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Greetings World Lacrosse Members.

By now you are likely aware of World Lacrosse receiving an endorsement of our application for Full Recognition from the International Olympic Committee's Executive Board. In the coming weeks, the IOC members will meet just prior to the Tokyo Games and will vote on the Executive Board's recommendation. It is anticipated that we will receive notice of the outcome as the Tokyo Games are commencing. We are optimistic that the IOC Members will vote favorably and welcome World Lacrosse into the Olympic family.

As news of the recognition spreads via print, digital, and social media we would like to take this opportunity to provide a few pieces of information regarding what this recognition will mean for the sport.

1. Eligibility to be considered as a host city sport in the Olympic Games. Full Recognition does not guarantee inclusion in the games, but it opens the door to future participation.
2. Access to IOC programs and services. The IOC has a wide swath of resources for its members. With Full Recognition, NGBs via their National Olympic Committee (NOC) and World Lacrosse will be able to access these resources.
3. Contributors to the Olympic Movement. The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced in accordance with Olympism and its values.
4. World Lacrosse will be globally recognized as the exclusive international federation for the sport of lacrosse. No other organization can claim that right or receive the benefits that being part of the Olympic family offers.

In addition to the benefits noted above, many of the NGBs will now be one step closer to obtaining formal recognition by their respective National Olympic Committees. Once the Full Recognition announcement is made, we encourage all members to reach out to their NOCs, share the good news, and inquire about what steps your organizations may need to take to join the NOC. World Lacrosse can certainly assist with introductions and supporting members in applying for and gaining this recognition.

As always we are grateful for the past, present, and future support of the Membership as we inch closer to this milestone for the sport. Your feedback, participation, and insights throughout the process have been invaluable and we could not have come this far without each of you.

Kind Regards,



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