

FD Chair Report

Final we had a full normal year for field lacrosse which was good to see.

Thank you to the 3 league, clubs, teams and players for getting back to normal.

We only had 1 club apply to host provincials as well as the U11 all together, the FD directorate looked at it depending on how many teams, the field time as well as officials and made the hard decision that it wasn't possible to do all at the same time. Surrey opted to still do U13, U15 and U18, and did a great job.

Ridge came through and offered to do the U11 provincial tournament as well as the u12 and U19 women's provincial tournament thank you for doing this. New west and Burnaby offered to host the women's u15 provincial tournament. I cannot thank these clubs enough for stepping up and offering. Every year we seem to have to beg clubs to host and it always seems to be last minute.

I don't know if we set dates like box if this will help clubs get field time from their cities.

Thank you to Trish VC of youth for doing everything for the U11 tournament from schedule numerous times to being the FD convenor, and overseeing the U11 weekend tournament.

Thank you to Kellie VC of Women's for getting Ridge, Burnaby and New west to get field time to host the women's, the U12 and U19 happened. The U15 managed to get the round robin done before the snow stopped. Thank you to Matt and Stacy Patterson for stepping up and helping out while Kellie was away.

Thank you to Mary for stepping up as convenor for the youth provincials and her helpers Dirk, Wuilbert and Dylan.

Thank you the both RIC Ryan and Angie for getting all the officials for all the provincials and tournaments. Thank you to Shawn Naomi and Matt for being the coaching reps at all provincials.

I can't thank Surrey, Ridge, New west and Burnaby enough for stepping up and making the provincials and U11 provincial tournament happen this year.

We did have an issue with youth where I thought the change had been made in the Provincial directive about cross over games. The schedule showed the correct way teams were playing. This was for the U19 division, it wasn't until after round robin, we were notified it hadn't been changed. We also had concerns from clubs about U13 tier 1 playing shorter games this happened due to not enough field time for all the games to be played and had an uneven amount of teams. We need to relook at both and make sure the Provincial Directive is updated prior to going out.

Thank you to everyone who sits at the FD table for all your hard work. Our coaching and official reps, our secretary Dylan who makes sure our meeting run efficiently, the 3 league chairs. Thank you to my 3 Vice Chairs Mary for working endless making the men's league work. Kellie for all your hard work with the women's league. Trish for keeping the youth running smoothly and keeping everything updated.

Thank you to Matt and Dave for being at all the provincials posting the scores and taking pictures, Deb thank you for sending out all the information to all the teams and fixing up my schedules.

Beth McLucas

2022 – 2023 – Field Directorate – Youth Vice Chair Report

This season we did not have COVID and extreme weather affect us the way they did last season. For the most part, all leagues completed their seasons with just a few disruptions. Weather played a small part, but lack of officials continues to be a concern.

Other than the Youth Provincials, there were no applications to host the U11 Provincial Tournament. Thankfully, Ridge Meadows stepped up and hosted the tournament. Many thanks to Tyson Craigg and Jamie Yerbury for their help in acquiring field time and organizing the event. They have an incredible group of volunteers. Also, thanks to Joe Smith and Susan dos Santos for their work with the officials. Ridge is considering hosting future tournaments. If this can happen, it would eliminate scrambling at the last minute to find a host and scheduling with limited field time. At the same time, it would be ideal if the tournament could be hosted on the Island or Interior, although weather is an issue. Thank you to Surrey Lacrosse Association, Susan dos Santo and their volunteers for hosting a successful U13 – U18 Provincial Championships.

Majors and suspensions were down this year. I hope this trend continues.

Going forward, I would like to propose a provincial directive specific to U11. At times, there was confusion as to what applied to the provincial tournament and what applied to the provincial championship.

After a slight decline the last couple of years, Youth field lacrosse numbers are climbing back to pre-COVID and registration is increasing. With the age group changes, I hope we continue to grow as a sport.

My thanks to all members of the Field Directorate for their hard work and dedication, and to the staff at the BCLA for all their support.

Respectfully,

Trish Keizer

PCFLL 2022-2023 Season Report

Despite setbacks from the Covid-19 pandemic over the previous two seasons and delayed registration by approximately four weeks in 2022, the PCFLL has rebounded with significant growth in the 2022/23 season across both Women's and Youth Field Lacrosse.

The number of youth players increased by 117, bringing the total to 1657. The number of women players also increased by 30, bringing the total to 488. The total increase of almost 150 players is the largest the league has seen in the past 6 years.

The PCFLL introduced a playoff format culminating in a League Champion at the end of our season for age divisions U12 and up. This format was well received by associations, coaches, managers, and athletes and will be a program the league intends to build upon.

Officials shortages continued to be an issue and resulted in game cancellations, largely with the older age divisions Youth U18 and U15. The PCFLL encourages the BCLA to promote officiating to adults and those that can move quickly up the ranks to officiate the older age groups to mitigate the issue of youth officials leaving officiating in their late teens and early 20's due to other priorities.

The league has implemented several automation processes to make it easier for teams to submit information and manage requests. The PCFLL understands that there are still improvements to make in this area and will continue to make strides wherever possible.

It's also important to identify that we only get one shot at things per season. When we did playoffs, we knew that if we made a mistake, there were no do-overs. We couldn't go back and un-play a game. The only thing we could do was track it for next year and not make the same mistake. So while I'm chair, we will continue to take shots at progressing how we do things. We may wholly miss, we may partially miss, and every so often we'll get it just right - but we won't stop trying to make improvements to how we do things.

The league depends on a committed group of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the success of the sport. These volunteers include Stacy Paterson and Cal Davies, who served as Vice-Chairs and contributed significantly to the league. Mary Clare and the Commissioner team also deserve recognition for their efforts in administering the sport week in and week out. On the women's side, Stacy and Angie Reid ensured that games were scheduled and officials were present. For Youth, Susan dos Santos worked to move officials around to cover as many games as possible. Lynda Callard served as Treasurer and Registrar, while Angie Wolfe embraced new software and contributed a staggering number of hours to the sport. The league also thanks the volunteers on the Field Directorate for their time during the season, Beth McLucas, Trish Kaiser, & Kellie Ohlmann in particular as the Chair and Vice-Chairs responsible for athletes in the PCFLL.

Overall, the 2022/23 season was a success for women's and youth field lacrosse. The PCFLL is grateful for the dedication and hard work of its volunteers who have been critical to the success of the league.

Brad Romano
Chair, Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League

The island Report for the Special Session 2023

We've had a decent season, Getting the numbers up have been challenging, and we've had some association struggle because of lack of volunteers, Covid sent us backwards somewhat and we've been struggling to getting some of the players back, some of quit, some have gone to academy schools and some to private teams. This season again we had no U-18 division. Most players in this division are playing school ball and don't really want to play league play. And we are struggling with the women's division, we seem to fail them when it comes to games, without having enough teams on the Island most times they get practice times, if we could find away to create at least two teams in each division, we could create a schedule and get them playing, by doing this we hope more girls will see this and sign up. It is a work in progress and hopefully we can figure something out for next season.

We have great support when it comes to our refs, Our Island Head ref Wes Tyre, and his South Island support team, Rob Cook and Nico Beaudoin have been a great support system to our younger refs, the three of them and our senior refs have been great mentors and without them I think we would struggle getting refs even more than we do.

The Island has been quite fortunate as all the associations work well together, them seem to support each other, and their main focus is to get the kids playing.

The Island did quite well this past season bring home metals from the Provincials

U-11 Red Division-Nanaimo Gold.

U-11 Red Division-JDF-Bronze.

U-13 Tier 1-Pac Rim-Bronze.

U-15 Tier 1-Pac Rim -Bronze.

U-15 Tier 2-JDF- Gold, Nanaimo-Bronze.

U-15 Tier 2 Women's – Nanaimo-Bronze.

Tammy McDougall

BC Field Directorate Special Session
April 15, 2023

Interior Field Lacrosse Commission (IFLC)

IFLC consists of 6 active Associations: Kamloops, Kelowna, Nicola Valley, North Okanagan, Penticton and Shuswap.

The zone had a very good year with with the following teams in the season:

- 1 mixed team in U18 (only able to practice every now and then and going to Richmond tournament in November)
- 3 teams in U15
- 3 teams in U13
- 3 teams in U11
- 3 teams in U7/U9 (combined numbers from all the associations)

The IFLC had representation in U15 (Kelowna) Tier 2. It is also worth noticing that U11 Penticton participated in the U11 provincial tournament in February.

During the season, the zone had a mixed team composed of players from all the associations in U15 (a follow up team from the summer games one). They had a very successful participation in the Langley tournament winning a bronze medal in tier 1. Then they went on to play in the Spartan shootout in Victoria where they only lost once. Perhaps this idea could be extended to U11 and U13 divisions for the future and provide something for players in those divisions without traveling to the lower mainland to play at the tier 1 level.

Referee wise we had a good year. Even though we had limitations, our number of officials increased and it seems they will stay that way at least for the upcoming year. The interior had representation with two officials in the provincial championships, we are hoping the number of officials representing the interior in provincial championships increases in the future.

One special acknowledgement goes to the Vice Chair - Field and the lower mainland RIC. While being in tournaments they both made sure that officials traveling with their participating teams from the interior had mentoring, support and teaching while they were refereeing. That help cannot be valued enough as it makes young officials more confident while doing their job on the field.

Last for not least, I would like to thank all the volunteers that make the games happen. Without their constant drive and effort, kids would not be able to play the game they love. It has been difficult coming back from the pandemic to get more volunteers to help, however towards the end of our season the volunteer number increased which makes the commission more hopeful towards our next season.

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 REPORT MARCH 2023

In the Lower Mainland the senior men opened their season September 17th with 8 teams. They began playing 2 games in Coquitlam and 2 games in North Delta (having lost Queens Park East for this season) although some of the teams have complained about the north delta location. However, playing 2 games in Coquitlam and 2 games in North Delta has worked well for both refs and timekeepers/scorekeepers.

At the beginning of the spring season (February) we lost one team, the Whalley Ballers, as a lot of their players simply aged out of the program to Masters. We were able to distribute players that wanted to continue playing throughout the league. But we went down to one game at Delsom on Saturday nights and a BYE each week on the schedule. Unfortunately the ALL West league also resumed their season in December and although we haven't had a direct conflict with games played on Saturday nights up until now, they will start playing their league games Saturday night from March 25th which is the last night of regular season play. Obviously the ALL league has still impacted our numbers somewhat. Our Vancouver team are struggling for players, as they have been for a few years now, but we do have interest in other areas so I'm confident that we will continue to be a healthy and viable league.

Provincials are booked for the Easter long weekend in Coquitlam. Schedule has been done and waiting approval from the RIC.

Tyson Leies spearheaded a league in Victoria which had 4 teams competing for a league championship scheduled for March 26th. He began play in September with a 'drop-in' format going to a draft in October. It has been very successful encompassing some U18 call-ups and some U-Vic players. Their playoffs began March 19th. They are sending one team to Provincials, the Victoria Knights.

I also had some discussion with an interior team headed up by Greg Parrent, unfortunately they weren't able to commit to playing this season. I will continue to monitor and discuss with the Thompson/Okanagan minor executive to see if we can get interest from their graduating U18 players to continue playing.

This year we have had no game reports. The loss of the Whalley team has significantly reduced on field conflicts.

We are still unable to get gaming as a league, and although several avenues have been investigated there doesn't seem to be anything for senior players at present. Still in conversation with associations who might be willing to enable senior field play.

On-line registration is still working well for us. A small hiccup when we found that players could hit the "not paying" box during registration (not the intention at all) and which necessitated a scramble to collect those outstanding fees.

Nationals were scheduled to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend in Saskatchewan. We did have a team ready, willing and able to participate, but we found out that we would likely be the only out-of-province team attending and decided that given that scenario we would decline attending.

Respectfully,

Mary Clare
Vice Chair Senior Men's Field Lacrosse

2023 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session
Vice Chair – Women's Field: Kellie Ohlmann

Congratulations to all of our female field lacrosse players that picked up a women's field lacrosse stick and put on a pair of women's field goggles this year for the first time, or returned after a break from the game. Congratulations to all our female field lacrosse players that travelled to or participated in their first women's field lacrosse tournament this year. Congratulations to all of our female field lacrosse players that have committed to universities this year (either verbally or by signing their NLI's). Hope to see you all back next season!

Big Al's 7v7 memorial tournament and Langley's Thunderstrike tournament are now both an annual tournament for our women's field lacrosse teams to look forward to. Thank you to the Adanacs and Langley for hosting and organizing these highly anticipated annual events. Associations/leagues/teams are reminded to encourage players to participate in these events – even if their team is not participating by completing the Women's Field Tournament Participation Request Form.

Thank you to Maple Ridge, New Westminster and Burnaby for stepping up to host the women's provincial championships and the U8 jamboree this season. Thank you to Stacy Paterson; Angie Reid; Matt Paterson, Naomi Walser, BCLA staff, our umpires, and anyone that answered the call for extra volunteers to help with the medal games and all of the volunteers that helped in so many ways (on and off the fields) to make this provincial championship a reality. Potential hosts are encouraged to submit host applications prior to the deadline.

Thank you to the Field Directorate executive – your support and question answering is always appreciated.

As always, please ensure that your association has added all of the women's divisions to your registration (U8/U12/U15/U19) – even if your association is not anticipating having women's teams.

2023 FIELD REGISTRAR REPORT

Youth registrations are complete. No major issues this year.

A reminder is in order that Associations are responsible for advising the BCLA when they change Registrar's so that the COP can be updated and an Instruction Document can be sent out to them.

Regards,

Corinne Perriman

BCLA Field Registrar

Vice Chair - Coaching Men's Field

Field Directorate Special Session 2023

Thank you to all the players, coaches, clubs and volunteers for a great field season. I really enjoyed the lacrosse this year, including the fantastic U11 Provincial Tournament and Youth Field Provincial Championships. Congratulations to everyone on a successful year.

As always there were unfortunately a few coaches who did not complete their proper certifications throughout the year. I know many clubs have a difficult time placing coaches early in the season however we ask you please continue to encourage all coaches to ensure they take the proper courses so they can be on the field all season. Part of this training is to ensure all coaches understand the responsibility they have to not only teach the game but also set a standard of respect for all opponents, officials, volunteers and teammates involved in the game.

A special thank you to Dave and the BCLA office for their continued support and diligence throughout the year.

Thank you again and I look forward to seeing everyone next season.

Shawn Donahue

2023 Special Session Report
Vice Chair - Women's Field Coaching
Naomi Walser

The Women's Field NCCP Community Development presentation has been updated and was distributed to Learning Facilitators. A new rule book has come out since then, and there have been many big changes to the game internationally in the future.

Three coaching clinics took place for the 2022/23 Season. Two clinics were completed on the Lower Mainland, and one took place in Nanaimo for coaches from the Island. All coaches who attended the clinics were fully certified for the classroom and on-field portions.

2022-23 BCLA Field Lacrosse Special Session

VC – Mens Field Report

A total of 155 officials were certified this season up from 107 last year:

- 94 Entry Level/L1 an increase of 34 from last year
- 30 Level 2 an increase of 4 from last year
- 31 Level 3,4,5 an increase of 10 from last year.

Even with the increase in the number of officials there were games in all three leagues had to be rescheduled, postponed, or cancelled outright due to lack of officials.

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. A mentoring program was initiated last year in the PCFLL and due to the success, that was seen during the previous season the league continued with their financial commitment to have it continue in 2022-23.

The U11 tournament was held in Maple Ridge Feb 2-5. A total of 24 officials were used including 1 from Victoria. Each game was assigned a mentor/evaluator to give the young officials valuable feedback. Thank you to Joe Smith and Susan Dos Santos for being the RIC and referee allocator.

Youth provincials were held in Surrey Feb 17-20, a total of 33 officials were used across the 4 days. That included 4 from Victoria, 2 from Nanaimo and 3 from the Interior. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who made the event possible. One downside to having all three age divisions have their provincials on the same weekend – very few U18 age officials were available as they chose to focus on playing. Thank you to Susan Dos Santos as host and referee allocator for all your hard work in putting on a fantastic weekend.

The Mens League is nearing its conclusion at the time of this report. The CWFLL has 1 week remaining in their season while the Island league has just concluded their playoffs. A 6 team provincial tournament will be held Easter Weekend in Coquitlam.

Thank You

Ryan Nose
VC Mens Field BCLOTSG

Women's Field –Vice Chair Women's Field Officials Report - 2022-2023 season

This year we were able to certify the following officials:

Mainland:

- 6 x Level 2
- 18 x Returning Level 1
- 30 x New Level 1

Island:

- 8 x New Level 1
- 4 x Returning Level 1

There was one official on the island and one on the mainland that did not meet the age requirement and were not able to complete certification. My hope is they will return next season to certify.

With all of officials only two games (U19) were cancelled due to lack of officials. In allocating the games, efforts were made to use officials who lived closest, but depending on skill level, I had to allocate officials who required the additional travel fee. I am grateful to the clubs to paid the additional amount and the umpires who were willing to travel to these locations.

As with every year, there were some hiccups with snow or with a game or two being cancelled but no notification coming to me until the umpires arrived at the field, but overall I believe this year went quite smooth.

Like last year, I received a mentorship budget from the PCFLL to support the officials. While my budget was 1000.00, I only required 550.00 and returned the rest to the PCFLL. Most if not all the officials who umpired games this season, received official evaluations. Thank you to all the Level 2 officials who helped me and helped other officials with these evaluations.

This year a few adult officials joined the ranks and proved to really excel and so I encourage any other adults to step up and join a course next season. It was really helpful having adults on the field to support the younger officials.

As with every year, the retention rate of the returning and Level 2 officials is difficult. With many heading off to university, I often have to push up officials to umpire U15 and U19 games when they could benefit with starting the season at U12. With more adults coming on board, this does make things easier. I am hoping next season we can reach out to any previous officials who have returned from university.

The scheduling of umpires continued to be done via central allocation, which made allocating much easier and enabled me to assign mentors. Saturday afternoons were more difficult to assign because of the ALL West having their indoor box games during the same time. This caused more issues with the U19 division which has always been a difficult division.

Thank you to Ridge Meadows who hosted U12 and U19 Women's field Provincials, which proved to be a great success. We were able to run the 3-person system for the crossover and medal games and it gave some newer officials a chance to see what it was like to officiate a higher level game.

Thank you to New West and Burnaby for putting their heads together and coming up with field time for us to have the U15 provincials. Times were tight but we were able to get all the round robin and crossover games done. Although we were snowed out on the Sunday for the medal games, medals were awarded.

For next season, my hope is we will have a host earlier in the season to enable use to plan for the U12 and U15 provincials and due to U19 being a difficult division, it might be beneficial to have the U19s attend a U19 invitational tournament or something so all the U19 players can play a year end tournament instead of a Provincials. This will ensure those who have difficulty meeting the minimum game requirement can still attend the year end tournament.

I will also be mentoring another individual to move into the Head Umpire role for the PCFLL and assist with the teaching of the umpire clinics next season.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Angie Reid

Vice Chair Women's Field Officials



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Team B.C. Field Lacrosse Special Session – Report

After a very successful 2022 season where Team BC Field Lacrosse was able to reestablish itself as the Province's High Performance Program, we look to build on this success in 2023. We had over 450 athletes participate in our Men's and Women's Tryout Camp in December 2022 and February 2023. Unfortunately the snowfall in late February forced us to delay our Men's U14 and U15 Provincial Tryout Camp to April 2023.

From the Provincial Tryout Camps that were able to happen, 3 Men's Teams (U16 / U17 / U19) and 5 Women's Teams (Middle School / Freshmen / Sophomore / Junior / Senior) were selected to train and compete at elite events across the United States as well as National Championships. Last summer in New Brunswick was historic for the Team BC Men's Field Program, where for the first time ever, both the U15 and U18 teams captured Gold winning the Alumni Cup and First Nations Trophy respectively.

The Annual NCAA National Letter of Intent Signing Event that normally occurs at the BCLA office was not able to occur in person again this year. We look to have this return in 2023 so we can celebrate our many athletes' success. This year we were still able to celebrate our athletes (23 males - 12 females) as they received their official scholarship offers to attend a variety of Colleges and Universities in the United States and Canada. Team BC Field Lacrosse Program currently has over 100 Female and Male athletes actively competing at the collegiate level.

I am very pleased with the growth and development of both our Female and Male Lacrosse Coaches and Athletes! The Women's U19 Nationals (Quebec) and the Men's U17 and U19 Nationals (PEI) are scheduled to take place this summer. We look forward to building on our successes from 2022 and have our eyes set on another Golden Summer. The programs success would not be possible with the assistance and support of the BCLA Staff and Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Cavallarin

HS Field Lacrosse Report- March 2022

Due to weather issues, the 2023 BC High School Field Lacrosse Tournament was cancelled. This year we were going to have 23 teams competing from both the lower mainland and Vancouver Island.

Although the tournament didn't occur, I have a few thank yous to different individuals and organizations who were supporting this to occur:

1. Thank you to Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association and Metro-Ford Soccer for giving us the time to do this tournament. We would not have been able to do it without them.
2. Thank you to Susan Dos Santos who once again was fantastic with the officials allocation. All year she was fantastic and very proactive. She was an absolute pleasure to work with.
3. Thank you to Deb Heard at the BCLA office for helping manage the finance for what was supposed to be the tournament. It is so nice to have someone to bounce ideas off of, thanks for your support.

The season had its positive and negatives, we tried to be mindful of team travel for games this year and I believe this should continue to be something that the league looks at.

We had multiple weeks snowed out this year, we appreciate the officials for often being open to waiting for the status often till the day of the game in hopes to allow the athletes to play. Thank you for your commitment to this.

The amount of available officials is low for high school field lacrosse and I know in conversations with Andy Watson, there are plans to hopefully continue to grow our officials numbers so that we can potentially have a greater pool to draw from for the season. I look forward to seeing this growth.

Reading back to Daren Fridge's report last year, it still seems as though everyone has different opinions as to how this High School lacrosse league needs to be run, specifically on eligibility. I look forward to those individuals who want to make change step up to take the reins for the league/provincials next year.

Regards,
Ian Radonich