

FD Chair Report 2026

Introduction

The year 2026 commenced with a variety of significant challenges for the FD. These were primarily the result of newly implemented rules that impacted the ranking system, the ramp, and contributed to ongoing uncertainty regarding the distinct responsibilities of clubs versus leagues. Navigating these changes required adaptability and a focused effort to maintain clarity and fairness within the organization.

Ranking System Developments

During this period, the PCFLL made a notable advancement by expanding its Mylax ranking system to include teams from both the Island and the Interior. This broadening of the ranking system enabled a clearer and more comprehensive understanding of team standings across the entire competition structure, enhancing transparency and supporting fair play.

Each league needs to make sure they are using Ramp system this coming season for game sheets.

Growing Pains and Need for Change

The recent transition in the ranking system proved challenging, revealing several operational difficulties and fairness concerns. It has become increasingly clear that further modifications are necessary to ensure the system functions effectively and equitably for all participants.

Provincial Playdown and Tiering

At present, clubs below 20 declared participants for provincial playdowns are facing exclusion from participation due to current system constraints. Addressing this limitation has been identified as a key objective for future changes.

A new proposal has been introduced which would classify teams ranked 1 to 10 as Tier 1, while those ranked 11 and lower would be designated as Tier 2. However, there remains a concern over the exclusion of teams that wish to play down, as the current system prevents them from doing so. This issue is particularly acute for the Interior, which typically fields only one team per division. The FD takes into consideration all of BC, not just the Mainland or Island, when determining eligibility. As a result, if an Interior team is ranked 21st, they are technically ineligible to compete at provincials, highlighting a significant fairness issue that needs to be addressed.

Seasonal Allowances and Club Support

In previous years, the FD had the capacity to grant allowances to clubs during the season to help them manage specific challenges as they arose. However, with the removal of this provision, our capability to support clubs has been considerably restricted. This lack of flexibility has hindered our ability to address issues effectively. The ability for the FD to make such allowances was previously requested following a hearing, during which the hearing committee recommended that in-season allowances should be permitted.

Provincials

The youth provincials were hosted by Langley, who did an outstanding job organizing the event. It was a full packed weekend of games. Thank you to Wes and the officials for their work, to David and Dylan who helped me, Shawn for being there for the coaches as well as all the coaches and players for a great weekend. Despite this, there were several issues encountered with the Ramp system: penalties were not recorded correctly in the system, as it only had box penalties available; some teams were unable to access the system to verify their rosters; and scorekeepers experienced difficulties using the system. Much of the weekend was spent manually entering information after the games concluded. Special thanks go to Jill and Michelle, who worked tirelessly and performed exceptionally to resolve these issues and ensure the weekend ran as smoothly as possible.

Burnaby hosted the female provincials, I didn't get a chance to attend, Stacey the Vice Chair of Women's was the main FD person taking care of everything for the female provincials.

Congrats to all teams who participated and to all the winners from both youth and women's.

Due to things that come to light over this season I strongly suggest all clubs and Leagues look at getting insurance to cover themselves for any lawsuits that may happen and you will need coverage.

Thank you to all people who sit on the FD with me, I could not do this without any of you. Also Thank you to Jill, Dave and Deb in the office for all the time you put into field lacrosse for all the players, teams, clubs and leagues.

2025–2026 Season Report

The 2025–26 season began with significant opportunity, alongside the implementation of several major changes. These included the introduction of a new ranking system and a self-scheduling model. At the same time, the Field Directorate's ability to address anomalies and in-season issues was reduced, creating additional challenges in adapting to these changes.

One key takeaway from this season is that while innovation and change are important, they benefit from a measured and deliberate approach. Implementing major system changes within a smaller scope—such as a single age division—may have allowed for the identification and resolution of challenges before expanding to all levels. A phased approach could help mitigate unintended impacts across the broader membership.

That said, the majority of Associations and teams adapted well to both the self-scheduling model and the ranking system. Overall, the season concluded with appropriate team placement across most divisions. Playdowns were conducted successfully, with only one exception. Additionally, it appears that more games were played this season compared to previous years, due in part to the flexibility of self-scheduling and favourable winter conditions.

The ranking system did present opportunities for potential manipulation. Moving forward, it would be advisable to establish clearer parameters to ensure equitable competition throughout the season. At a provincial level, the primary focus should remain on player development, rather than solely on end-of-season outcomes. Emphasizing development supports not only skill progression but also long-term engagement and enjoyment of the game.

An overemphasis on results can detract from these broader developmental goals. Participation in sport provides valuable experiences in both success and adversity, helping athletes build resilience, character, and a lifelong connection to the game. Creating an environment that balances competition with growth will better prepare players for future challenges, both within and beyond sport.

It is also important to recognize the significant contributions of volunteers across the province, particularly coaches. Coaching requires a substantial investment of time, energy, and reflection, and plays a critical role in shaping the athlete experience. Many positive examples were evident throughout the season, especially during Provincials, where coaches demonstrated strong leadership by supporting and encouraging their teams through both victories and setbacks.

However, there were also instances of conduct that did not align with the expected standards of sportsmanship. Coaches are expected to advocate for their teams while consistently conducting themselves in a respectful and professional manner. This includes adherence to all rules and regulations of the game.

One area that generated concern during Provincials was the use of stick checks. While sometimes perceived negatively, stick checks are a legitimate and established part of the game. Responsibility for ensuring that all equipment meets required standards rests with the coaching staff. Pre-game procedures provide coaches with the opportunity to confirm that players are properly and legally equipped.

Ensuring compliance not only maintains fairness but also protects player safety and integrity of competition. Greater emphasis on education—both for coaches and parents—would support a clearer understanding of these responsibilities and help prevent avoidable issues during competition.

I would like to thank and congratulate Langley for their role in hosting the Provincial Championships. It was a first-class operation through and through. I would also like to recognize my fellow members of the Field Directorate for their time and dedication to the game and the support of everyone at the BCLA.

David Goulet
Vice-Chair Youth

PCFLL Year-End AGM Report

Season Overview

The 2025/2026 PCFLL season demonstrated continued growth and resilience across the league. Associations, managers, and volunteers worked collaboratively to navigate scheduling, rankings, and operational compliance while maintaining a strong focus on athlete development and competitive integrity. Participation levels and engagement showed positive momentum, and there are several key areas of success and opportunity as we look ahead.

Self-Scheduling

Self-scheduling continued to evolve this season and remains a valuable tool for flexibility across associations.

Managers did a strong job overall in coordinating games and working collaboratively with opposing teams. One of the benefits of the self-scheduling model is the transparency it provides — it became evident which managers were actively engaging with others based on the number of games scheduled and completed. This visibility helped identify both highly effective communication practices and areas where additional support may be needed moving forward.

Manager group chats were implemented to assist with coordination. While they supported collaboration, they also presented communication challenges around clarity, response timelines, and consistency in messaging. Establishing clearer communication expectations may improve efficiency moving forward.

Notably, this season saw the highest number of scheduled games since COVID, reflecting strong commitment from associations and volunteers.

Island integration was a strong positive this season. The addition of Island teams enhanced competition and scheduling opportunities, and the overall feedback has been encouraging. There is an opportunity to continue building momentum by exploring broader regional integration, including potential future involvement from Interior programs.

Rankings

The ranking system produced mixed results this season.

While rankings remain an important tool for maintaining competitive balance, updates were often delayed. These delays created confusion during the self-scheduling process, particularly when teams were uncertain about play caliber or tier alignment. More consistent and timely updates would help associations make informed scheduling decisions.

Tournament participation also highlighted areas that require review. There were concerns regarding acceptance criteria, with a perceived heavy focus on Tier 1 teams compared to Tier 2 programs. Ensuring equitable opportunities for all tiers will be important as the league continues to support development at every level.

Operating Policy Compliance

Operational compliance continues to be a critical focus area for maintaining fairness and consistency across the league.

Residence Verification:

Associations made progress in improving residency verification processes; however, continued clarity and consistency will help ensure policies are applied uniformly.

Referee Compliance:

Referee compliance remains an important operational pillar. Detailed reporting will be provided separately by Dennis and Susan.

Call-Up vs. Play-Up:

Questions surrounding call-up versus play-up procedures arose throughout the season. Greater clarity in policy interpretation and communication will help reduce confusion for coaches, managers, and associations.

Women's Program

The women's program requires a focused review and strategic overhaul moving forward. While there has been continued interest and participation, several structural challenges were identified this season that impacted athlete experience and competitive balance.

Key areas requiring attention include:

Team Sizes:

Roster sizes varied significantly, which affected gameplay consistency and athlete development. Establishing clearer guidelines or expectations may help support more balanced competition.

Caliber of Play:

Differences in skill levels across divisions created challenges for both development and retention. A review of structure, tiering, or grouping may be necessary to better align teams by competitive level.

Scheduling Conflicts:

Game schedules often competed with major development pathways and programs, including Canada development opportunities, Team BC commitments, Fusion, and PCL events. Improved alignment with these calendars will be critical to support athlete participation and reduce conflicts.

Moving forward, there is a strong opportunity to re-evaluate the structure of the women's program with a focus on long-term sustainability, athlete development, and alignment with provincial and national pathways. Consideration should be given to developing a refreshed framework that supports growth while addressing the operational challenges experienced this season.

Referee Program

A comprehensive update on referee development, compliance, and program performance will be presented by Dennis and Susan. Their leadership continues to be an important component of the league's overall success.

Looking Ahead

As we move toward the next season, several priorities have emerged:

- Strengthening communication structures for self-scheduling managers
- Improving ranking update timelines and transparency
- Reviewing tournament acceptance processes to ensure balanced representation across tiers
- Continuing to build on the success of Island integration while exploring expansion opportunities
- Enhancing clarity and education around operating policies
- Conducting a strategic review and refresh of the women's program

The dedication of volunteers, managers, officials, and athletes continues to drive the success of the PCFLL. Thank you to everyone who contributed to another strong season.

VIFLL Report 2026

This season our younger age groups doubled in size and we managed to have a U-18 age group, Our number are slowly catching up to pre-covid numbers, there was mixed feeling regarding the self-scheduling, the teams with experience managers fared better than the new ones, the biggest frustration was not being able to get mainland teams to come over, after the the last special session it seemed like the mainland teams where keen to come over, but this past season our teams travelled more than the mainland teams. And there were mixed feeling regarding the Rankin system, we feel as a commission that there are bugs the BCLA needs to fix.

This past season we had 7 girls teams, but for our girls program to be successful and continue to grow, we will need the help of the mainland, Next season we would like to work with the mainland to schedule games together, it's hard to improve their game when all they do is play the same team over and over.

I would like to thank Wes Tyre for being our head official, as he is stepping down he will truly be missed, the knowledge he has past on to our young ref will be hard to replace, and he was a great support system for our young and not so young refs, I also need to thank everyone on my Island executive and the association presidents, for all the hard work they put into making sure our seasons are a success

With learning from our mistakes this past season, hopefully it'll make our next season better and stronger

Tammy McDougall

VIFLL Chair

BC Lacrosse Field Directorate Special Session
April 11, 2026

Interior Field Lacrosse Commission (IFLC)

IFLC consists of 5 active Associations: Kamloops, Kelowna, North Okanagan, Penticton and Shuswap.

Not that much going on in the zone right now regarding field lacrosse. The zone had a very good year with the following teams in the season:

- 2 teams in U17
- 4 teams in U15
- 5 teams in U13 (Shuswap came back this season with a full team in this division)
- 4 teams in U11
- 4 teams in U7/U9 (all associations combined numbers)

The interior had representation in U13 (Penticton) Tier 2 during lacrosse provincial championships.

This year was an improvement regarding the number of teams playing in the league. Our registration numbers were higher than in previous years. Our officials numbers also increased, with that increase we were able to cover all the games and no games were canceled this season. I would like to thank you to all of those officials that stepped up to help field lacrosse this year, this little growth we had would not have been possible without them

The commission is looking forward to another successful year, no season would be possible without the kids and the volunteers that provide their valuable time in the name of the sport.

Thank you

Wuilbert Jaramillo
IFLC Chair

SENIOR MENS FIELD LACROSSE MARCH 2026

Both Canada West Field Lacrosse League and Vancouver Island Field Lacrosse League had teams actively participating in league play. No response to requests relating to whether there was a Nanaimo team or league playing.

Always welcome to having new teams or leagues wanting to play field lacrosse. CWFL is happy to adapt their playing season to accommodate tournament style weekends for out of town lacrosse teams.

CWFL increased their numbers this year and moved to a 9 team league. Teams experienced some resistance on the part of youth coaches and parents in allowing the minor players to play up in the mens league, which is frustrating given that after U18 we are the league where these players can continue their lacrosse journey, and allowing the call-ups gives them a chance to see the teams in action and the team managers can identify potential recruits. It is doing a disservice to these young players, as we are a competitive league and playing with players older and more experienced can produce a definite benefit to their game.

VIFLL had a drop off of numbers and resistance from U18 to allow their teams to play in the men's league due to the fact that youth field lacrosse had a league to support them this past season which hasn't always been the case. Frustrating when trying to grow a league to meet this kind of opposition as the mens league where those players, after aging out of youth, can continue their lacrosse journey.

Happy to report that the Arena Lacrosse League did not impact our leagues too badly this season, however, Junior tryouts over the easter weekend took out 1 team from Mens Provincials. Seven teams declared, which will be taken down to 6 after a play down game on Friday April 3rd to decide the final roster space. Mens Provincials will take place Saturday April 4th (round robin) and Sunday April 5th (crossovers and gold medal game). VIFLL declined to send a team.

Sincerely

Mary Clare
Vice-chair senior mens field lacrosse

2026 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session

Vice Chair - Women's Field: *Stacy Paterson*

As we wrap up another dynamic season of women's field lacrosse in British Columbia, it is time to reflect on our collective achievements, celebrate our champions, and address the hurdles we must overcome to ensure the continued growth of the "fastest game on two feet."

Season Highlights & Tournament Success

- **Host Excellence:** Our deep appreciation goes to the Clubs for their stellar work hosting their annual signature tournaments. Thank you to those who hosted in-season tournaments as well as those Clubs who hosted year-end events for those age groups who do not yet participate in Provincials.
- **Provincial Championships:** The **Burnaby Minor Lacrosse Association**, led by Jackie White and a committed team in Burnaby, once again delivered a memorable experience for the Women's Provincial Championships. The atmosphere at Burnaby Lake was a testament to the strength of our provincial programs.

While we celebrate our game and its growth, we must address a significant challenge that threatens the health of our sport:

The Official Shortage & Recruitment

The scarcity of adult officials has reached a critical point. To ensure the safety and fairness of our games, we are calling on all Clubs to:

- **Prioritize Recruitment:** Actively seek out former players and parents to join the officiating ranks.
- **Retention:** We must protect our young officials. Statistics show that the primary reason officials leave the game is the treatment they receive from the sidelines.

Despite the challenges, the spirit of women's lacrosse in British Columbia remains unbreakable. From the U09 players picking up their sticks for the first time to our Senior athletes eyeing collegiate opportunities, the future is bright.

Thank you to every volunteer, parent, and coach who gave their time this season. I am motivated to continue our work together to elevate the women's game across the province.

FIELD REGISTRAR REPORT

AGM 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.

RAMP continues to be a challenge, particularly with transfers. We continue to work through this. The difficult part is reconciling the numbers. The introduction of the Summary Sheet has been successful, and no one misses the printing of Team Lists and the reams of paper that resulted in that. We'll continue our leaning with this new system and hopefully will work out more of the kinks as we go along. We appreciate your feedback.

Regards,

Corinne Perriman

BCLA Field Registrar

Vice Chair - Men's Field

Field Directorate Special Sessions 2026

Thank you all for the great 2025/26 field season. There have been great improvements since last year with clubs working to ensure their coaches are properly certified. The BCLCG knows there are some gaps in availability of coaching clinics and we are working to expand and streamline this process. We are always looking for field Coaching Facilitators so if anyone in your club is interested please let the Coaches Group know.

From the 2025/26 field season, we had 2 coaches suspended with only one of 5 games or more. This resulted in 1 hearing with the BCLCG. While this number has come down in recent years, there continues to be too many coaches banished from games for Abuse of Officials.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mike Newton on his election as the new VC of Field Coaches earlier this year. I've enjoyed my time working with the BCLCG and the Field Directorate over the past 6+ years. Lacrosse has always been a big part of my life and I will continue to give back to the game in different ways.

A special thank you the entire BCLA office for their continued support throughout the year. Looking forward to the upcoming Provincial Championships in February!

Shawn Donahue

Vice Chair – Women’s Field Report

Special Session March 20th/2026

For this season there is limited activity to report within the Women’s Field portfolio. Operationally, the primary focus was responding to ongoing feedback from the membership regarding access to timely and consistent coaching clinics, particularly for associations in remote areas of British Columbia.

In response, and in collaboration with the Coaches Committee, a Self-Hosting Coaching Clinic Policy and Process was developed and introduced to provide associations with greater flexibility while maintaining BCLA and NCCP standards. Unfortunately, from what we’ve heard this initiative may not have been forwarded to field season coaches but we are seeing some interest now that box season is upon us. We’re hoping it could be a welcome addition for the BCLA to alleviate pressure for Dave Showers especially with the time constraints box season presents.

We just wrapped up the female provincials in Burnaby which went well with the exception of a couple cards being handed out to coaches and a coach being ejected from the tournament.

In addition, I was invited to a small number of disciplinary hearings in late summer. These matters were managed in accordance with established BCLA policies and procedures.

Beyond these items, there were no significant issues or changes to report.

Regards,

Gord Cooper

2025-26 BCLA Field Lacrosse Special Session

Nico Beaudoin - VC – Co-Ed Field Lacrosse Report

A total of 176 officials were certified this season down from 185 last year:

- 110 Entry Level/L1 an increase of 5 from last year
- 40 Level 2 a decrease of 10 from last year
- 26 Level 3,4,5 an equal amount to last year

Thank you to all of the coaches, players, managers and parents for your patience with the schedulers and the assignors as we try to get as many games played each weekend as possible and limit the amount of postponements and cancellations.

There were 3 in season tournaments this year (Ridge Meadows, Langley, and Richmond) all hosted between Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day. The timing of the tournaments early in the year allowed for a lot of mentoring/evaluating of the younger officials that set them up for success throughout the year. Thank you to senior level officials who took the time to *voluntarily* mentor, coach, and evaluate officials this season.

The year end U11 jamboree was hosted by Maple Ridge at Telosky and Golden Ears Fields from February 5th-8th. There were 73 games in total. 50 Co-ed and 23 Womens. 25 officials participated in the tournament. A big thank you to Dennis Hertslet for taking a lead on allocating and organizing officials throughout the weekend. Well done!

Youth provincials were hosted in Langley. 45 teams participated across 6 divisions. 35 officials were used to fill 104 games throughout the weekend. The 3-official system was used in all U15 and U18 games and was also used for U13 cross over and medal games. Overall, all officials did a great job with no major errors occurring. Wes Tyre did a fantastic job as OIC. Overall, there was a lot of development and improvement from our on-field officials.

There was 1 “official” Men’s league that operated in BC this season based in Metro Vancouver. Provincials will be held on Easter Weekend. 7 teams have declared and will be going.

There will be new rules brought in next year. Most notably, the integration of the shot clock rule among other smaller changes. This will require some logistical preparation and cost put onto associations should this rule be integrated into our ruleset.

Thank You

Nico Beaudoin

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VC Women's Field Officials Report

Submitted by Angie Reid

This season, the number of BC officials we had were:

- 16 new Level 1 officials
- 27 returning Level 1 officials
- 13 Level 2 officials
- 1 Level 3 official

While these numbers initially appeared sufficient, we faced several challenges due to injuries among officials—especially at the **U15** and **U18** levels. With multiple Level 2 officials unavailable, coverage for higher-level games was significantly impacted. On the island, having only a couple L2 officials, they ended up doing all of the U18 games.

We also continue to face difficulties with game scheduling. Multiple games occurring simultaneously across numerous locations stretched our officiating pool thin, particularly as many officials are also players, coaches, or travelling between fields. My hope is we can consider having play days in fewer locations enabling officials to stay for multiple games and for more mentoring to occur.

On the positive side, we saw great success with the addition of several **adult officials** this year. Time and again, bringing parents and experienced referees from co-ed field lacrosse into Women's Field proves extremely valuable. I strongly encourage parents who feel frustrated by cancelled or rescheduled games to consider joining our officiating team. It is a rewarding and meaningful way to support the players and strengthen our community.

Another highlight this season was the growth of **Women's Field at the high school level**. Several teams participated, and we successfully ran most scheduled games, with only a few cancellations due to weather or other commitments. Thank you to the officials who made these games possible—your support played a key role in this milestone. Provincial play took place on **February 26** and it was very successful. I look forward to seeing what next year brings!

Thank you all for your dedication, teamwork, and support throughout the season.

See you on the field next year!

Angie Reid

Team BC Field Lacrosse Special Session – Report

Team BC Field Lacrosse enjoyed another successful 2025 season and we're excited for more success and growth in 2026.

From the Provincial Tryout Camps last Spring, 5 Men's Teams (U14 / U15 / U16 / U17 / U19) and 6 Women's Teams (Middle School / Freshmen / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / U19) were selected to train and compete at elite events across the United States as well as National Championships.

For the second straight year, Team BC swept all three major national championships over the Summer, winning the 2025 Jenny Kyle Cup - U19 Women's Field National Championships, 2025 First Nations Trophy - U19 Men's Field National Championships, and the 2025 Alumni Cup - U17 Men's Field National Championships.

Looking ahead to 2026, Close to 350 athletes participated in tryouts this past January and February and some great talent was shown during these sessions. This season we are excited to be hosting the Men's U17 and U19 Field Nationals in Langley. We look forward to our men's teams feeling the home support in what should be a great competition over the Labour Day long weekend. After hosting the women's U19 Jenny Kyle Cup in 2025, our U19 team will be travelling to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to once again defend the title.

With our sights set on another Golden Summer, we are eager to build on our past successes. This program's achievements wouldn't be possible without the support of the BCLA staff, the Board of Directors, and our local clubs who are always very generous in providing additional field time for practices and evaluations when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucas Greene



April 11, 2026

BC High School Field Lacrosse: Dave Showers

The 2025–2026 BC High School Field Lacrosse season was somewhat of a success, highlighted by the junior and senior divisions, as well as the new addition of the women's field lacrosse division. Over the course of the short season, 55 league games were successfully completed, with only 15 cancellations due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances.

A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated committee members for their hard work and commitment to making this season possible.

- **Ian Radonich** for his exceptional work in scheduling the games and seamlessly adjusting to last-minute changes.
- **Susan and Nicolas dos Santos** for their tireless efforts in Officials Allocation. With a small, committed group of officials, Susan and Nicolas worked diligently to ensure we could play as many games as possible.

Their hard work and dedication made a significant impact on the season, and we are truly grateful for their support.

To cap off the season, we were proud to host the BC High School Lacrosse Showdown at Centennial High School and Dr. Charles Best High School. Each junior and senior team played four games throughout the week, while the women's division, despite a smaller number of teams, enjoyed mini round-robin games on Thursday, with each team taking the field three times.

Schools – Senior Teams

Centennial, Charles Best, Heritage Woods, Mission, New Westminster, Riverside, Sardis, St. Thomas More, Terry Fox and Vancouver College.

Schools – Junior Teams

New Westminster, Pitt Meadows, Sardis, St. Thomas More and Vancouver College.

Schools – Women's Teams

Centennial, Heritage Woods, New Westminster and Pitt Meadows.

Another **BIG THANK YOU** to all the Managers, Coaches and Scorekeepers/Timekeepers who put in countless hours with these athletes, and I just want to let you know that you are beyond appreciated.

Overall, it was a fun season that showcased the continued growth and development of high school field lacrosse in British Columbia.

Moving Forward

We still need to find ways of recruiting officials either inside or outside the school system.