

# B.C. LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

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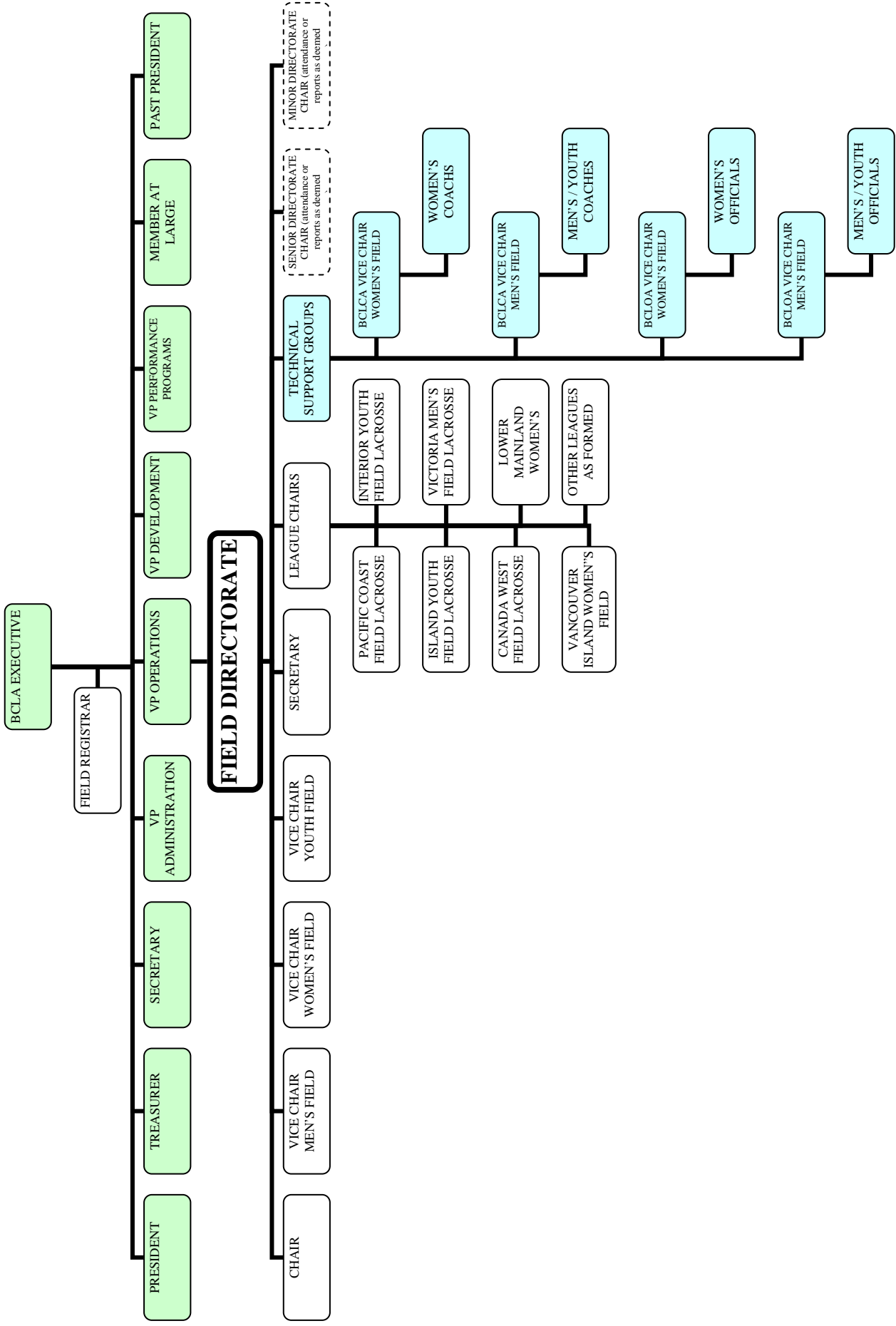
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**FIELD DIRECTORATE COMMUNICATION CHART**

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## **FIELD DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To strengthen and expand the participation, interest and support in Field Lacrosse, by developing and/or enhancing youth, women's and men's programs, at both the recreational and competitive levels in BC. All regulations apply, equally to all sectors of senior, youth and women's field lacrosse, except where noted.

### **REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **FIELD DIRECTORATE CHAIR**

- Responsible to the VP of Operations of the BCLA
- To act as direct liaison with the BCLA executive and the Technical Director
- Will be elected to a two-year term.

#### **SECRETARY**

- Assist Chair
- Responsible for minutes for all meetings and distribution
- Keeping data base of association contacts current

#### **REGISTRAR**

- Responsible for the administration and filing of all player registration forms and team declaration for all divisions.
- To provide year-end registration statistics and have them available for the hosts of the Provincials.
- To ensure that registration forms are updated and available to the membership at the beginning of each season.
- The Registrar shall appoint assistants as needed.

#### **YOUTH CHAIR**

- Will be the contact for all youth teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of youth programs in BC
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
- Will be the liaison between the BCLA Field Directorate and the Leagues
- Will oversee the Junior-U19, Midget Field-U16, Bantam Field-U14, PeeWee Field-U12, Novice Field-U10, Tyke Field-U8, Mini-Tyke Field-U6 Divisions
- Will oversee any teams attending national championships

#### **SENIOR MEN'S CHAIR**

- Will be the contact for all men's teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of men's programs in BC
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
- Will oversee any teams attending national championships

#### **WOMEN'S CHAIR**

- Will be the contact for all women's teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of women's programs in BC
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
- Will oversee any teams attending national championships

#### **LEAGUE CHAIR OR DESIGNATE**

- Submit Executive list of your league to the Field Directorate
- Chair League meetings as required
- League agreement must be submitted to Field Directorate by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year

- Written League reports must be submitted to appropriate Vice Chair one week before Field Directorate meetings.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

- Rule on disciplinary matters for their division assigned, following the Field Directorate Disciplinary rules and the commissioner’s package.
- Ensure all teams are tiered properly. Watch for inequality of teams within their league and decide on placement and movement.
- Making league schedules for their playing division for their league.
- Ensure copies of scoresheets are given to the Statistician of the Leagues monthly.
- Any communication between division commissioners and the coaches regarding coach suspensions should include the head coach of the appropriate association and the Vice Chair Men’s/Women’s Field of the B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association.

The Chair, Vice Chair - Women’s Field and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms even-numbered years. The Vice Chair - Youth, and the Vice Chair – Men’s Field shall be elected in two-year terms in odd-numbered years. All elections will be held at the Field Directorate Special Session. The Field Registrar will be an appointed position for a one-year term at the Field Directorate Special Session, and will not carry a vote.

Voting members can only vote on General Field Directorate Operating Policies REGULATIONS 1-10, and the area they represent.

## **REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS**

2.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:

Senior Men’s	Open
Junior U19 Field	Under 19 years
Midget Field	Under 16 years
Bantam Field	Under 14 years
PeeWee Field	Under 12 years
Novice Field	Under 10 years
Tyke Field	Under 8 years
Mini-Tyke Field	Under 6 years
Senior Women’s	Open
Junior Women’s	Under 19
Youth Women’s	Under 15

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year, with the exception of Junior-U19 to Mini-Tyke Field, which are determined prior to January 1 of the playing year.

## **REGULATION 3: PLAYING UP**

- 3.01 A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which he/she is registered, with the written permission of lower level coach.
- 3.02 A team may participate in a higher calibre sanctioned tournament without impacting team or player eligibility.

## **REGULATION 4: PROOF OF AGE**

- 4.01 The Registrar of the association shall sign all applications for registrations or designate to which the player belongs, and shall, in the Minor age groups, be accompanied by proof of age in one of the following forms:
- Government Birth Certificate
  - Certification of Baptism
  - Letter from Registrar or Birth advising that age stated is correct
  - Current Passport
  - Certificate of Indian Status Card
- 4.02 In the event that none of the above is available, the Field Directorate may permit the player to play within its jurisdiction. Such approval shall be forwarded to the BCLA Office and the Field Registrar, and ratified.

## **REGULATION 5: PROVINCIAL TROPHIES**

- 5.01 A club must be responsible for the care and safekeeping of any trophy won by it or any of its players. If any trophy is lost or damaged while in the care of the team, or any of its players, the cost of repair or replacement will be charged to that club.
- 5.02 All trophies shall be returned to the BCLA office by the clubs responsible for them, thirty days prior to the forthcoming championship.
- Such delivery in good condition shall relieve the team of any further responsibility for the care and safekeeping of the trophy or trophies so delivered.

## **REGULATION 6: FACILITIES**

- 6.01 All clubs must advise the League Commissioner of their home games prior to drawing up the schedule or permission to operate. Before being granted approval, every team must satisfy the League Commissioner that suitable accommodation is provided.
- 6.02 The home club shall provide a whistle or horn and stop watch for the timekeeper, as well as such other equipment as is normally required for the conduct of a game.
- 6.03 The official scorekeeper shall be stationed with the time keepers, and the score sheet must always be kept at field level and available for inspection by the officials.
- 6.04 The home team shall be held responsible for assuring the playing area is suitable for all games to the satisfaction of the officials.
- 6.05 No team may change its home game from one venue to another without prior permission of the League Commissioner. Such permission may be granted only if the move complies with the Regulations.
- 6.06 The playing field for youth levels and up will be consistent with ILF dimensions or as the field space allows.
- 6.07 The Novice and Tyke levels may play on a smaller scale field with dimensions consistent with Pinball (Under 10 and Under 8) Lacrosse field dimensions.

## **REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS**

- 7.01 Invitational tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations, Clubs and Zones wishing to host invitational tournaments must inform the Field Directorate which will sanction the tournament, and pass the information to all associations, clubs and zones.
- 7.02 In order to avoid conflict, the Field Directorate will maintain a master schedule of all invitational tournaments and advise holders of tournaments of open dates.
- 7.03 The supervising division commissioner will administer discipline for all tournaments and ensure that disciplinary action is consistent with that administered during league play.
- 7.04 **Out of Province and out of Country Travel Permits**
- (a) An application form for travel outside of province or country must be completed and submitted to the BCLA Office for approval within the following timelines:  
  
Out of Province – 7 days before the event  
Out of Country – 14 days before the event
  - (b) All teams traveling out of country must arrange travel and additional medical insurance of out of country medical needs.
  - (c) Only teams made up of players and coaches duly registered with the BC Lacrosse Association (in the same discipline) or teams made up of players and coaches duly registered under a BCLA-sanctioned program can obtain a travel permit. A list of the team roster including coaches must accompany this travel permit. Coaches are to be identified by their NCCP numbers and certification levels.
  - (d) Traveling teams may only compete against teams or in tournament events approved in this permit. Games must be sanctioned by the recognized lacrosse governing body for that region.
  - (e) Traveling teams must adhere to the rules of competition in which they are participating.
  - (f) Teams participating in any tournament or exhibition series shall abide by the rules of the Host with regard to any minor and/or major suspension, which may be more or less severe than the BCLA Suspension Guidelines. Teams must ensure that any suspensions in force from their local associations are served during the games with game sheets marked accordingly in tournament games covered by this permit. Suspensions may not be served during exhibition games.
  - (g) For all BCLA/CLA sanctioned tournaments, scoresheets must be submitted to the local commissioner within three (3) days of returning home from the tournament. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary action and/or suspension of the coach.
  - (h) Traveling teams shall remain subject to the BCLA Operating Policies and Codes of Conduct with regard to disciplinary matters and behavioural conduct. Teams are representing their local associations and the BCLA; therefore, the conduct of the team must be indicative of this responsibility.
  - (i) Teams traveling outside of Canada must follow all CLA and BCLA policies as these teams are now presenting the Canadian Lacrosse Association and the BC Lacrosse Association.
- 7.04 **Cross-Border League Play**

- (a) British Columbia teams playing in a league based outside of the Province of BC must be properly registered with the BCLA and an out of province or out of country travel permit must be filed with the BCLA Office before league play starts. The team must have permission from their local governing authority in order to participate in the out of province/out of country league and must inform the appropriate Directorate of their intent to play in an out of province league before league play commences.
- (b) Out of province teams playing in a British Columbia-based league must have proof of basic medical coverage in BC, extended health insurance, and proof of liability insurance before playing in BC. The players must be properly registered with their teams and the team must have permission from their local governing authority to participate in the BC-based league, as well as permission of the local BC authority. The local BC authority must inform the appropriate Directorate of the out of province/country team's participation before league play commences.

## **REGULATION 8: TRANSPORT AND SUPPORT**

- 8.01 Within the confines of budget, the BCLA may offer assistance to conveners or attendees at Provincial Championships, National Championships or invitation tournaments.

## **REGULATION 9: CONDUCT**

### **9.01 General Conduct**

Coaches, assistants, managers, trainers and bench personnel should be registered with the team.

Every participant in lacrosse is responsible for proper observance of the BC Lacrosse Association Constitution and By-laws, Operating Policies, Rules and Philosophy. BCLA members should place the betterment and welfare of lacrosse and their players above their personal, team and association interests.

It is the responsibility of the BCLA members to promote and foster good conduct of all team personnel and supporters at all lacrosse functions, and help ensure respect for all lacrosse officials, umpires, participants and spectators.

Team and association personnel and supporters should refrain from approaching any official or member of the Field Directorate at or immediately following a game with reference to situations within that game.

All members and supporters of all teams and associations, when in public and recognized as lacrosse members and supporters, must conduct themselves in such a manner as to always enhance the image of lacrosse.

Associations will be responsible for team personnel, association personnel, and supporters (fans) who abuse (verbally or physically) any volunteers in any official capacity or spectator, and will be subject to disciplinary action by the Field Directorate.

### **9.02 Alcohol and Drugs**

No one involved in a lacrosse game or practice should be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, nor should alcohol be consumed before, during or after a game or practice. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited at game or practice sites, and dressing rooms.

### **9.03 Player Tampering**

Player tampering shall be recognized when a coach, association or team official acts in a manner encouraging or enticing a player from another team to: hold out or delay registering; request a release or transfer; join another team, association, club or zone.

**9.04 Maintenance of Order**

All persons, including those paying admission or receiving passes, who attend games under the jurisdiction of the BCLA, shall be deemed to have agreed that they were admitted on the condition that they abide by the rules and philosophy of the BCLA, even to the extent that they may be ordered removed from any or all playing sites (including areas reserved for spectators).

**REGULATION 10: AMENDMENTS**

- 10.01 Field Directorate Special Session is to be held the month of April, with the date being determined by the Field Directorate Executive.
- 10.02 The Operating Regulations of the Field Directorate shall not be altered except at a Special Session of the Field Directorate, and shall be made only by a majority vote of the members voting thereon.
- 10.03 Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given in writing to the BCLA Office at least forty-five days before the day of the Special Session, and the proposed amendments shall be circulated to the member/club/association at least thirty days prior to the Special Session.

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**YOUTH FIELD OPERATING POLICY**

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**REGULATION 11: PLAYING DIVISIONS**

- 11.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:

Junior U19 Field	Under 19 years
Midget Field	Under 16 years
Bantam Field	Under 14 years
PeeWee Field	Under 12 years
Novice Field	Under 10 years
Tyke Field	Under 8 years
Mini-Tyke Field	Under 6 years

All ages are determined prior to January 1 of the playing year.

**REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 12.01 The championships the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the Junior U19, Midget, Bantam, and PeeWee series deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.
- 12.02 The winners of the playoffs shall be declared British Columbia Champions.
- 12.03 (a) At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter the Provincial Championships.  
  
(b) All leagues will play down to the following allotted number of teams per tier:

Lower Mainland	5 Teams
Vancouver Island	2 Teams
Interior	1 Team



- (c) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

Only one team from a developing area may participate if all spots are allotted. If more than one team declares from a developing area, then a playdown occurs to fill the allotted spot. If this is not feasible, then the Field Directorate will determine which team will be allotted the spot.

- (d) Where there is a vacant Provincials position, top ranked/seeded teams from either of the remaining leagues (i.e., PCFLL, VIYFLL, IYFLL) who have not yet already obtained a spot for Provincials will play a single game (CLA rules) to determine who will fill that vacancy. This game will be played at a neutral field as determined by the Field Directorate.

#### 12.04 **Host Obligations**

It shall be the duty of any group hosting a Provincial Championship to ensure that the bench officials will be of neutral standing for any game which:

- determines finalists for a provincial championship
- determines a provincial champion
- determines any medal winner

This shall be ensured and enforced by the Chair of the tournament and/or the Referee-in-Chief of the tournament.

#### 12.05 **Control**

The control of all Provincial Championships is the responsibility of the Playoff Director who shall be a member of and appointed by the Field Directorate and in conjunction with the BCLA Vice President - Operations.

- 12.06 Applications for upcoming year to host provincials are due to the Field Directorate Chair by August 15th along with budget. Announcement of who will be hosting provincials shall be made no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season.

- 12.07 Qualifiers will be declared as per Playoff Directive.

- 12.08 (a) Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Junior Men's (U19), Midget (16), Bantam (U14), and PeeWee (U12) Field divisions.  
(b) Associations can apply to host a year-end round robin for Novice (U10), Tyke (U8) and Mini-Tyke (U6) divisions.

#### 12.09 **Eligibility**

To be eligible to play in a provincial championship tournament, a team must have played a minimum of eight league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a player playing up a division must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship and must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group. Exceptions can be made for the position of goaltender, only in exceptional circumstances. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for national championships.

#### 12.10 **Declaration Forms**

The BCLA Office must receive declaration forms for provincials along with an attached roster and payment for entry into Provincial Playdowns by the date set by the Field Directorate for the playing season. Failing this will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a \$1,500.00 fine per team that withdraws.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Provincial Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have met the minimum requirements of the youth league.

#### 12.11 **Venue**

It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate to set dates and places of all provincial championships. The locations shall be chosen from applications received from Associations, Clubs, or Zones wishing to host all levels of play. The host responsibilities of the Associations, Clubs or Zone to host provincial championships will be declared by the Field Directorate.

#### 12.12 **Trophies**

Medals, plaques and awards will be provided by the BCLA for all championships. Gold, Silver and Bronze, as well as participation medals, will be awarded in the Junior, Midget, Bantam, and PeeWee Field provincial championships. All-Star Team consisting of nine players and a goalie will be chosen in the Junior, Midget, Bantam, and PeeWee Field divisions. The ordering of trophies through the BCLA Office and distribution will be the responsibility of the Field Directorate. Host Associations will supply qualified Bench Officials and a committee room for all officials. Host associations will be reimbursed expenses for field time, balls and referees.

12.13 The coach of record may be substituted only as per section 1.03 of the BCLCA Operating Policy.

12.14 The financing of the Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships will be declared by the BCLA Field Provincial Host Agreement. Any sponsorship secured by the BCLA shall in no way restrict the ability of any association, club or zone to host the Junior, Midget, Bantam and PeeWee Field Provincial Championships.

12.15 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held on or after the last week of January and not later than the last weekend of March.

### **REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYING RULES**

13.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.

13.02 The Field Directorate will instruct member associations they must adhere to the ILF rules, CLA rules and policy, and to the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy as written.

When traveling out of BCLA governed areas, teams must adhere to host governing rules as well as the BCLA Policies.

- 13.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no crossover of players from one team to another, and back and forth, after September 30 of the playing year. If said infraction occurs after September 30 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for his/her registered team only. Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player during a regularly schedule game shall forfeit all games won during which an ineligible player was a participant. Should this occur in the playoffs, then, only the games played in the playoffs will be awarded to the opposing side.
- 13.04 No more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games (2 x 20 minute halves) per day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play.
- 13.05 The goal average formula will be used in the playdowns and Provincial Championships. In the event of a tie in points, final standings shall be determined as follows:
- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game, or games between the two teams advances.
  - (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams, with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average advances.

#### **GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA**

GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average

**NOTE:** Only goals scored in the games between the teams involved in the points tie shall be used in the Goal Average Formula.

In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams with which it is tied shall be declared the higher team.

- 13.06 In the event of a team defaulting a game, any legitimate expenses incurred as a consequence of the default shall be reimbursed by the defaulting association/club. The expenses will be paid to the non-offending association/club within thirty (30) days of the receipts received.
- 13.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded two (2) points in league standings.
- 13.08 In league play, the age groups of U12 and below, no player shall play more than one-half of the game at the positions of Attack
- 13.09 In the age groups of U12 and below, no team shall play a stationary zone defence within their defensive restraining line when the teams are at even strength.

### **REGULATION 14: MOVEMENT – YOUTH TO SENIOR**

- 14.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the Youth Division shall sign a senior player registration form. He/She may have his/her registration form transferred to the Vice Chair - Senior Field after the following conditions are met:
- Letters of agreement to the transfer, from the player, the player's parent/guardian, the player's home association and the Senior team the player wishes to transfer to, along with a letter requesting approval, shall be forwarded to the Field Directorate, and shall notify the appropriate Commissioner.
- 14.02 Notwithstanding the forgoing, a Youth Field player of Junior age may play up in a higher league with permission of the Youth player's coach, who must notify the Vice Chair of Youth Field.
- 14.03 If there is no league for an age group, a player may play up two age groups.

- 14.04 Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the player and the coach of the Senior Directorate team for whom he/she played.

### **REGULATION 15: YOUTH MOVES**

- 15.01 All players must sign and play with the associations which administers lacrosse for the area in which that player permanently resides.
- 15.02 If a player does not want to play with the home association, the player must obtain a release from the home association. With the written permission of the player's home association, local league may approve a move to an association other than that in which the player lives. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 15.03 If there is a dispute, the League, after receiving a formal written request from the player's parent or guardian, will have the right to place the disputed player to an association where the League feels would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 15.04 If the player has played the two previous consecutive seasons with same association as an eligible player (living within that association's home areas or properly released), the player is considered grandfathered with that association and has the option of signing and playing with either his/her home association or the association he/she previously played for.
- 15.05 If an association signs an ineligible player the team of this ineligible player will forfeit all points earned until the player has been correctly registered.
- 15.06 A player who is signed with an association and moves to another area during the playing season must receive permission from the Division Commissioner of his/her new area before he/she is eligible to play with a team in the new area.
- 15.07 Where no team is available within the players' age group, the player may play for another association with written release from his/her home association and written approval by the local league for the current playing season only. This release may not be counted as a grandfathering year. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 15.08 No player may play with two associations in any year unless the requirements of Regulation 14 or 15.06 are satisfied.
- 15.09 If there is a dispute, the League will have the right to place the transferring player to the association where the League and Division Commissioner feel it would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 15.10 Neighbouring associations may agree to boundaries that are different from municipal boundaries. A copy of the agreement must be filed with the League and a copy given to the BCLA Office for safekeeping. (This does not disallow any previously established boundaries agreed upon)
- 15.11 Any player found participating in any lacrosse-related activities with a team that the player is not officially registered with will have his/her release request automatically denied.

### **REGULATION 16: YOUTH TEAM SIZE**

- 16.01 No team under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair Youth Field shall have more than twenty-five (25) signed players, except with special permission of the Field Directorate. The Field Directorate shall ratify such exceptions.

16.02 Minimum of ten (10) registered players per team.

### **REGULATION 17: YOUTH TEAM DISBANDING**

17.01 Proof of a team disbanding shall be written notification to the BCLA Office. On proof of a team disbanding, players are automatically released. If said team is a member of an organized league, the players shall not join one team, but shall be distributed among the remaining teams of the league, at the discretion of the Division Commissioner, with written confirmation.

Disbanding of a team means a team disbanding within a playing season, not after league season games are finished

### **REGULATION 18: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION**

- 18.01 Only associations or clubs registered with the BCLA may sign players. These may be Field Clubs or Executive branches of existing lacrosse clubs.
- 18.02 Registration of the above association and other obligations to the BCLA shall entitle an association to register players with the Field Directorate
- 18.03 The onus of being properly registered is the responsibility of the Associations or teams, and not the BCLA.
- 18.04 Each Association is responsible to enter and maintain the Association's players on the BCLA on-line player database.
- 18.05 The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Youth Field registration form along with a team list generated from the on-line database and required fees to the BCLA Office by October 30 of each playing year (Sept-Aug). Additional Youth Field players may be added up to November 30 upon approval of the League Commissioner.
- 18.06 All players signing certificates and all clubs/associations accepted into this Association do so on the understanding that they agree to come under the jurisdiction of the BCLA until released by the Association.
- 18.07 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) properly registered players by October 30<sup>th</sup> of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games.
- (b) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player during a regularly scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant.
- (c) No player registrations will be accepted after October 30 without first obtaining the League Commissioner's approval. The League Commissioner will not be able to approve any registrations after November 30.
- (d) All players must be registered on-line and their registration cards must be in to the Field Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of their first game. A copy of the registration card must be faxed to the League Registrar, Field Registrar, and Division Commissioner prior to the player's first game.
- 18.08 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).
- 18.09 All coaches in the Field Directorate shall comply with the regulations and certification outlined in REGULATION 11 of the BC Lacrosse Coaches Association Operating Policy.

## REGULATION 19: YOUTH PROVINCIAL TRAINING CAMPS

- 19.01 Provincial Training Camps for the purpose of selecting players to attend National Training Camps and/or to participate on Provincial teams shall come under the direction of the Field Lacrosse Directorate in cooperation with member associations.
- 19.02 (a) This includes any National Invitational Tournaments in all divisions.  
(b) To be eligible to participate in a Provincial Training Camp, players must have been duly registered within the Field Lacrosse Directorate for the previous playing season.

**Please Note:** BY-LAW IX: COMMITTEES, (i) Team BC Committee, supercedes REGULATION 19.

## REGULATION 20: SUSPENSIONS

- 20.01 All Suspensions are to be made by the Commissioner in charge of the League.
- 20.02 A Commissioner may not levy a suspension of more than five games to any one person per infraction. With the exception of Coaches/Bench Personnel, he/she may recommend further suspensions in writing to the governing Commission.
- 20.03 If any Coach/Bench personnel receives a five-game suspension from a League Commissioner, the Commissioner may recommend in writing that a further suspension may be warranted by the BCLCA. The Commissioner may at any time ask the BCLCA to investigate the conduct or ethical behaviour of a coach or bench personnel without handing down any suspension. Results of these actions must be related in writing back to the Commissioner and the governing Commission.
- 20.04 In event a Commissioner asks for a levy of more than five games, there shall be a hearing. With the exception of Coaches/Bench Personnel, the hearing will be at the call of the governing Commission Chair.
- 20.05 A written report, including referee's report and game sheet, will be provided to the Commission Chair by the Commissioner making the request, and it shall be required that a Commissioner interview, prior to the hearing, the person accused of the infraction.
- 20.06 If a Coach/Bench staff is involved, a written report, including referee's report and sheet must be provided to the BCLCA Chair by the Commission making the request. The Commissioner may be requested to attend the BCLCA Conduct Committee hearing.
- 20.07 A member may receive an initial verbal notification of a fine, suspension or decision directly face to face or by telephone. This must be followed by a formal written notification presented, faxed, e-mailed or mailed and post-marked within seventy-two (72) hours to the member after initial verbal notification.
- 20.08 The suspended person and his association President are to be notified in advance of any hearing, and may be present and be allowed to speak on his behalf. At a provincial championship, the team head coach will be notified if the President is not present. See General Operating Policy Regulation 11 for the Jurisdiction of suspensions.
- 20.09 A suspended player may only serve the suspension during games played by the team the player is officially registered with.
- 20.10 A suspended coach may only serve the suspension during games played by the team the coach received the suspension for; however, a coach is suspended from all bench activities until such suspension is served.

20.11 Any suspension up to and including five games are not subject to appeal.

## REGULATION 21: YOUTH DISCIPLINE

21.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate is responsible for disciplining its own membership.

21.02 See General Operating Policy Regulation 11 for the jurisdiction of suspensions

21.03 Suspension Policy. The following policies apply to expulsion calls only.

1. Deliberate attempt to injure.

- may include but is not limited to butt-ending, spearing or kicking
- to deal with personal fouls (physical) that are excessive and beyond normal play

1<sup>st</sup> Offence Minimum: three (3) games

2<sup>nd</sup> Offence Minimum: six (6) games

3<sup>rd</sup> Offence Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction

4<sup>th</sup> Offence Minimum: player forfeits eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

2. Abuse by language or gesture

- may include but not limited to verbal abuse or racial statements to a player, coach, any person officially associated with a team, or a fan
- to deal with behaviour and actions that are non-physical

1<sup>st</sup> Offence Minimum: two (2) to five (5) games

2<sup>nd</sup> Offence Minimum: five (5) games to one (1) year from date of infraction

3<sup>rd</sup> Offence Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction to forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

3. Abuse of official

- abuse may be verbal or physical
- an official is defined as a referee, timekeeper, scorekeeper, or any other designated officials.
- to deal with any inappropriate behaviour toward any official

1<sup>st</sup> Offence Minimum: five (5) games to forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

2<sup>nd</sup> Offence Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction to forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

3<sup>rd</sup> Offence Minimum: forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

4. Fighting

- Note rule 78.1 of the ILF rulebook

*The deliberate striking or attempting to strike an opponent, a non-playing member of the opponent's squad, a coach or anyone controlling the play of the game with the hand, cross, ball or otherwise by a player, substitute, a non-playing member of a squad, a coach or anyone officially connected with a team may be an expulsion foul.*

- the third man into an altercation is automatically expelled from the game
- any person leaving the bench when the benches have been frozen may be expelled from the game
- to deal solely with the act of fighting
- one punch thrown, whether it lands on the intended recipient or not, or anyone else, constitutes a fight.

1<sup>st</sup> Offence Minimum: two (2) game suspension

2<sup>nd</sup> Offence Minimum: five (5) game suspension

3<sup>rd</sup> Offence Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction

4<sup>th</sup> Offence Minimum: forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

5. Other

- any offences that are not directly covered by any of the above sections are to be reported directly to the commissioner of the respective league to be dealt with in an appropriate manner in relation to the above guidelines.

## REGULATION 22: YOUTH - OFFICIALS

- 22.01 For each scheduled League game, all member associations must provide on field and in uniform, a minimum of two referees, one of which must be certified as a field lacrosse referee for the current playing season.
- 22.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of three (3) field lacrosse referees, certified for the current playing season, available for refereeing hosted games.
- 22.03 Every league in British Columbia must have a League Chief Referee. The league must submit their selected candidate to the Head Referee of the BC Field Directorate for approval. Only after approval by the Head Referee shall the league's Chief Referee be recognized. If a candidate is not submitted to the BC Field Directorate Head Referee by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the playing year, the Chief Referee may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Referee.
- 22.04 Every tournament held in British Columbia must have a Referee-in-Chief. The tournament organizers must submit a candidate to the B.C. Field Directorate Head Referee no later than four weeks prior to the start date of the tournament. If such a candidate is not nominated by said time, a Referee-in-Chief may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Referee. The candidate will only be recognized as Referee-in-Chief of the tournament upon approval of the Head Referee of the BC Field Directorate. This will apply to all tournaments including Provincial Championships and International tournaments. This will also be the process through which a Referee-in-Chief will be nominated for National Championships and International Championships hosted in British Columbia.
- 22.05 An official shall not referee a sibling, child, parent or immediate relation involved in a game at all levels except in extenuating circumstances and agreed to by both teams. Both coaches must sign the top of the scoresheet to verify agreement prior to the start of the game.

## REGULATION 23: YOUTH - COACHES

- 23.01 All leagues are required to have a position of "Coaching Coordinator". This person's role will be responsible:
- For the liaison between the BCLCA Vice-Chair Men's Field and the respective Association or Club Coaching Coordinators
  - To forward all coaching requirements and/or problems to the BCLCA.
  - To participate in selection of zone coaches for zone "All-Star" teams when required.
  - To ensure all deadlines are adhered to by the Association or Club Coaching Coordinators
  - To act as a member of the Discipline Committee when required.
  - To attend all meetings of the BCLCA.

## REGULATION 24: YOUTH TIMELINE

**NOTE:** Dates that are associated with a specific By-law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

**December 31** Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg. 10, FD 2.01 & 11.01)

**January** Provincial Declaration Forms due (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in January)

**Jan-Mar** Youth Provincials (FD 12.15)

**April** Field Directorate Special Session (FD 10.01)



- June 15** Applications for hosting tournaments for upcoming player year due.
- August 15** Applications for hosting Youth Provincials in next playing year. (FD 12.07)
- September 1** Deadline for ratification of playing rules. (FD 13.01)
- September** First Nations Trophy - Labour Day Weekend
- September 30** Last date for cross-over players (FD 13.03)
- October 1** Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCA 1.02, 11.03)
- October 11** Final date of registration of coach for playoffs (BCLCA 2.03, 11.03)
- October 30** Youth registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. (FD 18.05)
- November 30** Youth registration closed. (FD 18.05, 18.07)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (March, April, Sept)

## APPENDIX A:

### **BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES**

#### **RE: Field Directorate Operating Policy Playing Rules Sections 13.08 and 13.09**

1. All Field Association Coach Coordinators will be advised that they are responsible for the actions of their coaches. They are also to advise **all coaches** in their association that the violation of section 13.08 and 13.09 is **prohibited** in BC Youth Field Lacrosse, as per current operating policy and such action can result in suspension.
2. If any Zone/Association Coaching Coordinator, League Commissioner, BCLCA Executive Member, or Field Directorate Executive, clearly determines a coach is in violation of section 13.08 or 13.09 they are to advise by phone or electronic means the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCA. The VP Youth Field Lacrosse will formally advise the Association Coaching Coordinator/Head Coach and/or President of the incident and it will be their responsibility to ensure that the Coach has been warned and the first infraction has been recorded.
3. If the Coach is again found to be in violation of 13.08 or 13.09 by the above named persons in Paragraph 2, they will advise the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCA. If this is the second infraction the VP Youth Field Lacrosse will advise the League Commissioner to assess an immediate TWO-GAME Suspension, which is not appealable.
4. If found a third time, the Coach will receive an automatic FIVE-GAME Suspension from the commissioner and must attend a hearing called by the Coaches Association. This hearing may determine the future status of that Coach within the BCLCA.
5. If, in any Provincial Championship or BC Games, a coach is found to be in violation of section 13.08 or 13.09, they will be warned either verbally or in writing by the tournament chairman, or representative, that if they continue employing these tactics the game will be stopped and the coach shall be ejected and suspended for the balance of the tournament, and the remainder of the year, this is not appealable. A hearing will then be conducted by the Coaches Association prior to the year following, to determine the future status of said Coach as per BCLCA guidelines.
6. It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate Vice Chair - Youth Field to ensure that a complete up-to-date record of such infractions is kept both by the BCLCA and the BCLA Technical Director.



original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

A call-up must have a minimum of three (3) league games supported by game sheets.

**26.11 Declaration Forms.**

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment of the entry fee payable to the Host Association of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result in the team being declared ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the current playing season.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration roster form must be submitted to the BCLA Office no later than 30 days prior to the Senior Men's Field Provincial Championships and will form the final roster for Provincial Championships. The only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum of three games in the league.

**26.12 Venue.**

It is the responsibility of the Host Association to set dates and places of the Senior Men's Provincial Championships. The date will not be later than the second week in April. The host responsibilities of the Associations, Clubs or Zone to host provincial championships will be declared by the Field Directorate.

**26.13 Awards.**

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be provided by the BCLA as per the approved BCLA budget for the Senior Men's Provincial Championship. The ordering of trophies and distribution will be at the discretion of the Host Association.

26.14 The financing of the Senior Men's Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships will be declared by the BCLA Field Provincial Host Agreement. Any sponsorship secured by the BCLA shall in no way restrict the ability of any association, club or zone to host the Provincial Championships.

26.15 The coach of record may be substituted only as per section 1.03 of the BCLCA Operating Policy.

## **REGULATION 27: SENIOR PLAYING RULES**

27.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.

27.02 The Field Directorate will instruct member associations they must adhere to the ILF rules, CLA rules and policy, and to the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy as written.

27.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no cross-over of players from one team to another, and back and forth, after November 1 of the playing year. If said infraction occurs after November 1 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for his/her registered team only. Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player during a regularly schedule game shall forfeit all games won during while an ineligible player was a participant and will be subject to any league disciplinary fines.

27.04 No more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games (2 x 20 minute halves) per day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play.

- 27.05 The goal average formula will be used in the playdowns and Provincial Championships. In the event of a tie in points, final standings shall be determined as follows:
- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game, or games between the two teams advances.
  - (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams, with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average advances.

**GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA**  
**GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average**

**NOTE:** Only goals scored in the games between the teams involved in the points tie shall be used in the Goal Average Formula.

In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams with which it is tied shall be declared the higher team.

- 27.06 In the event of a team defaulting a game, any legitimate expenses incurred as a consequence of the default shall be reimbursed by the defaulting association/club. The expenses will be paid to the non-offending association/club within 30 days of the receipts received.
- 27.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded two (2) points in league standings.

**REGULATION 28: MOVEMENT – YOUTH TO SENIOR**

- 28.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the Youth Division shall sign a senior player registration form. He/She may have his/her registration form transferred to the Vice Chair – Senior Field after the following conditions are met:
- Letters of agreement to the transfer, from the player, the player’s parent/guardian, the player’s home association and the Senior team the player wishes to transfer to, along with a letter requesting approval, shall be forwarded to the Field Directorate, and shall notify the appropriate Commissioner.
- 28.02 Notwithstanding the forgoing, a Youth Field player of Junior (U-19) age may play up in a higher league with permission of the Youth player’s coach, who must notify the Junior (U19) Division Commissioner. A one-game permit must be completed and submitted with the game sheet to the Senior Men’s League Commissioner.
- 28.03 Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the Minor Coach and/or the Coach of the Senior Directorate team for whom he/she played. The Minor Coach is responsible to approve the call-up and to notify the Commissioner. The Senior Coach is to ensure that the call-up form has been signed by the Minor Coach authorizing the player.

**REGULATION 29: SENIOR TEAM SIZE**

- 29.01 Minimum of ten (10) registered players per team.

**REGULATION 30: SENIOR TEAM DISBANDING**

- 30.01 Proof of a team disbanding shall be written notification to the Registrar and the League Commissioner. On proof of a team disbanding, players are automatically released. If said team is a member of an organized league, the players shall not join one team, but shall be distributed amongst the remaining teams of the league, at the discretion of the League Commissioner, with

written confirmation.

Disbanding of a team means a team disbanding within a playing season, not after league season games are finished.

## **REGULATION 31: SENIOR PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION**

- 31.01 Only associations or clubs registered with the BCLA may sign players. These may be Field Clubs or Executive branches of existing lacrosse clubs.
- 31.02 Registration of the above association and other obligations to the BCLA shall entitle an association to register players with the Field Directorate.
- 31.03 The Club/Association must submit Senior field registration on-line lists, cards and required fees to the BCLA Office by October 1 of each playing year (Sept - Aug). Additional Senior Field players may be added up to January 15.
- 31.04 All players signing certificates and all clubs/associations accepted into this Association do so on the understanding that they agree to come under the jurisdiction of the BCLA until released by the Association.
- 31.05 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) registered players by October 1 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games.  
(b) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player during a regularly scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant.  
(c) Any team may register more players until January 15 of the playing season, and at that time, an updated team list must be sent to the BCLA Office.  
(d) All players must be registered on-line and their registration cards must be into the Field Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of their first game.
- 31.06 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).
- 31.07 All coaches in the Field Directorate shall comply with the regulations and certification outlined in REGULATION 11 of the B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association Operating Policy.
- 31.08 (a) Each team will be required to submit a completed BCLA Registration form for each player on the team along with the appropriate BCLA fee prior to the registration deadline as per BCLA General Operating Policy Regulation 7.01.  
(b) In the event that a team does not meet the deadline date for registration as outlined by the Division level, the BCLA Field Directorate has the option to disperse those individual players that have met the registration requirements amongst the remaining teams within the league at their sole discretion. Players are not considered transferred to the new team they have been placed with. The registration cards and fees must be paid prior to placement.  
(c) Players that are placed by the BCLA Field Directorate with another team within the league may participate in the Provincial Championships providing they meet the qualifications of the league or division for a combined minimum number of games with the original registered team and the placement team.  
(d) The original team will remain suspended until such time as the registration cards and fees have been submitted to the BCLA for any remaining players on record as playing in a minimum of one league game. Any applicable league fees must also be paid in full for a team to be considered back in good standing. Players who have not paid their team

fees to the suspended team shall remain suspended and may not register with any subsequent team until the payment has been made and is on record with the BCLA Field Directorate. Team and player suspensions will carry forward into the next season(s) until paid in full.

## REGULATION 32: SENIOR PROVINCIAL TRAINING CAMPS

- 32.01 Provincial Training Camps for the purpose of selecting players to attend National Training Camps and/or to participate on Provincial teams shall come under the direction of the Field Lacrosse Directorate in cooperation with member associations.
- 32.02 To be eligible to participate in a Provincial Training Camp, players must have been duly registered within the Field Lacrosse Directorate for the previous playing season.

## REGULATION 33: SENIOR DISCIPLINE

- 33.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate is responsible for disciplining its own membership.
- 33.02 See General Operating Policy Regulation 11 for the jurisdiction of suspensions
- 33.03 Suspension Policy. The following policies apply to expulsion calls only.
1. Deliberate attempt to injure.
    - may include but is not limited to butt-ending, spearing or kicking
    - to deal with personal fouls (physical) that are excessive and beyond normal play

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Minimum three (3) games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Minimum six (6) games
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction
4 <sup>th</sup> Offence	Minimum: player forfeits eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate
  2. Abuse by language or gesture
    - may include but not limited to verbal abuse or racial statements to a player, coach, any person officially associated with a team, or a fan
    - to deal with behavior and actions that are non-physical

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Minimum: two (2) to five (5) games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Minimum: five (5) games to one (1) year from date of infraction
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction to forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate
  3. Abuse of official
    - abuse may be verbal or physical
    - an official is defined as a referee, timekeeper, scorekeeper, or any other designated officials.
    - to deal with any inappropriate behavior toward any official

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Minimum two (2) games to forfeit eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Minimum five (5) games to forfeit eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	Minimum: one (1) year from date of infraction to forfeit eligibility in the Field Directorate
  4. Fighting
    - note rule 78.1 of the ILF rulebook

*The deliberate striking or attempting to strike an opponent, a non-playing member of the opponent's squad, a coach or anyone controlling the play of the game with the hand, crosse, ball or otherwise by a player, substitute, a non-playing member of a squad, a coach or anyone officially connected with a team may be an expulsion foul.*

- the third man into an altercation is automatically expelled from the game
- any person leaving the bench when the benches have been frozen may be expelled from the game
- to deal solely with the act of fighting
- one punch thrown, whether it lands on the intended recipient or not, or anyone else, constitutes a fight.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Offence                    Minimum: two (2) game suspension
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offence                    Minimum: five (5) game suspension
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offence                    Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction
- 4<sup>th</sup> Offence                    Minimum: forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

5.        Other

- any offences that are not directly covered by any of the above sections are to be reported directly to the commissioner of the respective league to be dealt with in an appropriate manner in relation to the above guidelines.

## **REGULATION 34: SENIOR OFFICIALS**

- 34.01 For each scheduled League game, all member associations must provide on field and in uniform, a minimum of two referees, one of which must be certified as a field lacrosse referee for the current playing season.
- 34.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of three (3) field lacrosse referees, certified for the current playing season, available for refereeing hosted games.
- 34.03 Every league in British Columbia must have a League Chief Referee. The league must submit their selected candidate to the Head Referee of the B.C. Field Directorate for approval. Only after approval by the Head Referee shall the league's Chief Referee be recognized. If a candidate is not submitted to the B.C. Field Directorate Head Referee by October 1 of the playing year, a Chief referee may be appointed by the B.C. Field Directorate Head Referee.
- 34.04 Every tournament held in British Columbia must have a Referee-In-Chief. The tournament organizers must submit a candidate to the B.C. Field Directorate Head Referee no later than four weeks prior to the start date of the tournament. If such a candidate is not nominated by said time, a Referee-In-Chief may be appointed by the B.C. Field Directorate Head Referee. The candidate will only be recognized as Referee-In-Chief of the tournament upon approval of the Head Referee of the B.C. Field Directorate. This will apply to all tournaments including Provincial Championships and International tournaments. This will also be the process through which a Referee-In-Chief will be nominated for National Championships and International Championships hosted in British Columbia.



## REGULATION 35: SENIOR TIMELINE

**NOTE:** Dates that are associated with a specific By-Law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-Law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-Law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-Law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

- January 1** Date for determining age level of playing year. (Gen Reg 10, FD 2.01 & Sr. Men's 24.01)
- January 15** Last date for registering Men's players (FD Sr. Men's 30.03)
- February 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** Provincial Declaration Forms due to BCLA Office (FD Sr. Men's 26.11)
- April** Men's Provincials (FD Sr. Men's 26.12)
- April** Field Directorate Special Session (FD 10.01)
- June 15** Applications for hosting tournaments for upcoming playing year due.
- June 30** Deadline for submitting league agreements to Field Directorate (FD 1)
- August 15** Applications for hosting Men's Provincials in the next playing year. (FD Sr. Men's 26.01)
- September 1** Deadline for ratification of playing rules. (FD Sr. Men's 26.01)
- October 1** Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCA 1.02, 6.03)
- October 1** Senior Men's registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. (FD Sr. Men's 30.03)
- October** Senior Men's CLA National Championships – Thanksgiving Weekend
- November 1** Last date for cross-over of players. (FD Sr. Men's 26.03)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (April, Oct)

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## WOMEN'S FIELD OPERATING POLICY

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### REGULATION 36: WOMEN'S PLAYING DIVISIONS

36.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:

Senior Women's	Open
Junior Women's	Under 19
Youth	Under 15

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

### REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

37.01 The Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the Women's series deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

37.02 The winners of the playoffs shall be declared British Columbia Champions.

37.03 The declared British Columbia Champions will have thirty days to announce that they will represent British Columbia in the CLA playoffs. If no commitment has been received from the declared Champions, the second place team will then have the opportunity to represent British Columbia.

37.04 At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter the Provincial Championships.

37.05 **Host Obligations**

It shall be the duty of any group hosting a Provincial Championship to ensure that the bench officials will be of neutral standing for any game which:

- determines finalists for a provincial championship
- determines a provincial champion
- determines any medal winner

This shall be ensured and enforced by the Chair of the tournament and/or the Referee-In-Chief of the tournament.

37.06 **Control.**

The control of all Provincial Championships is the responsibility of the Playoff Director who shall be a member of and appointed by the Field Directorate and in conjunction with the BCLA Vice President – Operations.

37.07 Applications for upcoming year to host provincials are due to the Field Directorate Chair by March 1st along with budget.

37.08 Qualifiers will be declared as per Playoff Directive.

37.09 (a) Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Women's divisions.

37.10 **Eligibility.**

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a player must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be

used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

**37.11 Declaration Forms.**

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Provincial Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum number of games in the league to meet the qualification.

**37.12 Venue.**

It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate to set dates and places of all provincial championships. The locations shall be chosen from applications received from Associations, Clubs, or Zones wishing to host all levels of play. The date will be in June. The host responsibilities of the Associations, Clubs or Zone to host provincial championships will be declared by the Field Directorate.

**37.13 Trophies.**

Medals, plaques and awards will be provided by the BCLA for all championships. Gold, Silver and Bronze, as well as participation medals, will be awarded in the provincial championships. The ordering of trophies through the BCLA Office and distribution will be the responsibility of the Field Directorate. Host Associations will supply qualified Bench Officials and a committee room for all officials. Host associations will be reimbursed expenses for field time, balls and referees.

37.14 The coach of record may be substituted only as per section 1.03 of the BCLCA Operating Policy.

37.15 The financing of the Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships will be declared by the BCLA Field Provincial Host Agreement. Any sponsorship secured by the BCLA shall in no way restrict the ability of any association, club or zone to host the Provincial Championships.

## **REGULATION 38: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES**

38.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.

38.02 The Field Directorate will instruct member associations they must adhere to the IFWLA rules, CLA rules and policy, and to the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy as written.

38.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no cross-over of players from one team to another, and back and forth, after May 1 of the playing year. If said infraction occurs after May 1 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for his/her registered team only. Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player during a regularly schedule game shall forfeit all games won during which an ineligible player was a participant. Should this occur in the playoffs, then only the games played in the playoffs will be awarded to the opposing side.

38.04 The goal average formula will be used in the playdowns and Provincial Championships. In the event of a tie in points, final standings shall be determined as follows:

- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game, or games between the two teams advances.
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams, with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average advances.

**GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA**  
**GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average**

**NOTE:** Only goals scored in the games between the teams involved in the points tie shall be used in the Goal Average Formula.

In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams with which it is tied shall be declared the higher team.

- 38.05 In the event of a team defaulting a game, any legitimate expenses incurred as a consequence of the default shall be reimbursed by the defaulting association/club. The expenses will be paid to the non-offending association/club within 30 days of the receipts received.
- 38.06 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded two (2) points in league standings.

**REGULATION 39: MOVEMENT – YOUTH TO SENIOR**

- 39.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the Youth Division shall sign a senior player registration form. She may have her registration form transferred to the Vice Chair – Women’s Field after the following conditions are met:

Letters of agreement to the transfer, from the player, the player’s parent/guardian, the player’s home association and the Senior team the player wishes to transfer to, along with a letter requesting approval, shall be forwarded to the Field Directorate, and shall notify the appropriate Commissioner.

- 39.02 Notwithstanding the forgoing, a Youth Field player of U-19 age may play up in a higher league with permission of the Youth player’s coach, who must notify the Vice Chair of Women’s Field.

Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the player and the coach of the Senior team for whom she played.

**REGULATION 40: WOMEN’S TEAM SIZE**

- 40.01 Minimum of twelve (12) registered players per team.

**REGULATION 41: WOMEN’S TEAM DISBANDING**

- 41.01 Proof of a team disbanding shall be written notification to the Registrar. On proof of a team disbanding, players are automatically released. If said team is a member of an organized league, the players shall not join one team, but shall be distributed among the remaining teams of the league, at the discretion of the Division Commissioner, with written confirmation.

Disbanding of a team means a team disbanding within a playing season, not after league season games are finished.

## **REGULATION 42: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION**

- 42.01 Only associations or clubs registered with the BCLA may sign players. These may be Field Clubs or Executive branches of existing lacrosse clubs.
- 42.02 Registration of the above association and other obligations to the BCLA shall entitle an association to register players with the Field Directorate.  
The Spring Season (Women's Field) will be: March 1-September 15  
The Fall Season (Women's Field) will be: September 1-March 31
- 42.03 The Club/Association must submit the women's registration on-line lists, cards and required fees by the following dates within each playing season to the BCLA Office.  
  
Spring Season Registration Deadline – May 31 of the playing season  
Fall Season Registration Deadline – October 31 of the playing season
- 42.04 All players signing certificates and all clubs/associations accepted into this Association do so on the understanding that they agree to come under the jurisdiction of the BCLA until released by the Association.
- 42.05 (a) A team must have a minimum of twelve (12) registered players by April 1 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games.  
(b) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player during a regularly scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant.  
(c) Any team may register more players until July 1 of the playing season, and at that time, an updated team list must be sent to the BCLA Office.  
(d) All players must be registered on-line and their registration cards must be in to the Field Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of their first game.
- 42.06 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).
- 42.07 All coaches in the Field Directorate shall comply with the regulations and certification outlined in REGULATION 11 of the B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association Operating Policy.

## **REGULATION 43: WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL TRAINING CAMPS**

- 43.01 Provincial Training Camps for the purpose of selecting players to attend National Training Camps and/or to participate on Provincial teams shall come under the direction of the Field Lacrosse Directorate in cooperation with member associations.
- 43.02 To be eligible to participate in a Provincial Training Camp, players must have been duly registered within the Field Lacrosse Directorate for the previous playing season.

## **REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S DISCIPLINE**

- 44.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate is responsible for disciplining its own membership.
- 44.02 See General Operating Policy Regulation 11 for the jurisdiction of suspensions
- 44.03 Suspension Policy. The following policies apply to expulsion calls only.
1. Deliberate attempt to injure.
    - may include but is not limited to butt-ending, spearing or kicking
    - to deal with personal fouls (physical) that are excessive and beyond normal play

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Minimum three (3) games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Minimum six (6) games
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction
4 <sup>th</sup> Offence	Minimum: player forfeits eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

2. Abuse by language or gesture

– may include but not limited to verbal abuse or racial statements to a player, coach, any person officially associated with a team, or a fan

– to deal with behaviour and actions that are non-physical

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Minimum: two (2) to five (5) games
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Minimum: five (5) games to one (1) year from date of infraction
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	Minimum: one(1) year suspension from date of infraction to forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

3. Abuse of official

– abuse may be verbal or physical

– an official is defined as a referee, timekeeper, scorekeeper, or any other designated officials.

– to deal with any inappropriate behaviour toward any official

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Minimum: five (5) games to forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction to forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	Minimum: forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

4. Fighting

- The deliberate striking or attempting to strike an opponent, a non-playing member of the opponent's squad, a coach or anyone controlling the play of the game with the hand, cross, ball or otherwise by a player, substitute, a non-playing member of the squad, a coach or anyone officially connected with a team may be an expulsion foul.

- the third man into an altercation is automatically expelled from the game

- any person leaving the bench when the benches have been frozen may be expelled from the game

- to deal solely with the act of fighting

- one punch thrown, whether it lands on the intended recipient or not, or anyone else, constitutes a fight.

1 <sup>st</sup> Offence	Minimum: two (2) game suspension
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offence	Minimum: five (5) game suspension
3 <sup>rd</sup> Offence	Minimum: one (1) year suspension from date of infraction
4 <sup>th</sup> Offence	Minimum: forfeit of eligibility in the BCLA Field Directorate

5. Other

– any offences that are not directly covered by any of the above sections are to be reported directly to the commissioner of the respective league to be dealt with in an appropriate manner in relation to the above guidelines.

## REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S OFFICIALS

45.01 For each scheduled League game, each team must provide on field and in uniform, at least one certified women's field umpire.

45.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of two (2) women's field lacrosse umpires, certified for the current playing season, available for officiating hosted games.

45.03 Every league in British Columbia must have a League Chief Umpire. The league must submit their selected candidate to the Head Umpire of the B.C. Field Directorate for approval. Only after approval by the Head Umpire shall the league's Chief Umpire be recognized. If a candidate is not submitted to the B.C. Field Directorate Head Umpire by October 1 of the playing year, a Chief

umpire may be appointed by the B.C. Field Directorate Head Umpire.

- 45.04 Every tournament held in British Columbia must have an Umpire-In-Chief. The tournament organizers must submit a candidate to the B.C. Field Directorate Head Umpire no later than four weeks prior to the start date of the tournament. If such a candidate is not nominated by said time, an Umpire -In-Chief may be appointed by the B.C. Field Directorate Head Umpire. The candidate will only be recognized as Umpire -In-Chief of the tournament upon approval of the Head Umpire of the B.C. Field Directorate. This will apply to all tournaments including Provincial Championships and International tournaments. This will also be the process through which an Umpire -In-Chief will be nominated for National Championships and International Championships hosted in British Columbia.

## **REGULATION 46: WOMEN'S TIMELINE – FALL AND SPRING SEASONS**

**NOTE:** Dates that are associated with a specific By-Law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-Law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-Law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-Law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

### **46.01 Fall Season (Women's Field) – September 1-March 31**

<b>January 1</b>	Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10, FD 2.01 & 35.01)
<b>March 1</b>	Applications for hosting Women's Provincials.
<b>March</b>	Women's Provincials – Fall Season
<b>April</b>	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 10.01)
<b>July</b>	Women's Nationals
<b>September 1</b>	Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 37.01)
<b>October 31</b>	Fall season registration deadline of current playing season Registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 41.03)
<b>November</b>	Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCA 1.02, 11.03). Last date for cross-over players – Fall Season (FD 37.03)
<b>November 31</b>	Application to host Women's Field Lacrosse tournaments for upcoming year (Fall Season)

### **46.02 Spring Seasons (Women's Field) – March 1-September 1**

<b>January 1</b>	Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10, FD 2.01 & 35.01)
<b>March 1</b>	Applications for hosting Women's Provincials.
<b>March 15</b>	Applications to host women's field lacrosse tournaments for the upcoming year for the Spring season.
<b>April 1</b>	Teams must have a minimum of twelve (12) players registered for the Spring season (FD 41.05 (a)).
<b>April</b>	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 10.01)
<b>May 1</b>	Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCA 1.02, 11.03). Last date for cross-over players – Spring Season (FD 37.03)
<b>May 31</b>	Women's Field registration deadline of the current playing season Women's registration cards and fees to BCLA Office. (FD 41.03)
<b>June</b>	Women's Field Provincials Spring Season
<b>July</b>	Women's Nationals.
<b>September 1</b>	Deadline for ratification of playing rules. (FD 37.01)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (March, April, June, July)