



World Events: Forfeiture Policy

World Lacrosse is an international sports federation whose mission is to provide governance and integrity for all forms of lacrosse and to provide responsive and effective leadership to support the sport's development throughout the world. It is not an organization that should be used to promote individual members political demands and cultural or religious beliefs.

World Lacrosse expectation is that each and every team entered in a world event will play each and every game they are scheduled to play. The National Governing Body (NGB) of a World Lacrosse Member is the body responsible for the actions of all of its teams entered in World Lacrosse events.

In the circumstances where a Member has entered a team in a world event, and chooses to forfeit a game(s) the following actions will apply:

- a) First Forfeit
 - 1) Team placed at the bottom of the rankings for that event.
 - 2) Noted as the "first recorded forfeit"
 - 3) The Member (National Governing Body) fined up to \$5,000

- b) Second Forfeit in the same or a subsequent event (cumulative for successive events following agreement of the policy)
 - 1) If in the same event as the first forfeit then expulsion from that event, if in a subsequent event then the team would be placed at the bottom of the rankings for that event.
 - 2) Noted as the "second recorded forfeit"
 - 3) The member (National Governing Body) fined up to \$10,000
 - 4) The member is disqualified from participating in the next World Lacrosse world event unless that event is within six months of the event where the forfeiture occurs when the disqualification will apply to the following event.

- c) Third Forfeit in a subsequent event (cumulative for successive events following agreement of the policy)
 - 1) Team placed at the bottom of the rankings for that event.
 - 2) Noted as the "third recorded forfeit"



- 3) The member (National Governing Body) fined up to a maximum of \$15,000 and the fine shall not be less than the maximum fine for the second time of forfeiture.
- 4) The member is suspended from World Lacrosse membership for a period of two (2) years.

Please note – the fines are not cumulative

Any such fine must be paid, or a payment plan agreed, before that Member may compete in any future World Lacrosse event.

Payment will be expected within 30 days of invoice issue.

Recognizing that there could be extraordinary circumstances, beyond the control of the team or its National Governing Body (NGB), that may necessitate forfeiture; the World Lacrosse Board shall have the authority to adjust / waive the penalties.

If the forfeiture results in a host organization incurring additional costs, as a direct result of this action and which can be demonstrated as such to the World Lacrosse Board, compensation may be sought from the NGB. The World Lacrosse Board shall have the authority to evaluate these costs and assign compensation if necessary.

In discussion at the GA the members requested that the Board consider “resetting the counter” at the end of each 4 year cycle of events.

Agreed at World Lacrosse General Assembly 3rd July 2016