

Hosting BCLA Field Provincial Championships

A Guide for Associations

Frequently Asked Questions

What Happens If Our Association Is Chosen as Host?

When the BCLA Field Directorate selects your Association to host the Provincial Championships, the responsibility extends to your entire Association—not just the teams participating as hosts, such as U13 or U15. You will require support from various members of your Association. One essential step is to appoint a Host Convener, a key volunteer who will coordinate the event. This individual will receive all necessary information to ensure the event runs smoothly.

Costs Associated with Hosting Provincials

BCLA covers several major expenses, including floor time and officials. BCLA also orders medals, banners, and mementos for the event. Additionally, BCLA will contribute towards other costs, such as the coaches' meeting, hospitality suite, and event program—each up to \$250.

Fundraising Opportunities During Provincials

As the host Association, you are allowed to retain funds generated from additional activities organized with your volunteers. Previous hosts have successfully raised money through licensed 50/50 draws, licensed raffles, burger and concession sales, and display sponsorships. These initiatives are permitted, provided there is no conflict with BCLA sponsors.

Is Hosting Provincials Difficult?

Most Associations find hosting Provincials to be one of the simpler tournaments to manage. BCLA takes care of scheduling, officials, and communications with coaches and managers, as well as on-floor matters. The primary responsibility of the host is to ensure that the event is enjoyable for the participants.

Deciding the Number and Timing of Games

BCLA will inform your Association of the number of teams attending Provincials and the required number of games. There is a predetermined tournament format and schedule for the appropriate number of teams, and BCLA will collaborate with you to finalize the timing for all games.

Necessary Supplies and Where to Obtain Them

BCLA supplies all items required for game operations, such as balls, online codes, and office supplies. They also provide resources like posters and schedules. BCLA will work with you to ensure all essential items are prepared, while still allowing you to add elements that make the event memorable.

Volunteer Requirements

The number of volunteers needed depends on the type of event you wish to host. Fewer volunteers mean fewer off-field activities. However, involving your entire Association from the outset will help create a fun and successful event. At minimum, volunteers are needed for tournament headquarters, scorekeeping and timekeeping for crossover and medal games, security, and a hospitality suite.

Accommodations for Travelling Teams

While it is not mandatory to use a specific company, the BCLA Office can enlist Sport Teams Accommodations to book blocks of rooms for teams. It is recommended to contact local hotels and motels to secure rates, providing teams with options. Before applying to host Provincials, ensure you are aware of other events in your community that may affect accommodation availability.

Further Questions

If you have any additional questions, please email info@bclacrosse.com. Your inquiry will be directed to the appropriate person who can provide the necessary feedback.