

**To:** Level 3/4/5 Field Lacrosse Referees  
**From:** Adam Crowe – National Men’s Field Lacrosse Referee in Chief  
**Date:** March 26, 2019  
**Re:** Officials to Worlds Application Process

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We have begun the process of selecting our officials for the upcoming Men’s U19 World Field Lacrosse Championships, to be held in Limerick, Ireland in July 2020. This is shaping up to be the largest U19 World Lacrosse Championships ever.

We are also looking for a team of assessors to be involved in the tryout process as well as at the World Championships.

The applications will be divided into two categories: referees who have officiated in at least 2 world championships (group A) and referees who have officiated in less than two world championships (group B). Half of the positions are reserved for group B applicants. The remaining positions are an open competition available for any referee to compete for, assuming there are enough suitable applicants. If we receive more applications than we can accommodate some of the Group A referees may not be permitted to apply.

Assessors applications will be judged on experience while trying to achieve some regional balance of assessors.

For referees, the selection process will consist of an application, \$200 application fee (to cover assessors’ travel, fitness testing, etc.) and attendance at the scheduled tryout camp.

The selection camp will be held as follows:

**1. Kelowna BC – August 29 – September 1, 2019 – First Nations/Alumni Cup**

Candidates will be asked to come in the day prior to the start of games and will undergo a fitness test. Candidates will also participate in clinic sessions via conference call and will have to successfully complete a rules test prior to the camps. Candidates will then referee games over the weekend. You will be observed by assessors and/or members of the selection committee. The hotel will be covered from Thursday night on, as per usual with national championships. Please come prepared to work hard. You will be evaluated from the moment you arrive.

We are expecting referees to come to camp in shape. For those officials that are offered a spot at the camp, the fitness test protocol will be sent to you in June.

Please return the application packages (with MA approval) and a certified cheque or money order to the CLA office no later than **April 30, 2019**. Credit Card payments can be made by contacting Dane Hansen at the CLA office. The selection process should be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

This will be quite a commitment on your part, but an extremely worthwhile one. As this is shaping up to be the largest U19 World Championships held to date, there will be plenty of opportunities to participate.

Historically, each country has been asked to supply two qualified referees. With this tournament being so large, and with many countries unable to provide referees it is anticipated that we may be asked for 6-10 officials. Selected officials will be asked to complete a Criminal Record Check.

It is also important to note that since at least 2002, an official who was listed as an alternate in the selection process has attended the championship. It is important to understand that your ability to accept whatever decision is handed down upon conclusion of the selection process may ultimately affect whether you attend the championship or not.

Once at the World Championships, accommodation and food are provided by the tournament. Referees will be financially responsible for their travel to and from the tournament. I would suggest that selected officials approach their individual provincial association for financial support. The Canadian Lacrosse Association may contribute funds toward referee transportation but this is in no way guaranteed and if received, may not cover all transportation costs.

The application package should be completed, and forwarded to James Buhlman, Program Coordinator ([james@lacrosse.ca](mailto:james@lacrosse.ca)) in the Canadian Lacrosse Association office by **April 30, 2019 at 4:00pm EST** along with the application fee.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or clarification.

Yours in Lacrosse,

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