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Statement from BCLA President Gerry Van Beek

Regarding: Prince George Posse Junior B Team and BC Junior B1 Provincials

BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) understands the frustrations felt by the Prince George Posse Junior B Lacrosse Team's players and supporters.

The BCLA is governed by its Constitution and By-Laws. The regulations that operate events such as leagues and championships are operated by the BCLA Operating Policies. The Junior B Provincials Championships are the purview of the BCLA Senior Directorate. The BCLA Senior Directorate Regulations #8 and #14 have clauses that determine eligibility to Provincial Championships.

The Prince George Posse Junior B lacrosse team unsuccessfully applied to join the Thompson Okanagan Junior B League in the 2026 Box Lacrosse Season. The team asked the BCLA Senior Directorate for another path for an opportunity into the Junior B Provincials. According to policies in Regulations #8 & #14, there was no path forward for 2026. This was not made clear to the Prince George Posse Junior B representatives. The only path to BC Provincial Championships in present Regulations is through a recognized BCLA League. Other teams have attempted application to Provincials Championships by playing exhibition games and have been unsuccessful in entry.

The BCLA Policies are created by its members. These policies attempt to make for fair competition and true championships. They are not perfect and create some angst among the BC Lacrosse members. Those that disagree with decisions have opportunity through BCLA Appeal Policies to have decisions questioned.

Both Prince George Posse and the BC Junior B1 Leagues exercised their rights in using the BC Appeals Policy procedures to get rulings. The initial ruling and final rulings did differ. Both the BCLA Appeal Panel and the Final Appeal to the BCLA Board of



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Directors were correctly adjudicated and the determinations were based on the evidence given at the hearings. The Final Appeal decision was clear that notwithstanding all the other evidence, the BC Senior Directorate policies do not allow a team that was not part of a recognized Junior B league to enter the BCLA Junior B Championships.

Yours in Lacrosse,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Gerry Van Beek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Gerry Van Beek – President.