being unable to meet the minimum requirement for a domestic competition, or attend/complete a national event may apply to the MNTC for an exemption from the automatic reductions for that year.

Officials seeking an exemption must direct their application to the LA RIC through the Chief Referee of their jurisdiction.

The MNTC will then consider the application and may apply its discretion and approve the use of the official's prior year's score(s) in the current years NGS calculations. This discretion can only be applied for once in any 4-year period.

## 5 ADMINISTRATION

Responsibilities for the administration of the NGS are allocated as follows:

- Event Referee in Chief (appointed by LA) - to ensure that the event rankings (tournaments / championships) are provided to the LA RIC within 2 weeks of the completion of the event.
- State Chief Referees to ensure that domestic competition rankings are provided to the LA RIC by 1 November each year.
- LA Referee in Chief - to ensure that:
  - the database which collates the information from event and competition rankings and calculates the rankings for each variation of men's lacrosse is maintained in accordance with this Standard
  - The NGS rankings are compiled before 30 November each year.

- MNTC – to ensure that:
  - the compiled rankings are reviewed and approved
  - the approved rankings are share with the members of their jurisdictions.
  
- LA Officiating Director - to ensure the MNTC approved NGS rankings are displayed and accessible to all officials on the LA website officiating pages.

### **5.1 GRIEVANCES**

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

### **5.2 PERFORMANCE REVIEWS**

The MNTC will conduct performance reviews and complete an update of this Standard by 1 October every two years in accordance with the requirements of the MNTC Officiating Policy.