

**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2026 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POLICY**

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

DELETE REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS - REGISTRAR that currently reads:

- *Responsible for the administration of BCLA's Online registration system including updating required sections of the registration system before the start of each season, for all Associations (Youth, Senior, and Women's).*
- *The Registrar shall appoint assistants as needed.*

Rationale: Remove as the position does not actually exist.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS - COMMISSIONERS currently reads:

- Rule on disciplinary matters for their division assigned, following the Field Directorate Disciplinary rules and the commissioner's package.
- ~~*Ensure all teams are tiered properly. Watch for inequality of teams within their league and decide on placement and movement with assigned league committee.*~~
- Making and/or confirming the league schedules for their playing division for their league.
- Any communication between division commissioners and the coaches regarding coach suspensions should include the head coach of the appropriate association and the Vice Chair Men's/Women's Field of the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group.

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Rationale: This job requirement is not required as we now use the ranking system to determine the tiers of teams.

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- **Be familiar with all expectations outlined in the operating policy. This may include the Operating Policies of other sectors within the Field Directorate.**

Rationale: To help outline the various Operating Policies which may have an impact on a Commissioner's Role.

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- Be familiar with all expectations outlined in the operating policy. This may include the Operating Policies of other sectors within the Field Directorate.
- **When communicating any suspension they must copy the Vice-Chair of their respective discipline**

Rationale: To help outline the various Operating Policies which may have an impact on a Commissioner's Role.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS currently reads:

All elections will be held at the Field Directorate Special Session. ~~*The Field Registrar will be an appointed position for a one-year term at the Field Directorate Special Session, and will not carry a vote.*~~

Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS that would read:

All elections will be held at the Field Directorate Special Session.

Rationale: Remove as the position does not actually exist.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

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

2.05 *All leagues and clubs should carry insurance.*

Rationale: In light of recent actions this needs to be a priority to prevent individual loss for following policy.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

ADD NEW REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE 2.06 that would read:

2.06 *All leagues and clubs are required to use the same electronic game sheet system.*

Rationale: To facilitate recordkeeping and the use of the online ranking system.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 6: FACILITIES 6.03 currently reads:

6.03 The official scorekeeper shall be stationed with the time keepers, and the score sheet must always be kept at field level and available for inspection by the officials.

Amend REGULATION 6: FACILITIES 6.03 that would read:

6.03 The official scorekeeper shall be stationed with the time keepers, and the score sheet (**physical or digital**) must always be kept at field level and available for inspection by the officials.

Rationale: To keep up with Field Directorate requirements.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 6: FACILITIES 6.06 (a) currently reads:

6.06 (a) The playing field for youth levels and up will be consistent with World Lacrosse dimensions or as the field space allows.

Amend REGULATION 6: FACILITIES 6.06 (a) that would read:

6.06 (a) The playing field for youth levels **U13** and up will be consistent with World Lacrosse dimensions or as the field space allows.

Rationale: To solidify which levels play on a full field as per World Lacrosse dimensions or as the field space allows.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 6: FACILITIES 6.07 (a) (b) currently reads:

6.07 (a) Youth U7, U9 and U11 age divisions will play on a smaller scale field with modified dimensions.
(b) Women's U7, U9 and U11 age divisions will play on a smaller scale field with modified dimensions.

Amend REGULATION 6: FACILITIES 6.07 (a) (b) that would read:

6.07 (a) Youth U7, U9 and U11 age divisions will play on a smaller scale field with modified dimensions **as decided by the Field Directorate**.
(b) Women's U7, U9 and U11 age divisions will play on a smaller scale field with modified dimensions **as decided by the Field Directorate**.

Rationale: To clarify where the authority lies for modified field dimensions.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.03 currently reads:

7.03 A Tournament Commissioner must be assigned by and confirmed with League Chairs for each sanctioned tournament from the pool of ratified League Commissioners by October 1. The tournament Host Co-ordinator will contact them to deal with any situation where a potential suspension exists. The Tournament Commissioner will administer the discipline for tournaments, and will do so using the Field Directorate Disciplinary Rules for the current playing year; and will ensure that disciplinary action is consistent with that administered during league play.

Amend REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.03 that would read:

7.03 A Tournament Commissioner must be assigned by and confirmed with League Chairs for each sanctioned tournament from the pool of ratified League Commissioners by October 1. The tournament Host Co-ordinator will contact them to deal with any situation where a potential suspension exists. The Tournament Commissioner will administer the discipline for tournaments, and will do so using the Field Directorate Disciplinary Rules for the current playing year; and will ensure that disciplinary action is consistent with that administered during league play. **Any suspensions that are handed out for play in the tournament must be copied to the Vice-Chair of the respective sector.**

Rationale: To make sure all suspension information is copied to all the appropriate people.

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.04 currently reads:

7.04 No more than two games per calendar day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play. But teams may play up to three modified or mini games (~~two halves only~~) during tournament play per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games. A copy of the tournament schedule must be submitted to the Field Directorate.

U7 – 4 x 8 minute quarters maximum (32 minutes)

U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum (40 minutes)

U11/U13/U15/U18/Men's – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum (48 minutes)

If the tournament organizers choose to play halves instead of quarters, the total number of minutes played per game may not exceed the above totals per game.

Amend REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.04 that would read:

7.04 No more than two **full** games per calendar day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play. But teams may play up to three modified or mini games during tournament play per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games. A copy of the tournament schedule must be submitted to the Field Directorate.

Mini-Games are as follows:

U7 – 4 x 8 minute quarters maximum (32 minutes)

U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum (40 minutes)

U11/U13/U15/U18/Men's – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum (48 minutes)

If the tournament organizers choose to play halves instead of quarters, the total number of minutes played per game may not exceed the above totals per game.

Rationale: For clarification purposes.

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.05 currently reads:

7.05 In all leagues for tournament play, only players who are of the appropriate age to play in the specified divisions, or players younger than the appropriate age, may compete. Overage players shall not be eligible for tournament play unless the overage player is a registered member of the younger team and has been sanctioned by the player's home association League. No player may play in more than ~~two (2)~~ **games** per calendar day by playing on different teams.

Amend REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.05 that would read:

7.05 In all leagues for tournament play, only players who are of the appropriate age to play in the specified divisions, or players younger than the appropriate age, may compete. Overage players shall not be eligible for tournament play unless the overage player is a registered member of the younger team and has been sanctioned by the player's home association League. No player may play in more than **the permitted number of games stated in 7.04** per calendar day by playing on different teams.

Rationale: For clarification purposes.

ADD NEW REGULATION 11: AMENDMENTS 11.04 that would read:

11.04 Exceptions to specific Field Directorate Operation Regulations may be considered by the Field Directorate Executive. Exceptions will be temporary in nature, decisions will be made in the spirit of fairness and with competitive integrity to these policies under exceptional circumstances. The duration of these decisions no longer than the end of the current or upcoming season. Exceptions must be passed by a majority vote of the Field Directorate.

Rationale: Based on a recent appeal, the Field Directorate received recommendations from the appeal committee to add in a regulation that could allow the Field Directorate to make decisions that would be in fairness and spirit of competitive integrity under these policies in exceptional circumstances.

Proposed by Corinne Perriman, BCLA Field Registrar

REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.05 (a) (b) currently reads:

- 13.05 (a) ~~*The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Youth Field registration form and waiver for those players who register manually. Also required is a team list generated from the on-line database and any applicable signed supporting forms (Player Transfers, Playing Down forms) and required fees to the BCLA Office by October 31 of each playing year (Sept-Aug).*~~
- (b) ~~*Each Association will submit to the BCLA Office, prior to October 31 of each playing year, a team list generated from the on-line database for each team in the Association. One hard copy of each manual registration and waiver form is required with the Team List (it is not necessary to print/submit copies of the on-line registrations). The manual player registration form must be signed by the parent/guardian and the Association Registrar. Failure to comply with said dates will result in the offending Association to be fined \$250.00 and another \$250.00 for each additional seven-day period that the registration forms are not received. For any subsequent paperwork corrections required by the Field Directorate Lacrosse Registrar, this must be submitted by December 1 of the playing year or the Association's team(s) will be unable to declare for Provincials.*~~

Amend REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.05 (a) (b) that would read:

- 13.05 (a) **Each Association will submit to the BCLA Office or email to the BCLA Registrar by Oct 31 of each playing year, a Summary Sheet (provided by the BCLA Registrar) of number of players, by Division / Tier / Team generated from the on-line database. One copy of each manual registration and waiver form is required to be emailed to the BCLA Office. Also required are any required fees to the BCLA Office by October 31 of each playing year (Sept-Aug).**
- (b) **Failure to comply with said dates will result in the offending Association to be fined \$250.00 and another \$250.00 for each additional seven-day period that the registration forms are not received. For any subsequent paperwork corrections required by the Field Directorate Lacrosse Registrar, this must be submitted by December 1 of the playing year or the Association's team(s) will be unable to declare for Provincials.**

Rationale: This change is housekeeping. I no longer require Registrar's to send in Team Lists but instead have them complete a Summary Sheet. I then go into RAMP and vet the registrations / comparing what is there with what is on the summary. Emails are also now accepted, where in the past it was all by post.

Proposed by Corinne Perriman, BCLA Field Registrar

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

- 13.07 (e) To register these late players, the association will obtain approval from the League Commissioner. ~~*The Association Registrar or the League Registrar will provide an electronic copy of the registration to the Field Directorate Registrar supplying the player's name, address, birthdate, medical number, insurance waiver, and applicable team information. The Field Directorate Registrar will add the player's name to the appropriate team list and update the registration database. Within five (5) days, the Association Registrar or the League Registrar will provide to the BCLA Office the original registration forms.*~~

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

- 13.07 (e) To register these late players, the Association Registrar will get approval from the League Commissioner **and will email that to the Registrar of the Field Directorate, along with supplying the player's name, address, birthdate and applicable team information. The FD Registrar will add the player's name to the appropriate team list and update the registration database.**

Rationale: This is the process that has been in place for some time so this is just housekeeping.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 14: YOUTH MOVES 14.05 currently reads:

- 14.05 If an association signs an ineligible player the team of this ineligible player will forfeit all ~~*points*~~ earned until the player has been correctly registered.

Amend REGULATION 14: YOUTH MOVES 14.05 that would read:

- 14.05 If an association signs an ineligible player the team of this ineligible player will forfeit all **wins** earned until the player has been correctly registered.

Rationale: For clarification purposes.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

ADD NEW REGULATION 16: YOUTH PLAYING UP 16.05 that would read:

- 16.05 For a team to be eligible to use call up players they must have at least ten of their own registered players available to play.**

Rationale: To ensure that the team has the ability to meet their obligations and are using call ups to supplement their roster.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.02 currently reads:

- 21.02 The Field Directorate will instruct member associations they must adhere to the World Lacrosse rules, LC rules and policy, and to the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy as written.

When traveling out of BCLA governed areas, teams must adhere to host governing rules as well as the BCLA Policies.

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.02 that would read:

- 21.02 The Field Directorate will instruct member associations they must adhere to the World Lacrosse rules **or what adaptations the BC Field Directorate implements**, LC rules, **or what adaptations the BC Field Directorate implements**, and policy, and to the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy as written.

When traveling out of BCLA governed areas, teams must adhere to host governing rules as well as the BCLA Policies.

Rationale: To give the Field Directorate the opportunity to adapt the game to the players of British Columbia.

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.03 currently reads:

- 21.03 ~~Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no movement of players from one team to another, and back and forth, after October 31 of the playing year. If said infraction occurs after October 31 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for the player's registered team only.~~ Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player during a regularly schedule game shall forfeit all games won during which an ineligible player was a participant. Should this occur in the playoffs, then, only the games played in the playoffs will be awarded to the opposing side.

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.03 that would read:

21.03 **Player Movement – Playing up in calibre**

Where an association declares more than one team within the same age division players may be permitted to play up in ranking to support development and roster needs. After October 31st under no circumstances may a player from a higher-ranked team play down to a lower-ranked team.

Example:

Within the U13 division, a player rostered on a U13 Ranking 2 team may be called up to participate with a U13 Ranking 1 team when required. However, a player rostered on a U13 Ranking 1 team is not permitted to play down to a U13 Ranking 2 team.

Any player participating in games at a higher ranking may do so for a maximum of five (5) games. Upon exceeding five games at the higher ranking, the player will be considered a permanent member of the higher-ranked team and must be rostered accordingly.

Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player during a regularly schedule game shall forfeit all games won during which an ineligible player was a participant. Should this occur in the playoffs, then, only the games played in the playoffs will be awarded to the opposing side.

Rationale: This motion provides clear direction on player movement within Associations that declare multiple teams in the same age division. Allowing players to play up supports athlete development while prohibiting play down protects competitive balance and fairness across tiers. The five-game limit creates transparency around rostering and prevents extended temporary call-ups that may impact team integrity. Overall, the policy strengthens consistency, clarity, and development pathways within the league.

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.04 currently reads:

- 21.04 No team or player may be scheduled for, or play in, more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games per day. ~~Exceptions for goalies may apply.~~
- U7 – 4 x 8 minute quarters maximum
U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum
U11/U13/U15/U18 – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.04 that would read:

- 21.04 No team or player may be scheduled for, or play in, more than two **full** regulation length games per **calendar** day. **Teams may play up to three modified or mini games per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games.**

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Rationale: To be consistent with tournament play expectations.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.06 (a) Self Scheduling of Games currently reads:

21.06 (a) Self Scheduling of Games

Teams will self-schedule all regular season games based on field and Official(s) availability. Each team must submit an initial schedule by October 1. Teams that fail to complete their scheduled games will have the unplayed matches recorded as defaults, impacting their standings in the approved ranking database system. A dispute resolution process will be available for rescheduling issues beyond a team's control.

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.06 (a) Self Scheduling of Games that would read:

21.06 (a) Self Scheduling of Games

Teams will self-schedule all regular season games **during the period set out by the Field Directorate** based on field and Official(s) availability. **Any games scheduled against teams that are more than four placings apart in the ranking system are subject to Commissioner approval.** Each team must submit an initial schedule by October 1. Teams that fail to complete their scheduled games will have the unplayed matches recorded as defaults, impacting their standings in the approved ranking database system. A dispute resolution process will be available for rescheduling issues beyond a team's control.

Rationale: To have teams play at their appropriate skill level as much as possible.

Proposed by Victoria Howard, PCFLL – Chair

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Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.06 (a) Self Scheduling of Games that would read:

21.06 (a) Self Scheduling of Games

The League will coordinate and manage the self-scheduling of all regular season games within the U13, U15, and U18 divisions, based on field and Official(s) availability and in alignment with league scheduling procedures.

Teams that fail to participate in or complete their assigned games may have unplayed matches recorded as defaults, which may impact standings within the approved ranking database system. A dispute resolution process will be available for rescheduling matters that are beyond a team's control.

Rationale: There is no need to make a draft schedule as the schedule should change weekly based on rankings. Its impossible for teams to predict who they should play within their play calibre zone months out. This causes a ton of rework and frustration for Managers, schedulers and commissioners.

Proposed by Victoria Howard, PCFLL – Chair

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.07 currently reads:

21.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded 10 goals and shall be awarded two (2) points in league standings.

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.07 that would read:

21.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded 10 goals and shall be awarded two (2) points in league standings. **Non offending teams shall have the option to take 10 goals and 2 point or decline.**

Rationale: There can be a negative impact on team rankings if forfeit points are frequently being awarded.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

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Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.07 that would read:

21.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded 10 goals and shall be awarded **the win** in league standings. **However, if the loss is deemed a bad act by the league or the Field Directorate, the game shall be removed from the results. No team shall benefit from an intentional or unintentional act where a forfeit would result in a favorable outcome.**

Rationale: To attempt to hold teams accountable for not playing to their ability.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.10 currently reads:

21.10 If a game cannot be completed (weather, lightening, medical, etc.) it will be considered completed if 3 complete quarters or 75% of the playing time has elapsed. A game that has not reached the 75% requirement, is considered a suspended game, and if this game is replayed on another day it must be replayed from the beginning. The final decision on whether a game is complete or suspended is made by the game official and must be noted and initialed on the game sheet by the official making the ruling.

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Rationale: To Keep up to date with Technology.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

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

22.03 (a) The number of teams entering the Youth Provincial Championships will be determined by the Field Directorate based on the number of teams per tier, with adjustments made according to the approved ranking system standings.

The BCLA Field Directorate will use the final regular season rankings from the approved data-driven ranking system to divide Provincial Championship qualification into two tiers:

Tier 1: The top 10 ranked teams in each division will qualify for the Tier 1 Provincial Championship.

Tier 2: The ~~next 10 ranked~~ teams ~~(positions 11–20)~~ in each division will qualify for the Tier 2 Provincial Championship.

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

22.03 (a) The number of teams entering the Youth Provincial Championships will be determined by the Field Directorate based on the number of **declared** teams per tier, with adjustments made according to the approved ranking system standings.

The BCLA Field Directorate will use the final regular season rankings from the approved data-driven ranking system to divide Provincial Championship qualification into two tiers:

Tier 1: The top 10 ranked teams in each division will qualify for the Tier 1 Provincial Championship.

Tier 2: The **remaining** teams in each division will qualify for the Tier 2 Provincial Championship.

Rationale: To open up Tier two to more teams.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

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

- 22.03 (b) The number of teams qualifying for Provincials from each region will be determined based on the approved ranking system standings rather than pre-allocated spots. Each region will be guaranteed a minimum of one berth, with remaining Provincial spots awarded to the highest-ranked teams across all leagues.

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

- 22.03 (b) The number of teams qualifying for Provincials from each region will be determined based on the approved ranking system standings rather than pre-allocated spots. Each region will be guaranteed a minimum of one berth **in each tier where they have a qualifying team**, with remaining Provincial spots awarded to the highest-ranked teams across all leagues.

Rationale: To clarify when a region has earned an automatic berth.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

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

- 22.03 (c) The Field Directorate may allocate one additional Provincial berth to a developing region provided that a team has played a minimum of **eight** games and meets all Provincial eligibility requirements. If multiple teams from a developing region declare for the same berth, the highest-ranked team in the approved ranking system will receive the Provincial Championship spot.

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

- 22.03 (c) The Field Directorate may allocate one additional Provincial berth to a developing region provided that a team has played a minimum of **four** games and meets all Provincial eligibility requirements. If multiple teams from a developing region declare for the same berth, the highest-ranked team in the approved ranking system will receive the Provincial Championship spot.

Rationale: To make it easier for a developing region to qualify.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

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

- 22.03 (d) Where there is a vacant Youth Provincial Championship position, top ranked/seeded teams from either of the remaining leagues (i.e., PCFLL, VIYFLL, IYFLL) who have not yet already obtained a spot for Youth Provincial Championships will play a single “Wild Card” game (**LC** rules) to determine who will fill that vacancy. This game will be played at a neutral field as determined by the Field Directorate. When the Provincial Division Host League or Association has a team from their area (i.e., PCFLL indicates a Burnaby team), the tier or division playing in the “Wild Card” game, the travelling team will be the Provincial Host Association or that League’s team. If the “Wild Card” game is not able to be played due to weather related events and/or field closure, the BCLA tie break rule number 9 in the Provincial Directive will be implemented. This means the

Field Directorate will draw a team name for the final Provincial position from the two eligible “Wild Card” teams.

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Rationale: Clarification.

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Youth

REGULATION 24: YOUTH TIMELINE 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)
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August 15	Applications for hosting Youth Provincial Championships in next playing year. (FD 22.06)
September	First Nations Trophy/Alumni Cup - Labour Day Weekend
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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 REGULATION 24: YOUTH TIMELINE that would read:

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- August 15** Applications for hosting Youth Provincial Championships in next playing year. (FD 22.06)
- September** First Nations Trophy/Alumni Cup - Labour Day Weekend
- September 1** **Playing rules set down by the Field Directorate**
- September 15** **Bring forth exceptions to policy 21.02 (number of officials required) to the Field Directorate**
- October 1** Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03)
- October 1** **Leagues must submit name of their Chief Official to the head official of the BC Field Directorate**
- 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)
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Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (March, April, Sept)

Rationale: Housekeeping.

Proposed by Stacy Paterson, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Women’s

REGULATION 35: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.07 (b) currently reads:

- 35.07 (b) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player during a regularly scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant. The home Association will be fined \$250 if a player has played is found to be unregistered, defined as registered in the BCLA player database and all required, completed forms in the hands of the League Registrar (prior to Oct 31 deadline) or BCLA Registrar.

Amend REGULATION 35: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.07 (b) that would read:

- 35.07 (b) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player during a regularly scheduled game **(league, tournament, exhibition and provincial)** shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant. The home Association will be fined \$250 if a player has played is found to be unregistered, defined as registered in the BCLA player database and all required, completed forms in the hands of the League Registrar (prior to Oct 31 deadline) or BCLA Registrar.

Rationale: Housekeeping. To match Youth Policy wording in 13.07 (b).

Proposed by Stacy Paterson, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Women’s

ADD NEW REGULATION 35: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.12 that would read:

- 35.12 **Two clubs that want to combine players from their respective Associations must submit a written request to the League/Commission and the Field Directorate, along with rationale, no later than 90 days prior to the start of the playing season. The request must come from the President or designate of each respective club. Permission must first be granted by the League/Commission, at which time the Field Directorate may then ratify or reject the request. Combining clubs will be authorized for no more than two (2) playing seasons per request. Clubs must resubmit their request and rational in order to be approved for a further two (2) year term. Players will remain registered with each home association and not subject to release. For the purpose of call-ups, the combined clubs shall be considered one club subject to all Field Directorate and Commission call-up rules.**

Rationale: To match Youth Policy 13.12.

REGULATION 36: WOMEN’S MOVES 36.01 currently reads:

- 36.01 Upon request, a parent or legal guardian may be required to provide two (2) of the residency validation documentation below, if requested by the association registrar or the league. All bills must be current. Accepted documentation is:
1. Property tax bill where the primary residency grant has been claimed
 2. Hydro Bill
 3. Gas Bill
 4. Cable or Satellite Bill
- If none of the above documents can be provided because the parent/guardian rents and does not pay own utilities, then the following shall apply.
1. A letter from the Landlord verifying rental agreement AND
 2. Driver’s License or other Government issued ID with current address

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- 5. Student Verification Form**
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Rationale: Housekeeping. To match Youth Policy wording in Regulation 14

ADD NEW REGULATION 37: WOMEN’S TEAM SIZE 37.02 that would read:

- 37.02 The maximum number of players on any team under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair Women’s 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 Women’s Field by the respective Commission representative.**
- (b) Commission Chairs shall report all such exceptions to the Vice Chair Women’s Field by 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, 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 (25) 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 Women’s Field shall inform the Secretary Field Directorate to record such approved exceptions**

Rationale: Housekeeping. To match Youth Policy wording in Regulation 15: Youth Team Size

If passed renumber current 37.02 to 37.03

Proposed by Stacy Paterson, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Women’s

REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.09 (a) currently reads:

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.

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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.

Rationale: Housekeeping. To correct lacrosse discipline from Youth to Women’s

Proposed by Stacy Paterson, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Women’s

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

44.10 **Declaration Forms.**

Declaration forms for Women’s Provincial Championships attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Women’s Provincial 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 Women’s Provincial Championship 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 Women’s Provincial Championships, the parent club shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. If a team withdraws from a Provincial Tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subjected to a \$500 fine per team that withdraws if that team withdraws less than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. 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 Women’s Provincial 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.

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Rationale: To match 22.09 Declaration Forms – where fine noted was \$1,000.00 vs \$1,500.00

Proposed by Stacy Paterson, Field Directorate – Vice Chair Women's

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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)
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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)

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November 11 Officials must be certified (for the current playing season)

Rationale: To match Regulation 24: Youth Timeline to include the Provincial Declaration Forms due date
