

2025-2026 YOUTH PROVINCIAL FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTIVE

U18, U15, U13 Divisions - Tiers 1 and 2

1. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

- a) **PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR**
A member of the Field Directorate who governs all Provincials for Youth Divisions.
Contacts Commissioners to ensure full participation at all levels.
- b) **CONVENORS**
Appointed by the Provincial Director to oversee Championship Tournament.
Appoints Coordinators to ensure a successful Provincial.

2. DECLARATION

Each team wishing to participate in Provincial Championships 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 a commitment for participation and must be accompanied by a payment for \$150.00 - made payable to the BCLA. Any team withdrawing after submitting a declaration is subject to penalties under FD policy 22.10

3. ABUSE AND OFFENSIVE CONDUCT

Verbal abuse, discrimination of any sort among/between players, coaches, 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 Field Directorate Discipline and Suspension Guide.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) The BCLA will review rosters for player eligibility.
- b) Players not on the verified rosters must have qualified by playing up an age group or calibre for a minimum of four league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team.
EXHIBITION GAMES DO NOT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY.
Eligibility must be verified by game sheets or RAMP reports and all the information must be submitted to the BCLA by the stated deadline.
- c) Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship.
Youth players must meet the minimum number of games of participation as per Field Directorate Operating Policy section 22.08.
- d) 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 -Youth. 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.
- e) No player may play in more than 2 regulation games or 3 mini games (as per regulation 21.04) per calendar day.
- f) Attendance is mandatory at the Provincial Championship coaches meeting. Each team must be represented by a coach or team representative. The representative must take responsibility to convey all information presented at the meeting to relevant team personnel.
- g) An Official Team Verification Roster shall be completed by each team. Once completed and verified by the BCLA, no changes will be permitted.

4. TEAM PERSONNEL

- a) For each team competing in Provincial Championships, any coach on the side lines must have the following applicable minimum certification prior to the current season's Youth Provincial Field Lacrosse Championships as follows:
 - U13 – Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)
 - U15 - Field Lacrosse Competitive Introduction (Field Lacrosse Level 2 old NCCP)
 - U18 - Field Lacrosse Competitive Introduction (Field Lacrosse Level 2 old NCCP)

- b) 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 may be in the coaches walk. Each team may have a certified trainer present for each of their games during a Provincial Championship. Proof of certification must be presented to the Tournament Convenor 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:
 - 1) Any St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid Course of 8 hours or more
 - 2) Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR Course
 - 3) Canadian Red Cross Sport First Aid Course
 - 4) Any CAHA Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
 - 5) A professional designation (i.e., Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse, Physiotherapist, Police Officer, Firefighter)
- c) Changes to Trained Coaches/Trainers and/or Manager must be done two weeks prior to the Provincial Championship Tournament. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.
- d) Each team can declare a roster of up to 25 players. Exceptions for rosters more than 25 players require approval in writing from the Field Directorate.
- e) All exceptions and requests for changes are subject to approval by Provincial Championship Tournament Committee comprised of the Field Directorate Representative, Convenor, Coordinators, and appointees of the Field Directorate.
- f) Age restrictions are as follows: U18, U15, U13
- g) 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.
- h) All players on the same team must wear uniform shorts of the same dominant team colour. Those players on the team who wear sweatpants must wear the same colour sweatpants.

5. OVERAGE PLAYERS

Any overaged players being permitted to play down an age group in regular league play by the Vice Chair - Youth Field will be eligible for Provincial Round Robin playdowns or Provincial Championships.

6. RULES

All play will be as per the current World Lacrosse Official Rules of Men's Field Lacrosse except for duration of games, which may be varied in advance by the Tournament Director, Convenor or Coordinators based on field availability and time restrictions. Lacrosse Canada & BCLA rules and policy will also be adhered to.

7. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All Youth Teams playing in a recognized league in BC will be eligible to participate in a Provincial 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 to the spot.

8. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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

- a) In Round Robin play a win shall be awarded three points and a tie will be awarded one 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.
- b) For single division Round Robin format, the two teams with the highest point totals will advance to the Gold Medal game and the next two highest (3rd & 4th place teams) will advance to the Bronze Medal game.
- c) For two-pool Round Robin format (8 teams), the two teams with the most points in each pool will advance to the crossover games (i.e., Pool "A" team #1 versus Pool "B" team #2; Pool "A" team #2 versus Pool "B" team #1). The winners of the crossover games advance to the Gold Medal game. The losers of the crossover games play the Bronze medal game. Every attempt will be made to balance the two pools.
- d) For 6 teams, single division Round Robin format will be used.

9. TIE BREAKER RULE

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

- a), the winner of game, or games between the two teams advances.
- b) the team with the fewest goals against will advance
- c) If the two teams are still tied, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie with a cap of 12 goals per game.
EXAMPLE: If a team wins by 15 only a point spread of +12 (winner) or -12 (loser) will be used.
- d) If a tie still exists, the team with the least Personal 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 in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
- e) If a tie still exists, then a coin toss will decide the winner.

THREE TEAMS TIED

If at any time one team is distinguished from the other two teams but the tie still must be broken, then this order of tie breaking will continue to be followed with the two teams still in question.

- a) Three or more teams tied, 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)
- b) the team with the fewest goals against **in all round-robin games** will advance
- c) If the teams are still tied, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie with a cap of 12 goals per game. Only goals scored in games between the tied teams during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.
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- d) If a tie still exists, the team with the least Personal 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 in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
- e) If a tie still exists, the Goal Average 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 with a cap of 12 goals per game.
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GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA

Goals For divided by the sum of Goals For + Goals Against = Goal Average

The team with the goal average closest to 1.0 shall be declared the winner

NOTE: If teams are still tied, the following will be used, in this order, until one method results in a winner being identified:

- 1st - Least Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty minutes
- 2nd - Power Play goals
- 3rd - Names drawn

10. GAME OFFICIALS

- a) Game Officials will be chosen by the BCLOG Vice Chair Lacrosse, firstly from the ranks of all certified field Officials, and (if necessary), secondly from the next best experienced Officials available. The game officials will be assigned by the OIC in consultation with the Provincial Convenor.
 - b) Official-in-Charge will be assigned by the BCLOG Vice Chair – Field Lacrosse.
 - c) Bench officials for Medal Games will be appointed by the tournament co-ordinator, subject always to the approval of the Provincial Director.
 - d) Each team will be required to provide one **experienced** bench official for each round robin game played.
- NOTE: To all participating teams - if you have qualified bench officials travelling with your team, please make the Co-Ordinator aware of these people as he/she may need help during the tournament.

e) Officials Fees - Paid by the Field Directorate (BCLA as per Hosting Agreement)

Round Robin (2 Officials) Cross over and Medal Games (3 Officials)
U13 - Tier 1 and 2

Round Robin (3 Officials) Cross over and Medal Games (3 Officials)
U15 - Tier 1 and 2
U18 - Tier 1 and 2

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

A Chief Bench Official will be added **at a full** game fee for crossover and medal games.

11. AWARDS

a) Medals

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded.

b) The U18, U15 and U13 Provincial Champions will each receive a Provincial Plaque (to be kept by team).

c) MVP for each Division will be chosen for the Provincials. One per Division.

d) Field Lacrosse Player of the Tournament

12. TEAMS DEFAULTING

Once a team has committed to attend a Provincial Championship (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 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 Championships and be unable to attend, the PROVINCIAL CO-ORDINATOR is to be informed as soon as possible so the Provincial 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 Director and Convenor shall be consulted.

13. BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals
- Championship keeper plaques for each division
- MVP per Division awards
- Field Lacrosse Player of the Tournament Award
- Officials fees – including the medal rounds
- Game balls
- Fields

14. SUPPLIED BY HOST CLUB

- Bench officials for Cross-overs and Medal games.
- Any special awards such as most sportsmanlike team All-Stars, etc.
- Convenor's office for tournament headquarters
- Meeting space for all bench officials and Officials to be held at the same time as the coaches meeting, prior to the tournament.
- Any other items necessary for a smooth-running tournament
- Equipment
 - Bench officials tables and chairs for each field
 - Field lacrosse nets for each field
 - Field lining equipment, including cones
 - Bench officials' equipment (stopwatches, scoresheets, pens, etc.)

15. DUTIES OF THE HOST CLUB

- Ensure that facilities are adequate and safe.
- Ensure that qualified bench officials are available for Medal games.
- Ensure that there is a roped off area behind the benches in order to keep spectators away from the teams. The area should run 5 metres beyond the **restraining lines** on each end of the field.
- Ensure that a written report of the tournament is prepared and presented, along with the original copy of all game Sheets to the Provincial Director
- Co-ordinate all sponsorship, promotion and advertising with the BCLA to avoid conflicts with existing sponsors.

- Submit all program information by deadline as imposed by the BCLA.
- A social activity involving all participants and families may be held (optional, but highly recommended)

16. WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES/CANCELLATIONS

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

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

17. OTHER

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

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