

2026 Minor Directorate Special Session
November 21, 2026
BCLA Minor Directorate Chair Report: Gordon McIntosh

As we are now in our box lacrosse off-season and have some time to look back, it is typical to see positive steps forward as well as continuing challenges and disappointments. We have areas where registration has grown. This is usually due to specific efforts by the local association to expand or introduce box lacrosse to the local communities. Some smaller associations that want to expand are being shortchanged by parents not being honest with their registration addresses, leading to players playing outside their jurisdiction. Associations who do this have not been diligent in following up or confirming real addresses. Female box has been and continues to be an area of growth. Having an interlocking league schedule between the lower mainland and Vancouver Island has helped grow and develop the Island female program, particularly in Victoria. The lower mainland teams have been helpful in making this work. This past season, we took a bit of a step back in getting interlocking games properly scheduled. The groups involved know this and will do better in 2027. Lacrosse Canada sprung some significant World Lacrosse rule changes on all of us in late January. It led to a real scramble to integrate the new rules for the 2026 season in a very short period of time. Officials' clinics began in late February, so they were pressured to train clinicians and officials with very little lead time. The associations and coaches also had to be brought up to speed very quickly. All that being said up front, it went pretty well. Not perfect. With a full offseason and an expectation to fully integrate the World Lacrosse rules in 2027, we should all be more knowledgeable on the rule changes next season. While the lacrosse sixes program was a hot topic in previous years, it seems to have fallen off our radar a bit. We had a good representation of tournaments available for all divisions this past year and fewer cancellations due to lack of participation than previous years. Our new tournament administrator has been valuable in helping tournament coordinators with questions and problems they encounter. While the coach's group has shown strong leadership in dealing with coaches and verbal abuse of officials, we are hearing how difficult it is to deal with parents and families for individual associations. This includes abuse of officials from stands, abuse and harassment of association executive and just overall poor behaviour. Social media use to air comments/complaints is another source of aggravation. We need to provide associations information on what to do and how to deal with these parents and families. Association executives are volunteers that are not qualified or comfortable in most of these situations. They need some support. While we have strong numbers for officials for U7-U11, we struggle keeping our late teen and young adults as officials. While this is a time where they become busier themselves with work and school, the abuse they take from the stands and coaches is usually a determining factor in them deciding to leave our game. It disappoints me to state this year after year with very little change. It got to a point with 2 teams this season that we didn't allow fans of either team to attend and watch the game due to their past behaviour. They should all be ashamed and embarrassed. One of the teams' fans were not any better behaved at the provincials in Prince George.

We had another successful run of provincial championships in 2026. Due to Vancouver hosting the FIFA World Cup, we were concerned about hotel availability and cost throughout the lower mainland. The minor directorate made some decisions on provincials' locations and groupings of teams that was different than previous years. Our provincial playoff director will let us know the feedback on the changes at a future MD meeting, but early indications are that it was well received. There were 3 provincial championships hosted on 3 weekends in July. Our provincial championship hosts did a wonderful job, and we thank them very much for stepping up and allowing us to put on the provincials. The minor directorate provides a number of supervisors for each provincial championship that make sure things are run properly and these people put in some long days over multiple weekends.

We are heading into some important times with changes to the BCLA and our move to a more appropriate governance model. This will affect minor, senior and field directorates and will change some of their

responsibilities in the future. The minor directorate will have a different function going forward and we will see how that evolves. The BLCA is 5 employees who do an amazing amount of work and provide us great support. Despite this, the majority of lacrosse is done by volunteers across BC and providing them some recognition is valuable in keeping them with us.

There are 18 people that make up the Minor Directorate and I thank each one of them for their time and dedication to lacrosse in BC. They have been a patient and supportive group to work with and always have a view to what is best for lacrosse in the province, not just their league, zone, or commission. With the exception of our January and August meeting, all our MD meetings were held at the BCLA office with a zoom option and we get strong in person attendance.

Thank you to the BCLA staff of Jill, Deb, Dave, Lucas, and Brandi in helping me get through another box lacrosse season as minor directorate chair. You are a treat to work with and we appreciate your efforts. While still being understaffed (in my opinion), they were able to provide us with the same level of support we have always had.

I will be stepping down as minor directorate chair at our AGM in November, after 12 years in the position. My replacement will be well served by the current minor directorate members he/she will get to work with.

Regards,
Gordon McIntosh
BCLA Minor Directorate Chair

MINOR BOX REGISTRAR YEAR END REPORT

2026

A reminder that Associations are responsible for advising RAMP and the BCLA when they change Registrar's so that the COP can be updated and they can be included in communication and training.

Most things went well with Registration this year. The only ongoing issue continues to be with Transfers, however we continue to work with that and I believe we have figured it out.

There are quite a few "merged teams" between Associations out there now, so sometimes that can cause some confusion, however we have worked through that as well.

The one-page Summary Sheet has saved a lot of paper. I've tightened that up going into this next year with some better wording/instructions (up front) so hopefully that will save even less emails going back and forth. We continue to look for improvement in our processes. I encourage your feedback, so Minor Registrars, I thank you for you that.

Regards,

Corinne Perriman

BCLA Registrar



Zone 1 2026 Year End Report

The 2026 Box Lacrosse season was highly successful for both the East Kootenay (EK) and West Kootenay (WK) teams in Zone 1. The two regions first met in Rossland in April and then competed again at the Cranbrook home tournament in May. In addition, teams from both regions, from U9 through U17, participated in several tournaments throughout southern Alberta and BC.

Throughout the year coaches across all divisions noted some inconsistencies in the application of the new rules. While the transition to the updated rules has generally been positive, certain "grey areas" have led to confusion as teams travel between tournaments. In some cases, interpretations have varied from game to game. This remained a point of discussion and confusion as teams travelled to different tournaments and locations

The West Kootenay zone entered a team in the Provincial Championships this year also.

The newly formed Female team, consisting of players from both East and West Kootenay, competed in the Red Deer tournament in May and earned a silver medal in their first tournament together. The team also played in a tournament in Penticton in mid-June before the players returned to their co-ed teams.

All East Kootenay coed teams concluded their tournament schedule in the Medicine Hat tournament in mid June with great success across the age classes.

Russ Sheppard was appointed Head Coach for the Zone 1 Box Lacrosse team where the team went on to place second in a very competitive tournament.

Thanks

Jim Melenka.

Zone 1 Director

2026 FALL

Zone 2 Report to BCLA Minor Directorate.

Provincials:

Shuswap Minor Lacrosse Association (SMLA) hosted the modified format of the 2026 Provincials and hosted U13 C, B,A2 , U15C , and Female U13B and U13A. Hosting 6 divisions across three arenas was a challenge that the small less than 100 registered players pulled off with a huge success. Utilizing two side by side arenas and one that was 20 kms (approx.. 15 mins) away both arenas ran smoothly. Addressing the issues caused by RAMP as a flow of the day. The volunteers and the executives from SMLA addressed issues as they came up and kept the days moving in the right direction.

The three challenges that occurred were beyond SMLA's control. The first was damage was caused to dressing rooms from visiting teams which directly impacted the facilities and their relationship with the host association. The second was the relentless reminding of players not to wall ball within the arena. This got to the point that balls were taken from players. One of the incidents of damage was directly related to a player wall-balling in a dressing room. The third challenge was there were teams that only played in the offsite arena, knowing that teams were supposed to have opportunities to play in both locations, this was just an error that could not be addressed once the games had started. Displeasure was shared by the team management, however communication with all teams informed of the raffle and apparel tables at the side by side location.

Representation of Female Lacrosse in the Interior in multiple games that could be seen was a huge opportunity for the region. Zone 2 was excited to have that addition to the Provincials that SMLA was able to host.

Zone 2 representation had seven teams participating in the Provincials tournament with Interior Female U13B and Kelowna U13C coming fourth in their division and Shuswap U15C taking home the Bronze.

The following weekend in Prince George Zone 2 sent five teams into the north. North Okanagan U1B earned Bronze, while the U15B from Penticton took Silver and Penticton U17B earned the Gold.

Thank you to the Prince George Lacrosse Association for hosting our teams. The inclusion of the scavenger hunt was amazing – the Interior U17B Female team was thrilled to walk away with the speaker for their win!

Successes:

- Growth in associations
- Improvement in officials' development
- Nicola Valley returning for another year back into the league and continuing to grow
- Shuswap's continue growth and addition of another division

Challenges:

- Registrars missing registrations that are not in their zones, ongoing issue addressed in a meeting with the Chair of BCLA MD and the President of the Association the actions suggested in that meeting were not followed through with. Moving forward a way to address this internally within the Zone should be found as requested the BCLA registrar to pull the registration for the Association repetitively during the pre-season and once the season has started is not sustainable.
- Official's growth within the zone is there however coverage of games in some association remains a challenge – the result of this is a huge travel cost for associations to obtain the referees.

BC Summer Games:

Kelowna was an amazing host for the games this year. The struggle of the air quality due to wildfires and the heat impacted both Field and Box lacrosse. However both disciplines powered through and a great weekend was had by all!

Heather Davis

Zone 2 Director

Chair Report, TOMBLC AGM 2025 - November 1, 2025

Zone 2 - TOMBLC consists of 6 active Associations: Kamloops, Kelowna, Nicola Valley, North Okanagan, Penticton and Shuswap.

The interior had teams participating in all provincial championships with the exception of the A1 hosted by Port Coquitlam. Kelowna U13 C and Shuswap U15 C made it to the bronze medal games, with Shuswap U15 C winning the bronze medal. At Prince George North Okanagan U15 B won bronze, Penticton U15 B won Silver, and Penticton U17 B won gold.

The female program also had a remarkable year, not only their enrollment has been growing during the last few years. This year, the interior had U13 and U17 teams in the female provincials participating in the B division. Congratulations to all the girls, their coaches, and all parents and volunteers that made their season a success.

It was also another year hosting another provincial championship in the interior, in this case Shuswap hosting U15C U13 A2, U13 B, U13 C, Female U13 A, and Female U13 B . The event was a success, and despite the logistics with the arenas being far apart, the event was a resounding success. Congratulations

I would also like to thank all the commissioners for their help as without their valuable oversight the season would not be possible without them.

Last but not least, I would like to thank everybody in the commission and the associations volunteering their time to provide the sport to the kids that want to play it. You are the invisible entities that make the games possible. Thank you again for your help.

Yours in lacrosse,

Wuilbert Jaramillo
TOMBLC Chair

LMMLC CHAIR REPORT 2026 BOX LACROSSE SEASON

This season of box lacrosse in the Lower Mainland this year only used the ranking system for the U 11 co ed as there are no Provincials for this age group. It was a very time-consuming process for the U 11 commissioner to manage throughout the season and still a learning curve to get rolling out efficiently for scheduling purposes and opponent match ups.

LMMLC completed the 2nd year of the female interlocking league agreement, which was once again plagued with scheduling issues, teams not willing to travel missing players and lack of floor time as well as travelling teams and Team BC conflicts.

While it is our goal to actively promote the game of female lacrosse across the province, we are aware of the challenges an interlocking Island and LMMLC agreement can be and hope to mitigate these challenges if we are to move forward next season.

John Hamilton and Grant Morrison, our Female Director at LMMLC have been actively pursuing a new agreement this off season in the hopes of creating a more cohesive plan that works and can be implemented earlier for the planning season for box season 2027.

We hope to have a new agreement to propose to our associations prior to our AGM Dec 1.2026

The season continued to have problems of ref abuse, from coaches , spectators and players.

Several teams were pulled during games this season by either coaches/parents on safety concerns on games not being officiated competently which may have been resulting in injuries and or escalated dangerous play. The repeated emails received citing concerns from parents, managers and coaches on the officiating may highlight a lack of seasoned officials at a time where we cannot retain the younger refs due to abuse.

The rush to implement the new CLA rules brought in so close to the season starting may also contribute to some of the challenges for coaches, parents and players this season.

Commissioners are an integral group of volunteers which without our league could not run. Each year we ask the associations to submit volunteers to commission divisions for our associations. These volunteers are also asked to commission not only their assigned

divisions but tournaments throughout the season as well. This is a considerable undertaking to which we are extremely thankful.

The LMMLC is looking at ways we can help these volunteers even earlier in the preseason to understand the whole expectations of the position, the disciplinary rules, and how to navigate RAMP and issues that will arise. We will continue to have mentors in place to help throughout the season.

Provincials in the new format, three instead of four and mixing the co-ed and female provincials was well received.

I had the pleasure of being the supervisor for the U17, U15 U13 A1 and the Female U 22,U 17A , U15A Provincials held in Port Coquitlam. I would like to thank all the volunteers of Port Coquitlam for doing a fabulous job hosting the Provincials as well as the MD volunteers who also attended the event with me .

Also, a big Thank you to the members of the LMMLC executive as well as appointed members Dennis Windsor and Wendy Thomson for their dedication and perseverance to make sure the season with all its challenges ran as smooth as possible .

Respectfully

Sandra Margetson

LMMLC Chair .

Minor Director Zone 3 Year End Report – 2026

Respectfully submitted by Sean Reid

Fraser Valley for the BCLA Zones includes Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Ridge Meadows and Mission.

That's the end of the 2026 box season and Zone 3 had another very impressive representation. Out of all those medal games our Zone represented in almost every division. There are 18 divisions overall and we were in 14 of them fighting for medals.

Of the 14 divisions we played in medal games we came home with:

5 x 4th place 7 x bronze medals 8 x Silver medals 7 x Gold medals.

Now that's a lot of hardware!!!a lot of hardware!!!

There were 9 divisions where we had at least two teams competing for medals and in the **Coed U13B and Female U17A divisions, we swept the medals** with all 3 medals coming to Zone 3.

Congratulations to all the teams that participated!

BC Provincial Medal game results; Zone 3 teams highlighted in **BOLD**

Co-ed

U13A1	U13A2	U13B	U13C
Gold - Coquitlam	Gold - Chilliwack	Gold – Ridge Meadows #2	Gold - Quesnel
Silver – Port Coquitlam	Silver – Prince George	Silver – Port Moody	Silver - Coquitlam
Bronze – New Westminster	Bronze - Saanich	Bronze – Ridge Meadows #1	Bronze – West Kootenay
4th – Ridge Meadows	4th – Ridge Meadows	4th - Richmond	4th -Kelowna

U15A1	U15A2	U15B	U15C
Gold - Ridge Meadows	Gold - Port Moody	Gold – Prince George	Gold – Williams Lake
Silver – Langley/Semiahmoo	Silver – Ridge Meadows	Silver - Penticton	Silver - Chilliwack
Bronze – Port Coquitlam	Bronze - Chilliwack	Bronze – North Okanagan	Bronze - Shuswap
4th - Saanich	4th – Port Coquitlam	4th - Vancouver	4th - Surrey

U17A1	U17A2	U17B
Gold - Saanich	Gold - Nanaimo	Gold - Penticton
Silver – Juan De Fuca	Silver - Delta	Silver - Langley
Bronze – Ridge Meadows	Bronze - Vancouver	Bronze - Peninsula
4th – Port Coquitlam/Port Moody	4th - Mission	4th – Prince George

FEMALE

Female U13A	Female U13B	Female U15A	Female U15B
Gold - Burnaby	Gold – Port Coquitlam	Gold – Langley/Semiahmoo	Gold - Nanaimo
Silver - Coquitlam	Silver – New Westminster	Silver - Coquitlam	Silver - Victoria/Esquimalt
Bronze – Ridge Meadows	Bronze - Mission	Bronze - New West/Burnaby	Bronze - Langley
4th - Nanaimo	4th -Interior (Penticton et al)	4th – Port Coquitlam	4th – Port Coquitlam

Female U17A	Female U17B
Gold – Port Coquitlam	Gold - Mission
Silver - Coquitlam	Silver - Ridge Meadows
Bronze – Ridge Meadows	Bronze - Nanaimo
4th - Nanaimo	4th - Langley

U22
Gold – Victoria/Esquimalt
Silver - Coquitlam
Bronze - Port Coquitlam
4th - New Westminster

We had another year with strong applicants for Zone player of the year this year. This year's successful award winner was Peter Gombar from Port Coquitlam. Congratulations Peter!

The MyLax rankings application was utilized again this season and was overall a success. As it doesn't complicate Provincials Play and placements, it's easy to maintain in the U11 division. There are major gaps in question marks as to whether it could be applied to all divisions at this time.

With FIFA and the complications, it added to the timing of Provincials and our sport, two events were held outside our normal spaces. I hear both events went very well as accommodations and arenas were superb. It was also the first year of integrated Provincial play with both Coed and Female groups competing together. I have heard all positive talk about this and look forward to the future with continued integration of our athletes.

Of the one event I did attend locally, Port Coquitlam was again run flawlessly as they have a team of volunteers that have been doing tournaments for years and the experience in their systems showed up once again. The games were great, and few interactions created hiccups in the process. Having three arenas under one roof also gave the feel and energy of a large-scale tournament. Thank you again Port Coquitlam and your team of tireless and hardworking people.

U9 – This season there was allowances for individual teams to play exhibition games against each other after June 1 and I hear it was a successful addition to our tournament play after June 1 each season. Something we may look towards for the entire season moving ahead for those that wish to coach and encourage 5v5 play at this age group.

Lastly, my many thanks to the people that help this BC Box lacrosse season be successful. From the members of the minor directorate, Zone 3 Association Presidents, LMMLC Board members, coaches, managers, referees and all the other volunteers that hold the pieces together to make the puzzle make sense. Until next year!

Sean Reid

Zone 3 Representative

**BC Minor Directorate
Year End Zone 4 Report 2026**

Zone 4 BCLA - Fraser River Delta is 6 active Associations: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, New Westminster, Semiahmoo, and Surrey.

This year had a distressing in the number of spearing, kicking, full swings at the head calls coming through on game reports. Unsure of the remedy for this behavior but to remind everyone that this is a game. At the Shuswap Provincials we found remnants of CLA rules interspersed with the World Lacrosse rules – hopefully the 2nd year roll out of World Lacrosse rules will clear up the confusion.

I attended the governance information meetings and supported the direction that is proposed. The BCLA and its constituent Commissions and Directorates are unwieldy in its current state and need reform. I urge you to support the upcoming and proposed reforms.

Association Tournaments

As in previous years 4 of 6 Zone 4 clubs held tournaments in their traditional divisions – Chilliwack U9 3v3 & 13C, Langley U9 and U15 A1 to C, New West Female U11 to 15 & U11 A2 to C, , Surrey U7 & U9. Clubs are encouraged to hold tournaments; it is work but worth the effort for team and club bonding.

Provincial Championships Zone 4 results:

U13 Coed	Result	U22 Female	Result
U13 A1 New West	Bronze	U22 F New West	4 th
U13 A2 Chilliwack	Gold		
U13 B Abbotsford	Gold	U17 Female	
U13 B Langley	Participant	17F A New West/BBY	Silver
U13 C Langley	Participant	17F A Langley	Bronze
U13 C Surrey	Participant	17F B Langley	4 th
U15 Coed		U15 Female	
U15 A1 Langley	Silver	15F A Langley	Gold
U15 A2 Chilliwack	Bronze	15F A New West/BBY	Bronze
U15 B Abbotsford	Participant	15F B Langley	Bronze
U15 C Chilliwack	silver		
U15 C Surrey	4 th	U13 Female	
		13F A Burnaby	Silver
U17 Coed		13F B New West	Silver
U17 A1 NW/BBY/NS	Participant		
U17 A2 Chilliwack	Participant		
U17 A2 Surrey/Delta	Gold		
U17 B Abbotsford	4th		
U17 B Langley	Silver		

Summer Games – the Zone 4 team won bronze. Thank you to our coaches Rich Catton, Ryan Boivan, Jeff Gobar, and Manager Jas Dhandwar for getting the team together and up to Kelowna. We had an initial registration of 39 players which is about 15 better than 2024, had six withdraw, and one player was replaced due to injury prior to the games.

U17 Graduating Player of the Year We had a disappointing one applicant for the Zone 4. Please encourage your graduating players to apply to this scholarship and other lacrosse bursaries. Information and 2027 applications are on the BCLA website.

Michael O'Connor Zone 4 representative

Hello Everyone

This year Zone 5 has seen growth in the lower divisions throughout the entire zone but once you get to the higher division, we are seeing a major drop off in players. For this sport to remain competitive we must find a way to retain players in the older divisions.

This year Zone 5 was able to put forth a full team including alternates for summer games and I would like to thank Michael Miele and his coaching staff for all their work with the team along with their manager Kimberley Kovacic.

I would like to acknowledge all the teams from the zone that applied for provincials in all divisions and send a special acknowledgement to Vancouver U17A2 for their bronze medal and Delta/Semiahmoo U17A2 for winning the silver medal at provincials.

Zone 5 in the 2026 season had

10 teams in the U11 coed division
A1 1 team
A2 2 teams
B 2 teams
C 5 teams

U11 Females
3 teams

9 teams U13 coed division
A1 1 team
A2 2 teams
B 3 teams
C 3 teams

U13 Females
2 teams

8 teams U15 coed division
A1 2 teams both are combined teams
A2 No teams
B 4 teams 1 being a combined team
C 2 teams

U15 Females
1 team

6 teams U17 coed division
A1 1 combined team
A2 2 teams 1 being combined
B 3 teams 2 being combined
No U17 Female teams

U22 Females
2 teams both combined

I would like to thank all the volunteers that put countless hours into the sport so the kids could play.

Mike Ortutay
Zone 5

Zone 6 | Vancouver Island

Year End Report 2026

The Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Commission had a successful season. We had 128 teams playing across all divisions with over 800 games played across Vancouver Island and in the Female Interlock League. We continue to see strong numbers in our U7 and U9 divisions.

U7 North	U7 South	U9 North	U9 South	U11 A	U11 B North	U11 B South
8	10	15	18	3	10	8

U13 A	U13 B	U15 A	U15 B	U17 A	U17 B
9	10	4	8	5	6

U11 Female	U13 Female	U15 Female	U17 Female	U22 Female
2	3	2	4	3

Over the last several years we have seen growth in female lacrosse in Nanaimo and Victoria with VELA hosting the Greater Victoria combo team. We continue to struggle to create a Vancouver Island league with two teams and entered into a two year Interlock Agreement with the Lower Mainland Minor Lacrosse Commission. The Interlock League had a number of challenges this season and a fulsome review will be conducted in the off season to determine future feasibility.

Our competitive divisions had a great season, with a number of Island teams qualifying for Provincials and the following teams winning medals in Provincial play:

- Female U22 - Gold | Victoria Esquimalt
- U17 A1 - Gold | Saanich
- U17 A1 - Silver | Juan de Fuca
- U17 A2 - Gold | Nanaimo
- U17 B - Bronze | Peninsula
- Female U17B - Bronze | Nanaimo
- Female U15B - Gold | Nanaimo
- Female U15B - Silver | Victoria Esquimalt
- U13 A2 - Bronze | Saanich

The VIMLC is hosting a planning session in September to review the past season, learn from our successes, and build a plan that will guide our 2027 season.

A huge thank you to all volunteers that continue to deliver high quality, not for profit, youth lacrosse on Vancouver Island.

Andy Stuart
Zone 6 Chair

Zone 8 - Year end report 2026

Lots of positives from Zone 8 this year.

Participant numbers varied depending on age groups. Some struggles in the U17 but did our best to give players opportunities to play.

Ft. St. John returned as full time participant in commission play. Each association, except Ft. St. John, hosted a weekend. And Williams Lake hosted play downs.

We had some good development opportunities with both well-attended coaching clinic and officiating clinic.

Prince George hosted a highly successful Provincials with many levels participating. Thanks to Prince George Minor Lacrosse and their well-organized group of volunteers.

We had good participation in provincials and good results:

- Prince George - U13 A2 - Silver
- Williams Lake - U15 C - Gold
- Quesnel - U13 C - Gold
- Prince George - U15 B - Gold
- Prince George - U17 B - 4th place

Our zone participated in Box Lacrosse at Summer Games in Kelowna and finished with a 1-3 record. All associations in our zone were represented on our team and while we were not quite as competitive as we would have liked to be, overall, it was a enjoyable experience for our players.

We also had a few challenging issues to deal with this season. Our commissioner, John Stevens, and treasurer, Jenna Stevens, decided to step down from their roles shortly before the season began. Thanks to Scott and Tammy Brown for stepping up to fill these roles. As we look forward to next year, we are hopeful of increased participation at the commission level.

Mackenzie Minor Lacrosse did not participate in our commission this year. It is not clear what the future holds for lacrosse in Mackenzie.

We also had some internal issues regarding the relationship between 2 of our associations. Gord McIntosh has kindly stepped up to help resolve this situation going forward.

Submitted by,
Richard Paciejewski
Zone 8 Director

FEMALE BOX CHAIR YEAR END REPORT

2026

The growth of female lacrosse slowed slightly in 2026 with a total of 1656 registered female players compared to 1580 registered female players in 2025. Within the LMMLC growth was particularly strong in Surrey, Semiahmoo, Port Coquitlam and Richmond. Both the VIMLC and TOMLC saw moderate increase in registration.

One of the challenges within the LMMLC was the retention of U17 players. One factor that may have contributed to this was the lack of desire to play box lacrosse by some of the more elite players in pursuit of an NCAA field lacrosse scholarship. Some players may have been afraid of getting injured and chose to play for a field lacrosse club instead. Statistics from the BCLA Registrar show that U22 registration numbers increased by 25 from 2025 to 2026, so it could be that more U17 players simply aged up to U22 than came up from U15. The U15 division increased by 42 players from 2025 to 2026 for a total of 348 players. Strategies will need to be developed with this age group to encourage them to continue to play at U17 and U22.

Another challenge that disrupted the 2026 season was the failure of the “portal system” that was used to schedule the inter-locking games between the LMMLC and the VIMLC. This created much chaos and cancellations of a high number of games.

At the 2025 BCLA AGM Female Planning Meeting it was voted to have female provincials intertwined with coed provincials this year. By all accounts this was successful and this format may be the same for next year. Because of the FIFA world cup, two of the provincial championships took place outside of the lower mainland. While this was good for the exposure of female lacrosse in these regions, it made for difficult financial decisions for some families.

I will be having meetings with female reps over the coming months, before the BCLA AGM, to solicit ideas in three main areas:

1. Retention of U17 and U22 plyers
2. Reworking the inter-locking league agreement between the LMMLC and the VIMLC or designing a new model for inter-lock play that is both reliable and accountable.
3. Encouraging local commissions to become more invested in registering new female players

Finally, congratulations to the Female Team BC U13 and U15 teams on winning gold at Nationals and to the U22 team on winning silver at The Carol Patterson Cup

John Hamilton

Female Box Chair



2026 Year End Report Vice Chair Minor Directorate

The 2026 Box season wrapped up with Provincial Championships hosted in the Interior, the North, and the Lower Mainland, with each location staging six divisions. Across the province, 206 teams declared for Provincials this year—40 female teams and 166 co-ed. Of those, 73 co-ed teams and 36 female teams were approved to compete at the championship level.

This season marked the first year we combined co-ed and female divisions within each of the three tournaments, creating a more unified and efficient championship structure. The breakdown of team numbers for each event is shown in the graphic below.

SHUSWAP	PRINCE GEORGE	PORT COQUITLAM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U13F B: 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U15F B: 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U15F A: 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U13F A: 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U17F B: 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U17F A: 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U13C : 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U15 B: 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U22F : 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U13B : 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U15A2: 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U13A1: 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U13A2: 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U17 B: 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U15A1: 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U15C: 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U17A2: 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U17A1: 6

Once again, this year, we were able to hold the Coaches and Managers meeting virtually, thanks to the roster verification process being completed in advance by the BCLA staff. We continued using RAMP for Provincial Championships to manage rosters and gamesheets. Although we encountered a few issues early on the first day in Shuswap, the system ultimately proved to be a more efficient and reliable process than traditional paper gamesheets.

Shuswap Provincials July 2-5

A huge thank you goes out to Host Directors Jade and Connor Maltais, along with their dedicated team of volunteers. Michael O'Connor served as Supervisor, supported by Heather Davis, Andy Stewart, and Wuilbert Jamarillo. Joel Medland took on the role of Commissioner, while Andrew King and Jeff MacAuley worked collaboratively to cover all responsibilities under the Coaching Representative umbrella.

OIC Doug Wright, assisted by Brent Rippberger and Dylan Taylor, delivered an exceptionally professional level of officiating leadership and structure throughout the event. The Shuswap Lacrosse Association deserves commendation for hosting a highly successful Provincial Championship that provided a positive, well-organized experience for athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators.

The final medal results were:

U13F B

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Port Coquitlam	New Westminster	Mission

U13FA

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Burnaby	Coquitlam	Ridge Meadows

U13 C

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Quesnel	Coquitlam 2	West Kootenay

U13 B

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ridge Meadows 2	Port Moody	Ridge Meadows 1

U13 A2

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Chilliwack	Prince George	Saanich

U15 C

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Williams Lake	Chilliwack	Shuswap

Prince George Provincials July 9-12

Tammy and Scott Brown served as outstanding Host Directors, supported by their dedicated team of local volunteers. Richard Paciejewski and Gord McIntosh took on the roles of Co-Supervisors for this Provincial Championship, while Commissioner Don Wittmeier and Coaching Representatives Jeff MacAuley and Dom Sia provided strong leadership throughout the event. John Stevens and Heather Davis—volunteering for a second consecutive weekend—also contributed valuable support to the tournament.

The OIC team was led by Dallas Lister, with Sarah Dmytruk and Colton Mermer overseeing officials across the championship. Prince George delivered a fantastic event, ensuring a positive, well-organized experience for athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators alike.

The final medal results were:

U15F B

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Nanaimo	VELA	Langley

U17F B

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Mission	Ridge Meadows	Nanaimo

U15 B

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Prince George	Penticton	North Okanagan

U15 A2

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Port Moody	Ridge Meadows	Chilliwack

U17 B

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Penticton	Langley	Pensulia

U17 A2

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Nanaimo	Delta	Vancouver

Port Coquitlam Provincials July 16-19

Carla van Veen and Heidi Davis served as the Co-Host Directors for this championship, supported by a dedicated group of PoCo volunteers. Once again, Port Coquitlam delivered a championship that was exceptionally well run. Sandra Margetson took on the role of Supervisor, while Pam Mason served as Commissioner. Coaching coordination was handled by Rob Arden, Dan Chetner, and Jeff MacAuley—marking Jeff’s third Provincial Championship in this role. The OIC team for the event consisted of Branden Wilkens, Caleb Hartwig, and Riley Lo. Was grateful to have Sean Reid, who generously volunteered his time throughout the entire weekend.

The final medal results were:

U15F A

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Langley	Coquitlam	New Westminster

U17F A

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Port Coquitlam	Coquitlam	Ridge Meadows

U22F

Gold	Silver	Bronze
VELA	Coquitlam 1	Port Coquitlam

U13 A1

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Coquitlam	Port Coquitlam	New Westminster

U15 A1

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Ridge Meadows	Langley	Port Coquitlam

U17 A1

Gold	Silver	Bronze
Saanich	JDF	Ridge Meadows

There was an outstanding assortment of medal winners this year, with each of the three host associations represented on the podium. It was especially encouraging to see strong results from smaller clubs outside the Lower Mainland—West Kootenay, Williams Lake, Quesnel, and Penticton all made their mark. The Island, too, was well represented in the medal count, which is great news for the continued growth of our sport across the province.

Events of this scale truly take a village. I am deeply appreciative of everyone who volunteered their time to help make these three Provincial Championships such a success. I also want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to the BCLA staff—Deb Heard, Brandi Phal, Dave Showers, and Jill Krop—for their tremendous work and oversight leading up to these tournaments. Their dedication and effort behind the scenes played a major role in delivering such a smooth and memorable series of events.

Dennis Windsor
Vice Chair Minor Directorate
Provincial Championship Director

2026 Minor Tournament Year-End Report

Submitted by Terra Slade | BCLA Tournament Administrator

The 2026 season saw an increase in the number of minor box lacrosse tournaments, with 51 tournaments compared to 43 in 2025, representing an 18.6% increase.

The number of division and tier opportunities also increased from 120 in 2025 to 132 in 2026, representing 10% growth.

Coed tournament opportunities increased from 93 to 99, while female tournament opportunities increased from 27 to 33.

Particularly notable was the expansion of opportunities in the Female U11 B, Female U9 and Coed U13 B divisions.

Despite this overall growth, certain divisions experienced reductions in tournament opportunities, including Coed U9, Coed U17 A1 and Female U22.

48 tournaments proceeded as scheduled, 3 tournaments were cancelled.

Tournaments by zone



New tournaments in 2026

- Richmond – 1st Annual Richmond Female Tournament – Female U11B, U13B, U15B, U17B
- Kamloops – Kamloops Rattle Battle – U11B
- Cowichan Valley – Thunder in the Valley - U11B
- Shuswap – Shuswap Showdown – U11C & U13C
- Kelowna – Bill McBain Tournament – U13B
- West Kootenay – Call of the Pack Cup – U13B
- North Okanagan – Rock the House - U7
- Nanaimo – Tim White Memorial Tournament – Female U15 A & Female 15B

2026 Tournaments by Division & Tier:

Coed divisions

Division	Tiers	No. of tournaments
U7	—	8
U9	—	12
U11	A1 / A2 / B / C	6 / 6 / 11 / 4
U13	A1 / A2 / B / C	3 / 6 / 10 / 2
U15	A1 / A2 / B / C	4 / 6 / 7 / 1
U17	A1 / A2 / B	3 / 5 / 5

Female divisions

Division	Tiers	No. of tournaments
U9	—	3
U11	A / B	3 / 6
U13	A / B	3 / 3
U15	A / B	4 / 5
U17	A / B	2 / 3
U22	—	1

Registrations and Cancellations

Tournament participation varied across divisions and locations throughout the season.

A number of tournaments experienced challenges converting initial team applications into confirmed registrations, resulting in four divisions being cancelled and three tournaments folding completely.

Prior to the 2026 season, we sent a letter to all association Presidents asking that tournament applications only be submitted by coaches, team managers or division managers, following confirmation of team interest and commitment to attend.

Despite this request, we continued to see duplicate applications for the same team, multiple individuals applying for the same team to the same tournament, and teams that had not even been formed submitting applications for every tournament, division and tier they might be eligible to attend. We also had teams applying for tournaments they ultimately declined when registration information was sent out.

These practices continue to make planning difficult for tournament hosts. They result in inaccurate estimates of tournament demand, additional administrative work, delays in confirming divisions and, in some cases, cancelled divisions or entire tournaments.

Kamloops U11 is a good example. The tournament started with 11 interested teams. As teams dropped out, eight remained: three Alberta teams, three Kelowna teams and two Kamloops teams. Approximately one week before the tournament, the Alberta teams withdrew. With only Kelowna and Kamloops teams remaining, the host made the decision to cancel the tournament and took a financial loss.

Kamloops U13 B and U17 B were also cancelled for similar reasons, with teams applying and then withdrawing after being accepted.

The Female Adanac tournament was cancelled due to a lack of volunteer support within the association and was replaced with a U11 tournament.

Recommendations for 2027:

BCLA should implement a more structured application process, including verification of authorized applicants, controls to prevent duplicate applications, confirmation of team commitment and clear deadlines for accepting or declining tournament invitations.

The application process should also distinguish between an initial expression of interest and a confirmed tournament registration.

OIC Requirements

The 2026 season identified the need for a clearer outline of the OIC role and what is expected of an OIC at a tournament.

I had a number of tournament hosts asking whether they could use themselves or a parent volunteer as the OIC. There was also confusion among tournament coordinators and OICs about their roles, responsibilities, expectations and authority.

Another challenge is OIC coverage. With tournament games running from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., sometimes across three or more rinks in different arenas, it is not realistic to expect one OIC to be in attendance at every game.

Tournament hosts also need to understand the financial requirements associated with OICs so these costs can be included in their tournament budgets from the beginning.

Recommendations for 2027:

BCLA should develop and distribute a standardized OIC information package outlining responsibilities, coverage requirements, assignment procedures, compensation guidelines and applicable expenses.

This information should be provided before tournament applications and budget planning begin, allowing hosts to include all required OIC costs in their tournament budgets.

Tournament Rules, Reporting Compliance & Commissioners

Tournament organizers were required to submit their tournament rules for review. We received rules from approximately 75% of tournament hosts, following multiple reminders. Most of the rules submitted were appropriate and did not require changes.

This season also identified the need for clearer information about the tournament commissioner's role, including their responsibilities, reporting requirements and communication with tournament hosts.

The Thompson Okanagan zone did a fantastic job submitting tournament reports and ensuring that the appropriate commissioners and I were included in the communications.

Unfortunately, I did not receive reports from commissioners in the other zones. We need to improve communication and clarify reporting expectations, particularly within Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland.

Another challenge was identifying which commissioner had been assigned to each tournament. In some cases, neither the tournament host nor I knew who the commissioner was, and tournament coordinators were contacting me because they had not heard from their assigned commissioner with less than a week remaining before the tournament.

Recommendations for 2027:

The Head Commissioner from each zone should provide the BCLA Tournament Administrator with a list of commissioners assigned to each tournament in their zone.

Commissioners should contact tournament hosts well in advance of the tournament to introduce themselves and outline their expectations and requirements.

BCLA should provide a clear outline of the reporting process, including what information is required, who should receive the reports and when they must be submitted. This information should also be shared with tournament hosts so they can assist commissioners in obtaining the information they need.

Commissioners should be included in the tournament rules review process. When tournament rules are submitted to the BCLA Tournament Administrator, they should also be sent to the assigned Tournament Commissioner.

RAMP

The 2026 season presented challenges with the use of RAMP, particularly in zones where RAMP is not routinely used.

Tournament coordinators had difficulty accessing, confirming and verifying team rosters, which created confusion around registration requirements and player eligibility.

These challenges also created additional work for tournament coordinators who were unfamiliar with the system or the required procedures.

I was able to answer a number of questions and assist tournament coordinators because of my previous experience hosting tournaments. However, we need a more consistent process so coordinators have the information and support they need without having to rely on individual experience.

Recommendations for 2027:

BCLA should provide clear instructions for tournament coordinators on RAMP requirements, including a checklist and a technical support contact.

A standardized roster verification process should also be developed for all zones.

The goal should be to have one consistent process that tournament coordinators can follow, regardless of which zone is hosting the tournament.

Tiering Across Zones

Differences in team tiering across British Columbia created confusion during the 2026 tournament season.

The Thompson Okanagan zone operates under a hybrid model using Advanced and Development classifications. These classifications do not directly translate to the A1, A2, B and C designations used in other zones.

Team placement is also determined through league and tournament play as the season progresses.

This creates challenges when teams travel between zones to attend tournaments. For example, a team classified as B Advanced in the Okanagan does not have an obvious equivalent in the Lower Mainland, where B teams are not divided into Advanced and Development categories.

During the season, we had to clarify the appropriate placement of a Penticton team. After speaking with individuals familiar with the Thompson Okanagan tiering system, we were able to confirm the team's placement and the tournament proceeded as planned.

While we were able to resolve this situation, it highlighted the need for clearer guidelines when teams from different zones are attending tournaments.

Recommendations for 2027:

BCLA should provide tournament coordinators with guidelines for accepting teams from zones that use different tiering systems, including a clear process for confirming appropriate team placement.

There should also be clarification on who has the authority to resolve disagreements regarding tiering and team placement.

The goal should be to respect the different systems used across the province while making it easier for tournament coordinators to determine which divisions teams should be participating in.

Conclusion

The 2026 tournament season showed the continued commitment of host associations and volunteers to providing tournament opportunities for minor lacrosse players throughout BC.

There are, however, areas where we can improve how tournaments are organized and supported, particularly when it comes to registrations, communication, reporting requirements and having consistent expectations across all zones.

I believe addressing these concerns before the 2027 tournament season will make things easier for tournament hosts, reduce unnecessary administrative work and help provide a better tournament experience for everyone involved.

Minor Directorate Coaches Technical Group Year End Report 2026

I first off would like to thank all the people involved in the Coaches Technical group and the BCLA office for all the work they do throughout the year. The coaches group will be looking for people to step up and run for open positions on the Technical group.

This season once again brought out a lot of craziness with all involved ...Players, Coaches, Officials, Parents. In Minor we conducted multiple discipline hearings for coaches this season. We had multiple coaches pull their teams from games due to concerns over poor officiating. This matter I will be addressing with the Minor Directorate.

The Coaches Technical group is working hard to find more clinicians especially in all the areas outside the lower mainland. I would ask all clubs to look for someone in your own association that may want to do this so we can have more clinics and be able to train more coaches. We are also looking at more ways to make clinics easier to attend.

I would like to thank all the host clubs that took on all the provincials and a huge thank you to all the volunteers that spent many hours of their time to make them all successful.

Rob Arden
Vice Chair Coaches – Minor

2026 – Vice-Chair Minor Box Officials Year-End Report

The 2026 lacrosse season presented significant challenges for the Minor Officials Program, beginning with the transition to the World Lacrosse Rule Book.

World Lacrosse Rule Book Transition

On January 30, Lacrosse Canada provided the first documentation confirming the transition to the World Lacrosse Rule Book. With our Learning Facilitator Clinic normally held at the end of January and officials' clinics beginning in mid-February, we had only a few weeks to completely revise our clinic material, develop new presentations, and source video examples demonstrating the significant changes to contact and non-contact rules.

The lack of timely information and continued changes to rules and interpretations made the process particularly difficult. Our Learning Facilitators were often learning the new rules at the same time as they were preparing to teach them.

I would like to recognize Jason Syrotuk, who led the development of our clinic material and dedicated countless hours to getting us prepared. Doug Wright provided his usual leadership and support, while Andy Watson and Angie Reid worked as important contacts with Lacrosse Canada, helping us navigate the many questions that arose. I also thank everyone else who contributed by reviewing, proofreading, and refining the material.

Our Learning Facilitator Clinic was held February 27–28, with officials' clinics beginning the following week.

Recognizing that coaches and other participants were facing the same learning curve, the Officials Group hosted an educational session on the major rule changes. More than 200 people attended, and the session was very well received.

The transition remained challenging throughout the season. Officials, coaches, players, and parents were all learning a new rule set, and there were understandably inconsistencies in its application. The loose-ball contact rule was one of the most visible examples, with many participants continuing to apply the previous interpretation.

Despite the challenges, officials continued to learn and improve throughout the season. I believe the experience gained in 2026 has established a much stronger foundation for the future.

Education and Development

The Officials Program delivered approximately 45 classroom clinics and more than 25 on-floor clinics, with approximately 700 officials taking or scheduled to take clinics.

The continued expansion of practical, on-floor training was a significant positive. Officials need to understand not only the rules, but also positioning, mechanics, communication, and game management. We will continue to build on this approach.

Provincial Championships

The 2026 Provincial Championships showcased the dedication and professionalism of our officiating team.

The revised format required approximately 30 officials per championship weekend, with more than 100 officials assigned across three weekends.

I would like to sincerely thank our Officials-in-Charge:

- Shuswap: Doug Wright, Dylan Taylor, and Brent Rippberger
- Prince George: Sarah Dymtruk and Colton Merner
- Port Coquitlam: Braden Wilkins, Caleb Hartwig, and Riley Lo

Thank you as well to our assignors, evaluators, and every official who committed their time to the Provincial Championships. Despite the increased logistical demands and significant rule changes, our officiating teams represented the program with professionalism and pride.

National Championships

I would also like to congratulate and recognize the officials from British Columbia who were selected to participate in National Championship events this year.

A special [congratulations](#) to **Corey Lister**, who served as an Official-in-Charge at the Minor Nationals in Halifax.

I would also like to recognize the following officials and their medal-round assignments:

- **Cynan Quayle** - U13 Boys – Bronze and U15 Girls – Gold
- **Bryan Norby** - U13 Girls – Gold
- **Colton Merner** - U17 Boys – Bronze
- **Elann Billbach** - U15 Boys – Gold
- **Gage Dunning** - U13 Girls – Gold and U17 Girls – Bronze
- **Benji Dos Santos** - U17 Girls – Gold
- **Chris Phillips** - U17 Girls – Gold
- **Marcus Parmar** - U15 Boys – Bronze

I would also like to recognize those who contributed to the **Carol Patterson Cup in Whitby, Ontario**.

A special [congratulations](#) to **Angie Reid**, who served as an Official-in-Charge at the Carol Patterson Cup.

- **Lisa Hibbeln** – On-floor official, Gold Medal Game
- **Sarah Dmytruk** – Standby, Gold Medal Game
- **Sean Reid** – On-floor official, Bronze Medal Game

[Congratulations](#) to everyone who represented British Columbia on the national stage. These selections and assignments are a reflection of the hard work, commitment, and continued development of our officials.

Zone Representatives

I would like to sincerely thank our 2026 Zone Representatives for their time, commitment, and support throughout the season. They provide an important connection between the Minor Officials Group, local associations, and officials across the province.

A special thank you to:

- **Zone 2 – Interior:** Dylan Taylor
- **Zone 4 – Lower Mainland:** Angie Reid

- **Zone 5 – Lower Mainland:** Lisa Hibbeln
- **Zone 6:** Sarah Dmytruk

For 2027, I am pleased to welcome **Justin Wittmeier** as the new **Zone 8 – Great White North** representative. The addition of Zone 8 strengthens our ability to support and communicate with officials throughout the province.

I look forward to working with Justin and all our Zone Representatives in the coming season.

Recruitment and Retention

Recruitment and retention remain our greatest challenges.

Entry Level numbers continue to be encouraging, but we continue to lose too many officials as they progress toward Level 2 and higher. This places pressure on local associations and makes staffing higher-level games and tournaments increasingly difficult.

Our focus must be on retaining the officials we recruit through:

- Mentorship and support for developing officials.
- Continued on-floor development.
- Greater support for young officials.
- Opportunities to work alongside experienced officials.
- Stronger accountability for abusive or disrespectful behaviour toward officials.

Looking Ahead – 2027

Our priorities for 2027 will include:

- Continuing to improve and modernize clinic material.
- Expanding practical on-floor instruction.
- Developing a stronger mentorship program.
- Improving consistency in evaluations and feedback.
- **Enhancing the transparency of our selection process** for Provincial and National Championship assignments.
- Increasing recruitment and, particularly, retention into Level 2 and higher.
- Continuing to work with commissions, Zone Representatives, and local associations on education, scheduling, communication, and official development.

Closing

I would like to sincerely thank every Learning Facilitator, Head Official, Official-in-Charge, evaluator, assignor, commissioner, Zone Representative, and official who volunteered their time throughout the season.

2026 was a difficult year for officiating. The transition to a new rule book, the shortage of experienced officials, and the challenges surrounding recruitment and retention tested our program. Despite this, our officials continued to show resilience, professionalism, and a commitment to improving.

The strength of our officiating program comes from the people who volunteer their time to teach, mentor, evaluate, assign, and officiate. I am proud of what our group accomplished this year and confident that the lessons learned in 2026 will help us build a stronger program in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Dallas Lister
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