

WDOC-Local Umpire Board Bylaws
Los Angeles Umpire Board
(LAUB)
2009

Chapter 1: Introduction

Section 1.1: These are the bylaws of the Greater Los Angeles Local Umpire Board (LAUB) of the Women's Division of U.S. Lacrosse, Inc., which serves to govern the operations of the board only.

Section 1.2: These bylaws are to be interpreted consistent with the Bylaws of U.S. Lacrosse, Inc., the Women's Division, and the Official's Council. All definitions of U.S. Lacrosse, Inc., are incorporated herein, and in conjunction with the Women's Division Umpires' Manual, which serves as the policy book of the Official's Council.

Chapter 2: Membership

Section 2.1: Any rated or probationary women's lacrosse umpire who resides in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Riverside or San Bernardino counties, pays dues to the LAUB and is a member in good standing of U.S. Lacrosse, Inc., is considered a member of the LAUB.

Section 2.2: Probationary and rated umpires are defined by the Official's Council of U.S. Lacrosse, Inc.

Section 2.3: Dues shall be payable to LAUB in the amount of \$50 per year (2009). Fees shall be submitted to the treasurer.

Chapter 3: Local Board

Section 3.1: The LAUB will be governed by an Executive Committee, which will consist of three to five individuals, including a local umpiring chair, a vice chair, a treasurer, a ratings chair, and a secretary.

Section 3.2: The Executive Committee members shall each serve a two (2) year term. They shall be elected at the annual meeting of the LAUB by a majority of members present at that meeting, provided a quorum exists. Each term of office shall commence on January 31 of the year of election. Executive Committee members may serve succeeding terms and shall serve until a replacement has been elected.

Section 3.3: The local umpiring chair shall preside at the meetings of the LAUB, shall lead the annual interpretation meeting, shall act as (or appoint another person to act as) liaison to the local chapter and region, shall represent the local board at the annual required national rules interpretation meeting, shall maintain records of, and appropriate renewal dates for, all umpires within the local umpiring board, shall ensure that all

members are U.S. Lacrosse members, and otherwise shall conduct the business of the LAUB. The local umpiring chair should hold at least a District rating unless no such person is available and willing to serve.

Section 3.4: The treasurer shall collect all dues for the LAUB, including dues payable to U.S. Lacrosse, shall transmit those dues to U.S. Lacrosse, shall pay all debts and expenses of the LAUB, and shall show a proper accounting of all monies collected.

Section 3.5: The umpire board secretary shall ensure that notices of the annual meeting of the LAUB are properly sent to all members. The secretary shall also ensure that any other communications, from U.S. Lacrosse to the LAUB or otherwise concerning the LAUB are sent to the appropriate members.

Section 3.6: If appropriate, the LAUB may appoint a ratings chair whose responsibilities will include coordinating of training and rating sessions, administer the written exam, and reporting to the local chair test scores and service given by the membership.

Section 3.7: If appropriate, the LAUB may appoint additional roles on the committee as deemed appropriate. These positions may include but are not limited to:

- Vice Chair, whose responsibilities will include representing the LAUB at the U.S. Lacrosse Chapter meetings and reporting back to the Local Chair. Participate in other duties as assigned by the Local Chair.
- Collegiate assignor, whose responsibilities will include coordinating the assignment of officials to games for contracted leagues and schools (i.e. WWLL, NCAA).
- High School assignor, whose responsibilities will include coordinating the assignment of officials to games for contracted leagues and schools (i.e. SCGLA, Condor, OCLAX, etc).
- Representative to the state high school associations, whose responsibilities will include representing the LAUB at the state association meetings and reporting back to the Local Chair.

Section 3.8: Before the annual meeting at which the Executive Committee members will be elected, the Executive Committee should (not required) appoint a nominating committee, whose responsibilities will include developing at least one nomination for each position on the Executive Committee. Nominations for the Executive Committee may also be accepted at the annual meeting.

Section 3.9: If any Executive Committee member cannot attend a particular event or fulfill a particular duty on a limited basis – for example, if the local umpiring chair cannot attend the national rules interpretation meeting – she may appoint a proxy to perform the duty in her stead, providing a) the proxy is a member in good standing of U.S. Lacrosse and of the LAUB, b) the Executive committee member has notified the membership of her intent to appoint the proxy, and c) the proxy expires at the conclusion of the particular event or time period.

Section 3.10: Any Executive Committee member may be removed from office, for any reason, by a two-thirds majority of the members of the LAUB present at the meeting warned for that particular purpose, provided that a quorum exists. Notice of the meeting and its purpose must have been sent by mail or other reasonable means to all members of the LAUB, including the Executive Committee member, at least fifteen days prior to the meeting, and the Executive Committee member must be given an opportunity to speak at the meeting.

Chapter 4: Meetings

Section 4.1: The local umpiring chair shall call the annual meeting of the LAUB sometime before the beginning of each spring lacrosse season. That meeting should include the election of officers in appropriate years, the annual interpretation meeting, administration of the written examination, and all other business to come before the LAUB.

Section 4.2: A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the LAUB shall exist if a majority of the members defined in Chapter 2 are present.

Section 4.3: The local umpiring chair may call any additional meetings she deems necessary to conduct the business of the LAUB.

Chapter 5: Umpire Assignments and Level of Play

Section 5.1: The LAUB will contract with area leagues and teams on behalf of the Assignor(s) to provide assigning services for each season. Assigning fees will be set and published at the beginning of each calendar year.

Section 5.2: The level of rating will be considered before assignment is made.

- **Apprentice** officials will be assigned to appropriate levels of play that will promote their training and development. Apprentice umpires will be assigned to high school, youth and some “B” level College Club games. Apprentice umpires will not be assigned to upper level College Club (WWLL Div I) or NCAA varsity games of any level. Exceptions to this policy can be made only on an individual basis approved by the board chair.
- **Local** officials will be assigned based on their experience, skill and the level of play. Local umpires will be assigned to youth, high school, “B” level College Club games, “A” level College Club games (WWLL Div I). Exceptions to this policy (i.e. NCAA varsity games) can be made on an individual basis approved by the board chair.
- **District** and **National** rated officials will be assigned based on their experience, skill and the level of play. District and National umpires will be assigned to “A” level College Club games (WWLL Div I) and NCAA varsity games. Other levels of play will be assigned as needed.

Chapter 6: Conflict of interest and ethical Practices

Section 5.1: No member of the LAUB may vote on any matter in which she has a financial interest, in which any member of their immediate family has a financial interest, or on any other matter in which she has a conflict of interest. If a member of the LAUB becomes aware of any matter that could be considered a conflict of interest, she shall immediately disclose that conflict to the local umpiring chair.

Section 5.2: All members of the LAUB must follow the umpiring code of Ethical Conduct. All umpires must follow the Women' Division Umpires' Manual for guidance concerning ratings, payment of dues, conduct, and other matters. All members must apply the Rules of Women's Lacrosse consistent with official interpretations of those rules.

Section 5.3: All members of the LAUB are required to attend an annual interpretation meeting, pass the written examination, provide service and otherwise conduct themselves in accordance with the rules of the Women's Division Official's Council and any other consistent rules adopted by the LAUB.

Chapter 7: Amendments to Bylaws

Section 6.1: These bylaws may be amended or repealed by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the LAUB present at a meeting at which a quorum exists.

Section 6.2: Prior notice of any proposed amendment or repeal of any bylaw should be contained in a notice of the meeting at which it will be voted on, which should be published to the members at least ten (10) days before the meeting commences.

Section 6.3: These bylaws, and any amendments to them, must be submitted to the Women's Division Officials Council for approval and acceptance.

Chapter 8: Transaction by other means

Section 7.1: Whenever any action by the LAUB or its Executive Committee is required, that action may be conducted by mail, telephone, e-mail, or other means. Any action by mail shall be deposited in U.S. mail postage prepaid at least ten (10) days before the ballot is to be returned. Any action by e-mail or telephone or other electronic means must be conducted in a manner in which all participants may communicate with each other simultaneously.