



**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2023 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POLICY**

Proposed by Savanna Smith, Vancouver Women's Field Lacrosse - President

Housekeeping to entire FIELD DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY that would CHANGE:

Change any place within the Operating Policy that states Women's Lacrosse to Female Youth and where appropriate Women's Field Lacrosse.

Rationale: Male lacrosse is referred to as Youth and Men's, clearly defining the difference in age groups and reminding individuals that they are dealing with youth and not adults.

This same principle should apply to the female side where we have youth female and women's, to clearly define the two entities are different.

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

Housekeeping to YOUTH FIELD OPERATING POLICIES that would CHANGE:

Replace all references to "Provincials" with Youth Provincial Championships Tournaments.

Rationale: To be consistent and intentional about which policies apply to which tournament.

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

Housekeeping to YOUTH FIELD OPERATING POLICIES that would CHANGE:

Replace all references to "U11 Provincials" with Youth U11 Provincial Tournament.

Rationale: To be consistent and intentional about which policies apply to which tournament.

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

Housekeeping to WOMEN'S FIELD OPERATING POLICIES that would CHANGE:

Identify and change all partial references to "Provincials" and "Championship Tournament" for age groups U13 and up, or U12 and up if the proposed age alignment with Lacrosse Canada fails to pass to Women's Provincial Championships.

Rationale:

To be consistent and intentional about which policies apply to which tournament.

Additionally, Reg 15.02 – No team under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair Youth Field shall have more than twenty-five (25) signed players, except with special permission of the Field Directorate.

The Field Directorate shall ratify such exceptions.

The potential for Women's U11 to also be established may increase confusion if not clearly labelled.

Add **NEW REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE 2.05**
that would read:

2.05 *All leagues governed by the Field Directorate will complete their league play and required playdowns by November 30 of the calendar year*
All Provincial Championships will be completed within 3 weeks of the end of the regular season.

Rationale:

End the season prior to Christmas, field lacrosse season doesn't need to run from September to February.
Gives athletes a break, with the current timeline the athletes are playing year round.
Avoid field time conflicts in February as soccer is running their season end playoffs making it difficult to get field time.
Avoid January and February weather.
Better schedule alignment between leagues.
Potential to go to 2 games a week for regular season, remove the all games Saturday and Sunday bottlenecks.
Athletes will be more engaged with the increased intensity of the schedule, similar to box schedule.

REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS 3.01 currently reads:

- 3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:
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| Senior Men's | 19 years and over |
| U18 Field | Under 18 years |
| U15 Field | Under 15 years |
| U13 Field | Under 13 years |
| U11 Field | Under 11 years |
| U9 Field | Under 9 years |
| U7 Field | Under 7 years - |
| | Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year |
| U5 Field | Under 5 years (Strictly introductory and developmental; this will be a co-ed division. Players from this age division are not permitted to play up to U7 Field or to U8 Women's Field.) |
| Senior Women's Field | 20 years and over |
| U19 Women's Field | Under 19 |
| U15 Women's Field | Under 15 |
| U12 Women's Field | Under 12 |
| U8 Women's Field | Under 8 |
| | Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year |

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

Amend REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS 3.01 that would read:

- 3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:
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| Senior Men's | 19 years and over |
| U19 Field | Under 19 years |
| U17 Field | Under 17 years |
| U15 Field | Under 15 years |
| U13 Field | Under 13 years |
| U11 Field | Under 11 years |
| U9 Field | Under 9 years |
| U7 Field | Under 7 years - |
| | Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year |
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| Senior Women's Field | 20 years and over |
| U19 Women's Field | Under 19 |
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| U12 Women's Field | Under 12 |
| U8 Women's Field | Under 8 |
| | Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year |

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

Rationale: Housekeeping – in line with Lacrosse Canada.
Example U19 is 18 & 17 years olds, U17 is 16 & 15 etc.

REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS 3.01 currently reads:

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Senior Men's	19 years and over
U18 Field	Under 18 years
U15 Field	Under 15 years
U13 Field	Under 13 years
U11 Field	Under 11 years
U9 Field	Under 9 years
U7 Field	Under 7 years –
	Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year
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Amend 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS 3.01 that would read:

3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals *in alignment with Lacrosse Canada (LC) defined age groups:*

Mixed Youth (Men's Field)

*U7 = 5 and 6
U9 = 7 and 8
U11 = 9 and 10
U13 = 11 and 12
U15 = 13 and 14
U17 = 15 and 16
U19 = 17 and 18
Sr Men's = 19 and up*

Female Youth (Women's Field)

*U7 = 5 and 6
U9 = 7 and 8
U11 = 9 and 10
U13 = 11 and 12
U15 = 13 and 14
U17 = 15 and 16
U19 = 17 and 18
Sr Women's = 19 and up*

Age is determined to be the age a player will be in the calendar year of the current playing season.

If the season crosses over two calendar years it is the age of the player in the year the season started.

Calendar year is January 1 to December 31 of any given year.

Ex: For U19, player cannot turn 19 at any time during the calendar year of the season start date to be eligible.

If any age groups cannot support the LC 2 year brackets then age groups are merged bottom up for that season.

Ex: U7 to U9.

Rationale: Match Lacrosse Canada age groups and provide female with two (2) year age group equal to mixed/equal development and competition.

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.01 currently reads:

- 7.01 Invitational tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations, ~~Clubs and Zones~~ wishing to host invitational tournaments must ~~inform~~ the Field Directorate ~~which~~ will sanction the tournament, and pass the information to all associations, ~~clubs and zones~~.

Amend 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.01 that would read:

- 7.01 Invitational tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations *or Commissions* wishing to host invitational tournaments must *apply to* the Field Directorate *by 1st August*. The Field Directorate will sanction the tournament, and pass the information to all associations, *Commissions and league Commissioners*. *The Field Directorate will review all applications and maintain a master schedule to determine which tournaments will be sanctioned. The sanctioned list will then be published to all members so the registration process can begin.*

Rationale: The Field Directorate feel having a set date then all applications can come in at once and we can look at them together, late applications may be looked at.

If passed remove/delete 7.02 and all points after would be renumbered.

REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.07 (a) currently reads:

- 13.07 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) properly registered players by October 31 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games, excluding the U7 Field Division. The U7 Field Division shall be allowed a minimum of eight (8) registered players ~~(Reg-18.02)~~.

Amend 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.07 (a) that would read:

- 13.07 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) properly registered players by October 31 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games, excluding the U7 Field Division. The U7 Field Division shall be allowed a minimum of eight (8) registered players.

Rationale: 18.02 is related to teams disbanding so it does not make sense to associate it with minimum roster size.

DELETE REGULATION 15: YOUTH TEAM SIZE 15.01 currently reads:

~~15.01—No team under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair Youth Field shall have more than twenty-five (25) signed players, except with special permission of the Field Directorate. The Field Directorate shall ratify such exceptions.~~

Rationale: Remove section. Teams, Associations, and commissions are better suited to determine where and how players should be moved and if teams should be permitted to carry oversize or will have to move players. Teams will still not be able to bring oversize teams to Provincials unless permitted by rule or exception. Removing the team size does not prevent a League/Commission from instituting their own maximum team size if they feel it appropriate.

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15.01 ~~No team~~ under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair Youth Field shall ~~have more than~~ twenty-five (25) signed players, except with ~~special~~ permission of the Field Directorate. ~~The Field Directorate shall ratify such exceptions.~~

Amend 15: YOUTH TEAM SIZE 15.01 (a) that would read:

15.01 *The maximum number of players on any team* under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair Youth Field shall *be* twenty-five (25) signed players, except with permission of the Field Directorate.

(a) Such permission shall be deemed as granted upon written (i.e. email or letter) notification delivered to the Vice chair Youth Field by the respective Commission representative.

(b) Commission Chairs shall report all such exceptions to the Vice Chair Youth Field by September 30; and provide immediate updates thereafter as Association registrations are received.

(c) Should the Vice Chair Youth Field wish to revoke such permission, it shall call a vote of the Field Directorate within 14 days of receipt of the notification from the Commission. It will inform the respective League Chair in advance of that vote and also upon the outcome of that vote in written form (i.e. email or letter).

(d) Upon successful revocation of permission, teams shall have six (6) days to modify their team to the maximum twenty five players. The six (6) day period shall commence from the date of notification to the Commission/League Chair, not the team.

(e) After 14 days after receipt of the notification if no vote is called the Vice Chair Youth Field shall inform the Secretary Field Directorate to record such approved exceptions.

Rationale: There are currently no dates or timelines in policy regarding notification and no acknowledgement that how a team starts in September may not resemble how they look at the end of October for roster freeze. Assigns responsibility while also adopting an assumption that permission will be granted rather than having to vote on each oversize request. (e) prevents the FD from deciding in the future to challenge the oversize team; sets clear expectations for the FD to record such exceptions for easy reference in the future; and sets clear expectations for Leagues on what is required.

Add **NEW REGULATION 16: YOUTH PLAYING UP 16.03 and 16.04** that would read:

- 16.03** *A player may apply to play down one division from their appropriate age group by completing the Overage Field Player Movement Form and submitting it to their Association.*
- (a) The Association must approve or deny the application*
 - (b) If approved, the Form must be submitted to the Commission/League to approve or deny*
 - (c) If approved by the Commission/League, the form is to be submitted to the Vice Chair Youth Field. The deadline date for submissions is to be determined at the September meeting of the Field Directorate and communicated to the Commission/League representative in writing.*
- 16.04** *A player who is approved to play down one division shall be granted regular status on that team and shall be eligible for all BCLA sanctioned lacrosse activity as a member of that team (i.e. Tournaments, Provincial Tournaments, or Provincial Championships or other activities not listed here). This section is not intended to override any discipline issued to players by any BCLA sanctioned supervisory body.*

Rationale:

It appears that there is no regulation that governs Youth playing down one division in policy.

Adds a policy to allow players to play down with a short procedure that assigns responsibility.

Importantly, it also adds policy that overage players are to be treated like any other player on the team they are aged down to.

Coupled with the new control parameters that are proposed, this will automatically permit overage players to participate in Provincials and all other team activities without a specific policy.

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (a) currently reads:

- 22.01 (a) The Provincial championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the ~~U18~~, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and Tier 2, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (a) that would read:

- 22.01 (a) The Provincial championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the **U19, U17**, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and Tier 2, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Rationale: Housekeeping – due to Lacrosse Canada age groups

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (b) currently reads:

- 22.01 (b) A Provincial tournament shall be held for ~~all~~ teams in BC at the U11 age division, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (b) that would read:

- 22.01 (b) A Provincial tournament shall be held for teams in BC at the U11 age division, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate. ***Teams would be determined by the Field Directorate at the December declaration meeting depending on how many apply.***

Rationale: Removing “all” and adding teams to be determined by the Field Directorate, that would depend on field times and how many teams declared.

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- 22.01 (a) The Provincial championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the ~~U18~~, U15 and U13 ~~series~~ in Tier 1 and Tier 2, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.
- (b) A Provincial tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (a) (b) that would read:

- 22.01 (a) The **Youth** Provincial championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the **U19, U17**, U15 and U13 in Tier 1 and Tier 2, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.
- (b) A **Youth U11** Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Any policy in section 22 that applies to U11 will be identified with the use of the term “Provincial Tournament” (i.e. U11 Youth Provincial Tournament). A policy or section only identifying “Provincial Championship” will not apply to the U11 Provincial Tournament.

Rationale: To clarify what part of section 22 shall apply to the U11 Tournament. 22.01 (a) should only be changed if the proposed age division amendment passes.

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (c) currently reads:

- 22.03 (c) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate ~~to fill any vacancies~~ or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

Only one team from a developing area may participate if all spots are allotted. If more than one team declares from a developing area, then a playdown occurs to fill the allotted spot. If this is not feasible, then the Field Directorate will determine which team will be allotted the spot.

Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (c) that would read:

- 22.03 (c) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate *depending on how many teams declared* or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

Only one team from a developing area may participate if all spots are allotted. If more than one team declares from a developing area, then a playdown occurs to fill the allotted spot. If this is not feasible, then the Field Directorate will determine which team will be allotted the spot.

Rationale: We may have to reduce allotted teams depending on a number of factors, officials as an example.

Add NEW REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.05 (b) would read:

- 22.05 (b) *Youth Provincial Championship Directive (the “Youth PC Directive”)***
- i) A Youth Provincial Championship Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Youth Provincial Championships;***
 - ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season’s Youth Provincial Championships the Youth PC Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Youth Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.***
 - 1) Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Youth Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Youth Field.***
 - 2) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Youth PC Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Youth PC Directive.***
 - (a) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change***
 - (b) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.***
 - (c) If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair Youth Field shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.***
 - 3) Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Youth Provincial Championships Directive may create, substitute, reduce, or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.***

Rationale: It is appropriate for the Field Directorate to control the Provincials. However, it was discovered that the Provincial Directive has different Eligibility Requirements than policy pertaining to Provincials eligibility and the requirements in the Directive were being enforced where policy was silent on the matter. External documents should not create new, or replace existing, policies as members do not vote on the

contents of the Directive. The Provincial tournament Directive should focus on the operation of the tournament and not on areas of policy. The members of the respective Leagues (Associations and athletes) are directly impacted by statements in this Directive and historically there is no way for any League to make changes to this document and control the contents. This policy has become necessary to ensure that the directive reflects policy and the will of members with regards to how provincials is run.

Note: there is a parallel proposal for the U11 Provincial Tournament

**Renumber existing b) to c)*

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

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 - 4) Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Youth Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Youth Field.**
 - 5) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Youth PC Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Youth PC Directive.**
 - (d) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change**
 - (e) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.**
 - (f) If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair Youth Field shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.**
- 6) Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Youth Provincial Tournament Directive may create, substitute, reduce, or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.**

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Policy language intentionally leaves out “U11” so that in the future if any other provincial tournaments (U9, U13, etc) are added, this policy will not need to be updated. If future policy is updated in 44.01 b) for any new tournaments, they will become Youth Provincial Tournaments and this section will apply natural.

**Renumber new c) to d)*

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08
currently reads:

22.08 Eligibility

~~To be eligible to play in a provincial championship tournament, a team must have played a minimum of eight league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.~~

~~**PLEASE NOTE:** In the case of the development areas in BC (i.e., Zones 1,7,8), the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in underdeveloped field lacrosse areas of the province.~~

~~To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.~~

~~Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship. Youth Players must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. In the event a player is injured during the season an exception may be made upon receipt of a doctors note covering the dates of the injury and indicating clearance to return to play. This must be given to the coach of the players team and the commissioner must be notified. This exception must be forwarded to the Field Directorate at least one week prior to provincials for review. Exceptions can be made for the position of goaltender. All exceptions must be approved by the Field Directorate.~~

~~A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for national championships.~~

OPTION A Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08
that would read:

22.08 Eligibility

- a)** In the case of the development areas in BC (ie. Zones 1, 7, 8) the exception to **all of Section 22.08** will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Youth Field Lacrosse areas of the province.
- b)** To be eligible to play in a **Youth Provincial Championship** a team must have played a minimum of eight league **games**, sanctioned tournament games, or **league** playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the **Youth Vice Chair Field**.
- c)** To be eligible to play in a **Youth Provincial Championship**, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of three league **games**, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team.
- d)** Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.
- e)** Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship.
 - i)** **An exception to this rule may be considered by the Vice Chair Youth Field when the respective Youth Provincial Championships that a player may qualify for fall on different weekends.**
- f)** **To be eligible to play in a Provincial Youth Championship a player must have played in a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games or playoff games, or combination of, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre**
- g)** **Exceptions to c), e), and f) may be approved by the Vice Chair Youth Field for the position of goaltender.**

- h)** A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for National Championships.

Rationale: Adds bullets to make each requirement self-contained.

e) It does not seem necessary to control a player from attending an event.

f) Registration time limits are already in place to control for players who wish to come from one sport to another. Four games is in alignment with the BCLA Minor Directorate Eligibility for Provincials. Including tournaments and league games, 50% of games could require a player to play a minimum of 12 games. Players who miss games early in the season for any reason may find themselves mathematically eliminated from Provincials before December, and potential weather cancellations in winter months (November through January) make it all that much more difficult, or impossible to play the requisite games.

A static number of games for qualifications reduces overhead for Commissioners and Team Officials and is a more clear requirement for parents and players to self-determine eligibility.

g) Makes clear that the goaltender position is eligible for all eligibility exceptions separately from players. Also small housekeeping changes and assigning responsibility to the Vice Chair Youth rather than the Field Directorate.

Overall change – the paragraph of individual requirements is now converted to actual requirements that can be measured.

OPTION B Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 that would read:

22.08 Eligibility

- a)** In the case of the development areas in BC the exception to *all of Section 22.08* will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Youth Field Lacrosse areas of the province.
- i)** *For the purposes of the Youth Provincial Championship, the U19 age division from all areas of the province will be considered development areas and thus be exempt from Eligibility requirements in all of Section 22.08*
- b)** To be eligible to play in a *Youth Provincial Championship* a team must have played a minimum of eight league *games*, sanctioned tournament games, or *league* playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the *Youth Vice Chair Field*.
- c)** To be eligible to play in a *Youth Provincial Championship*, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of three league *games*, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team.
- d)** Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.
- e)** Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship.
- i)** *An exception to this rule may be considered by the Vice Chair Youth Field when the respective Youth Provincial Championships that a player may qualify for fall on different weekends.*
- f)** Youth Players must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre.
- i)** *Where a player has not participated in 50% of league games, tournament games player may be used to count in the player's favour. Where a player participates in a tournament, all the team games for that tournament and the games played by the player will be added to the player's total.*

As an example: A team plays 10 league games and the player participates in three. The Team also participated in a tournament and played five games. The player participated in Four of those tournament games. The player now has seven games out of 15 and does not Qualify for Youth Provincial Championships. If the player participates in all five games They would have 8 of 15 games and be eligible

- ii) *For clarity in calculating 50% of games, any benefit of counting or not counting a game should accrue to the athlete.*
- iii) *Exceptions may be approved by the Vice Chair Youth Field.*
- g) *Exceptions to c), e), and f) may be approved by the Vice Chair Youth Field for the position of goaltender.*
- h) A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for National Championships.

Rationale: Adds bullets to make each requirement self-contained.

e) It does not seem necessary to control a player from attending an event.

f) Introduces the ability for an athlete short of 50% of league games to have tournament participation considered. Sanctioned tournament games qualify for Team's to achieve the eight games required – they do not currently count for athletes. The wording also allows for tournaments to apply to specific athletes and not all athletes on the team so as not to disqualify an athlete who meets the 50% for league games but missed a tournament for any reason. Adds the possibility of exemption to the eligibility rules by the Field Directorate. At the moment, there is no clear mechanism for the FD to grant exceptions even when desired.

g) Makes clear that the goaltender position is eligible for all eligibility exceptions separately from players. Also small housekeeping changes and assigning responsibility to the Vice Chair Youth rather than the Field Directorate.

Overall change – the paragraph of individual requirements is now converted to actual requirements that can be measured.

OPTION C Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 that would read:

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- e) Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship.
 - i) *An exception to this rule may be considered by the Vice Chair Youth Field when the respective Youth Provincial Championships that a player may qualify for fall on different weekends.*
- f) Youth Players must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. *Exceptions may be approved by the Vice Chair Youth Field.*
- g) *Exceptions to c), e), and f) may be approved by the Vice Chair Youth Field for the position of goaltender.*
- h) A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for National Championships.

Rationale: Adds bullets to make each requirement self-contained.

e) It does not seem necessary to control a player from attending an event.

f) Adds the possibility of exemption to the eligibility rules by the Field Directorate. At the moment, there is no clear mechanism for the FD to grant exceptions even when desired. Removes any other way for an athlete to clear the 50% bar as per Option B.

g) Makes clear that the goaltender position is eligible for all eligibility exceptions separately from players. Also small housekeeping changes and assigning responsibility to the Vice Chair Youth rather than the Field Directorate.

Overall change – the paragraph of individual requirements is now converted to actual requirements that can be measured.

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Minor Lacrosse Association – President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.14
currently reads:

22.14 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held ~~on or after the last week of January and not later than the last weekend of March.~~

Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.14 that would read:

22.14 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held *the three (3) weekends following November 30th of the calendar year.*

Rationale: End the season prior to Christmas, field lacrosse season doesn't need to run from September to February.

Gives the athletes a break, with the current timeline the athletes are playing year round.

Avoid field time conflicts in February as soccer is running their season end playoffs making it difficult to get field time.

Avoid January and February weather.

Better schedule alignment between leagues.

Potential to go to 2 games a week for regular season, remove the all games Saturday and Sunday bottlenecks.

Athletes will be more engaged with the increased intensity of the schedule, similar to box schedule.

Policies 2.05, 24, 46

REGULATION 24: YOUTH TIMELINE 24 currently reads:

NOTE: Dates that are associated with a specific By-law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

December	Provincial Declaration Forms due (2 nd Friday in December)
January 1	Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg. 10, FD 3.01)
Jan-Mar	Youth Provincials (FD 22.15)
April	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
August 15	Applications for hosting Youth Provincials in next playing year. (FD 22.06)
September	First Nations Trophy/Alumni Cup - Labour Day Weekend
October 1	Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03)
October 11	Final date of registration of coach for playoffs (BCLCG 2.03, 11.03)
October 31	Last date for player movement (FD 13.05) Youth registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. (FD 13.05)
November 30	Youth registration closed. (FD 13.05, 13.07)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (March, April, Sept)

Amend 24: YOUTH TIMELINE 24 that would read:

NOTE: Dates that are associated with a specific By-law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

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Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (March, April, Sept)

Rationale: Alignment with Proposed Reg 2.05

Policies 22.14 and 26

REGULATION 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.07 (a) currently reads:

- 35.07 (a) U8 teams must have a minimum number of four (4) registered players; U12 teams must have a minimum number eight (8) players and U15 ~~and U19~~ teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players by the start of the playing season otherwise, that team will be disallowed from the regular scheduled games.

Amend 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.07 (a) that would read:

- 35.07 (a) U8 teams must have a minimum number of four (4) registered players; U12 ~~and U19~~ teams must have a minimum number eight (8) players and U15 teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players by the start of the playing season otherwise, that team will be disallowed from the regular scheduled games.

Rationale: U19 had their first Provincials in 10 years, this past season. However, to make it happen teams struggled all season, U15 call ups took place to have games so teams could be eligible for Provincials. Removing the min of 10 players and changing the structure of U19 female (for now) would help to grow this age group.

If Provincials are important than we look to create teams out of who has registered as a whole and pool players together to make teams for the season. This could eliminate the wait that U19 players have to start their season (past season games started in Oct for U19, other girls in Sept). This adds to the mind set of "the league isn't as important as (job, other sports, etc)" that we keep seeing each year.

Teams struggled to play all season, even to play 7 v 7, resulting in games cancelled and officials paid as it was often the night before games. Responsibility does partially fall on the players, but if the support isn't in place for them, they won't show up as they don't feel they are heard or seen.

These girls coach younger girls, are umpires and role models.

We need to find a solution to aid in them playing games so we don't lose them from the sport.

Add NEW 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.07 (f) that would read:

- 35.07 (f) If Associations do not have the minimum ten (10) players registered by Sept 1 of the playing year, U19 teams will not be based off Associations individually registered players, but as a collective registration within BC Lacrosse. Associations are encouraged to register as many U19 aged players as possible, and these players will go into a collective group in order to make teams for regular season games, until such time that U19 female lacrosse is no longer requiring this structure.*

Rationale: U19 season has started in Oct for games due to low numbers of Associations, the delay in games has resulted in players leaving or committing to other sports due to the inconsistency of games played and numbers to play them. This gives the ability to restructure the U19 age group until the numbers are higher and less challenges present for this age group.

OPTION A DELETE REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE 37.01

~~37.01—No team under the jurisdiction of the Field Directorate shall have more than twenty (20) signed players except with special permission of the Field Directorate. The Field Directorate shall ratify the exceptions.~~

Rationale: Teams, Associations, and Leagues are better suited to determine where and how players should be moved and if teams should be permitted to carry oversize or will have to move players. Teams will still not be able to bring oversize teams to Provincials unless permitted by rule or exception. Removing the team size does not prevent a League from instituting their own maximum team size if they feel it appropriate.

OPTION B REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE 37.01 currently reads:

37.01 ~~No team~~ under the jurisdiction of the ~~Field Directorate~~ shall ~~have~~ more than twenty (20) signed players except with ~~special~~ permission of the Field Directorate. ~~The Field Directorate shall ratify the exceptions.~~

Amend 37: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE 37.01 that would read:

- 37.01 *The maximum number of players on any team* under the jurisdiction of the *Vice Chair Women's Field* shall *be* twenty (20) signed players except with permission of the Field Directorate.
- a) Such permission shall be deemed as granted upon written (i.e. email or letter) notification given to the Vice Chair Women's Field by the respective League representative*
 - b) League Chairs shall report all such exceptions to the Vice Chair Women's Field no later than September 30; and provide immediate updates thereafter as Association registrations are received.*
 - c) Should the Vice Chair Women's Field wish to revoke such permission, they shall call a vote of the Field Directorate. They will inform the respective League Chair in advance of that vote and also upon the outcome of that vote in written form (i.e. email or letter).*
 - d) Upon successful revocation of permission and notification to the League Chair, teams shall have six (6) days to modify their team to the maximum twenty players. For clarity, the six (6) day count shall start the day after notification is provided to the League Chair.*
 - e) After 14 days after delivery of the notification of the oversize team to the Vice Chair Women's Field, if not vote is called, the Vice Chair Women's Field shall inform the Secretary Field Directorate to record such approved exceptions. For clarity the 14 day count shall start the day after notification of the oversize team is provided to the Vice Chair Women's Field.*

Rationale: There are currently no dates or timelines in policy regarding notification and no acknowledgement that how a team starts in September may not resemble how they look at the end of October for roster frees. This option (B) assigns responsibility while also adopting an assumption that permission will be granted rather than having to vote on each oversize request. The revamped policy also prevents the FD from deciding in the future to challenge the oversize team; sets clear expectations for the FD to record such exceptions for easy reference in the future; and sets clear expectations for Leagues on what is required.

REGULATION 37: WOMEN’S TEAM SIZE 37.01 currently reads:

- 37.01 No team under the jurisdiction of the Field Directorate shall have more than ~~twenty (20)~~ signed players except with special permission of the Field Directorate. The Field Directorate shall ratify the exceptions.

Amend 37: WOMEN’S TEAM SIZE 37.01 that would read:

- 37.01 No (~~U8, U12, U15~~) team under the jurisdiction of the Field Directorate shall have more than ~~twenty-five (25)~~ signed players except with special permission of the Field Directorate. ~~No U19 team will have more than thirty (30) signed players except with special permission of the Field Directorate.~~ The Field Directorate shall ratify the exceptions.

Rationale: Adjusting youth female to match youth mixed at 25. Adjusting U19 female to match Senior Men’s. U19 female need potentially bigger rosters due to other commitments in the athletes’ lives and attendance being an issue.

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Amend 37: WOMEN’S TEAM SIZE 37.01 that would read:

- 37.01 No team under the jurisdiction of the Field Directorate shall have more than ~~thirty (30)~~ signed players except with special permission of the Field Directorate. The Field Directorate shall ratify the exceptions.

Rationale: This would be to match that of the youth and senior men’s field lacrosse within the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy.

Add **NEW REGULATION 38: WOMEN PLAYING UP 38.03 and 38.04** that would read:

38.03 *A player may apply to play down one division from their appropriate age group by completing the Overage Field Player Movement Form and submitting to their Association.*

- a) The Association must approve or deny the application*
- b) If approved, the Form must be submitted to the League to approve or deny*
- c) If approved by the Commission/League, the form is to be submitted to the Vice Chair Women's Field. The deadline date for submissions is to be determined at the September meeting of the Field Directorate and communicated to the Commission/League representatives in writing.*

38.04 *A player who is approved to play down one division shall be granted regular status on that team and shall be eligible for all BCLA sanctioned lacrosse activity as a member of that team (i.e. Tournaments, Provincial Tournaments, or Provincial Championships or other activities not listed here). This section is not intended to override any discipline issued to players by any BCLA sanctioned supervisory body.*

Rationale: It appears that there is no regulation that governs Women playing down one division in policy. Adds a policy to allow players to play down with a short procedure that assigns responsibility, importantly, it also adds policy that overage players are to be treated like any other player on the team they are aged down to. Coupled with the new Control parameters that are proposed, this will automatically permit overage players to participate in Provincials and all other team activities without a specific policy. 38.03 and 38.04 are grouped together as if there is no desire to allow overage players then 38.04 is moot. If 38.03 is desired by the membership, amendments can be proposed if modifications are needed.

REGULATION 43: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES 43.01 currently reads:

- 43.01 All games shall be played according to the ~~playing rules and~~ World Lacrosse ~~approved crosse and pocket list set down by the Field Directorate, and~~ ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.

Amend 43: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES 43.01 that would read:

- 43.01 All games shall be played according to the World Lacrosse *playing rules*, ratified by the *BCLA* executive prior to September 1st of the playing year.

The Field Directorate will review, define and ratify age group based rule modifications aligned with Ontario Women’s Field Lacrosse (OWFL) and Lacrosse Canada LTAD.

For a crosse or pocket to be legal for use in BCLA sanctioned games it must be included on the World Lacrosse Legal Stick List, ratified by the BCLA executives prior to September 1 of the playing year.

Rationale: Clarity, current statement leaves ambiguity in the definition of playing rules and legal crosses/pockets with no policy around age group rule modifications. The actual World Lacrosse document for crosses and pockets is named “World Lacrosse Legal Stick List”.

Field directorate is currently defining rule modifications with no defined or written guidelines, adds guidelines to help provide credibility, consistency, and standardization.

Align with OWFL to give our female athletes the same development timeline as the other big female field lacrosse association in Canada. Aligning and cooperating will only help grow the sport. OWFL has very clearly defined age group rule modifications that are reviewed and updated annually in January.

[Microsoft Word - OWFL 2023 Rule Modifications Summary Chart.docx](#)

Aligning and standardizing the rule modifications gives the sport credibility and potentially makes it easier to host Nationals or for teams from other provinces to travel to play each other.

Alignment with the Lacrosse Canada LTAD for standardization with our national governing body. This will also help to provide equality in the rule modifications as female and male athletes should have similar guidelines at the younger ages.

[StagesEng Vrsn.qxd \(rampinteractive.com\)](#)

REGULATION 43: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES 43.07 currently reads:

- 43.07 Rules for Women’s Field will be stated in the Field Directorate’s Provincial Directive included in the coaches package and may be amended by the Field Directorate if necessary. These rules will be binding upon all play during provincials.

Amend 43: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES 43.07 that would read:

- 43.07 Rules for Women’s Field will be stated in the Field Directorate’s *Women’s* Provincial *Championship* Directive included in the coaches package and may be amended by the Field Directorate if necessary. These rules will be binding upon all play during provincials.

Rationale: Housekeeping – having document names the same as they are found on the BCLA website.

REGULATION 43: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES 43.09 currently reads:

43.09 All Women’s teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league. When an Association has two or more teams in any one league (U12, U15, or U19) those teams ~~*must be equally*~~ balanced by calibre and strength. ~~*Associations that have two or more teams within a league will have until October 31 of the playing year to balance their teams accordingly.*~~

Amend 43: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES 43.09 that would read:

43.09 All Women’s teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league. When an Association has two or more teams in any one league (U12, U15, or U19) those teams ~~*will not be*~~ balanced by calibre and strength. ~~*Associations declaring a single team in the same league will be required to merge with another Association to create two tiered teams. If merging is not possible for an Association their single team will be tiered appropriately. A non-tiered league will only exist if there are fewer than 4 top tier teams declared by single Associations or merged Associations*~~

Rationale: Pushing balanced team is stunting the growth of the game. Female Youth athletes have options to develop and play competitively in soccer and hockey. This leads to female field being a lower priority for these athletes.

Associations have no motivation to grow beyond one team since there are both playoffs and provincials for these non-tiered balanced leagues. If an Association has a strong single team they will be happy to stick with the group with no need to grow.

Non-tiered leagues result in bottom teams often being heavily out scored, which does not help with retention. PCFLL U12 10th place team had a -70 goal differential vs 1st place had +22, 10th place team had 0 wins. If the top more experienced players across all teams were in a proper tier 1 the girls on the 10th place team would have had a much better chance of competing with like skill level competition.

In balanced non-tiered leagues, U15 Tier 2 and U12, you have endless fair play infractions because it is a none competitive development league but there is playoffs and provincials at the end. In many games you have the oldest, most talented girls playing up to 0% of the game while the youngest girls are playing little to none.

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 currently reads:

44.01 The Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U19, U15 and ~~U12 series~~ in Tier 1 and 2, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Amend 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 that would read:

44.01 The ***Women's Field Provincial*** Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U19, ***U17***, U15 and U13 in Tier 1 and 2, if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Rationale: This motion will be withdrawn if the proposed changes to age division do not pass.

If some combination of age changes passes that does not align with the proposed change to 44.01 an amendment will be offered to align them.

Aligns Women's Provincial Championships with Youth age divisions (note: the U17 division would be new to both divisions).

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

Add NEW REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 (b) that would read:

***44.01 (b) A Women's Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, if deemed desirable by the Field Directorate.
Any policy in Section 44 that applies to U11 will be identified with the use of the term "Provincial Tournament" (i.e. U11 Women's Provincial Tournament). A policy or section only identifying "Provincial Championship" will not apply to the U11 Provincial Tournament.***

Rationale: If the proposed age divisions do not pass, this motion will be withdrawn.

To ensure that the newly proposed Women's U11 aligns with the Youth Provincial Tournament Policy and the Women's U11 are entitled to the same Provincial Tournament consideration as Youth. The naming convention will also ensure clarity as to what requirements in Section 44 should apply to the Provincial Tournament, if any.

If this passes, the current 44.01 will become 44.01 (a) with no changes to the wording.

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

Add NEW REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.05 (b) that would read:

- 44.05 (b) Women's Provincial Championship Directive (the "Women's PC Directive")***
- i) A Women's Provincial Championship Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Women's Provincial Championships;***
 - ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season's Women's Provincial Championships, the Women's PC Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Women's Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.***
 - 1) Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Women's Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Women's Field.***
 - 2) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Women's PC Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Women's PC Directive.***
 - a) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change.***
 - b) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.***
 - c) If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair Women's Field shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.***

- 3) *Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Women's Provincial Championships Directive may create, substitute, reduce or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.*

Rationale: It is appropriate for the Field Directorate to control the Provincials. However, it was discovered that the Provincial Directive has different Eligibility Requirements than policy pertaining to Provincials eligibility and the requirements in the Directive were being enforced where policy was silent on the matter. External documents should not create new, or replace existing, policies as members do not vote on the contents of the Directive. The Provincial tournament Directive should focus on the operation of the tournament and not on areas of policy. The members of the respective Leagues (Associations and athletes) are directly impacted by statements in this Directive and historically there is no way for any League to make changes to this document and control the contents. This policy has become necessary to ensure that the directive reflects policy and the will of members with regards to how provincials is run.

Note: there is a parallel proposal for the U11 Provincial Tournament

If this passes, the current 45.01 will become 45.01 (a) with no changes to the wording.

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

Add **NEW REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.05 (c)** that would read:

- 44.05 (c) Women's Provincial Tournament Directive (the "Women's PT Directive")**
- i) *A Women's Provincial Tournament Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Women's Provincial tournament;*
 - ii) *Prior to being published for the upcoming season's Women's Provincial Tournament, the Women's PT Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Women's Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.*
 - 1) *Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Women's Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Women's Field.*
 - 2) *Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Women's PT Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Women's PT Directive.*
 - a) *It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change.*
 - b) *Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.*
 - c) *If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair Women's Field shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.*
 - d) *Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Women's Provincial Tournament Directive may create, substitute, reduce or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.*

Rationale: It is appropriate for the Field Directorate to control the Tournaments. There are currently no Women's Provincial tournaments outside of Championships and no supporting documentation for Tournaments. With the creation of new age groups, we should be prepared to offer the same policies of Women as Youth are currently subject to. The Provincial Tournament Directive should focus on the operation of the tournament and not on areas of policy. The members of the respective Leagues (Associations and athletes) are directly impacted by statements in this Directive and historically there is no way for any League to make changes to this document and control the contents. This policy has become necessary to ensure that the directive reflects policy and the will of members with regards to how provincials is run.

Policy language intentionally leaves out "U11" so that in the future if any other provincial tournaments (U9, U13, etc.) are added, this policy will not need to be updated. If future policy is updated in 44.01 b) for any new tournaments, they will become Women's Provincial Tournaments and this section will apply naturally.

Numbering/alpha will be affected based on the passing of this proposal.

REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.07 currently reads:

44.07 Qualifiers will be declared as per ~~Playoff~~ Directive.

Amend 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.07 that would read:

44.07 Qualifiers will be declared as per *Women's Provincial Championship or Tournament* Directive.

Rationale: Remove reference to playoffs, use same language as used throughout policy.

REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.09 currently reads:

44.09 Eligibility.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship or Tournament, a team must have played a minimum of eight league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the playing year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of the development areas in BC the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Women's Field Lacrosse areas of the province.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship/Tournament, a player playing up a division must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the convener, upon checking in at the Provincial Championship/Tournament. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

Women's players can only participate in one Women's Provincial Championship/ Tournament and must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group. Exceptions can be made for the position of goalkeeper, provided that the team uses a set goalkeeper throughout the regular season and does not rotate that position. Goalie exceptions must be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

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In the event a player is injured during the season an exception may be made upon receipt of a doctor's note covering the dates of the injury and indicating clearance to return to play. This must be given to the coach of the player's team and the commissioner must be notified. This exception must be forwarded to the Field Directorate at least one week prior to provincials for review.

Rationale: To add same injured player exception to women's as in youth.

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U19 division exceptions, with review and approval of the Field Directorate:

Player eligibility rules can be removed for all U19 players, all registered players will then be eligible.

U15 players may be permitted to play in both U15 and U19 provincials if the two tournaments fall on separate weekends.

Rationale: The eligibility requirements for U19 provincials needs to be relaxed to keep the athletes playing lacrosse.

REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.09 currently reads:

44.09 Eligibility.

- ~~———— To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship or Tournament, a team must have played a minimum of eight league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the playing year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.~~
- ~~———— PLEASE NOTE: In the case of the development areas in BC the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Women's Field Lacrosse areas of the province.~~
- ~~———— To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship/Tournament, a player playing up a division must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the convener, upon checking in at the Provincial Championship/Tournament. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.~~
- ~~———— Women's players can only participate in one Women's Provincial Championship/ Tournament and must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group. Exceptions can be made for the position of goalkeeper, provided that the team uses a set goalkeeper throughout the regular season and does not rotate that position. Goalie exceptions must be reviewed by the Field Directorate.~~

OPTION A Amend 44: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 44.09 that would read:

44.09 Eligibility

- a)** In the case of the development areas in BC the exception to *all of Section 44.09* will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Youth Field Lacrosse areas of the province.
 - i) For the purposes of the Women's Provincial Championships, the U19 age division from all areas of the province will be considered development areas and thus be exempt from eligibility requirements in all of Section 44.09*
- b)** To be eligible to play in a *Women's Provincial Championship* a team must have played a minimum of eight league *games*, sanctioned tournament games, or *league* playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the *Women's Vice Chair Field*.
- c)** To be eligible to play in a *Women's Provincial Championship*, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of three league *games*, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team.
- d)** Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.
- e)** Women players can only participate in one Women's Provincial Championship.
 - i) An exception to this rule may be considered by the Vice Chair Women's Field when the respective Women's Provincial Championships that a player may qualify for fall on different weekends.*
- f)** *To be eligible to play in a Provincial Women's Championship a player must have played in a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games or play-off games, or combination of, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre.*
- g)** *Exceptions to c), e), and f) may be approved by the Vice Chair Women's Field for the position of goaltender.*
- h)** A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for National Championships.

Rationale: Adds bullets to make each requirement self-contained.

a) and a) i) Codifies the development exceptions in a policy bullet rather than a “note”. U19 Women are historically either not represented or struggle to attend provincials in some part due to qualification requirements. U19 are the final minor years of Women’s field. It should be appropriate that these athletes are able to come together for a celebration of their sport. The ability to call-up, or for athletes to miss games without fearing disqualification, may lead to further registrations if players do not feel they can commit to all of the lacrosse events during the season. Further, U19’s are not generally offered a tournament during the season that jeopardizes teams reaching eight games. Moving U19 into developmental status moving forward may help to ensure it’s future.

e) It does not seem necessary to control a player from attending an event.

f) Registration time limits are already in place to control for players who wish to come from one sport to another. Four games is in alignment with the BCLA Minor Directorate Eligibility for Provincials. Including tournaments and league games, 50% of games could require a player to play a minimum of 10 games. Players who miss early season games for any reason may find themselves mathematically eliminated from Provincials before December, and potential weather cancellations in Winter months (November through January) make it all that much more difficult, or impossible, to play the requisite games.

A static number of games for qualification reduces overhead for Commissioners and Team Officials and is a more clear requirement for patents and players to self-determine eligibility.

g) Makes clear that the goaltender position is eligible for all eligibility exceptions separately from players. Also small housekeeping changes and assigning responsibility to the Vice Chair Youth rather than the Field Directorate.

Overall change – the paragraph of individual requirements is now converted to actual requirements that can be measured.

OPTION B Amend 44: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 44.09 that would read:

44.09 Eligibility

- a)** In the case of the development areas in BC the exception to *all of Section 44.09* will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Women’s Field Lacrosse areas of the province.
 - i)** *For the purposes of the Women’s Provincial Championship, the U19 age division from all areas of the province will be considered development areas and thus be exempt from Eligibility requirements in all of Section 44.09*
- b)** To be eligible to play in a *Women’s Provincial Championship* a team must have played a minimum of eight league *games*, sanctioned tournament games, or *league* playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the *Women’s Vice Chair Field*.
- c)** To be eligible to play in a *Women’s Provincial Championship*, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of three league *games*, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team.
- d)** Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.
- e)** Women players can only participate in one Women’s Provincial Championship.
 - i)** *An exception to this rule may be considered by the Vice Chair Women’s Field when the respective Women’s Provincial Championships that a player may qualify for fall on different weekends.*
- f)** Women Players must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre.
 - i)** *Where a player has not participated in 50% of league games, tournament games player may be used to count in the player’s favour. Where a player participates in a tournament, all the team games for that tournament and the games played by the player will be added to the player’s total.*

As an example: A team plays 10 league games and the player participates in three. The Team also participated in a tournament and played five games. The player participated in

Four of those tournament games. The player now has seven games out of 15 and does not Qualify for Youth Provincial Championships. If the player participates in all five games They would have 8 of 15 games and be eligible

- ii) *For clarity in calculating 50% of games, any benefit of counting or not counting a game should accrue to the athlete.*
- iii) *Exceptions may be approved by the Vice Chair Women's Field.*
- g) *Exceptions to c), e), and f) may be approved by the Vice Chair Youth Field for the position of goaltender.*
- h) A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for National Championships.

Rationale: Adds bullets to make each requirement self-contained.

a) and a) i) Codifies the development exceptions in a policy bullet rather than a “note”. U19 Women are historically either not represented or struggle to attend provincials in some part due to qualification requirements. U19 are the final minor years of Women's field. It should be appropriate that these athletes are able to come together for a celebration of their sport. The ability to call-up, or for athletes to miss games without fearing disqualification, may lead to further registrations if players do not feel they can commit to all of the lacrosse events during the season. Further, U19's are not generally offered a tournament during the season that jeopardizes teams reaching eight games. Moving U19 into developmental status moving forward may help to ensure it's future.

e) It does not seem necessary to control a player from attending an event.

f) Introduces the ability for an athlete short of 50% of league games to have tournament participation considered. Sanctioned tournament games qualify for Team's to achieve the eight games required – they do not currently count for athletes. The wording also allows for tournaments to apply to specific athletes and not all athletes on the team so as not to disqualify an athlete who meets the 50% for league games but missed a tournament for any reason. Adds the possibility of exemption to the eligibility rules by the Field Directorate. At the moment, there is no clear mechanism for the FD to grant exceptions even when desired.

g) Makes clear that the goaltender position is eligible for all eligibility exceptions separately from players. Also small housekeeping changes and assigning responsibility to the Vice Chair Youth rather than the Field Directorate.

Overall change – the paragraph of individual requirements is now converted to actual requirements that can be measured.

OPTION C Amend 44: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 44.09 that would read:

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- f) *Women's Players must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. Exceptions may be approved by the Vice Chair Women's Field.*
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e) It does not seem necessary to control a player from attending an event.

f) Registration time limits are already in place to control for players who wish to come from one sport to another. Four games is in alignment with the BCLA Minor Directorate Eligibility for Provincials. Including tournaments and league games, 50% of games could require a player to play a minimum of 12 games. Players who miss games early in the season for any reason may find themselves mathematically eliminated from Provincials before December, and potential weather cancellations in winter months (November through January) make it all that much more difficult, or impossible to play the requisite games.

A static number of games for qualifications reduces overhead for Commissioners and Team Officials and is a more clear requirement for parents and players to self-determine eligibility.

g) Makes clear that the goaltender position is eligible for all eligibility exceptions separately from players. Also small housekeeping changes and assigning responsibility to the Vice Chair Youth rather than the Field Directorate.

Overall change – the paragraph of individual requirements is now converted to actual requirements that can be measured.

Proposed by PCFLL, Brad Romano - Chair

REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.10 currently reads:

44.10 Declaration Forms.

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Tournaments/Championships not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and Provincial Tournament or Championship of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship ~~Tournament~~ after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a \$1,500.00 fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws within 14 days prior to the start of the Provincial Championship ~~Tournament~~, the parent club shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Provincial ~~Tournaments~~/Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players

who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum number of games in the league to meet the qualification.

Amend 44: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 44.10 that would read:

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Rationale: Adds text to cover the Provincial Tournament for Women's U11 if both the new age groups and the change to Provincials in 44.01 are adopted. Small housekeeping for provincial championships vs tournament to clarify what applies to one, the other, or both.

REGULATION 46: WOMEN'S TIMELINE 46 currently reads:

NOTE: Dates that are associated with a specific By-Law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-Law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-Law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-Law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

January 1	Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10 & FD 3.01)
February	Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament
April	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
April 30	Senior Women's player registration deadline (FD35.05 c) Senior Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
May 1	Senior Women's Field Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03)
August	Women's National
August 15	Applications to host Women's Field Lacrosse tournaments/Provincial Championship for upcoming year (FD 44.06)
September 1	Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 43.01)
October 1	Women's deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03)

All coaches must have successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined in the current Form 100B, Form 100M and/or Form 100W in the division of which they participate, by the deadline set by the BCLCG (Apr 20 – Senior Box; May 1 – Minor Box/Senior Women's Field; October 1 – Field) (BCLCG 7.03)

October 31	Women's Player registration deadline (FD 35.04) Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
November 11	Umpires must be certified (for the current playing season)

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~~**December**~~ ~~**Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament**~~

Rationale: Alignment with Proposed Change to Reg 2.05.

Also affects 22.14 & 24