



BUCS LACROSSE 8s REGULATIONS

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LAE i The BUCS Lacrosse 8s Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the following BUCS sport specific regulations, the BUCS general regulations, and the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) Rules^{1&2}. Further event specific requirements, rules, and regulations will be contained within the entry and pre-event information for each Championship.

LAE ii In the event that these regulations contradict the BUCS general regulations, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

LAE iii In the event that these regulations contradict those of the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) Rules^{1&2}, these BUCS sport specific regulations will supersede, unless specifically stated otherwise.

¹Please note that *BUCS WILL NOT be adopting the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) 2019-2020 Men's Official Rules, published in August 2018, for the Men's Lacrosse 8s programme for the 2019-20 season.* As such, the rules as they stood in the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) 2017-2018 Men's Official Rules shall stand for the 2019-20 season. As ever, any BUCS regulations shall supersede the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) Rules, unless specifically stated otherwise. The World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) changes will be reviewed and considered for application for the 2020-21 BUCS season.

²Please note that *BUCS WILL NOT be adopting the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) 2020-2022 Women's Official Rules, published in January 2020, for the Women's Lacrosse 8s programme for the 2019-20 season.* As such, the rules as they stood in the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) 2018-2019 Women's Official Rules shall stand for the 2019-20 season. As ever, any BUCS regulations shall supersede the World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) Rules, unless specifically stated otherwise. The World Lacrosse (WL/FIL) changes will be reviewed and considered for application for the 2020-21 BUCS season.

LAE 1 Championships BUCS will host annually a Lacrosse 8s Championships. The programme shall include the events listed in Appendix 1 ('BUCS Competition Offer and Associated BUCS Points'), subject to entry numbers. All competition specific event information will be available in the event entry information and pre-event information.

LAE 2 Playing surfaces The type(s) of playing surfaces to be used and any footwear restrictions shall be confirmed in the pre-event information. It is the responsibility of teams and individual players to ensure that they have the appropriate footwear for any playing surfaces they will be required to play on.

LAE 3 Squad Size The maximum squad size shall be 12 players.

LAE 4 Playing kit Each team must provide two sets of matching playing shirts or bibs which are clearly numbered on the front and back. Teams must identify playing numbers on their team sheet when registering at the event. No number may be used more than once, and players cannot swap numbers during the tournament. If there is a clash of colours the first named team will change kit.

LAE 5 Squad declaration and Team sheet Following teams being entered on BUCS Play, players who wish to be eligible for selection must apply to join a team on BUCS Play by the deadline listed in the entry information. At the event, when registering each team will be required to complete a team sheet listing their chosen 12 players for the tournament from those listed in the squad declaration on BUCS Play. Individuals who are not in the squad on BUCS Play will not be eligible to compete.

LAE 6 Duration of play The length of each game and the turnaround time between games is subject to the number of teams entered and so shall be confirmed in the pre-event information for each Championships. There shall be central timing, no use of stopping clocks and no time outs allowed. It is the responsibility of teams and individual players to ensure that they are ready pitchside to start each match on time.

LAE 7 League points in group stages

LAE 7.1 Five points will be awarded for a win, three points for a draw and no points for a loss. A separate bonus point will be awarded to the losing team when the scoring margin is half or less (e.g. 4-2 or 5-3).

LAE 7.2 Where a walkover has been awarded/conceded (REG 13), five points shall be given to the non-offending team and five points deducted from the offending team.

LAE 7.3 No points will be awarded to either team in the case of a void fixture.

LAE 8 Calculating final league positions in group stages Final league positions will be primarily based on league points accumulated. However, should there be any ties on points within a league, they shall be split by the following sequential systems;

LAE 8.1 A team tied on points in a league who has voluntarily conceded walkovers shall automatically be placed below other tied teams who have conceded fewer voluntary walkovers.

LAE 8.2 Walkovers deemed involuntary may be disregarded in the above calculations on a case by case basis.

LAE 8.3 Tie between two teams

LAE 8.3.1 The result between the teams will be the determining factor in placing one team above the other.

LAE 8.3.2 Where the result between the two teams does not determine a winner, if the tie on points has been effected by any walkovers conceded to them or any void fixtures, all the relevant results against the team(s) which conceded the walkover(s) or the team(s) involved in the void fixtures (i.e. all the results between the teams tied on points and the team(s) conceding the walkover(s)/void match(es)) will be removed from the results table and goal differential shall be used to determine the higher placed team as follows:

LAE 8.3.2.1 The goal differential formula used shall be:

Goals For – Goals Against
Total Goals

Actual scores are used except those matches in which the goal difference exceeds 12. In these cases, the goal difference is reduced to 12 by reducing the 'Goals For'. For example, a score of 15 – 1 will be reduced to 13 – 1 before using the goal differential formula.

If a tie still exists;

LAE 8.3.2.2 If the higher placed team cannot be determined from the system above, then this shall be determined by the toss of a coin.

LAE 8.4 Tie between three or more teams

LAE 8.4.1 LAE 8.3.2 shall be used.

LAE 9 Ties in knockout games In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time, sudden victory overtime will be played. This will be played to a maximum of two minutes in one direction, followed by a maximum of two minutes after swapping ends, with an interval of one minute allowed between. The team who scores the first goal will win the game and overtime will cease. If no goal is scored during the sudden victory overtime, results from the group stages will be used to determine the winner.

LAE 10 Cards and penalties

LAE 10.1 Men's Penalties shall remain the full 30 seconds/one minute.

LAE 10.2 Women's

LAE 10.2.1 Yellow card penalties will be reduced to one minute instead of two minutes. Normal rules shall apply during the penalty – the team with player sent off must maintain the correct number of players behind the restraining line (two behind the halfway line/four players in attacking/+ goalie in defensive half).

LAE 10.2.2 All other carded penalties remain the same.

LAE 10.2.3 Penalty cards demerit system as per standard WL (FIL) rules:

- Yellow card suspension = 2 penalty points
- Yellow/red card suspension = 4 penalty points
- Red card suspension = 8 penalty points

When a player has accrued 8 penalty points, they will be suspended from the next match.

LAE 10.2.4 Standard (WL) FIL rules will apply to major/minor fouls and sportsmanlike conduct.

LAE 11 Additional Men's Lacrosse 8s specific rules

LAE 11.1 Players Each team will consist of one goalkeeper, two defence, three midfield, two attack. No more than three long poles are permitted on the pitch at the same time.

LAE 11.2 Starting/restarting the game

LAE 11.2.1 Each half will start with a centre face-off.

LAE 11.2.2 Restart after a goal The game will be restarted after each goal by a goalie clear. The referee must award the goal before the goalie may clear the ball. The goalie will have four seconds to clear the ball from the goalie circle once the goal has been awarded.

LAE 11.3 Offside

LAE 11.3.1 Attacking teams must keep three players in their defensive half at all times.

LAE 11.3.2 Defending teams must keep two field players in their attacking half at all times.

LAC 12 Additional Women's Lacrosse 8s specific rules

LAE 12.1 It is recommended that all players should wear protective and appropriate eye goggles.

LAE 12.2 Start of the game Each game will start with a centre draw. A team is permitted three players on the centre circle. All other players must be 10 metres from the circle.

LAE 12.3 Restraining line/Offsides

LAE 12.3.1 The halfway line will act as the restraining line.

LAE 12.3.2 Attacking teams must keep two field players and their goalkeeper in their defensive half at all times.

LAE 12.3.3 Defending teams must keep two field players in their attacking half at all times.

LAE 12.4 15 metre arc fouls

LAE 12.4.1 As there is no 15 metre arc, any fouls committed outside the 11 metre arc will be treated as "open field" fouls and players should be positioned accordingly. There is no requirement for umpires to clear a shooting lane for free positions awarded outside the 11 metre arc, however umpires may want to remind players to clear the lane once the whistle has blown.

LAE 12.4.2 All 11 metre arc and goal circle fouls are the same as standard WL (FIL) rules.

LAE 12.5 Restarting the game after a goal The game will be restarted after each goal by a goalie clear. The umpire must award the goal before the goalie may clear the ball. The goalie will have 10 seconds to clear the ball from the goalie circle once the goal has been awarded.