



2025-2026

WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT DIRECTIVE

For U13, U15 and U18 Divisions – Tiers 1 and 2 (where applicable)

1. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

a. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTOR

A member of the Field Directorate who governs all Provincials for Women's Divisions. Contacts Commissioners to ensure full participation at all levels.

b. CONVENORS

Appointed by the Provincial Championship Director to oversee Championship Tournament, named by the Host Association in their Tournament Application.

Appoints Co-Ordinator's to ensure a successful Provincial. Works with the Provincial Championship Director.

2. DECLARATION FORMS (BCLA Operating Policy 44.10)

Each team wishing to participate in the Provincial Championship Tournament will be required to fill out a declaration form and submit it to the BCLA office by the specified deadline appearing on the declaration form. This form is considered to be a commitment for participation and must be accompanied by payment.

Any team withdrawing after submitting a declaration is subject to penalties under FD policy 44.10.

3. ABUSE AND OFFENSIVE CONDUCT

Verbal abuse, discrimination of any type, among/between players, coaches, and officials will result in the following disciplinary action:

First offence: Expulsion from tournament. This overrules the 5 games stipulated in suspension guidelines.

All other discipline as per [2025-2026 Field Directorate Disciplinary Guidelines – Women's Field Lacrosse](#)

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY (BCLA Operating Policy 44.09)

If games are missed due to injury, a doctor's note must be submitted to the commissioner and then forwarded to the Field Directorate's Vice Chair Women's Field. The note must state the nature of injury, when the injury was sustained, and when the player is cleared to resume playing in games. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of 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.

5. The BCLA will review team rosters as submitted with Declaration. Players not on the roster must have qualified by playing up an age group or caliber for a minimum of four (4) league, sanctioned tournament, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. If adding players, a verified roster form and the required game documents must be submitted by the stated deadline.

6. EXHIBITION GAMES DO NOT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY.

Women players can only participate in one (1) Women's Provincial Championship Tournament and must have played a minimum of four scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up either in caliber (Tier) or one age division. The Field Directorate will review exceptions.

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of 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.

- a. No player may play in more than 2 regulation length games or 3 mini games per calendar day.
- b. Attendance is mandatory at the Provincial Championship Tournament coaches meeting. Each team must be represented by a coach or other team representative. The representative must be able to take responsibility for conveying all information presented at the meeting to relevant team personnel.

7. TEAM PERSONNEL

For each team competing in Provincial Championship Tournament, any coach on the side lines must have the following applicable minimum certification prior to the current season's Women's Provincial Field Lacrosse Championship Tournament as follows:

- U13 - Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)
- U15 - Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)
- U18 - Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)

Team Personnel – Trained coaches, trained assistant coaches, manager(s), and certified trainer.

Trained coaches, trained assistant coaches, and a certified trainer are permitted in the team bench area during a game though ONLY trained coaches and trained assistant coaches may be in the coaches walk.

Each team may have a certified trainer present for each of their games during a Provincial Championship Tournament. Proof of certification must be presented at the Coaches meeting prior to the team's first game.

To be a certified trainer, the person must have proof of the appropriate certification as defined as one of the following:

- Any St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid Course of 8 hours or more
- Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR Course
- Canadian Red Cross Sport First Aid Course
- Any CAHA Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
- A professional designation (i.e., Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse, Physiotherapist, Police Officer, Firefighter)

Changes to Certified Coaches/Trainers and/or Manager must be made two **(2)** weeks prior to the Provincial Championship Tournament. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

Each team can declare a roster of up to twenty-five (25) players. Exceptions for rosters in excess of 25 players require approval in writing from the Field Directorate.

All exceptions and requests for changes are subject to approval by Provincial Championship Tournament Committee comprised of the Field Directorate Representative, Convenor, Co-Ordinator's, and appointees of the Field Directorate.

Any team found to be playing an ineligible player or ineligible players will be expelled from the Tournament and subject to the Team Default fine.

All players on the same team must wear uniform shorts of the same dominant team color. Those players on the team who wear sweatpants must wear the same color sweatpants. The Home team must be prepared with numbered alternate jerseys in case of a color conflict. This will be at the discretion of the officials.

The color of the game ball will be solid yellow.

8. OVERAGE PLAYERS

Any overaged players being permitted to play down an age group in regular League play by the Vice Chair – Women's Field will be eligible for Provincial Round Robin playdowns or Provincial Championship Tournament.

9. RULES

All play will be as per the [2025-2026 WOMEN'S FIELD LACROSSE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES VERSION 1.1 // JANUARY 2025](#) except for duration of games, which may be varied in advance by the Tournament Director, Convenor or Co-Ordinator's based on field availability and time restrictions. Lacrosse Canada, BCLA rules and policy will also be adhered to.

10. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All Women's Teams playing in a recognized league in BC will be eligible to participate in a Provincial Championship Tournament.

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.

11. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The format for each division will be determined by the Provincial Championship Tournament Director and communicated in writing to each team in advance of the tournament unless advised in writing otherwise and subjected to team defaults/expulsions leading to a need for a revised format. Guidelines are as follows:

- a. A win shall be awarded three (3) points; a tie will be awarded one (1) point.
The standings in the Round Robin portion of the tournament will be determined by the number of points. Where ties occur in the point standings after the round robin, see Tie Breaker Rule below.
- b. Game durations for the tournament will be as follows:
 - All Round Robin Games - 1 hour game slots; 4 x 10-minute quarters (3 mins, 5 mins, 3 mins)
 - Crossover & Medal Games - 2-hour game slots; 4 x 15-minute quarters
- c. For Single Group Round Robin (includes ALL Divisions this year) format, the two teams with the highest point totals (1st & 2nd place teams) will advance to the Gold Medal game and the next two highest (3rd & 4th place teams) will advance to the Bronze Medal game.

12. TIE BREAKER RULE - FULL ROUND ROBIN

In the event of a tie in points in BCLA sanctioned tournaments, play downs or Provincials; final standings shall be determined as follows:

TWO TEAMS TIED

- i. the winner of the game, or games between the two teams advances.
- ii. The team with the fewest goals AGAINST will advance.
- iii. If the two teams are still tied, the Goal Differential Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored during the competition shall be used in the goal differential computation.
- iv. If a tie still exists, the team with the least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes is all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
- v. If a tie still exists, then a coin toss will decide the winner.

THREE TEAMS TIED

- i. the team(s) that won the greater number of points in games, during the competition, between the team(s) tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position (Head-to-Head-to-Head)
- ii. the team with the fewest goals AGAINST will advance (includes goals in ALL round robin games)
- iii. If a tie still exists, the Goal Differential Formula will be used to break the tie. Only goals scored in the games between the tied teams during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.
- iv. If a tie still exists, the team with the least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes is all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
- v. If a tie still exists, the Goal Differential Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored in all games during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.

GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA

(Goals For minus Goals Against)

divided by TOTAL Goals

In the formula, the scores of all the games in the Round Robin of the TIED teams are used.

The maximum difference in scores allowed per team will be 12, which is achieved by reducing "Goals for".

Actual scores are used except those matches where the goal difference exceeds 12. In these cases, the goal difference is reduced to 12.

For example, a score of 15 – 1 will be reduced to 13 – 1 before using the goal formula.

13. OVERTIME PROCEDURES:

As per the overtime procedures, Rule 12: Duration of Play, [2025-2026 WOMEN'S FIELD LACROSSE OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES VERSION 1.1 // JANUARY 2025](#)

14. PENALTY DEMERIT SYSTEM:

During Provincial Championship Tournaments, all players will have a 6-point threshold*

Any player who has hit 8 points in any part of the regular season will start with 2 points and will only have a 4-point threshold.

For WL Tournaments, a penalty point system will be in place for players receiving warning cards for personal fouls and to deter unsportsmanlike or dangerous conduct by players:

- Yellow card suspension = 2 penalty points
- Yellow/red card suspension = 4 penalty points
- Red card suspension = 6* penalty points

- a. When a player has accrued 6* penalty points, she will be suspended from the next match of the Championship Tournament
- b. Penalty points are cumulative. Once a player sits out one match, she will sit out a second match if she accrues an additional 6* points.
- c. It is the responsibility of the Technical Delegate or Competitions Chair (Convenor, Official-In-Charge, or a designate) **AS WELL AS the team Coach and/or MANAGER** to advise when a player has accrued 6* points.

**Players will NOT be eligible to receive a Fair Play award if 6 penalty demerit points are accrued during Tournament play.*

15. EQUIPMENT

As per World Lacrosse Official Rules of Women's Field Lacrosse:

All participants (goalies and players) playing in the BCLA women's field lacrosse Provincial championship tournament must play with World Lacrosse approved crosses so long as they comply with the game official's stick check at time of play.

All players must wear goggles.

16. GAME OFFICIALS

- a. Each team will be required to provide one qualified bench official (TIME & SCORE Keeper) for each round robin game played.
- b. During the Round Robin portion of the tournament, the HOME team will provide the SCOREKEEPER & the AWAY team will provide the TIMEKEEPER. The Tournament will be using RAMP game sheets and require the volunteers to be proficient in using the system.
- c. Bench officials (Score & Time keepers) for Medal Games will be appointed by the Tournament Co-Ordinator, subject always to the approval of the Provincial Championship Tournament Director.
- d. Game Officials will be chosen by the BCLOG Vice Chair of Women's Field or the Provincial tournament Official-in-Chief, firstly from the ranks of all certified field officials, and (if necessary), secondly from the next best experienced officials available.
- e. Official-in-Chief will be assigned by the BCLOG Vice Chair – Field Lacrosse.
- f. Official Fees - Paid by the Field Directorate (BCLA as per Hosting Agreement). All games in the Women's Divisions will have:
 - **Round Robin** – 2 on-field Officials per game
 - **Medal Games** – 3 on-field Officials per game

All crossover and Medal Games: A Chief Bench Official WILL be added at their standard per game fee.

Fees as set by the BC Lacrosse Officials Association (BCLOG).

17. AWARDS

- Medals - Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded, where applicable.
- The U13, U15, and U18 Champions will each receive B.C. Provincial Championship Tournament Medals.
- MVP for each Division will be chosen for the Provincials (one per division/tier, if applicable)
- Warrior Fair Play Award (one player per participating team)

18. TEAMS DEFAULTING

Once a team has committed to attend a Provincial Championship Tournament (Provincial Declaration form turned into the BCLA), that team will be expected to show up and remain for all its scheduled games as well as the Award ceremonies (if applicable) for their age division. 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.

Should a team qualify for Provincial Championship Tournament and be unable to attend, the PROVINCIAL Championship Tournament CO-ORDINATOR is to be informed as soon as possible so the Provincial Championship Tournament Director can fill the vacancy. Should a team default a game during the championship, it will not only be automatically eliminated from further play but subject to the aforementioned fine.

Should an emergency arise which necessitates a team leaving early, the Provincial Championship Tournament Director and Convenor shall be consulted.

19. BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals
- Overall Tournament MVP awards, 1 per Division
- Warrior Fair Play Award, 1 per participating team
- Official fees – including the medal rounds.
- Game balls
- Fields
- Ensure that qualified MEDICAL PERSONNEL are in attendance at all times.

20. SUPPLIED BY HOST CLUB

- Bench officials (impartial score & timekeepers) for Medal games.
- Convenor's office for tournament headquarters
- Meeting space for all bench officials and on-field Officials to be held at the same time as the coaches meeting, prior to the tournament. Online meetings can be held prior to the tournament start if the Official-in-Charge deems it feasible.
- Bench officials' (time and score keeper) tables and chairs for each field.
- Field lacrosse nets for each field
- Field lining equipment, including a sufficient number of cones.
- Bench officials' equipment (stopwatches, scoresheets, pens, etc.)
- Tents, chairs, ice, and central location provided for medical personnel.

21. DUTIES OF THE HOST CLUB

- Ensure that facilities are adequate and safe.
- Ensure that qualified bench officials (SCORE & TIME keepers) are available for Medal games.
- Ensure that a written report of the tournament is prepared and presented, along with the original copy of all game sheets, if applicable
- Submit all program information by deadline as imposed by the BCLA, if applicable

22. WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES/CANCELLATIONS

If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championship Tournament was not completed, then the tournament will be cancelled, and no medals will be awarded.

If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championship Tournament is completed, then the winner and/or outcome will be decided by the Provincial Championship Committee.

23. OTHER

No photographers/videographers permitted on the field of play without the prior permission of the Provincial Championship Tournament Committee.

No objects (chairs, tables, ladders, tents) are permitted on the field of play without the permission of the Provincial Championship Tournament Committee.