

## **Men's Rules and Refereeing Report**

### **For Lacrosse Scotland AGM May 2010**

#### **Celtic Cup in 2009**

This was the largest men's tournament held in Scotland since the European Championships back in 2000, and included the national teams of France, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The officials for the event came from England, Scotland, Wales, and USA (Dick Pepper was Head Referee). These included three full international award holders and one intermediate. The event went very well, and was an excellent opportunity for the Scottish officials (Phil Smart and Rob Powell) to gain experience.

Based on performance at the Celtic Cup, Phil Smart was awarded the Scottish Level 3 Refereeing qualification.

#### **No Rules and Refereeing Course**

Unfortunately I have been unable to arrange a Rules and Refereeing course during the 2009-10 season. We do not have tutors ourselves, but rely on volunteers from the ELA. This year they have been fully occupied in the assessment of referees for the upcoming World Cup, so no event could be run. This needs to be the top priority for next season.

#### **Rules amendments**

At the FIL General Assembly prior to the World Cup, there will be a number of amendments to the rules of men's lacrosse. Many are minor, but others include changes to face-off, and stick construction. The new rules would take effect next season.

As an organisation we need to cast our vote. After the decisions have been made, we need to communicate them to the men's teams before the league starts again in the autumn.

#### **Next year**

I am prepared to continue as Men's Rules and Refereeing chair if no-one else is interested in this position, but would stand aside for any other volunteer – always good to get new people involved.