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**Memo to LPSC Masters 3, GM 1 and GM 2 Teams**

For the past 15 years, the Florida Lacrosse Classic (FLC) and the Lake Placid Summit Lacrosse Classic (LPSC) have been at the forefront of the post collegiate (POCO) tournament circuit. Together we have worked very hard at trying to maintain a universal consistency in the rules of play and in standardizing the age brackets, allowing teams to remain together no matter where they play in the country. In conjunction with FLC, we are currently evaluating and considering changes to our masters and grand masters age brackets. The underlying problem is the absence of teams competing at the Grand Masters 1 level and the pressure this puts on the Masters 3 and Grand Masters 2 divisions. With this in mind, we are proposing some eligibility changes and would like to get feedback from teams in these age brackets on our proposed changes.

In looking at our respective age brackets and that of other major tournaments, we find that either five (5) or ten (10) year increments beginning with 30-over is the norm. FLC currently offers 45, 50, 55 and 60-over and LPSC currently offers 30, 35, 38, 45, 50, 55, and 60-over divisions. Together with FLC, we would like to move towards five year increments for all of our masters and grand masters divisions and we propose the following path to get there:

- In 2016, we will again offer Masters 3 at 38-over and lower the age for Grand Masters 1 to 43 to try to attract younger players and older Masters 3 teams to that division. We might consider adding a few exceptions which would allow a limited number of players under 43 to compete in GM1;
- In 2017, Masters 3 will be raised to 39-over and in 2018, it will be raised to 40-over where it will stay.
- In 2017, Grand Masters 1 will be raised to 44-over and in 2018, it will be raised to 45-over where it will stay.

Included among our objectives in making these proposed changes are the following:

- To improve the quality of experience and competition at the Grand Masters 1 level;
- to increase participation in Masters 1 and 2, which are near but not at capacity;
- to narrow the age gap between Masters 3 and Grand Masters 1 with the hope of attracting more teams to GM1;
- to lower the GM1 age for a couple of years in order to attract more players and teams to GM1;
- and, to move towards standardized five year increments in establishing divisions of masters and over play beginning with age 30 for Masters 1.

You are part of the LPSC and FLC family and we sincerely value your opinion. Please spend a few minutes to provide some feedback to the potential changes, all opinions are welcome. Thanks!

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