



**Policy Change Proposal/  
Proposition de Modification aux Politiques**

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**Box Sector**  Approved  Not Approved

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**Effective in year: 2021**

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**Rationale:** The amateur hockey model has been successful allowing larger pools of players in this division. Most Member Associations (MAs) don't use an active intermediate age group. Most are forcing a 5-year age group on minor-aged athletes that want to participate in Box Lacrosse, because they don't have enough participants to field intermediate leagues/teams. This is about Participation. It was very successful in BC for several years with Female Box Lacrosse.

Some jurisdictions consider individuals adults at 18, some 19, some 21.

The suggested proposal will allow for larger player pools in the 15-17 year age group, increasing participation.

There is no reason for impact on other divisions. Players wishing to play Intermediate (18 & Under) or Junior (21 & Under) Lacrosse are not restricted.

There is a companion proposal for CLA National Championships presently for 17U. The teams for National Championships are all-star teams from the MAs. Player eligibility is unchanged.

The intention is to not adjust the Canada Games 2021 athlete's eligibility. The teams will be selected as per the technical package.