



2017-2018 WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTIVE For U12, U15, U19 Divisions

1. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

a) PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR

A member of the Field Directorate who governs all Provincials for Women's Divisions. Contacts Commissioners to ensure full participation at all levels.

b) CONVENORS

Appointed by the Provincial Director to oversee Championship Tournament. I Appoints Co-ordinators to ensure a successful Provincial. Works with the Provincial Director.

2. DECLARATION

Each team wishing to participate in Provincial Championships will be required to fill out a declaration form and submit it to the BCLA office by the specified deadline appearing on the declaration form. This form is considered to be a commitment for participation and must be accompanied by a cheque for \$100.00 - made payable to the BCLA (Please note on the back of the cheque - *for Provincial Field Championships*). **Any team withdrawing after submitting a declaration is subject to penalties under FD policy 15.10**

3. ABUSE AND OFFENSIVE CONDUCT

Verbal abuse, racial discrimination among/between players, coaches, officials will result in the following disciplinary action:

First offence: Expulsion from tournament. This **overrides the 5 games stipulated in suspension guidelines**
All other discipline as per Field Directorate Discipline and Suspension Guide.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

a) The BCLA will supply team lists to the Convenors. Players not on the lists must have qualified by playing up an age group or calibre for a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. **EXHIBITION GAMES DO NOT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY.** Eligibility must be verified by score sheets and all the information must be available at the mandatory Coaches Meeting.

b) Women players can only participate in **one** Women's Provincial Championship and must have played a minimum of fifty per cent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up either in calibre (Tier) or one age division. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate. **PLEASE NOTE:** In the case of development areas in BC (i.e., Zones 1,7,8), the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in underdeveloped field lacrosse areas of the province.

No player may play in more than 2 regulation games or 3 mini games (2 – 25 minute halves) per calendar day.

For any qualified call up players, proof of play on at least 3 game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, following the coaches meeting at the Provincials.

Attendance is mandatory at the Provincial championship coaches meeting. Each team must be represented by a coach or team representative. The representative must be able to verify the roster and take responsibility to convey all information presented at the meeting to relevant team personnel.

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

- c) Each team competing in Provincial Championships must have at least one declared coach on the sidelines of each game who has the following applicable minimum certification prior to the current season's Women's Provincial Field Lacrosse Championships as follows:
 - U12 - Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)
 - U15 - Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)
 - U19 - Field Lacrosse Competitive Introduction (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)
- d) Team Personnel – Certified coaches, certified assistance coaches, manager(s), and trainer. Trainers must have the appropriate certification as defined as one of the following:
 - 1) Any St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid Course of 8 hours or more
 - 2) Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR Course
 - 3) Canadian Red Cross Sport First Aid Course
 - 4) Any CAHA Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
 - 5) A professional designation (i.e., Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse, Physiotherapist, Police Officer, Fire Fighter)
- e) Changes to Certified Coaches/Trainers and/or Manager must be done two weeks prior to the Provincial Championship Tournament. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.
- f) Each team can declare a roster of up to 20 players. Exceptions for rosters in excess of 20 players require approval in writing from the Field Directorate.
- g) All exceptions and requests for changes are subject to approval by Provincial Championship Tournament Committee comprised of the Field Directorate Chair, Convenor, Co-ordinators and appointees of the Field Directorate.
- h) Age restrictions are as follows:
 - U12
 - U15
 - U19
- i) Any team found to be playing an ineligible player or ineligible players will be expelled from the Tournament and subject to the Team Default fine.
- j) All players on the same team must wear uniform shorts of the same dominant team colour. Those players on the team who wear sweatpants must wear the same colour sweatpants. Home team must be prepared with numbered alternate jerseys in case of a colour conflict. This will be at the discretion of the umpires.
- k) The colour of the game ball will be solid yellow.

5. **OVERAGE PLAYERS**

Any over aged players being permitted to play down an age group in regular league play by League Commissioners will NOT be eligible for Provincial Round Robin playdowns or Provincial Championships. This rule will not affect the team's eligibility for Provincial Championships.

6. **RULES**

All play will be as per the current FIL Official Rules of Women's Field Lacrosse except for duration of games, which may be varied in advance by the Tournament Director, Convenor or Co-ordinators based on field availability and time restrictions. CLA & BCLA rules and policy will also be adhered to.

7. **TEAM ELIGIBILITY**

All Women's Teams playing in a recognized league in BC will be eligible to participate in a Provincial Tournament.

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.

8. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The format for each division will be determined by the Tournament Convenor and communicated in writing to each team in advance of the tournament unless advised in writing otherwise and subjected to team defaults/expulsions leading to a need for a revised format. Guidelines are as follows:

- a) A win shall be awarded two points (no ties; FIL Overtime Provisions apply). The standings in the Round Robin portion of the tournament will be determined by the number of points. Where ties occur in the point standings after the round robin, see Tie Breaker Rule.
- b) For single division Round Robin format, the two teams with the highest point totals (two points per win) will advance to the Gold Medal game and the next two highest (3rd & 4th place teams) will advance to the Bronze Medal game.
- c) For two pool Round Robin format with crossover games, the two teams with the most points in each pool will advance to the crossover games (i.e., Pool "A" team #1 versus Pool "B" team #2; Pool "A" team #2 versus Pool "B" team #1). The winners of the crossover games advance to the Gold Medal game. The losers of the crossover games play the Bronze medal game.
- d) For two pool Round Robin format with no crossover games, refer to letter b) (single Round Robin format)

9. TIE BREAKER RULE - FULL ROUND ROBIN (taken from the Federation of International Lacrosse Women's Official Rules 2015)

Rule 24: Tournament Rules

- E. In tournament play, when there is a tie on points, it is recommended that the Goal Differential Formula will be applied:

$$\frac{\text{Goals For} - \text{Goals Against}}{\text{Total Goals}}$$

In the formula, the scores of all the games in the Round Robin of the tied games are used. The maximum difference in scores allowed per team will be 12, which is achieved by reducing "Goals for". Actual scores are used except those matches in which the goal difference exceeds 12. In those cases, the goal difference is reduced to 12. For example, a score of 15-1 will be reduced to 13-1 using the goal formula.

10. OVERTIME (taken from the Federation of International Lacrosse Women's Official Rules 2015)

Rule 24: Tournament Rules

- G. Overtime Procedures-playing off a tie game when required.
1. When the score is tied at the door of regulation playing time, both teams will have 5 minutes rest and toss the coin for choice of ends. The lower seeded team or team dressed in the dark shirts will call the coin toss for choice of end to defend.
 2. A full 6 minutes of stop-clock overtime will be played in sets of two 3 minute periods. At the end of the first 3 minute period, the teams will change ends with no delay for coaching, and the game will be restarted with a centre draw. The team that is leading at the end of the full 6 minutes wins the game.
 3. When a team has not used its two team time outs during regulation, they may request a time out/s in overtime play.
 4. If the teams are still tied after the full six minutes of overtime, they will have 3 minutes of rest and change ends.
 5. The winner will be decided in a "sudden victory" stop clock overtime of not more than 6 minutes. If a winning goal is not scored in the first 3 minute period, teams will change ends with no delay for coaching, and the game will be restarted with a centre draw. The team scoring the first goal wins.
 6. Play will continue with "sudden victory" stop-clock overtime periods of 6 minutes in length. Teams will continue to change ends after each 3 minutes of play. Teams will have 3 minutes of rest between every 6 minutes period until a winning goal is scored.
- In the event of time constraints, the Tournament Convenor can utilize rule 6. "Sudden victory" overtime to determine the winner.

11. PENALTY DEMERIT SYSTEM (taken from the Federation of International Lacrosse Women's Official Rules 2015)

1. For FIL Tournaments, a penalty point system will be in place for players receiving warning cards for personal fouls and to deter unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct by payers:
 - Yellow card suspension = 2 penalty points
 - Yellow/red card suspension = 4 penalty points
 - Red card suspension = 6 penalty points
2. When a player has accrued 8 penalty points, she will be suspended from the next match of the championship/tournament.
3. Penalty points are cumulative. Once a player sits out one match, she will sit out a second match if she accrues an additional 6 points.
4. It is the responsibility of the Technical Delegate or Competitions Chair (Convenor, UIC) to advise the Team manager or Coach when a player has accrued 6 points.
*players will not receive FairPlay award if 8 penalty demerit points are accrued.

12. EQUIPMENT

- a) Players participating in a Women's tournament may play with either FIL or NCAA approved crosses so long as they comply with the game official's stick check at time of play.
- b) Goalkeepers must wear a chest or body pad, a helmet with a chin strap that must be fastened, a facemask, and an attached throat protector. The distance that the throat protector hangs from the helmet must be less than the diameter of the ball. In addition to the attached throat protector, a wrap-around throat protector may be worn.
 1. All players must wear goggles and mouth guards while on the playing surface.
 2. The goalkeeper may wear padded gloves, shoulder/arm pads and leg pads. All padding must fit securely and not increase the width of the goalkeeper's body beyond the thickness of the padding. The maximum thickness of padding is 3 cm. padded gloves must be tied securely at the cuff and must not have any webbing.

13. GAME OFFICIALS

- a) Game umpires will be chosen by the BCLOG Head Umpire for Field Lacrosse, firstly from the ranks of all certified field referees, and (if necessary), secondly from the next best experienced referees available.
- b) Umpire-in-Chief will be assigned by the BCLOG Vice Chair – Field Lacrosse.
- c) Bench officials for Medal Games will be appointed by the co-ordinator, subject always to the approval of the Provincial Director.
- d) Each team will be required to provide one qualified bench official for each round robin game played.

NOTE: To all participating teams - if you have qualified bench officials travelling with your team please make the Co-ordinator aware of these people as he/she may need help during the tournament.

- e) Umpire Fees - Paid by the Field Directorate (BCLA as per Hosting Agreement)

Round Robin (2 Umps)

U12

Round Robin (2 Umps)

U15

U19

Medal Games (2 Umps)

Medal Games (3 Umps)

Fees as set by the BC Lacrosse Officials Association (BCLOG).

Gold Medal Games: A Chief Bench Official may be added at \$20.00 per game fee.

14. AWARDS

- a) Medals
Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded.
- b) The U12, U15, and U19 Provincial Champions will each receive B.C. Provincial Tournament Medals.
- c) MVP for each Division will be chosen for the Provincials. One per Division.
- d) Field Lacrosse Player of the Tournament
- e) Fair Play Award

15 TEAMS DEFAULTING

Once a team has committed to attend a Provincial Championship (Provincial Declaration form turned into the BCLA), that team will be expected to show up and remain for all its scheduled games as well as the Award ceremonies for their age division. 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. Additionally, if a team withdraws within 14 days prior to the start of the Provincial Championship Tournament, the parent club shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Should a team qualify for Provincial Championships and be unable to attend, the PROVINCIAL CO-ORDINATOR is to be informed as soon as possible so the Provincial Director can fill the vacancy. Should a team default a game during the championship, it will not only be automatically eliminated from further play but subject to the aforementioned fine.

Should an emergency arise which necessitates a team leaving early, the Convenor shall be consulted.

16. BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals
- Participation Gifts
- MVP per Division awards
- Field Lacrosse Player of the Tournament Award
- Fair Player Award
- Referees fees – including the medal rounds
- Game balls
- Fields

17. SUPPLIED BY HOST CLUB

- Bench officials for Medal games.
- Any special awards such as most sportsmanlike team All-Stars, etc.
- Convenor's office for tournament headquarters
- Meeting space for all bench officials and referees to be held at the same time as the coaches meeting, prior to the tournament.
- Any other items necessary for a smooth running tournament
- Equipment - Bench officials tables and chairs for each field
 - Field lacrosse nets for each field
 - Field lining equipment
 - Bench officials equipment (stopwatches, scoresheets, pens, etc.)

18. DUTIES OF THE HOST CLUBS

- Ensure that qualified MEDICAL PERSONNEL needs are in attended to at all times (i.e., located in central location, supply tent, table, chairs and ice, etc).
- Ensure that facilities are adequate and safe.
- Ensure that qualified bench officials are available for Medal games.
- Ensure that a written report of the tournament is prepared and presented, along with the original copy of all game sheets.
- Co-ordinate all sponsorship, promotion and advertising with the BCLA to avoid conflicts with existing sponsors.
- Submit all program information by deadline as imposed by the BCLA.
- A social activity involving all participants and families may be held (optional, but highly recommended)

19. WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES/CANCELLATIONS

If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships was not completed, then the tournament will be cancelled and no medals will be awarded.

If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships was completed, then the winner and/or outcome will be decided by the Provincial Championship Committee.

20. OTHER

- a) No photographers/videographers permitted on the field of play without the permission of the Provincial Championship Tournament Committee.
- b) No objects (chairs, tables, ladders, tents) are permitted on the field of play without the permission of the Provincial Championship Tournament Committee.

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