



Representative Team Selection Policy

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Lacrosse WA – Representative Team Selection Policy

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POLICY OBJECTIVE/ INTENT

Lacrosse WA (LWA) selects and manages State and Regional Squads and Teams to represent Western Australia in National lacrosse sanctioned events. The objective is to provide the best opportunity for Team success in National competition.

Australian Lacrosse Association (ALA) sanctioned events include:

- ALA Senior Men's and Women's National Championship
- ALA Under 18 Men's and Women's National Championship
- ALA Under 15 Lacrosse National Tournament

To ensure the best possible performance at a National Championship/ Tournament, LWA has developed this policy to provide a transparent decision making process.

This policy lists the eligibility and selection process for State and Regional teams.

This document is to be used in conjunction with other LWA and ALA policies.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- Players must be registered, financial members with a club who is affiliated with Lacrosse WA.
- Players must have no outstanding financial obligations with LWA.
- Players will only be considered for selection in the lowest level age category competition for which they are eligible. The Director responsible may recommend any exemptions for consideration by the Board of Directors.
- Overseas players must be a resident in Australia for a continuous period of five calendar months directly prior to the first day of play of the Championship and have played at least 6 games in the home and away competition.

[Aged Championships/ Tournaments only:](#)

Players must be under the required age on 1 January in the year of the event and be the recommended minimum age of:

15 for Under 18

12 for Under 15

As per the 'ALA By-Laws for National Championships and Tournaments' U15 eligible players will be selected before underage players.

SQUAD COMPOSTION

- Squads are an option to be considered by the selection panel.
- No Alternates to be named for any squad. Players are all classed as squad members.
- The West Australian Senior Men's State Squad shall comprise of up to 25 players
- The West Australian Under 18 Men's State Squad shall comprise of up to 25 players.
- The Under 15 Regional Boys' Squad shall comprise of up to 20 players.
- All West Australian State and Regional Women's Squads can include up to 20 players.



TEAM COMPOSTION

- The West Australian Senior Men’s State Team shall comprise of up to 21 players
- The West Australian Under 18 Men’s State Team shall comprise of up to 19 players.
- The Under 15 Regional Boys’ Team shall comprise of up to 17 players.
- All West Australian State and Regional Women’s Team shall comprise of up to 16 players.

SELECTION PANEL

- Where possible there will be an uneven number of selectors for any given team (minimum of three – Head Coach plus two).
- Where possible there will be a minimum of three clubs represented on the selection panel.
- The Director of High Performance will seek endorsement of the LWA Board for all Selector appointments.
- The appointment terms for the Selection Panel will be for the period of the specific team trialling.
- A minimum of three trials shall be held to select players. Players should attend all three trials. Any exemptions must be put in writing to the Head Coach and Director of High Performance. Apologies to be noted at the try-outs.

U15 Girls (Stars and Flames) only:

- Preference is for U15 Girls (Stars and Flames) to stay in the same team from the year before. The team selection objective is two balanced teams so there is leeway for players to switch from their previous team to maintain the end goal of two even sides. If players are to be reassigned to a different team the Board must be notified.

SELECTION CRITERIA

In exercising their discretion, Selectors may select based on the following selection criteria:

- Technical competence – individual skills relative to lacrosse.
- Current level of skill and physical fitness.
- Current injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant’s performance to the requisite level.
- Composition and balance of the team including, but not limited to, position coverage.
- Team/ Squad orientation – ability to fit in.
- Previous international and national performances.
- Current international and national performances.
- Other factors agreed to by the Selectors to be of importance.

SELECTOR RESPONSIBILITY

- The Selection Panel’s decision is final, the public reason for selection is not required as part of the selection process.
- Any final selection decision rests with the appointed Head Coach of the team and then ratification by the Lacrosse WA Board.



- When an athlete is unable to fulfil Squad/ Team commitments the Selection Panel has the ability to promote eligible players to the applicable squad/ team.
- The Selection Panel has the ability to make changes and substitutions to Squads and Teams to their discretion and upon LWA Board endorsement.
- A Selector with a conflict of interest must notify the Director of High Performance of the conflict as soon as they become aware it exists.
- A selector may advise the Director of High Performance of another selector's conflict of interest in the event that the risk has been overseen.
- A selector will:
 - Attend majority of trials as deemed necessary by Lacrosse WA.
 - Act with integrity, objectivity and discretion in all aspects of the selection process in complying with this policy and other related policies and documents.
 - Ensure all selection materials, discussion and meetings remain confidential to the selection panel and appropriate Lacrosse WA Board members.

PLAYER REMOVAL FROM SQUAD/ TEAM

A player may be removed from the Squad/ Team due to:

- Failure to adhere to LWA's or the ALA's Code of Conduct.
- Injury or illness resulting in the player's incapacity to fulfil obligations.
- Performance, skill and/or fitness levels are not at benchmark standard.
- Breach of ASADA Anti-Doping Policy and other policies deemed applicable to the LWA High Performance Programme.
- The player's membership to their club and therefore Lacrosse WA ceases.

RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

The Lacrosse WA Representative Team selection Policy should be read in conjunction with:

- ALA By-Laws for National Championships and Tournaments.
- Lacrosse WA Code of Conduct
- Lacrosse WA Head Coaches Guidelines – State and Regional Teams

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