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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This agreement between the US Lacrosse Men's National Teams Committee and the US Lacrosse Men's Game International Officials Committee (IOC) serves as a general outline of the duties and obligations of the USA officials at the 2012 US Men's National U-19 Team tryouts in July, 2011, the U-19 Team exhibition games, and the FIL U-19 Championships in Turku, Finland in 2012. It also serves to clarify the support that US Lacrosse will provide such officials and assessors; it also describes the responsibilities of the selected USA officials.

A. 2011 July Tryouts at UMBC

1. The IOC Chair will solicit applications from qualified officials for the tryouts and, if more applicants emerge than try-out spaces available, will work with the assessors in determining a final list. The IOC Chair will select the assessors, per IOC By-Laws. The IOC Chair will assign the officials to all tryout games and lead the selection process, per the IOC Points of Policy.
2. These officials and assessors must be available for the entire period of the try-outs and shall conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Players, coaches, officials, and staff are to follow the UMBC campus rules as well as USL regulations in place for the tryouts. Violators may be subject to dismissal from the tryouts.
3. Officials will be responsible for all travel and room/board expenses. Room/board expenses are expected to be approximately \$275/official. Officials will receive forms/directions in a packet from US Lacrosse prior to the try-outs.
4. Assessors' reasonable travel and room/board expenses will be covered by US Lacrosse through the U.S. National Teams Budget. The plan is to have five (5) assessors. Assessors' travel to be coordinated by US Lacrosse or its travel partner and is subject to the US Lacrosse Volunteer Travel Reimbursement Policy. Should additional assessors become necessary, the IOC Chair and US Lacrosse Director of National Teams will confer, but US Lacrosse does not guarantee that similar arrangements can be made.
5. USL will obtain for each official and assessor a moisture-management shirt and a pair of mesh shorts. This allotment is not to exceed a total of 24 officials and assessors.
6. Shortly after the conclusion of the try-outs, US Lacrosse will announce the selected officials with the selected players. At that time the IOC Chair will inform the alternates and the other participants of their status.
7. As of December 1, 2010, the best estimate is that FIL will need 3-4 USA officials and 2-3 USA assessors for the 2012 U-19 Championships.

B. Pre-Championship Exhibition Games

1. Based on their availability, USA U-19 2012 officials and/or alternates or other qualified USA international officials will work these events. Their participation will be coordinated by the IOC Chair and he will strive to minimize travel costs by using proximity as a high priority in selecting officials.
2. A maximum of four officials will work these games.

3. US Lacrosse will cover these officials for their reasonable travel and room/board expenses through the US National Team Budget. Travel to be coordinated by US Lacrosse or its travel partner and is subject to the US Lacrosse Volunteer Travel Reimbursement Policy. Officials will not receive a game fee for these events.

4. Whenever possible, the IOC will have experienced observers helping and training the officials during these games. US Lacrosse will cover the reasonable travel and room/board expenses of not more than two observers and they will not receive a game fee for these events.

C. U-19 Championships 2012.

1. USA U-19 Officials are required to participate in fundraising to aid in the costs of travel, meals, and lodging. Each official, player, coach and staff member will be given the tools necessary to successfully fundraise from US Lacrosse and its financial development staff. Players, coaches, officials, and staff must fully participate in fundraising efforts.

2. USA U-19 officials and assessors must sign a USL Code of Conduct statement.

3. US Lacrosse will cover all reasonable travel for the USA officials and assessors to and from Turku, Finland. US Lacrosse staff and its travel partner will plan and book this travel. Room/board and transportation in Turku for officials and assessors are typically covered by the FIL or its host organization. If FIL policy changes, the IOC Chair and Director of National Teams will confer to determine if additional support can be provided by US Lacrosse. If not, these costs for room/board will become the responsibility of the individual officials and assessors. Any personal expenses beyond those provided will be the responsibility of the official and assessor.

4. USA U-19 officials and assessors will receive from USL one each of the following items: Polo shirt, short-sleeve t-shirt, long-sleeve t-shirt, hooded sweatshirt, sweatpants, hat, and backpack/messenger bag. Per FIL policies, officials and assessors will be required to wear "neutral" clothing and gear during the U-19 Games. This allotment will not exceed eight (8) officials and assessors in total.

5. Officials and assessors, not to exceed 8 in total, shall receive the same consideration with regard to event tickets that coaches receive.

6. Based on the assessor needs of the U-19 Referee-in-Chief, the IOC Chair, with advice from the IOC Executive Board, shall select the US assessors. The RIC may not know his assessor needs until the total number of participating nations has been established.

7. If the U-19 RIC requests additional officials or assessors from the US and its Alternates List to fill vacancies from other countries, the IOC Chair will first confirm with the US Lacrosse Director of National Teams that funding is available. It may be that US Lacrosse is not able to provide comparable financial support for the additional USA officials or assessors to go to Turku.

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