

BCLA AGM / Senior Directorate - November 21, 2026

Western Lacrosse Association Report

Paul Dal Monte, Commissioner

The Western Lacrosse Association had a great season with the Victoria Shamrocks, Maple Ridge Burrards, Coquitlam Adanacs, and Nanaimo Timbermen finishing 1st through 4th respectively, and once the dust settled, a young Coquitlam Adanacs squad, led by Christian Del Bianco, was crowned WLA Champions, defeating the Victoria Shamrocks in six games in the WLA finals.

The Adanacs traveled east to compete for the Mann Cup for the first time since 2007, and their opponent was the Six Nations Chiefs, whose star-studded roster proved to be too much for the Adanacs, resulting in a four-game sweep and Six Nations capturing their 4th consecutive title.

Overall, WLA teams saw a slight increase in attendance and webcast viewership, as well as increased traffic and engagement on league and team websites and social media. During the Mann Cup alone, there were over 1M views on social media.

As we look ahead to what will undoubtedly be a very competitive 2027 season, and hosting the Mann Cup, we await direction from Lacrosse Canada regarding World Lacrosse rules implementation, including, 42.5' face-off restraining lines, four quarters vs. three periods, and plastic goalie sticks, to name a few.

The WLA draft of graduating junior players will be held Monday January 25th at 7 pm; this event will be streamed live.

Congratulations to all of those teams who won League, Provincial, and National Championships in 2026.

Thank you to the BCLA for their support.

Stay connected with the WLA during the off-season on our [website](#), as well as on our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) pages.





WESTCOAST SENIOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

2026 West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association (WCSLA) Commissioner's Report

The 2026 season marked a year of transition for the West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association (WCSLA), with the Victoria Shamrocks taking a one-year hiatus from league competition. As a result, the league consisted of five teams competing during the regular season.

Each team played a 14-game regular season schedule. At the conclusion of the season, the top four teams, based on total points, advanced to the playoffs: the Ladner Pioneers, Northshore Indians, Coquitlam Bandits, and Nanaimo Timbermen. The first round of the playoffs was contested as a best-of-five series.

In the opening round, the Ladner Pioneers faced the Nanaimo Timbermen, with Ladner sweeping the series in three consecutive games. The Northshore Indians matched that performance against the Coquitlam Bandits, also advancing with a three-game series sweep.

The championship round featured the Ladner Pioneers and the Northshore Indians in a best-of-five series. The Pioneers continued their dominant playoff run, winning the series in three straight games to capture the 2026 WCSLA Provincial Championship.

The 2026 Presidents Cup was held in Edmonton, Alberta, and featured eight teams from across Canada. Representing British Columbia and the WCSLA, the Ladner Pioneers faced strong competition throughout the tournament, including matchups against the Miners, Golden Eagles, Rivermen, and Muskies during round-robin play and the championship rounds. The Pioneers concluded the tournament on a high note, defeating the Golden Eagles 17-6 in the Bronze Medal Game to secure a national podium finish.

Looking ahead to the 2027 season, efforts will be focused on strengthening and refining the WCSLA League Agreement to support the continued growth and success of the league. We are also working toward welcoming the Victoria Shamrocks back into league competition and exploring the addition of another franchise to further enhance the level of competition and provide continued opportunities for the growth of senior lacrosse in British Columbia.

On behalf of the WCSLA, I would like to thank the players, coaches, officials, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for their commitment and contributions throughout the 2026 season. Their dedication continues to play a vital role in the success and development of senior lacrosse in our province.

Thank you,

Ryan Hyland
Commissioner
West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association

Thompson-Okanagan Senior C

The Thompson-Okanagan Senior C League had an extremely busy off season in 2025 with many meetings amongst the four Sr C governors in regard to an expansion for the 2026 season. With hard work and the outlook of expanding with a possibility of one or two more Senior C franchises, it was a very exciting time for Senior C in the BC Interior.

At the League AGM in Feb of 2026, West Kootenay Sr C was accepted into the Thompson-Okanagan for regular season play in 2026. Thanks to the current Sr C governors for striving to grow the game and being flexible enough to accept a brand-new club into the Interior.

Thanks to the following governors;

Armstrong - Jamie Cockerill

Kamloops - Mark Jurista / Chris Case

Kelowna - Sean Blake

Vernon - Matthew Tardiff

Thanks to Suzanne Belanger, West Kootenay for having a solid expansion plan and also being flexible enough to keep all existing clubs happy.

With this expansion, all four existing clubs worked out a travel plan that saw two clubs travel to Castlegar for a two-game series on Saturday night and Sunday early afternoon. The two clubs not travelling in 2026 would be required to travel in 2027. For 2026, two clubs volunteered to travel (Vernon & Kelowna). This assisted West Kootenay in developing their fan base. The two clubs came back with fantastic feedback on playing in Castlegar.

All four clubs from management to players were excited to have new club playing in the Thompson-Okanagan.

The regular season was another successful year. There was a solid turnout of spectators for all 5 clubs. There were no situations that required additional discipline. Absolutely no issues in working with Senior Officials on the floor and the Interior Senior Allocator. Thanks to Conner Black for ensuring all games got covered.

For 2026, the Thompson-Okanagan went away from their traditional best of three semifinal and finals. The playoffs were all done in one weekend with a single game semifinal and final.

This gave us the following semifinal games;

1st place, Armstrong vs 4th place Kamloops

2nd place, Kelowna vs 3rd place Vernon

The winners advancing to the finals was Armstrong and Vernon. Armstrong did win the league championship over Vernon with a final score of 7-5. Congratulations to Armstrong for a very strong season. Hats off to Vernon for having their best year in a very long time.

The future is very bright for all 5 Senior C clubs, each Senior C Club has a Junior B team operating in their city to provide a place for graduating Junior's.

Thanks to the Thompson-Okanagan Secretary & Treasurer, Rebecca Mondor for all her hard work supporting the league.

At this time, I will advise the Senior Directorate that I will be back as the Commissioner for 2027.

Thank-you

Joe Wong

Thompson-Okanagan Sr C Commissioner

October 15, 2026

Vancouver Island Senior C Lacrosse League
2026 Yearend Report

We had a good season with an increase in player registrations with one new team joining our League, Campbell River Ravens.

The Victoria Jokers finished first in the South Division and the Campbell River Ravens finished first in the North Island division in regular season play. The Jokers continued their strong play rolling through the playoffs winning the best of three over the much-improved Westshore Aces. The playoffs were well attended by many lacrosse fans.

We sent three teams to the Senior C Provincials in New West and one team to the Glen Moose Invitational in Abbotsford. The Westshore Aces came home with silver in the Provincials, and the Victoria Blazers came home with Bronze in the Glen Moose. All the games were close, and the teams competed hard and enjoyed the tournaments.

We had to play the Victoria games at a different venue this season due to major renos happening at the Archie Browning Arena. It was a challenge in scheduling which was inconvenient to many. Scheduling referees was also a challenge as we had several games in the North Island division cancelled or rescheduled due to lack of officials. Hopefully the BCLOA can grow the list of senior officials on the Island to meet the growing demand of games.

As with any successful organization, you need many committed people to help ensure a strong and successful season. With that, I would like to thank all the team reps for attending the meetings and organizing their respective teams, Tyson Leies and Shirley Bains for all the work and time they continue to put in to ensure our League operates smoothly. Special thanks to all the other volunteers in helping make the League the success that it was.

I look forward to the 2027 season as our League will be hosting the Sr C Provincials and Glen Moose Invitational in Nanaimo.

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Bains
Chair/Commissioner
Vancouver Island Senior C Lacrosse League
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The 2026 BCJALL season commenced on May 15th with 18 games per team in a 10 - week schedule for 72 total league games played.

The Coquitlam Adanacs came in First place, and the Victoria Shamrocks came in Second place at the conclusion of the regular season games. The semi-finals and finals were a best of 5 games, Coquitlam and Victoria both winning their Semi – Final Series. This set up the Championship Series, best of 7 games, with the Coquitlam Adanacs and the Victoria Shamrocks, the Victoria Shamrocks defeated the Coquitlam Adanacs 4 games to 2 in the Championship Series round to be the 2026 BC Junior A Provincial Champions. Victoria Shamrocks Greyson Beggs was selected as the BC Jr A Provincial Playoff MVP – The Jack Crosby Award.

The Victoria Jr A Shamrocks were the British Columbia representative in the 2026 Minto Cup in Calgary, Alberta.

Unfortunately, the Victoria Shamrocks lost game 3, in a best of 3 series, to the host Calgary Raiders in the 2026 Minto Cup Playoff Finals.

Congratulations go to Greyson Thompson, Victoria Shamrocks. Greyson Thompson was selected for the Jim Bishop Award – 2026 Minto Cup Tournament. The Jim Bishop Award recognizes outstanding play, leadership, and sportsmanship.

Victoria was selected by the BCJALL to host the 2027 Minto Cup in British Columbia. As well, Victoria was selected to host the 2027 Junior A Entry Draft being held in January

A great way to cap off the 2026 season and congratulations to all, looking forward to the 2027 season.

Best of luck to all teams in 2027.

Respectfully,

Dirk Rachfall

Dirk Rachfall
President and Commissioner
BC Junior A Lacrosse League

BCJBT1LL YEAR END REPORT.

We need to reassess Friday-night scheduling. With three teams already playing Fridays, teams travelling to the Island on Saturday are hesitant to play the previous night and leave early the next morning. Scheduling became more difficult when clubs failed to submit weekend availability and blackout dates on time, forcing repeated rescheduling after game times had been assigned. We should establish a firm submission deadline and require clubs that miss it to arrange changes to unsuitable games. Because Friday games in other leagues also reduce referee availability, we may need to move some games and coordinate with Jr A and Jr B2 to identify better open nights. Maybe we need to have a Jr committee to help resolve this issue and any other that may arise within the Jr league.

We also had to address the officials' decision to increase their fees without consultation. Despite several emails, I received no response from either their chair or the senior vice-chair. If I am reappointed commissioner next season, I plan to contact them to clarify their obligations under our league agreement and establish that advance notice is required for any fee increase. Shawn, the BOG chair, intended to contact them, but I do not know whether he did. Also we need to update our league agreement with this as it now is different.

We piloted live scoring, which worked well overall. As expected with a trial, we encountered some issues but resolved them with Liz's excellent support for the teams.

Delta appealed my playoff-game decision concerning the overtime rules approved by the league and the officials' actions on the floor. Langley noted on the game sheet and informed me that it also intended to appeal. The officials' vice-chair had not advised the game officials of the overtime rules and later acknowledged the error after discussions with me and other commissioners. The game sheet showed that Langley scored the first goal in both the first and second overtime periods, so I awarded Langley the win. Delta appealed to the SD and then to BCLA; both upheld the decision. Because of the tight playoff schedule, I could not delay the remaining games while awaiting an appeal. If a similar situation arises, we need a clear, expedited process that does not leave the decision solely to the commissioner.

The SD permitted PG to play exhibition games. However, both TOJBLL Commissioner Wuilbert and I understood that PG would be limited to exhibition play this year after its application to join the league was denied. It appears that others later told PG it could participate in a provincial championship, although it was unclear whether that meant B1 or B2. When we were subsequently asked to admit PG to our playoffs, we unanimously declined. That decision was sent to the SD chair but was not communicated to PG. The SD then held an emergency meeting, and most members agreed that PG could not compete in either the B1 or B2 provincial championship this year. PG appealed the decision and won. Then TOJBLL and our league then appealed that ruling and won. A wave of social media activity followed.

Poco won the play offs and headed to the interior for play offs which they won and then the headed to Founders back east, where they finished 4th.

We need to ensure that all leagues share the cost of sending the qualifying team to the Founders Cup. Requiring our league to travel to the Interior every second year creates an unfair, unnecessary expense before the tournament. Until Interior teams can compete at our level, this arrangement places an unfair burden on our league, and the SD has no Junior B1 provincial directive. I propose that our league and the TOJLL meet to develop a fair solution.

The SD need to follow their own directive as things are not being done correctly and in a timely manner as per their policies. For example – league annual applications and have meeting to discuss where each league shall be placed to play.

SD needs to ask each league how they intend to determine a provincial's rep at nationals, by April 30. If not, the SD will determine which league will represent BC at Nationals.

Given BCLA's proposed changes to the bylaws and policies, the SD may need EA and Board approval before updating its operating policies. We will have to wait and see how these changes proceed.

Beth McLucas
BCJBT1LL COMMISSIONER

Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League -BT1

BCLA Senior Directorate

OCT 2026

This was the second season I acted as commissioner for the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League (TOJLL). It was still a learning experience that was made easier by the support of the senior directorate, the previous league commissioner, and the league governors.

The 2026 season for the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League (TOJLL) for the most part worked out as planned.

The Kamloops Venom came back as League Champions. They went on to play The Port Coquitlam Saints in provincials. We congratulate The Port Coquitlam Saints on being provincial champions

Though there are still distance challenges in regard to the location of the Cranbrook in the Kootenays, 1200KM round trip from the farthest TOJLL team. This was addressed by playing Saturday night and Sunday morning games both as the away team and the home team (same as last year). With a young team Cranbrook grew stronger throughout the season as more of their older players returned from school. The experience gained for their U17 players given the opportunity to play with the team will speak volumes for the quality of players that they have moving up.

Armstrong was unable again to field a team for the season. It is disappointing, however there is hope for the future. The corresponding minor association (Shuswap) is making a big push to come back and they might even have a U17 team next coming season, hopefully in a few years Armstrong might have a Jr team again.

With Armstrong unable to field a junior lacrosse team, Vernon had an oversized roster in which players were signed and unsigned throughout the season to get them playing time. This year again the minor commission received requests from Jr aged players to play down in minor (for the third consecutive year). These requests are concerning as all of those requests were denied, and most likely those players will not play lacrosse due to the saturation in the Jr Program in that area.

Minor Lacrosse for the area is increasing, however for some minor associations last season their U17 numbers were lower than usual. However, the minor associations are showing signs of growth in the lower divisions which will hopefully provide support for the junior teams in the area. Smaller team sizes, such as South Okanagan and Cranbrook that utilize the development of the U17 players for their Minor teams appear to lead to stronger commitment at the junior levels from the players.

On the floor play was fast this year, with more emphasis on the game rather than the fighting, which was great to see. Less suspensions were issued than in the previous year again, which surpassed my expectations! Lacrosse is a physical game with big legal hits, the players keeping it within the game play is great to see.

A negative for the season is the continuous vilification of the officials happening in games. Officials are a scarce resource and their numbers are not getting any better. Losing one official at this level in our zone could have a huge impact on the league schedule and yet all games are played; no games (regular season and playoffs) were cancelled this season.

Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League -BT1

All in all, I really enjoyed all the games I watched. The focus for the league's governors is to showcase the game of lacrosse to the public, and they are doing their best to do that with different degrees of success across the region.

Wuilbert Jaramillo

Commissioner TOJLL

BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group

Vice-Chair, Senior

Hello to all Senior Officials in the Province of British Columbia and to our BCLOTS Executive.

What can I say, now that our 2026 Box Season is finally over!!!

I would like to start by acknowledging my Senior Operations Group for the past 2 years, for all their hard work in assisting the Senior Vice-Chair and strengthening the Senior Operations.

From going back to in-classroom clinics, revamping the Senior Clinics and pushing a strong message to all Senior Officials in BC. With a slow start in 2026, due to a brand new Officials Rulebook being released in January, the Senior Clinicians did a great job in delivering the new product, along with rule interpretation and tweaked floor positions. I watched Senior Games all over the Province and saw the same consistency in 3 of our 4 Senior Regions. I did not get to the North region this year.

This demonstrates how great of a group we have in the Senior ranks. Big thanks to our Senior Clinicians group; Andy Watson, Nico Beaudoin, Jason Syrotuck, Cam Comeau, Angie Reid and Conner Black.

My 4 Senior Coordinators did a fantastic job in mentoring and solving issues within their region. This is a huge position for this group to take on. They constantly kept the Vice- chair updated with all the various minor issues between Senior Officials and their Senior Leagues.

Rob Cook, Vancouver Island
Cam Comeau, Metro Vancouver
Conner Black, Interior
Ty Traenberg, North

At this time I want to inform the Senior Group that Rob Cook is stepping down as the Island Senior Coordinator. He is working on his retirement plan and expects to be away from lacrosse in a few years. Thanks Rob for another great 2 years of service on the Island. Your replacement Darcy Tytgat has big shoes to fill. Thanks Darcy for taking this position on.

For the last 2 years, the Seniors Group have had a great working partnership with all the Senior Leagues in BC. Issues that arise throughout the year are quickly resolved. Thanks to the Senior Commissioners for working with our group.

Ryan Hyland, Sr B
Ric Bains, Sr C Island
Jenn Frolin, Sr C Metro Vancouver
Joe Wong, Sr C Interior
Don Wittmeier Sr C North
Beth McLucas, Jr B1
Wuilbert Jarmillo, Jr B1 Interior
Chris Short, Jr B2 Island
David Goulet, Jr B2 Metro Vancouver

Believe me, this group of Senior League Commissioners kept me busy the past 2 years. There were never any issues that we could not resolve amongst this group. I hope to see everyone back in 2027. Just a quick reminder to the Commissioners Group, the Senior Executive Group strongly recommends that all Senior Leagues Final Championship Series need to be using 3-official mechanics. The final series games are very competitive especially with a Provincial spot or a trip to a Senior National at stake. All major box championships in the world have adopted 3 official mechanics.

The only negative issue that I will bring up is that we saw an increase in officials' abuse this past year. Very noticeable in 2 of the many Senior Leagues. I will address this at a later date with the 2 Commissioners.

This year there was a big decrease in Senior League games being cancelled due to no Senior Officials being available. Province-wide, this was under 6 games. As we move towards 2027, we need to see fewer home games on the weekend and move the schedule around and go with more Monday to Thursday games. Right now there are way too many weekend games and not enough qualified Senior Officials. We did start carding Level 2 Officials earlier than previous years and we are starting to see the rewards. But it still takes a few years for these newer officials to get comfortable and competent moving from Minor to Senior. The success of this program was observed on the Island, Interior and Metro Vancouver. These newer officials are still working a majority of minor games but have gained valuable experience in working the lower-level Senior Leagues. This year, two younger Senior Officials that demonstrated this is the correct path to development is Nick Leong from Delta and Nathan Jaramillo from Kelowna. These 2 officials were used in both Jr B1 and B2 and are both going into their last year of playing Junior Lacrosse. There are more officials that took this challenge and have shown early success as evidenced by the game evaluations.

Thanks to my 4 Senior Allocators for a great year collectively.

Mike & Deb Anderson, Island
Ashley da Silva, Metro Vancouver
Conner Black, Interior
Ty Trauberg, North

This group will all be back for 2027.

This was a fantastic year for Senior post season achievements.

Nico Beaudoin ran an awesome Jr B2 Provincial in Victoria on the August long weekend and on the same weekend Jr B1 Provincials were held in Kamloops. Mid August was the Sr C Provincial hosted by the New Westminster Sr C club and Braden Wilkins. The Provincials held in Victoria and New Westminster was staffed only by local Senior Officials. With the extreme high cost of accommodations due to the FIFA World Cup, officials were notified during the spring Senior Clinics that there was going to be no travel for Senior Officials. Both events ran very smoothly with no issues at all. Great job by Nico and Braden.

For 2026, this was the first time that more than one Senior Official was invited to attend an out of Province Senior National. In all the previous years that I can remember only one BC Official would be invited by Lacrosse Canada and the National OIC.

We had 2 officials attend Founders in New Brunswick, Ryan Mosdell and Brent Rippberger.

Both officials had a very strong National and saw Ryan get awarded with the gold medal match and Brent on the bronze medal game.

For the Minto Cup in Calgary, Jason Syrotuck was our only BC Official. Jason had a fantastic performance and ended up working the floor in all three games of the final series. That's an incredible achievement.

The Presidents Cup in Edmonton had three BC Senior Officials involved. Ryan White, Tyler Boyer and Josh Beauregard represented BC proudly. Ryan was awarded the gold medal game. Another strong National from BC Officials.

To finish off with the last Senior National, the Mann Cup hosted by Six Nations, saw both Cam Anderson and Nicholas dos Santos attend.

I believe this is the largest out-of-province representation ever in one year for BC Senior Officials.

To top off an incredible 2026 Senior Season. Andy Watson was the OIC for the European Box Championships. Andy had a strong BC contingent joining him in Prague.

Representing Canada and BC included;

Angie Reid, Lisa Hibbeln, Ryan White, Tyler Boyer, Jason Syrotuck, Cam Anderson, Keith Gagne, Caelan Thain.

Congratulations on your International Box Lacrosse experience.

In conclusion 2026 is my 2nd year of a 2 year term. My Senior Vice-Chair Position is up for election at our Officials Special Session in November. I have been asked by many of our Senior Officials to consider running for another 2 year term. We shall see what the future has for me.

Thanks to everyone for a successful 2 years in Senior. I appreciate all the support.

Joe Wong

Thank you to all involved in the Senior Directorate who continue to support the work of the coaches and Coaches' Group. Special thanks to League Commissioners who continue to include me in their work when it involved coaches and specifically coach discipline. This past year we started an ongoing list of all Senior Directorate coach suspensions. Unfortunately, there were six entries onto the list but once again almost all coaches completed the season with no discipline incidents. Looking forward to the upcoming season as the next attempt at an incident free year for coaches.

Thank you

Dan Chetner

Vice Chair Sr

BCLA Coaches Group

BC Lacrosse Association
2026 Senior Directorate Special Session Meeting
November 21, 2026
BCLA Senior Directorate Chair Report: Terry Kirstiuk

I would like to thank all of the Commissioners and Leagues for a great year of Lacrosse. The few games I attended were very exciting, and I tried to get to more but there were too many hearings and appeals. I would like to thank everyone who stepped up to attend these hearings, some on short notice.

A special thanks to Tamara McMinn and Wonda Warren for all their help. Especially Tamara who chaired quite a few of the hearings. Also, thanks to the convenors of the Sr C, JrB1 and JrB2 Provincials for overseeing them. Please see their individual reports.

There were less games cancelled due to lack of referees this year. Hopefully none next year. I saw some good young referees doing JB2 games this year but we need more of them.

We need to work on a solution to get the "Great White North" into non-exhibition League games in Junior B1 and/or B2 competition and qualify for a Provincial.

A big thanks goes to the BCLA staff for keeping us posted and for them explaining the new changes due to recommendations from the Societies' Act.

And finally, thanks to everyone for making all of my (too many to count) years on the Senior Directorate, mostly as Vice Chair, enjoyable. Good luck to the new Chair, and I look forward to some free time in the future. See you at some games.

Terry Kirstiuk

Chair Senior Directorate