

NEW ZEALAND LACROSSE (NZL)

Full Membership Criteria

1. The applicant must be a regional body in New Zealand representing men's, women's and youth lacrosse in the region.
2. The applicant must maintain registration as an incorporated society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 (and subsequent legislation if relevant);
3. The applicant must have, as its members, individuals, Clubs and other members it considers appropriate.
4. The applicant must support and intend to support the objects of NZL and must adopt a constitution which is not inconsistent with the Constitution. These criteria can be met by the applicant having objects similar to NZL but applied on a regional basis and explicitly referring to supporting the objects of NZL. For example, best practice objects of a regional applicant would be to:
 - a. be the governing body to promote, develop, foster the sport of lacrosse for the recreation and entertainment of the general public in the relevant region;
 - b. support and assist its Members to deliver lacrosse in the region;
 - c. support NZL in achieving its objects (NZL Objects);
 - d. encourage, educate and promote lacrosse as an activity that promotes and maintains the health and wellbeing of all participants in lacrosse;
 - e. promote opportunities and facilities to enable, assist and enhance the participation, enjoyment and performance in lacrosse in the relevant region;
 - f. promote, develop and coordinate competitions for all sport-related activities of the regional body;
 - g. affiliate and co-operate with kindred and other organisations, including NZL and other regional lacrosse bodies;

- h. arrange and participate in international and other lacrosse matches and tours both within New Zealand and overseas;
- i. represent the region and to participate as a member of NZL in a way that represents the best interests of the regional body;
- j. comply with the Laws of the Game and the by-laws, regulations and resolutions of NZL and World Lacrosse and to require Members to similarly comply;
- k. to form and manage regional representative lacrosse teams;
- l. to do all such other things to promote the interests of lacrosse in the region.

5. The applicant's constitution must also provide that:

- a. it is to apply its property¹ and capacity in pursuit of NZL Objects and the objects of the applicant;
- b. it will do all that is reasonably necessary to enable the NZL Objects and the objects of the Regional Body to be achieved;
- c. it will act in good faith with loyalty to the NZL to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of the NZL and lacrosse, and its reputation, and to do so for the collective and mutual benefit of the NZL Members and lacrosse;
- d. operate with, and promote, mutual trust and confidence between the NZL and the NZL Members; and
- e. always times act in the interests of the NZL Members and lacrosse.

We recommend that a specific NZL related clause set out in Appendix 1 below is inserted into a regional body constitution to address the above.

6. The regional body must provide a copy of its current register of members when requested and comply with any recommendations regarding maintaining such a register as advised by NZL.

¹ Property means the 'property' of the relevant member association. Property is the assets held in the name of the member association, whether it be cash, premises, chattels (e.g. equipment) etc.

7. At any time the NZL Board can exercise its powers to terminate membership in accordance with clause 13 of the NZL Constitution.

Interim Membership Criteria

On the understanding that applicants may need to make constitutional amendments and call member meetings in order to approve these, NZL is willing to accept applicants for membership on an interim basis on the following conditions:

1. An applicant will need to provide NZL with a first draft of proposed amendments to their constitution to comply with full membership criteria.
2. An applicant will need to have a plan in place to approve the required amendments to the constitution, including as to process and timeframes and provide this plan to NZL.
3. Any such plan under 2. will need to incorporate any plans of restructure or amalgamation of the applicant with another body (to the extent this is relevant).
4. Once an applicant has adopted its amendments to its constitution and registered these with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies it must notify NZL.
5. An applicant must have adopted amendments to its constitution and completed any restructure or amalgamation within 6 months or in a timeline agreed by the NZL and the applicant, before full membership can be confirmed and ratified by NZL members at the next NZL meeting.
6. If an applicant has not completed any of the steps required for full membership, full membership will be declined and the NZL Board will determine any necessary next steps.
7. At any time the NZL Board can exercise its powers to terminate membership in accordance with clause 13 of the NZL Constitution.

The NZL will work with the applicant on a case-by-case basis to agree on the timing around fulfilling the above conditions.

The NZL will determine in agreement with the interim Member how their votes are counted.

Appendix 1

Recommended NZL Clause for Members

For as long as <<region>> is a member of NZL it will:

- a) apply its property and capacity in pursuit of NZL Objects and the objects of <<region>>;
- b) do all that is reasonably necessary to enable the NZL Objects and the objects of <<region>> to be achieved;
- c) act in good faith with loyalty to NZL to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of NZL and lacrosse, and its reputation, and to do so for the collective and mutual benefit of NZL Members and lacrosse;
- d) operate with, and promote, mutual trust and confidence between NZL and NZL Members; and
- e) always act in the interests of NZL Members and lacrosse.