

# LACROSSE EQUIPMENT COUNCIL

## COUNCIL STRUCTURE UPDATED DECEMBER 2025

### THE LACROSSE EQUIPMENT COUNCIL

The formation of the Lacrosse Equipment Council (“LEC”) was announced in late 2024. The Council will serve as standing formal structure for the discussion and review of equipment related issues in lacrosse. The LEC seeks to collaborate with the rule making bodies, industry and other stakeholders to review and support the effective use of equipment and standards for equipment.

### OVERVIEW OF LACROSSE EQUIPMENT COUNCIL PARTICIPANT CATEGORIES

The LEC is composed of three primary participant categories. This structure was selected to ensure broad stakeholder engagement, transparency, and effective leadership in matters related to lacrosse equipment safety and performance.

#### 1. GOVERNING COMMITTEE

The Governing Committee serves as the governing entity of the LEC; it is comprised of technical experts in sport science, equipment and testing verticals. The committee is responsible for overseeing the LEC’s operations and ensuring alignment with USA Lacrosse’s mission and goals. Members of the Governing Committee are appointed by the USA Lacrosse Board of Directors and serve staggered terms to maintain continuity and independence.

##### 1. **Eligibility Requirements**

- Satisfactory completion of a conflict-of-interest check
- Acceptance of the USA Lacrosse Volunteer Code of Conduct and USA Lacrosse Membership Agreement

##### 2. **Time Commitment**

- The Governing Committee will participate in 8-10 virtual meetings annually

#### 2. ADVISORY GROUP

The Advisory Group provides non-binding recommendations and insights to the Governing Committee. Members are selected based on their knowledge, experience, and/or vested interest in lacrosse equipment safety and performance. Representatives from the following non-exhaustive list may be considered: rule-making bodies; coaches; athletic directors; players; educators; technical experts; officials, equipment manufacturers; retailers; and purchasers.

##### 1. **Key Considerations**

- Members are approved by the Governing Committee for staggered terms
  - Members or the members' institutions will be publicly listed to promote transparency
- 2. Eligibility Requirements**
- Submission of a resume demonstrating relevant subject matter expertise
  - Satisfactory completion of a conflict-of-interest check
  - Acceptance of the USA Lacrosse Volunteer Code of Conduct
- 3. Mandate**
- Advisory Group members serve as non-voting advisors, offering experience, advice, and insight (aka a "gut check") on Council topics and recommendations
- 4. Time Commitment**
- The Advisory Group will be invited to the quarterly Open Membership meetings
  - The Advisory Group will participate in a minimum of 4 other LEC meetings annually consisting of no more than one hour each, dates and timing to be determined.

### **3. GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Industry Members will be invited to quarterly meetings and have the ability to submit comments or proposals to the Council. General Public members will receive general updates from the LEC and can submit questions and topics for consideration through the website form.

**a. Eligibility Requirements:**

- Formal registration
- Agreement to abide by the USA Lacrosse Code of Conduct

## **TOPIC CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW PROCESS**

The Governing Committee will review submissions from general membership, stakeholders, Industry Members and the Advisory Group. All submissions must be submitted through the online form [here](#). The Council will consider whether and to what extent to take action on any submission in its discretion, and a response will be sent to the submitting email within 45 days.

1. The following parameters will inform consideration of topics:
  - Topics which the Council believes to have a reasonable chance of resulting in an equipment proposal, or a change in test equipment or test method; and
  - Where applicable, the identification or description of the issue or concern.

2. When a specific issue has been identified as a topic for review, which could result in a recommendation for a standard review or rule proposal, the LEC will issue an Area of Interest Notice that:
  - Where applicable, the Notice will cite any research that has been conducted;
  - The Council may invite manufacturers to comment/participate in the discussion; and
  - If comments are received to the Notice or ensuing proposal, the submitter will be asked to complete a 'permission form' with their comments either:
    - a. withholding permission for the comments to be published; or
    - b. giving permission for the comments to be published verbatim; or
    - c. giving permission for a modified version of their comments to be published. The contents of the modified document, however, must be substantially similar to the non-published version
  - The Council will consider comments equally, whether the submitter gives permission for the comments to be published.
3. Once all comments are received and considered, if applicable a final recommendation to standard making groups or rule makers will be published by the Council in a timely manner.
4. Such a proposal will be published via a Notice and Comment document which includes the following, as appropriate:
  - An explanation of the perceived problem;
  - A description of the goals of the Council's proposed course of action;
  - Consideration of the effects of the proposal; and
  - A description of the proposal.

For more information on the Lacrosse Equipment Council, click [here](#).