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**OPERATING POLICY:**

***FIELD LACROSSE***

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# BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

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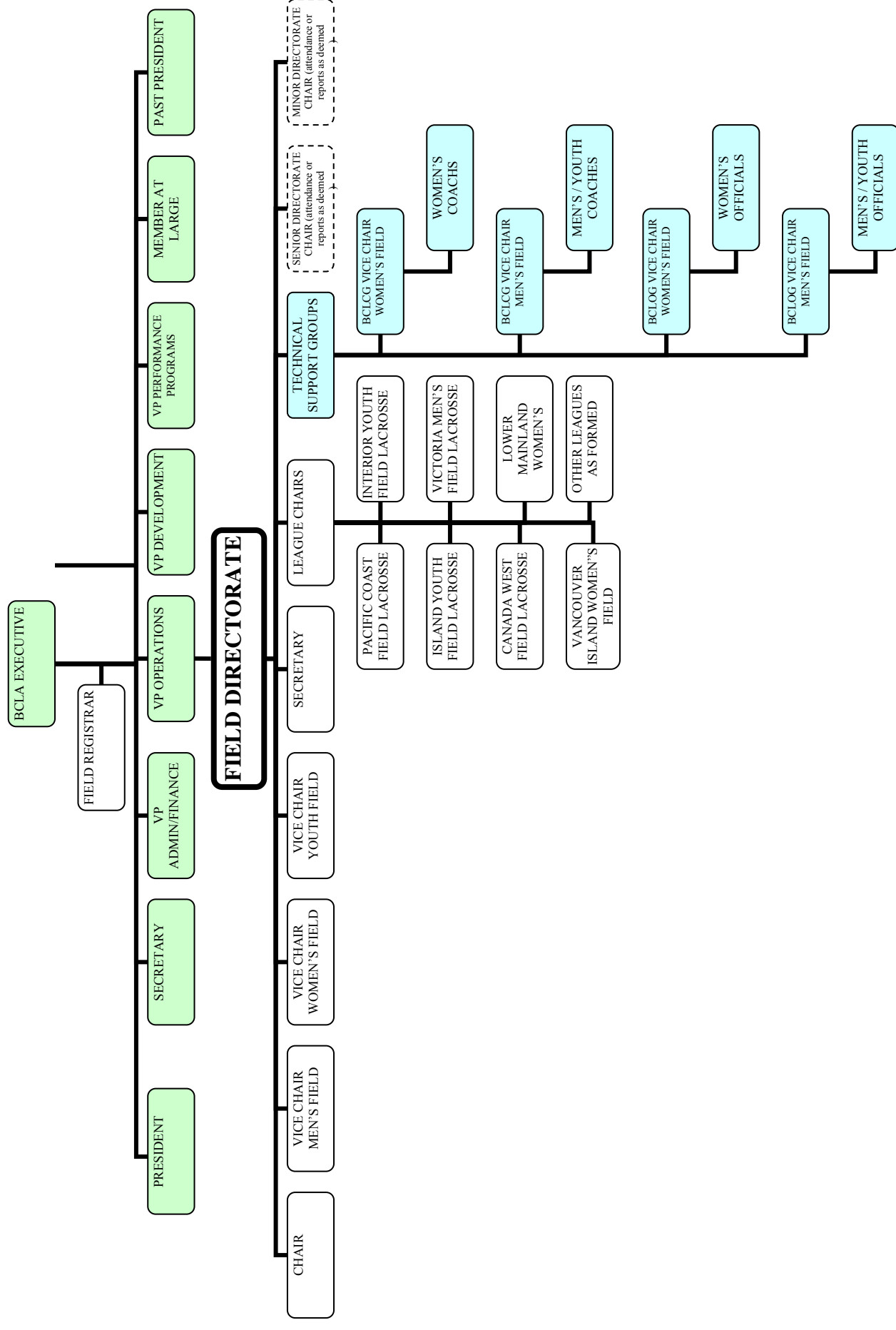
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## **FIELD DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY**

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To strengthen and expand the participation, interest and support in Field Lacrosse, by developing and/or enhancing youth, women's and men's programs, at both the recreational and competitive levels in BC. All regulations apply equally to all sectors of senior, youth and women's field lacrosse, except where noted.

### **REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **FIELD DIRECTORATE CHAIR**

- Responsible to the VP of Operations of the BCLA
- To act as direct liaison with the BCLA executive and the Technical Director
- Will be elected to a two-year term in even numbered years
- To chair all Field Directorate meetings

#### **FIELD DIRECTORATE PAST CHAIR**

- Shall act as a liaison between the previous and current Field Directorate
- Will help maintain the continuity and direction of the Field Directorate, and will act as mentor to the newly elected Field Directorate Chair and Vice Chair when necessary
- This position will be immediately following the individual's final term as Chair
- Is not a voting member of the Field Directorate

#### **SECRETARY**

- Assist Chair with duties as required.
- Responsible to attend and record minutes of all meetings and for the distribution of said minutes.
- Forward ratified commissioner contact information to the BCLA Office.
- Keep database of association contacts current.
- Elected for a two-year term in even numbered years.

#### **REGISTRAR**

- 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.

#### **VICE CHAIR - YOUTH**

- Will be the contact for all youth teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of youth programs in BC
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
- Will be the liaison between the BCLA Field Directorate and the Leagues
- Will oversee the U18, U15, U13, U11, U9 and U7 age divisions
- Will be elected for a two-year term in odd numbered years.

#### **VICE CHAIR - MEN'S FIELD**

- Will be the contact for all men's teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of men's programs in BC
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
- Will oversee any teams attending national championships
- Will be elected for a two-year term in odd numbered years

#### **VICE CHAIR - WOMEN'S FIELD**

- Will be the contact for all senior women's and women's teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of senior women's and women's programs in BC
- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association
- Will be the liaison between the BCLA Field Directorate and the Leagues
- Will oversee the Senior Women's, U18, U15, U13, U11, U9 and U7 age divisions
- Will be elected for a two-year term in even numbered years.

### **LEAGUE CHAIR OR DESIGNATE**

- Submit Executive list of your league to the Field Directorate
- Chair League meetings as required
- League agreement must be submitted to Field Directorate by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year
- Written League reports must be submitted to the Secretary one week before Field Directorate meetings.

### **HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CHAIR OR DESIGNATE**

- Chair league meetings as required.
- Position will be appointed by the Directorate and will not carry a vote.

### **COMMISSIONERS**

- 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.

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.

Voting members can only vote on General Field Directorate Operating Policies REGULATIONS 1-12, and the area they represent.

Any nomination of an individual for election must be supported by a Member, must include the written consent of the nominee, and must be submitted to the BCLA office 30 days prior to the Special Session.

Nominations will be circulated to the Members twenty-one (21) days prior to the Special Session, and elections will take place at the Special Session. In the event there are no nominations for a position for which an election is to occur submitted within the timelines, an individual may be nominated from the floor of the Special Session.

## **REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE**

The control of all league competition shall be vested in the league. The control of High School competition shall be vested by the High School League (Directive).

The control of inter-league, inter-provincial competition and provincial championship play shall be vested in the Field Directorate who may establish a league to govern such play.

- 2.01 The Field Directorate shall establish leagues to govern youth and female youth leagues and playoff competition.
- 2.02 High School will run its own league and playoff competition but are governed by Field Directorate.
- 2.03 These leagues should consist of:
  - (a) Chair
  - (b) Vice Chair
  - (c) Secretary
  - (d) Treasurer
  - (e) Registrar
  - (f) Female Field Co-ordinator
  - (g) Immediate Past Chair
- 2.04 Membership in a league is comprised of the league executive, commissioners and associations that fall within the boundaries of the league.

### REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS

- 3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in alignment with Lacrosse Canada (LC) defined age groups:

#### Mixed Youth (Men's Field)

U7 Field	5 and 6 years old
U9 Field	7 and 8 years old
U11 Field	9 and 10 years old
U13 Field	11 and 12 years old
U15 Field	13 and 14 years old
U18 Field	15, 16 and 17 years old
Senior Men's	18 years and over

#### Female Youth (Women's Field)

U7 Women's Field	5 and 6 years old
U9 Women's Field	7 and 8 years old
U11 Women's Field	9 and 10 years old
U13 Women's Field	11 and 12 years old
U15 Women's Field	13 and 14 years old
U18 Women's Field	15, 16 and 17 years old
Senior Women's Field	18 years and over

Age is determined to be the age of a player that they will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. Calendar year is January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Example: for U18, player cannot turn 18 at any time during the calendar year to be eligible.

### REGULATION 4: PROOF OF AGE

- 4.01 The Registrar of the association shall sign all applications for registrations or designate to which the player belongs, and shall, in the Minor age groups, have visual confirmation of division of proof of age in one of the following forms:
- Government Birth Certificate
  - Current Passport
  - Certificate of Indian Status Card
  - Current Government ID
- 4.02 In the event that none of the above is available, the Field Directorate may permit the player to play within its jurisdiction, after conducting its due diligence to accurately determine the birth year of the player. Such approval shall be forwarded to the BCLA Office and the Field Registrar, and ratified.

### REGULATION 5: PROVINCIAL TROPHIES

- 5.01 An association or league must be responsible for the care and safekeeping of any trophy won by it or any of its players. If any trophy is lost or damaged while in the care of the team, or any of its players, the cost of repair or replacement will be charged to that association or league.
- 5.02 All trophies shall be returned to the Provincial Tournament Office by the team responsible for them before they leave the tournament site. Arrangements to remove the award(s) from the tournament site can be made with the approval of the BCLA Office. Such delivery in good condition shall relieve the team of any further responsibility for the care and safekeeping of the trophy or trophies so delivered.

### REGULATION 6: FACILITIES

- 6.01 All Associations must advise League Commissioners and/or Scheduler of their home field(s) location and time availability prior to drawing up the schedule or permission to operate. Before being granted approval, every team must satisfy the League Commissioner that suitable accommodation is provided.

- 6.02 The home association shall provide a timekeeper with stop watch(es) and a scorekeeper, as well as such other equipment as is normally required for the conduct of a game.
- 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.
- 6.04 The home team shall be held responsible for assuring the playing area is suitable for all games to the satisfaction of the officials.
- 6.05 No team may change its home game from one venue to another without prior permission of the League Commissioner. Such permission may be granted only if the move complies with the Regulations.
- 6.06 (a) The playing field for youth levels and up will be consistent with World Lacrosse dimensions or as the field space allows.  
(b) The playing field for all women divisions will be consistent with World Lacrosse dimensions or as the field space allows.
- 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.

## **REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS**

- 7.01 Tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations or Commissions wishing to host tournaments must apply to the Field Directorate by 15<sup>th</sup> August. The Field Directorate will determine whether to sanction the tournament, based on all tournament applications and respective dates requested. The Field Directorate will maintain a master schedule and pass the information to all associations, Commissions and League Commissioners. The sanctioned list will be published to all members to begin the registration process.
- 7.02 For any sanctioned league tournaments, the host is responsible for all the costs of out of zone officials as deemed necessary by the vice chair of officials so that sufficient officials are available proportionate to the number of teams registered and games scheduled.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 7.06 All tournament game sheets must be collected by the Commission-approved Tournament Commissioner. Electronic copies of all game sheets must be sent to all League Commissioners



- for the Leagues of all participating teams within ten (10) days of the tournament's conclusion by the Commissioner. Original game sheets must be retained by the Tournament commissioner. Failure of the Tournament Commissioner to supply tournament game sheets to Commissioners may result in the loss of future tournament sanctioning.
- 7.07 Tournament Co-ordinators cannot ask for any personal information (i.e. birthdates, addresses, etc.) from players, due to privacy issues.
- 7.08 Tournament rules and regulations will be submitted to the Field Directorate prior to receiving sanction. If there are changes or updates, a revised version must be submitted to the Field Directorate at least one week before the tournament. A copy of the rules and regulations as accepted by the Field Directorate will be given to the coach or manager of each team participating in the tournament, prior to the team's first game.
- 7.09 Once a team is fully registered and confirmed by the Tournament Host, "failure to show" at any game by any team registered in a sanctioned tournament will result in a possible fine up to a maximum of \$500 to the Home Association of said team, subject to extenuating circumstances as accepted by the Field Directorate. Instances of "failure to show" shall be reported to the Field Directorate for a decision as to whether the instance was a valid "failure to show" and if the extenuating circumstances, if any, were warranted.
- 7.10 Where there are two or more teams from one Association in Youth U7 and U9 and Women U7 and U9, crisscross of players from one team to another, where it is necessary for entry into a tournament and for tournament play only, will be allowed with permission from the Association's President and League Chair. To have players crisscross laterally, this shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) players per tournament entered. Each player is only able to crisscross over laterally a maximum of one (1) tournament in the season.
- 7.11 (a) For the purposes of developing women's field lacrosse, female players playing on a Youth team, on application to the Field Directorate Vice Chair Women's Field, apply to participate with a women's field lacrosse team attending a women's field lacrosse tournament. Games played will not count towards Provincial's eligibility. An online women's field lacrosse registration must be filled out prior to playing in the tournament.
- (b) For the purposes of developing women's field lacrosse, female players playing on a women's field lacrosse team, on completion of request form and submission to the Field Directorate Women's Field Lacrosse Vice Chair, apply to participate with a women's field Lacrosse team attending a women's field Lacrosse exhibition/tournament/jamboree.
- 7.12 **Out of Province and out of Country Travel Permits**
- (a) An application form for travel outside of province or country must be completed and submitted to the BCLA Office for approval within the following timelines:  
 Out of Province – 14 days before the event  
 Out of Country – 14 days before the event
- (b) All teams traveling out of country must arrange travel and additional medical insurance of out of country medical needs.
- (c) Only teams made up of players and coaches duly registered with the BC Lacrosse Association (in the same discipline) or teams made up of players and coaches duly registered under a BCLA-sanctioned program can obtain a travel permit. A list of the team roster including coaches must accompany this travel permit. Coaches are to be identified by their NCCP numbers and certification levels.
- (d) Traveling teams may only compete against teams or in tournament events approved in this permit. Games must be sanctioned by the recognized lacrosse governing body for that region.
- (e) Traveling teams must adhere to the rules of competition in which they are participating.

- (f) Teams participating in any tournament or exhibition series shall abide by the rules of the Host with regard to any minor and/or major suspension, which may be more or less severe than the BCLA Suspension Guidelines. Teams must ensure that any suspensions in force from their local associations are served during the games with game sheets marked accordingly in tournament games covered by this permit. Suspensions may not be served during exhibition games.
- (g) For all BCLA/LC sanctioned tournaments, scoresheets must be submitted to the local commissioner within three (3) days of returning home from the tournament. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary action and/or suspension of the coach.
- (h) **Traveling teams shall remain subject to the BCLA Operating Policies and Codes of Conduct** with regard to disciplinary matters and behavioural conduct. Teams are representing their local associations and the BCLA; therefore, the conduct of the team must be indicative of this responsibility.
- (i) Teams traveling outside of Canada must follow all LC and BCLA policies as these teams are now representing the Lacrosse Canada and the BC Lacrosse Association.

#### 7.13 **Tournaments Hosting Out-Of-Province and Out-Of-Country Teams**

- (a) Associations hosting a tournament must notify the BCLA Office of all teams attending from out of province. Out-of-province teams must have permission from their governing body to attend a tournament in BC. Confirmation of permission must be provided by the visiting teams' governing body to the BCLA Office two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.
- (b) Any team from out-of-province/out-of-country attending a tournament within BC must provide proof of insurance with a minimum of \$5,000,000 (five million) of liability insurance coverage. Copies of insurance documentation must be provided to the BCLA Office two weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

#### 7.14 **Cross-Border League Play**

- (a) British Columbia teams playing in a league based outside of the Province of BC must be properly registered with the BCLA and an out of province or out of country travel permit must be filed with the BCLA Office before league play starts. The team must have permission from their local governing authority in order to participate in the out of province/out of country league and must inform the appropriate Directorate of their intent to play in an out of province league before league play commences.
- (b) Out of province teams playing in a British Columbia-based league must have proof of basic medical coverage in BC, extended health insurance, and proof of liability insurance before playing in BC. The players must be properly registered with their teams and the team must have permission from their local governing authority to participate in the BC-based league, as well as permission of the local BC authority. The local BC authority must inform the appropriate Directorate of the out of province/country team's participation before league play commences.
- (c) Any team from out of province/out of country playing within BC must provide proof of insurance with a minimum of \$3,000,000 (three million) of liability insurance coverage. Copies of insurance documentation must be provided to the BCLA Office two weeks prior to start of play.

### **REGULATION 8: CAMPS/SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS/CLINICS**

- 8.01 Associations wishing to host any camps/skills development sessions/clinics must apply to the Field Directorate through the BCLA Office a minimum of four weeks prior to the first day of the camp/skills development session/clinic.
- 8.02 The application will be reviewed by the BCLA Office and approved by the Field Directorate Chair (or designate).

- 8.03 All of the following rules must be followed or the camp will not be a BCLA-sanctioned event and will not be insured under the BCLA Liability and/or Accident Medical/Dental Insurance program. It will be the responsibility of the Member Association to ensure that:
1. All players must be currently registered with the BC Lacrosse Association.
  2. All Camps/Skills Development Sessions/Clinics must have the approval of their Local Lacrosse Association Executive/Board. This is confirmed by the Local Association President's signature on the form.
  3. All Camps/Skills Development Sessions/Clinics must have the approval of the BC Lacrosse Association.
  4. All instructors, including senior/youth field lacrosse athletes who are participating as instructors, must have the appropriate NCCP Coach Certification or other recognized Coaching Certification if from out of Country.
  5. All adult instructors have completed a criminal record check within the last three years.
  6. Any youth field lacrosse athletes assisting instructors with camps/skills development sessions/clinics must wear all appropriate protective equipment, including a mouthguard.
  7. All camps/skills development sessions/clinics must be held within the boundaries of the local association applying to host the camps/skills development sessions/clinics, or with the approval of the local Association President of affected club.
- 8.04 A skills development session or clinic is an event intended to introduce players to the game or to enhance player skill and development. It should be free of charge for all participants. It may include development drills and other activities of the participants.
- 8.05 Players register and participate on an individual basis (not as part of a team). Any skills development sessions or clinics may include short scrimmage matches to assist in development, but is not the appropriate venue for team versus team play. Such play shall be considered non-sanctioned.
- 8.06 Associations wishing to host skills development sessions or clinics must advise the league Chair who, in turn, will advise the Field Directorate so that a record of skills development sessions or clinics may be held by the Field Directorate and BCLA.
- 8.07 Skills development sessions or clinics may be used to introduce new players to the sport and it is the Host Association's responsibility to ensure any new/non-BCLA registered players wear appropriate safety equipment, and that a parent/guardian has completed a registration form and liability waiver before the child can participate in the skills development sessions or clinics. Copies of these completed forms must be retained by the Home Association.

## **REGULATION 9: TRANSPORT AND SUPPORT**

- 9.01 Within the confines of budget, the BCLA may offer assistance to conveners or designates at Provincial Championships, National Championships or invitational tournaments.

## **REGULATION 10: CONDUCT**

### **10.01 General Conduct**

Coaches, assistants, managers, trainers and bench personnel should be registered with the team.

Every participant in lacrosse is responsible for proper observance of the BC Lacrosse Association Constitution and By-laws, Operating Policies, Rules and Philosophy. BCLA members should place the betterment and welfare of lacrosse and their players above their personal, team and association interests.

It is the responsibility of the BCLA members to promote and foster good conduct of all team personnel and supporters at all lacrosse functions, and help ensure respect for all lacrosse officials, participants and spectators.

Team and association personnel and supporters should refrain from approaching any official or member of the Field Directorate at or immediately following a game with reference to situations within that game.

All members and supporters of all teams and associations, when in public and recognized as lacrosse members and supporters, must conduct themselves in such a manner as to always enhance the image of lacrosse.

Associations will be responsible for team personnel, association personnel, and supporters (fans) who abuse (verbally or physically) any volunteers in any official capacity or spectator, and will be subject to disciplinary action by the Field Directorate.

**10.02 Alcohol and Drugs**

No one involved in a lacrosse game or practice should be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, nor should alcohol be consumed before, during or after a game or practice. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited at game or practice sites, and dressing rooms.

**10.03 Player Tampering**

Player tampering shall be recognized when a coach, association or team official acts in a manner encouraging or enticing a player from another team to: hold out or delay registering; request a release or transfer; join another team, association, club or zone.

**10.04 Maintenance of Order**

All persons, including those paying admission or receiving passes, who attend games under the jurisdiction of the BCLA, shall be deemed to have agreed that they were admitted on the condition that they abide by the rules and philosophy of the BCLA, even to the extent that they may be ordered removed from any or all playing sites (including areas reserved for spectators).

## **REGULATION 11: AMENDMENTS**

- 11.01 Field Directorate Special Session is to be held the month of April, with the date being determined by the Field Directorate Executive.
- 11.02 The Operating Regulations of the Field Directorate shall not be altered except at a Special Session of the Field Directorate, and shall be made only by a majority vote of the members voting thereon.
- 11.03 Notice of the proposed amendments shall be given in writing to the BCLA Office at least forty-five days before the day of the Special Session, and the proposed amendments shall be circulated to the member/club/association at least thirty days prior to the Special Session.

## **REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS**

- 12.01 All Suspensions are to be made by the Commissioner in charge of the League.
- 12.02 A Commissioner may not levy a suspension of more than five games to any one person per infraction. With the exception of Coaches/Bench Personnel, the Commissioner may recommend further suspensions in writing to the governing Commission.
- 12.03 If any Coach/Bench personnel receives a five-game suspension from a League Commissioner, the Commissioner may recommend in writing that a further suspension may be warranted by the BCLCG. The Commissioner may at any time ask the BCLCG to investigate the conduct or ethical behaviour of a coach or bench personnel without handing down any suspension. Results of these actions must be related in writing back to the Commissioner and the governing Commission.
- 12.04 In event a Commissioner asks for a levy of more than five games, there shall be a hearing. With the exception of Coaches/Bench Personnel, the hearing will be at the call of the governing Commission Chair.
- 12.05 A written report, including official's report and game sheet, will be provided to the Commission Chair by the Commissioner making the request, and it shall be required that a Commissioner interview, prior to the hearing, the person accused of the infraction.
- 12.06 If a Coach/Bench staff is involved, a written report, including official's report and sheet must be provided to the BCLCG Chair by the Commission making the request. The Commissioner may be requested to attend the BCLCG Conduct Committee hearing.
- 12.07 A member may receive an initial verbal notification of a fine, suspension or decision directly face to face or by telephone. This must be followed by a formal written notification presented, e-mailed or mailed and post-marked within seventy-two (72) hours to the member after initial verbal notification.

- 12.08 The suspended person and the association President are to be notified in advance of any hearing, and may be present and be allowed to speak on the individual's behalf. At a provincial championship, the team head coach will be notified if the President is not present. See General Operating Policy Regulation 11 for the Jurisdiction of suspensions.
- 12.09 (a) A suspended player may only serve the suspension during games played by the team the player is officially registered with.
- (b) While under suspension, a suspended player cannot be on the players' side of the field prior to or during the player's team's game(s). The suspended player can watch the game, with the spectators, from the opposite side of the player's bench.
- 12.10 (a) A suspended coach may only serve the suspension during games played by the team the coach received the suspension for; however, a coach is suspended from all BCLA Field Lacrosse related activities until such suspension is served.
- (b) While under suspension, a suspended coach cannot be at the game venue prior to or during coach's team's game(s).
- 12.11 Any suspension up to and including five games are not subject to appeal.

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## YOUTH FIELD OPERATING POLICY

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**Please Note: All General Regulations (Regulations 1-12) apply equally to all sectors of Youth, Senior Men's and Women's Field Lacrosse in addition to sector specific Regulations.**

### REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION

- 13.01 Only associations or clubs registered with the BCLA may sign players. These may be Field Clubs or Executive branches of existing lacrosse clubs.
- 13.02 Registration of the above association and other obligations to the BCLA shall entitle an association to register players with the Field Directorate
- 13.03 The onus of being properly registered is the responsibility of the Associations or teams, and not the BCLA.
- 13.04 Each Association is responsible to enter and maintain the Association's players on the BCLA on-line player database. Associations with less than 40 players are encouraged to use the BCLA on-line registration system, and those with 41 or more players are required to use the BCLA on-line registration system (whereby parents register on-line with their local Field Lacrosse Association).
- 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.
- 13.06 All players signing certificates and all clubs/associations accepted into this Association do so on the understanding that they agree to come under the jurisdiction of the BCLA until released by the Association.
- 13.07 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) properly registered players by October 31 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games, excluding the U7 and U9 Field Division. The U7 and U9 Field Division shall be allowed a minimum of eight (8) registered players.
- (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 registration forms in the hands of the League Registrar (prior to Oct 31 deadline) or BCLA Registrar.
- (c) No player registrations will be accepted after October 31 without first obtaining the League's approval. The League Commissioner will not be able to approve any registrations after November 30.
- (d) All players must be registered on-line and their registration cards must be in to the Field Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of their first game. A copy of the registration card must be faxed or e-mailed to the League Registrar, Field Registrar, and Division Commissioner prior to the player's first game.

- (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.
- 13.08 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).  
Exception: Female players wishing to play Youth Field Lacrosse and Women's Field Lacrosse within the same season may do so per regulation 35.08.
- 13.09 For those players attending a specialized or academy school that is far enough from their principle residence that they must live away from their immediate family and be billeted, will provide proof of school attendance in way of a school transcript. The billeted address will be recorded in the comments section in the registration database if the home address is being used as the address. The player will be placed where the commission feels it would be in the best interest of the league. If the player wishes to move back to the player's original home Association before the November 30 deadline, policy 13.08 will apply.
- 13.10 All coaches in the Field Directorate shall comply with the regulations and certification outlined in REGULATION 11 of the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group Operating Policy.
- 13.11 The Club Registrar shall provide Team Rosters for all club teams to League Commissioners by the end of October 31<sup>st</sup>. League Commissioners are responsible to report discrepancies between association-supplied rosters and team-supplied rosters (game sheet roster) to the Association President as well as their League Chair.
- 13.12 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.

## **REGULATION 14: YOUTH MOVES**

All players must sign and play with the associations which administers lacrosse within the boundaries in which that player permanently resides.

Upon request, a parent or legal guardian may be required to provide two (2) of the residency validation documentation below (one of which must be proof of registration form at the school they attend), 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
5. Student Verification Form

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

- 14.01 In cases where the player's parents/guardians have joint custody (proof shall be provided in writing to an Association President and Registrar) and the child lives with both parents, residency shall be based on the residence in which the child spends the majority of time. If the custody

arrangement is 50/50 and the parents live in different Association boundaries, the child can choose which Association the player will play with in the first year. In subsequent years, in order to change Associations, both parents must provide a Statutory Declaration which states which parent the child is living with, the address where the child currently resides, and which school the child is attending. At any time, if further confirmation is required to verify school attendance, the parent, upon request, will provide a letter of authorization to the school directing the school to provide the BCLA representative with information as to the address of the player.

- 14.02 If a player does not want to play with the home association, the player must obtain a release from the home association. With the written permission of the player's home association, local league may approve a move to an association other than that in which the player lives. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 14.03 If there is a dispute, the League, after receiving a formal written request from the player's parent or guardian, will have the right to place the disputed player to an association where the League feels would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 14.04 If the player has played the two previous consecutive seasons with same association as an eligible player (living within that association's home areas or properly released), the player is considered grandfathered with that association and has the option of signing and playing with either the player's home association or the association the player previously played for.
- 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.
- 14.06 A player who is signed with an association and moves to another area during the playing season must receive permission from the Division Commissioner of the player's new area before the player is eligible to play with a team in the new area.  
If, after the declaration date, the team in which said player will be playing for will be allowed to resubmit their team declaration.
- 14.07 Where no team is available within the players' age group, the player may play for another association with written release from the player's home association and written approval by the local league for the current playing season only. This release may not be counted as a grandfathering year. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 14.08 No player may play with two associations in any year unless the requirements of Regulation 14 or 13.08 are satisfied.
- 14.09 If there is a dispute, the League will have the right to place the transferring player to the association where the League and Division Commissioner feel it would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 14.10 Neighbouring associations may agree to boundaries that are different from municipal boundaries. A copy of the agreement must be filed with the League and a copy given to the BCLA Office for safekeeping. (This does not disallow any previously established boundaries agreed upon).
- 14.11 Any player found participating in any lacrosse-related activities with a team that the player is not officially registered with will have the player's release request automatically denied.

## **REGULATION 15: YOUTH TEAM SIZE**

- 15.01 The maximum number of players on any team under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair Youth 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 Youth Field by the respective Commission representative.
  - (b) Commission Chairs shall report all such exceptions to the Vice Chair Youth Field by September 30; and provide immediate updates thereafter as Association registrations are received.
  - (c) Should the Vice Chair Youth 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 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 Youth Field shall inform the Secretary Field Directorate to record such approved exceptions.
- 15.02 Minimum of number of registered players as per Regulation 13.07 (a).
- 15.03 Associations may not cap or waitlist any player until they have reached a roster size of 23.

#### **REGULATION 16: YOUTH PLAYING UP**

- 16.01 A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which the player is registered, with the written permission of lower level coach.
- 16.02 A team may participate in a higher calibre sanctioned tournament without impacting team or player eligibility.
- 16.03 A player may apply to play down one division from their appropriate age group by completing the Overage Field Player Movement Form and submitting it to their Association.
- (a) The Association must approve or deny the application
  - (b) If approved, the Form must be submitted to the Commission/League to approve or deny
  - (c) If approved by the Commission/League, the form is to be submitted to the Vice Chair Youth Field. The deadline date for submissions is to be determined at the September meeting of the Field Directorate and communicated to the Commission/League representative in writing.
- 16.04 A player who is approved to play down one division shall be granted regular status on that team and shall be eligible for all BCLA sanctioned lacrosse activity as a member of that team (i.e. Tournaments, Provincial Tournaments, or Provincial Championships or other activities not listed here). This section is not intended to override any discipline issued to players by any BCLA sanctioned supervisory body.

#### **REGULATION 17: MOVEMENT – YOUTH TO SENIOR**

- 17.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the Youth Division shall sign a senior player registration form.
- 17.02 If there is no league for an age group, a player may play up two age groups.
- 17.03 Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the Minor Coach and/or the Senior Coach of the team for whom the player played.
- 17.04 The coach is responsible to approve the call-up and to notify the Commissioner. The Senior Coach is to ensure that the call-up form has been signed by the Minor Coach authorizing the player.

#### **REGULATION 18: YOUTH TEAM DISBANDING**

- 18.01 Proof of a team disbanding shall be written notification to their league chair and league commissioner. On proof of a team disbanding, players are automatically released. If said team is a member of an organized league, the players shall not join one team, but shall be distributed among the remaining teams of the league, by the Division Commissioner and League Committee, with written confirmation.
- Disbanding of a team means a team disbanding within a playing season, not after league season games are finished
- 18.02 Associations/teams must resubmit their team declarations if they have received disbanded players after the declaration date. If an association/team does not resubmit after receiving a disbanded

player, it may result in that player being ineligible for Youth Provincial Championships. Timeframe to be determined by the Field Directorate

### **REGULATION 19: YOUTH - COACHES**

- 19.01 All leagues are required to have a position of “Coaching Coordinator”. This person’s role will be responsible:
- For the liaison between the BCLCG Vice-Chair Men’s Field and the respective Association or Club Coaching Coordinators
  - To forward all coaching requirements and/or problems to the BCLCG.
  - To ensure all deadlines are adhered to by the Association or Club Coaching Coordinators
  - To act as a member of the Discipline Committee when required.
  - To attend all meetings of the BCLCG.
- 19.02 All Field Youth Coaches are required to take and pass (80%) annual rules knowledge quiz that must be completed within 2 weeks of their first game of the season.

### **REGULATION 20: YOUTH - OFFICIALS**

- 20.01 For each scheduled League game, all member associations must provide on field and in uniform, a minimum of two officials, all of which must be certified as a field lacrosse official for the current playing season.
- 20.02 All Associations must ensure that they have a minimum of one official per age group, or equivalent, all of which must be certified as a field lacrosse official for the current playing season. An exception may be brought to the Field Directorate prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> for those Associations experiencing difficulties in adhering to this rule.
- 20.03 Every league in British Columbia must have a League Chief Official. The league must submit their selected candidate to the Head Official of the BC Field Directorate for approval. Only after approval by the Head Official shall the league’s Chief Official be recognized. If a candidate is not submitted to the BC Field Directorate Head Official by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the playing year, the Chief Official may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Official.
- 20.04 Every tournament held in British Columbia must have a Official-In-Chief. The tournament organizers must submit a candidate to the BC Field Directorate Head Official no later than four weeks prior to the start date of the tournament. If such a candidate is not nominated by said time, an Official-in-Chief may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Official. The candidate will only be recognized as Official-in-Chief of the tournament upon approval of the Head Official of the BC Field Directorate. This will apply to all tournaments including Provincial Championships and International tournaments. This will also be the process through which an Official-in-Chief will be nominated for National Championships and International Championships hosted in British Columbia.

### **REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES**

- 21.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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

- 21.05 League standings will be determined using a ranking-based system that incorporates game results, strength of schedule, and opponent rankings. Wins, losses, and other competitive metrics will be factored into the rankings rather than a simple point accumulation model.
- 21.06 In the event of a team defaulting a game, the defaulting team will receive a forfeit loss recorded in the ranking system. The opposing team will be awarded a forfeit win for ranking and seeding purposes.

Additionally, the defaulting team will remain responsible for reimbursing any legitimate expenses incurred by the non-offending association/club, such as field rental or referee costs.

Reimbursement must be completed within thirty (30) days of receiving the required receipts.

If a team defaults more than once in a season without just cause, they will be subject to review by the Field Directorate. The Directorate may impose additional sanctions, including restrictions on future competition, increased ranking penalties, or financial penalties as deemed necessary.

**(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.

**(c) Dispute Resolution for Self-Scheduled Games**

If a team is unable to secure a mutually agreed-upon game date due to field or Officials unavailability, a request for arbitration may be submitted to the Field Directorate. The League Chairs will review circumstances and determine an appropriate solution which may include rescheduling, forfeit assessment, or an exception in cases of uncontrollable factors (e.g. weather, league-wide officials shortages).

- 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.
- 21.08 In the age groups of U9 and below, no player shall play more than one-half of the game at the positions of Attack or Big Stick.
- 21.09 In the age groups of U9 and below, no team shall play a stationary zone defence within their defensive restraining line when the teams are at even strength.
- 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.

## **REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT**

- 22.01 (a) The Youth Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 in Tier 1 and Tier 2.
- (b) A Youth U11 Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division.
- 22.02 The winners of the Provincial Championship shall be declared British Columbia Champions.

- 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.

- (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.
- (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.

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.

- (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.
- (e) Upon completion of the declaration of teams and the determination of the number of teams at each level, the Vice Chair of the respective discipline shall complete a first draft of the Provincial Tournament or Provincial Championship schedule within 2 weeks for publication.

#### 22.04 **Host Obligations**

It shall be the duty of any group hosting a Provincial Championship to ensure that the bench officials will be of neutral standing for any game which:

- determines finalists for a provincial championship
- determines a provincial champion
- determines any medal winner

This shall be ensured and enforced by the Chair of the tournament and/or the Official-in-Chief of the tournament.

#### 22.05 **Control**

- (a) The control of all Provincial Championships is the responsibility of the Convener who shall be appointed by the Field Directorate.
- (b) Youth Provincial Championship Directive (the “Youth PC Directive”)

- i) A Youth Provincial Championship Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Youth Provincial Championships;
- ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season's Youth Provincial Championships the Youth PC Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Youth Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.
  - 1) Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Youth Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Youth Field.
  - 2) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Youth PC Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Youth PC Directive.
    - (a) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change
    - (b) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.
    - (c) If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair of Youth shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.

Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Youth Provincial Championships Directive may create, substitute, reduce, or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic

(c) Youth U11 Provincial Tournament Directive (the "Youth PT Directive")

- i) A Youth U11 Provincial Tournament Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Youth Provincial Championships;
- ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season's Youth U11 Provincial Tournament the Youth PT Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Youth Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.
  - 3) Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Youth Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Youth Field.
  - 4) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Youth PT Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Youth PT Directive.
    - (a) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change
    - (b) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.
    - (c) If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair Youth Field shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.
  - 5) Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Youth Provincial Tournament Directive may create, substitute, reduce, or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.

- (d) The Field Directorate will have the final authority, with rationale, to make sure the teams are placed in the appropriate tiers for Youth Provincial Championship games to the best of its ability. This placement would take place at the December meeting of the Field Directorate following the declaration deadline. Should a team be moved, they would have the opportunity to withdraw their declaration by 4 pm on the second Friday in January, without fines (indicated in 22.10).

The Vice Chair-Youth will notify by electronic means the League Chair and the Association President of the team's tier change within 48 hours of the December meeting. Field Directorate rationale is to be documented and made available to the affected League Chair, Association President and Commissioner within 48 hours of the December meeting.

22.06 Applications for upcoming year to host Youth Provincial Championships are due to the Field Directorate Chair by August 15th along with budget. Announcement of who will be hosting Youth Provincial Championships shall be made no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season.

22.07 Qualifiers will be declared as per Playoff Directive.

**22.08 Eligibility**

- a) In the case of the development areas in BC (ie. Zones 1, 7, 8) the exception to all of Section 22.08 will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Youth Field Lacrosse areas of the province.
- b) To be eligible to play in a Youth Provincial Championship a team must have played a minimum of eight league games, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Playoff matchups will be determined by approved ranking database system standings rather than regional berth allocations. The top 6-8 ranked teams per division at the end of playoffs will advance to Provincials. Each region is guaranteed at least one berth, ensuring competitive balance while maintaining fair representation.
- c) To be eligible to play in a Youth Provincial Championship, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Eligibility will be verified through submitted game results within the ranking system.
- d) Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the Youth Provincial Championships. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.
- e) Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship.
  - i) An exception to this rule may be considered by the Field Directorate when the respective Youth Provincial Championships that a player may qualify for fall on different weekends.
- f) To be eligible to play in a Provincial Youth Championship a player must have played in a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games or playoff games, or combination of, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. Teams failing to complete their scheduled games due to noncompliance with the self-scheduling rules will not have those unplayed games counted toward eligibility.
- g) Exceptions to c), e), and f) may be approved by the Field Directorate for the position of goaltender.
- h) A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for National Championships.
- i) All exception requests must be submitted to the Field Directorate.

**22.09 Declaration Forms**

The BCLA Office must receive declaration forms for Youth Provincial Championships along with an attached roster and payment for entry into provincial playdowns by the date set by the Field Directorate for the playing season. Failing this will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and Youth Provincial Championships of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in any playoff game, playdown game, or any game that would help determine a berth in the Provincial Championship after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a \$1,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws after a provincial berth is confirmed/assigned, the parent Association shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. 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. All withdrawals must be made in writing by the Parent Club.

If a team withdraws from the U11 Youth 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 the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Youth 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 met the minimum requirements of the youth league.

**22.10 Venue**

It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate to set dates and places of all provincial championships. The locations shall be chosen from applications received from Associations, Clubs, or Zones wishing to host all levels of play. The host responsibilities of the Associations, Clubs or Zone to host provincial championships will be declared by the Field Directorate.

**22.11 Trophies**

Medals, plaques and awards will be provided by the BCLA for all championships. Gold, Silver and Bronze, as well as participation gifts, will be awarded in the U18, U15 and U13 Field provincial championships. Individual MVP awards will be supplied for one player of each team per game, in all U18, U15 and U13 divisions. There will also be one Tournament All- Star chosen for each Tier #1 and Tier #2 Youth Provincial Championships. The ordering of trophies through the BCLA Office and distribution will be the responsibility of the Field Directorate. Provincial Hosts will supply qualified Bench Officials and a committee room for all officials. Provincial Hosts will be reimbursed expenses for field time, balls and officials.

22.12 The coach of record may be substituted only as per section 1.03 of the BCLCG Operating Policy.

22.13 The financing of the Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships will be declared by the BCLA Field Provincial Host Agreement. Any sponsorship secured by the BCLA shall in no way restrict the ability of any association, club or zone to host the U18, U15 and U13 Youth Field Provincial Championships.

22.14 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held on or after the last week of January and not later than the last weekend of March.

### **REGULATION 23: YOUTH PROVINCIAL TRAINING CAMPS**

23.01 Provincial Training Camps for the purpose of selecting players to attend National Training Camps and/or to participate on Provincial teams shall come under the direction of the Field Lacrosse Directorate in cooperation with member associations.

- 23.02 (a) This includes any National Invitational Tournaments in all divisions.  
(b) To be eligible to participate in a Provincial Training Camp, players must have been duly registered within the Field Lacrosse Directorate for the previous playing season.

**Please Note:** BY-LAW IX: COMMITTEES, (i) Team BC Committee, supercedes REGULATION 23.

## REGULATION 24: YOUTH TIMELINE

**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.

<b>December</b>	Provincial Declaration Forms due (2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in December)
<b>January 1</b>	Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg. 10, FD 3.01)
<b>Jan-Mar</b>	Youth Provincial Championships (FD 22.15)
<b>April</b>	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
<b>August 15</b>	Applications for hosting Youth Provincial Championships in next playing year. (FD 22.06)
<b>September</b>	First Nations Trophy/Alumni Cup - Labour Day Weekend
<b>October 1</b>	Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03)
<b>October 11</b>	Final date of registration of coach for playoffs (BCLCG 2.03, 11.03)
<b>October 31</b>	Last date for player movement (FD 13.05) Youth registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. (FD 13.05)
<b>November 30</b>	Youth registration closed. (FD 13.05, 13.07)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (March, April, Sept)



## **APPENDIX A:**

### **BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES**

#### **RE: Field Directorate Operating Policy Playing Rules Sections 21.08 and 21.09**

1. All Field Association Coach Coordinators will be advised that they are responsible for the actions of their coaches. They are also to advise **all coaches** in their association that the violation of section 21.08 and 21.09 is **prohibited** in BC Youth Field Lacrosse, as per current operating policy and such action can result in suspension.
2. If any Zone/Association Coaching Coordinator, League Commissioner, BCLCG Executive Member, or Field Directorate Executive, clearly determines a coach is in violation of section 21.08 or 21.09 they are to advise by phone or electronic means the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCG. The VP Youth Field Lacrosse will formally advise the Association Coaching Coordinator/Head Coach and/or President of the incident and it will be their responsibility to ensure that the Coach has been warned and the first infraction has been recorded.
3. If the Coach is again found to be in violation of 21.08 or 21.09 by the above named persons in Paragraph 2, they will advise the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCG. If this is the second infraction the VP Youth Field Lacrosse will advise the League Commissioner to assess an immediate TWO-GAME Suspension, which is not appealable.
4. If found a third time, the Coach will receive an automatic FIVE-GAME Suspension from the commissioner and must attend a hearing called by the Coaches Association. This hearing may determine the future status of that Coach within the BCLCG.
5. It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate Vice Chair - Youth Field to ensure that a complete up-to-date record of such infractions is kept both by the BCLCG and the BCLA Technical Director.

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## SENIOR MEN'S FIELD OPERATING POLICY

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**Please Note: All General Regulations (Regulations 1-12) apply equally to all sectors of Youth, Senior Men's and Women's Field Lacrosse in addition to sector specific Regulations.**

### REGULATION 25: SENIOR PLAYING DIVISIONS

25.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:

Senior Men's

Open

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

### REGULATION 26: SENIOR PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION

26.01 Only associations or clubs registered with the BCLA may sign players. These may be Field Clubs or Executive branches of existing lacrosse clubs.

26.02 Registration of the above association and other obligations to the BCLA shall entitle an association to register players with the Field Directorate.

26.03 The Club/Association must submit Senior field registration on-line lists, cards and required fees to the BCLA Office by December 1 of each playing year (Sept - Aug). Additional Senior Field players may be added, and the date will be determined by the Field Directorate at the beginning of each season.

26.04 All players signing certificates and all clubs/associations accepted into this Association do so on the understanding that they agree to come under the jurisdiction of the BCLA until released by the Association.

- 26.05
- (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) registered players by the start of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games.
  - (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.
  - (c) Any team may register more players until the final registration deadline date of the playing season, and at that time, an updated team list must be sent to the BCLA Office.
  - (d) All players must be registered on-line and their registration cards must be into the Field Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of their first game with a signed waiver and player code of conduct.

26.06 No player may sign with two associations in any year.

26.07 All coaches in the Field Directorate shall comply with the regulations and certification outlined in REGULATION 12 of the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group Operating Policy.

- 26.08
- (a) Each team will be required to submit a completed BCLA Registration form for each player on the team along with the appropriate BCLA fee prior to the registration deadline as per BCLA General Operating Policy Regulation 7.01.
  - (b) In the event that a team does not meet the deadline date for registration as outlined by the Division level, the BCLA Field Directorate has the option to disperse those individual players that have met the registration requirements amongst the remaining teams within the league at their sole discretion. Players are not considered transferred to the new team they have been placed with. The registration cards and fees must be paid prior to placement.
  - (c) Players that are placed by the BCLA Field Directorate with another team within the league may participate in the Provincial Championships providing they meet the qualifications of the league or division for a combined minimum number of games with the original registered team and the placement team or as authorized by the BCLA Field Directorate.
  - (d) The original team will remain suspended until such time as the registration cards and fees have been submitted to the BCLA for any remaining players on record as playing in a minimum of one league game. Any applicable league fees must also be paid in full for a

team to be considered back in good standing. Players who have not paid their team fees to the suspended team under the jurisdiction of the BCLA shall remain suspended and may not register with any subsequent team until the payment has been made and is on record with the BCLA Field Directorate. Team and player suspensions will carry forward into the next season(s) and in other BCLA jurisdictions until paid in full as per BCLA General Operating Policy Regulation 11.01: Suspensions and Discipline.

#### **REGULATION 27: SENIOR TEAM SIZE**

- 27.01 Minimum of ten (10) registered players per team. No team under the jurisdiction of the Vice Chair, Senior Men's Field shall have more than thirty (30) signed players, except with special permission of the Field Directorate.

#### **REGULATION 28: MOVEMENT – YOUTH TO SENIOR**

- 28.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the Youth Division shall sign a senior player registration form.
- 28.02 Notwithstanding the forgoing, a Youth Field player of U18 age may play up in a higher league with permission of the Youth player's coach, who must notify the U18 Division Commissioner. A one-game permit must be completed and submitted with the game sheet to the Senior Men's League Commissioner.
- 28.03 Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the Minor Coach and/or the Coach of the Senior team for whom the player played. The Minor Coach is responsible to approve the call-up and to notify the Commissioner. The Senior Coach is to ensure that the call-up form has been signed by the Minor Coach authorizing the player.

#### **REGULATION 29: SENIOR TEAM DISBANDING**

- 29.01 Proof of a team disbanding shall be written notification to the Registrar and the League Commissioner. On proof of a team disbanding, players are automatically released. If said team is a member of an organized league, the players shall not join one team, but shall be distributed amongst the remaining teams of the league, at the discretion of the League Commissioner, with written confirmation.

Disbanding of a team means a team disbanding within a playing season, not after league season games are finished.

#### **REGULATION 30: SENIOR OFFICIALS**

- 30.01 For each scheduled League game, all member associations must provide on field and in uniform, a minimum of two officials, all of which must be certified as a field lacrosse official for the current playing season.
- 30.02 Every league in British Columbia must have a League Chief Official. The league must submit their selected candidate to the Head Official of the BC Field Directorate for approval. Only after approval by the Head Official shall the league's Chief Official be recognized. If a candidate is not submitted to the BC Field Directorate Head Official by October 1 of the playing year, a Chief Official may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Official.
- 30.03 Every tournament held in British Columbia must have an Official-In-Chief. The tournament organizers must submit a candidate to the BC Field Directorate Head Official no later than four weeks prior to the start date of the tournament. If such a candidate is not nominated by said time, an Official-In-Chief may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Official. The candidate will only be recognized as Official-In-Chief of the tournament upon approval of the Head Official of the BC Field Directorate. This will apply to all tournaments including Provincial Championships and International tournaments. This will also be the process through which an Official-In-Chief will be nominated for National Championships and International Championships hosted in British Columbia.

## REGULATION 31: SENIOR PLAYING RULES

- 31.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.
- 31.02 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.
- 31.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no cross-over of players from one team to another, and back and forth, after November 1 of the playing year. If said infraction occurs after November 1 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 scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during while an ineligible player was a participant and will be subject to any league disciplinary fines.
- (a) There can be no trading of players between teams after November 1.
- 31.04 No more than two regulation length games per day and no more than three mini-games (4 x 12 minute quarters maximum) per day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play.
- 31.05 The goal average formula will be used in the playdowns and Provincial Championships when deemed necessary by the Convener and the Field Directorate Vice-Chair - Senior Men's Field. In the event of a tie in points, final standings shall be determined as follows:
- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game, or games between the two teams advances.
  - (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams, with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average advances.

### GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA

**GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average**

**NOTE:** Only goals scored in the games between the teams involved in the points tie shall be used in the Goal Average Formula.

In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams with which it is tied shall be declared the higher team.

- 31.06 In the event of a team defaulting a game, any legitimate expenses incurred as a consequence of the default shall be reimbursed by the defaulting association/club. The expenses will be paid to the non-offending association/club within 30 days of the receipts received.
- 31.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded two (2) points in league standings.
- 31.08 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.

## REGULATION 32: SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 32.01 Applications for upcoming year to host provincials are due to the Field Directorate Chair by August 15 along with budget.
- 32.02 The Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the Senior series deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.
- 32.03 The winners of the playoffs shall be declared British Columbia Champions.
- 32.04 The declared British Columbia Champions will have thirty days to announce that they will represent British Columbia in the LC National Championships. If no commitment has been received from the declared Champions, the second place team will then have the opportunity to

- represent British Columbia. If neither the first or second place team commits to participate, the BCLA Field Directorate may determine a representative to attend the LC National Championships.
- 32.05 At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter the Provincial Championships.
- 32.06 **Host Obligations.** It shall be the duty of any group hosting a Provincial Championship to ensure that the bench officials will be of neutral standing for any game which:
- determines finalists for a provincial championship
  - determines a provincial champion
  - determines any medal winner
- This shall be ensured and enforced by the Chair of the tournament and/or the Official-In-Chief of the tournament.
- 32.07 **Jurisdiction.** The jurisdiction of all Provincial Championships is the responsibility of the Senior Men's Vice Chair of the BCLA Field Directorate in conjunction with the BCLA Vice President – Operations.
- 32.08 Qualifiers will be declared as per Playoff Directive.
- 32.09 Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Senior Men's divisions. Senior Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Youth or Masters Provincial Championships.
- 32.10 **Eligibility.** To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a registered team player must have played a minimum of six league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the Senior Men's Field Chair or designate, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.
- A call-up must have a minimum of three (3) league games supported by game sheets.
- Teams wishing to participate in Provincial Tournaments from an area with without a league must apply to the Vice Chair - Senior Men's Field who will bring it forward to the BCLA Field Directorate for approval. Qualifying league games may be waived in developing areas.
- 32.11 **Declaration Forms.** Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment of the entry fee payable to the Host Association of said teams to enter provincial playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result in the team being declared ineligible for the provincial playdowns and Provincials of the current playing season.
- Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.
- If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaring, the club shall be subject up to a \$1,500.00 fine for each team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that club to be suspended until the fine is paid.
- The registered player names recorded on the declaration roster form must be submitted to the BCLA Office no later than 14 days prior to the Senior Men's Field Provincial Championships and will form the final roster for Provincial Championships. 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 a played a minimum of three games in the league as supported by game sheet records.
- 32.12 **Venue.** It is the responsibility of the Host Association to set dates and places of the Senior Men's Provincial Championships. The date will not be later than April 30. The host responsibilities of the Associations, Clubs or Zone to host provincial championships will be declared by the Field Directorate.

- 32.13 **Awards.** Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be provided by the BCLA as per the approved BCLA budget for the Senior Men's Provincial Championship. The ordering of trophies and distribution will be at the discretion of the Host Association.
- 32.14 The financing of the Senior Men's Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships will be declared by the BCLA Field Provincial Host Agreement. Any sponsorship secured by the BCLA shall in no way restrict the ability of any association, club or zone to host the Provincial Championships.
- 32.15 The coach of record may be substituted only as per section 1.03 of the BCLCG Operating Policy.

### **REGULATION 33: SENIOR PROVINCIAL TRAINING CAMPS**

- 33.01 Provincial Training Camps for the purpose of selecting players to attend National Training Camps and/or to participate on Provincial teams shall come under the direction of the Field Lacrosse Directorate in cooperation with member associations.
- 33.02 To be eligible to participate in a Provincial Training Camp, players must have been duly registered within the Field Lacrosse Directorate for the previous playing season.

### **REGULATION 34: SENIOR TIMELINE**

**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.

<b>January 1</b>	Date for determining age level of playing year. (Gen Reg 10, FD 3.01 & Sr. Men's 25.01)
<b>TBA</b>	Last date for registering Men's players (to be decided by the Field Directorate at the beginning of each season depending on playing season)
<b>TBA</b>	Provincial Declaration Forms due to BCLA Office (to be decided by Field Directorate at the beginning of the season depending on when Easter falls)
<b>March</b>	Final declaration roster due to the BCLA Office 30 days prior to the Senior Men's Field Provincial Championships.
<b>April</b>	Men's Provincials (FD Sr. Men's 32)
<b>April</b>	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
<b>June 15</b>	Applications for hosting tournaments for upcoming playing year due.
<b>June 30</b>	Deadline for submitting league agreements to Field Directorate (FD 1)
<b>August 15</b>	Applications for hosting Men's Provincials in the next playing year. (FD Sr. Men's 32.01)
<b>October 1</b>	Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCG1.02, 6.03)
<b>October</b>	Senior Men's LC National Championships – Thanksgiving Weekend
<b>November 1</b>	Last date for cross-over of players. (FD Sr. Men's 31.03)
<b>December 1</b>	Senior Men's registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. (FD Sr. Men's 26.03)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (April, Oct)

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## **WOMEN'S FIELD OPERATING POLICY**

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**Please Note: All General Regulations (Regulations 1-12) apply equally to all sectors of Youth, Senior Men's and Women's Field Lacrosse in addition to sector specific Regulations.**

### **REGULATION 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION**

- 35.01 Only associations or clubs registered with the BCLA may sign players. These may be Field Clubs or Executive branches of existing lacrosse clubs.
- 35.02 Registration of the above association and other obligations to the BCLA shall entitle an association to register players with the Field Directorate. The Women's Field season shall be September-August.
- 35.03 The onus of being properly registered is the responsibility of the Associations or teams, and not the BCLA.
- 35.04 Each Association is responsible to enter and maintain the Association's players on the BCLA on-line player database. Associations with less than 40 players are encouraged to use the BCLA on-line registration system, and those with 41 or more players are required to use the BCLA on-line registration system (whereby parents register on-line with their local Field Lacrosse Association).
- 35.05 (a) The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Women's 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 Women's Provincial Championships.
- (c) The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Senior Women's 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 April 30 of each playing year.
- 35.06 All players signing certificates and all clubs/associations accepted into this Association do so on the understanding that they agree to come under the jurisdiction of the BCLA until released by the Association.
- 35.07 (a) U7 and U9 teams must have a minimum number of four (4) registered players; U11 and U18 teams must have a minimum number eight (8) players; and U13 and U15 teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players by the start of the playing season otherwise, that team will be disallowed from the regular scheduled games.
- (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.
- (c) No player registrations will be accepted after October 31 without first obtaining the League's approval. Additional Women Field players may be added up to November 30 upon approval of the League Commissioner and League Executive.

- (d) All players must be registered on-line and their registration cards must be in to the Field Registrar within forty-eight (48) hours of their first game. An electronic copy of the registration card must be received by the League Registrar, Field Registrar, and Division Commissioner prior to the player's first game.
  - (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.
- 35.08 (a) No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).
- (b) Female players wishing to play Youth Field Lacrosse and Women's Field Lacrosse within the same season may do so provided they register for both disciplines with their home association. Female players may request one release per discipline from their home association. Associations and Commissioners are encouraged to grant such releases in order to facilitate play in Women's Field Lacrosse.
- 35.09 For those players attending a specialized or academy school that is far enough from their principle residence that they must live away from their immediate family and be billeted, will provide proof of school attendance in way of a school transcript. The billeted address will be recorded in the comments section in the registration database if the home address is being used as the address. The player will be placed where the commission feels it would be in the best interest of the League. If the player wishes to move back to the player's original home Association before the November 30 deadline, Policy 13.08 will apply.
- 35.10 All coaches in the Field Directorate shall comply with the regulations and certification outlined in REGULATION 11 of the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group Operating Policy.
- 35.11 The club Registrar shall provide Team Rosters for all club teams to League Commissioners by the end of October 31<sup>st</sup>. League Commissioners are responsible to report discrepancies between association-supplied rosters and team-supplied rosters (game sheet roster) to the Association President as well as their League Chair.

### **REGULATION 36: WOMEN'S MOVES**

All players must sign and play with the associations which administers lacrosse within the boundaries in which that player permanently resides

- 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
- 36.02 In cases where the player's parents/guardians have joint custody (proof shall be provided in writing to an Association President and Registrar) and the child lives with both parents, residency shall be based on the residence in which the child spends the majority of time. If the custody arrangement is 50/50 and the parents live in different Association boundaries, the child can choose which Association that the child will play with in the first year. In subsequent years, in order to change Associations, both parents must provide a Statutory Declaration which states which parent the child is living with, the address where the child currently resides, and which school the child is attending. At any time, if further confirmation is required to verify school



- attendance, the parent, upon request, will provide a letter of authorization to the school directing the school to provide the BCLA representative with information as to the address of the player.
- 36.03 If a player does not want to play with the home association, the player must obtain a release from the home association. With the written permission of the player's home association, local league may approve a move to an association other than that in which the player lives. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 36.04 If there is a dispute, the League, after receiving a formal written request from the player's parent or guardian, will have the right to place the disputed player to an association where the League feels would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 36.05 If the player has played the two previous consecutive seasons with same association as an eligible player (living within that association's home areas or properly released), the player is considered grandfathered with that association and has the option of signing and playing with either the player's home association or the association the player previously played for.
- 36.06 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.
- 36.07 A player who is signed with an association and moves to another area during the playing season must receive permission from the Division Commissioner of the player's new area before the player is eligible to play with a team in the new area.  
If, after the declaration date, the team in which said player will be playing for will be allowed to resubmit their team declaration.
- 36.08 Where no team is available within the players' age group, the player may play for another association with written release from the player's home association and written approval by the local league for the current playing season only. This release may not be counted as a grandfathering year. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 36.09 No player may play with two associations in any year unless the requirements of Regulation 13.08, 35.08 or 36 are satisfied.
- 36.10 If there is a dispute, the League will have the right to place the transferring player to the association where the League and Division Commissioner feel it would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 36.11 Neighbouring associations may agree to boundaries that are different from municipal boundaries. A copy of the agreement must be filed with the League and a copy given to the BCLA Office for safekeeping. (This does not disallow any previously established boundaries agreed upon).
- 36.12 Any player found participating in any lacrosse-related activities with a team that the player is not officially registered with will have the player's release request automatically denied.
- 36.13 Where an Association does not have a team in a higher division, any player may be granted an opportunity to play up a higher division with another Association or league with the permission of the coach and the corresponding commissioners, along with support of the Vice Chair of Women's field.
- 36.14 Associations with the development programs who wish to provide more opportunities for their members to participate may grant permission for their registered players to play on a team outside of their jurisdiction on a game to game basis. It will be required that a representative of the Association or program signs a call up form and that this is provided to the Commissioner and Accepting league chair and vice chair of women's field lacrosse. There is no limit to the number of games a player may play as long as they meet the requirements of their home Association program first.

### **REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE**

- 37.01 The U13, U15 and Senior Women's division teams must have a minimum of ten (10) registered players per team. The U7 and U9 division teams must have a minimum of four (4) registered players. The U11 and U18 division must have a minimum of eight (8) registered players.

All divisions may have a game roster of up to twenty-five (25).

- 37.02 Associations may not cap or waitlist any player until they have reached a roster size of twenty (20).

### **REGULATION 38: WOMEN PLAYING UP**

- 38.01 A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which the player is registered, with the written permission of lower level coach.
- 38.02 A team may participate in a higher calibre sanctioned tournament without impacting team or player eligibility.

### **REGULATION 39: WOMEN'S MOVEMENT – U18 TO SENIOR**

- 39.01 No player qualified to play within the jurisdiction of the U18 Division shall sign a senior player registration form. The player may have the registration form transferred to the Vice Chair – Women's Field after the following conditions are met:
- Letters of agreement to the transfer, from the player, the player's parent/guardian, the player's home association and the Senior team the player wishes to transfer to, along with a letter requesting approval, shall be forwarded to the Field Directorate, and shall notify the appropriate Commissioner.
- 39.02 Notwithstanding the forgoing, a U18 Field player may play up in a higher league with permission of the U18 player's coach, who must notify the Vice Chair of Women's Field. Violation of any of the above shall result in suspension of the player and the coach of the Senior team for whom the player played.
- 39.03 A player may apply to play down one division from their appropriate age group by completing the Overage Field Player Movement Form and submitting to their Association.
- a) The Association must approve or deny the application
  - b) If approved, the Form must be submitted to the League to approve or deny
  - c) If approved by the Commission/League, the form is to be submitted to the Vice Chair Women's Field. The deadline date for submissions is to be determined at the September meeting of the Field Directorate and communicated to the Commission/League representatives in writing.
- 39.04 A player who is approved to play down one division shall be granted regular status on that team and shall be eligible for all BCLA sanctioned lacrosse activity as a member of that team (i.e. Tournaments, Provincial Tournaments, or Provincial Championships or other activities not listed here). This section is not intended to override any discipline issued to players by any BCLA sanctioned supervisory body.

### **REGULATION 40: WOMEN'S TEAM DISBANDING**

- 40.01 Proof of a team disbanding shall be written notification to the league chair and the league commissioner. On proof of a team disbanding, players are automatically released. If said team is a member of an organized league, the players shall not join one team, but shall be distributed among the remaining teams of the league, at the discretion of the Division Commissioner, with written confirmation.
- Disbanding of a team means a team disbanding within a playing season, not after league season games are finished.
- 40.02 Associations/teams must resubmit their team declarations if they have received disbanded players after the declaration date. If an Association/team does not resubmit after receiving a disbanded player, it may result in that player being ineligible for Women's Provincial Championships. Timeframe to be determined by the Field Directorate.

## **REGULATION 41: WOMEN'S COACHES**

- 41.01 All leagues are required to have a position of "Coaching Coordinator". This person's role will be responsible:
- For the liaison between the BCLCG Vice-Chair Women's Field and the respective Association or Club Coaching Coordinators
  - To forward all coaching requirements and/or problems to the BCLCG.
  - To ensure all deadlines are adhered to by the Association or Club Coaching Coordinators
  - To act as a member of the Discipline Committee when required.
  - To attend all meetings of the BCLCG.

## **REGULATION 42: WOMEN'S OFFICIALS**

- 42.01 For each scheduled League game, each team must provide on field and in uniform, at least one certified women's field official.
- 42.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of two (2) women's field lacrosse officials, certified for the current playing season, available for officiating hosted games. All officials must be certified by November 11<sup>th</sup> of the current playing season.
- 42.03 Every league in British Columbia must have a League Chief Official. The league must submit their selected candidate to the Head Official of the BC Field Directorate for approval. Only after approval by the Head Official shall the league's Chief Official be recognized. If a candidate is not submitted to the BC Field Directorate Head Official by October 1 of the playing year, a Chief Official may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Official.
- 42.04 Every tournament held in British Columbia must have an Official-In-Chief. The tournament organizers must submit a candidate to the BC Field Directorate Head Official no later than four weeks prior to the start date of the tournament. If such a candidate is not nominated by said time, an Official-In-Chief may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Official. The candidate will only be recognized as Official-In-Chief of the tournament upon approval of the Head Official of the BC Field Directorate. This will apply to all tournaments including Provincial Championships and International tournaments. This will also be the process through which an Official-In-Chief will be nominated for National Championships and International Championships hosted in British Columbia.

## **REGULATION 43: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES**

- 43.01 All games shall be played according to World Lacrosse playing rules, ratified by the Field Directorate, prior to September 1st of the playing year.
- Age Group rules and game format modifications are to be submitted to the Field Directorate voting members the FD will ratify age group rules and game format modifications by the majority vote at any regular FD meeting before September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 43.02 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 the BCLA governed areas, teams must adhere to host governing rules as well as the BCLA Policies.
- 43.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one Women's Field/Senior Women's Field Lacrosse League, there is to be no cross-over of players from one team to another, and back and forth, after October 31 of the playing year for Women's Field Lacrosse teams and April 30 of the playing year for Senior Women's Field Lacrosse teams. If said infraction occurs after October 31 of the Women's Field playing year or April 30 of the Senior Women's 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 scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during which an ineligible player was a participant. Should this occur during the Women's Provincial Championships, then only the games played in the Women's Provincial Championships will be awarded to the opposing side.

- 43.04 Team standing in scheduled leagues shall be determined as follows:  
A win shall count for two points  
All draws or tied games, one point to each team
- 43.05 In the event of a team defaulting a game, any legitimate expenses incurred as a consequence of the default shall be reimbursed by the defaulting association/club. The expenses will be paid to the non-offending association/club within thirty (30) days of the receipts received.
- 43.06 No team or player may be scheduled for, or play in, more than two regulation length games per day. Exceptions for goalies may apply.
- 43.07 Rules for Women's Field will be stated in the Field Directorate's Women's Provincial Championship Directive included in the coaches package and may be amended by the Field Directorate if necessary. These rules will be binding upon all play during Women's Provincial Championships.
- 43.08 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded two (2) points in league standings.
- 43.09 All Women's teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league. When an Association has two or more teams in any one league (U13, U15, or U18) those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength. Associations that have two or more teams within a league will have until October 31 of the playing year to balance their teams accordingly.
- 43.10 Players within the Women's league may use a crosse which is World Lacrosse approved by September 1 of the playing year, provided the crosse is deemed permissible by the Official during the stick-check prior to any league or Provincial game.
- 43.11 With the exception of the goalkeeper, all team members must be dressed uniformly. The goalkeeper's shirt must be the same as the player's team's top and must be worn over the chest and any shoulder/arm pads. The bottom of the player's uniform must be the same predominant colour of the player's team's kilt or shorts, or be a solid dark colour.
- The goalkeeper must wear a chest or body pad, a helmet with a chin strap that must be fastened, a facemask, and an attached throat protector. The distance that the throat protector hangs from the helmet must be less than the diameter of the ball. In addition to the attached throat protector, a wrap-around type throat protector may be worn.
- The goalkeeper may wear padded gloves, shoulder/arm pads and leg pads. All padding must fit securely and not increase the width of the goalkeeper's body beyond the thickness of the padding.
- The maximum thickness of the padding is 3 centimetres (cms). Padded gloves must be tied securely at the cuff and must not have any webbing.
- 43.12 A game is considered legal and complete if 80% of the playing time has elapsed. 80% of a 4 x 15 minute game is 48 minutes. If an interrupted game (one in which less than 80% of the game has been played) is continued on the same day, it will be restarted from the point of the interruption. A suspended game that is replayed on another day must be replayed from the beginning. To accommodate the time constraints of a tournament, a suspended game that is replayed on another day may be restarted from the point of interruption (World Lacrosse Rule 11: Duration of Play).

#### **REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- 44.01 (a) The Women's Field Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and 2.
- (b) A Women's Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division  
Any policy in Section 44 that applies to U11 will be identified with the use of the term "Provincial Tournament" (i.e. U11 Women's Provincial Tournament). A policy or section only identifying "Provincial Championship" will not apply to the U11 Provincial Tournament.
- 44.02 The winners of the Provincial Championship shall be declared British Columbia Champions.
- 44.03 (a) At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter Provincial Championships
- (b) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

#### 44.04 **Host Obligations**

It shall be the duty of any group hosting a Provincial Championship/Tournament to ensure that the bench officials will be of neutral standing for any game which:

- determines finalists for a provincial championship/tournament
- determines a provincial/tournament champion
- determines any medal winner

This shall be ensured and enforced by the Convener and/or the Official-In-Chief of the tournament.

#### 44.05 **Control.**

(a) The control of all Provincial Championships is the responsibility of the Convener who shall be a member of and appointed by the Field Directorate.

(b) Women's Provincial Championship Directive (the "Women's PC Directive")

- i) A Women's Provincial Championship Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Women's Provincial Championships;
- ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season's Women's Provincial Championships, the Women's PC Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Women's Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.
  - 1) Members may propose revisions, due to the Field Directorate at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Women's Field.
  - 2) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Women's PC Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Women's PC Directive.
    - a) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change.
    - b) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.
    - c) If no agreement is possible, the Field Directorate shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.
  - 3) Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Women's Provincial Championships Directive may create, substitute, reduce or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.

(c) Women's Provincial Tournament Directive (the "Women's PT Directive")

- i) A Women's Provincial Tournament Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Women's Provincial tournament;
- ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season's Women's Provincial Tournament, the Women's PT Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Women's Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.
  - 1) Members may propose revisions, due to the Field Directorate at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Women's Field.
  - 2) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Women's PT Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Women's PT Directive.
    - a) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change.
    - b) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.
    - c) If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair Women's Field shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.
    - d) Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Women's Provincial Tournament Directive may create, substitute, reduce or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.

44.06 Applications for upcoming year to host Women's Provincial Championships are due to the Field Directorate Chair by August 15 along with budget.

44.07 Qualifiers will be declared as per Women's Provincial Championship or Tournament Directive.

44.08 Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Women's divisions.

#### 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.
  - i) For the purposes of the Women's Provincial Championships, the U18 age division from all areas of the province will be considered development areas and thus be exempt from eligibility requirements in all of Section 44.09
- b) To be eligible to play in a Women's Provincial Championship a team must have played a minimum of eight league games, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Exceptions will be sent to Women's Vice Chair Field to be voted on by voting members of the Field Directorate
- c) To be eligible to play in a Women's Provincial Championship, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team.
- d) Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the Women's Provincial Championships. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.
- e) Women players can only participate in one Women's Provincial Championship.
  - i) An exception to this rule may be considered by the Field directorate when the respective Women's Provincial Championships that a player may qualify for fall on different weekends.
- f) To be eligible to play in a Provincial Women's Championship a player must have played in a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games or play-off games, or combination of, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre.
- g) Exceptions to c), e), and f) may be approved by the voting members of the Field Directorate for the position of goaltender.
- h) A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for National Championships.

In the event a player is injured during the season an exception may be made upon receipt of a doctor's note covering the dates of the injury and indicating clearance to return to play. This must be given to the coach of the player's team and the commissioner must be notified. This exception must be forwarded to the Field Directorate at least one week prior to Women's Provincial Championships for review.

#### 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.

#### 44.11 Venue.

It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate to set dates and places of all provincial

championships. The locations shall be chosen from applications received from Associations, Clubs, or Zones wishing to host all levels of play. The host responsibilities of the Associations, Clubs or Zone to host provincial championships will be declared by the Field Directorate.

**44.12 Trophies.**

Medals, plaques and awards will be provided by the BCLA for all championships. Gold, Silver and Bronze, as well as participation medals, will be awarded in the provincial championships. The ordering of trophies through the BCLA Office and distribution will be the responsibility of the Field Directorate. Host Associations will supply qualified Bench Officials and a committee room for all officials. Host associations will be reimbursed expenses for field time, balls and officials.

44.13 The coach of record may be substituted only as per section 1.03 of the BCLCG Operating Policy.

44.14 The financing of the Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships will be declared by the BCLA Field Provincial Host Agreement. Any sponsorship secured by the BCLA shall in no way restrict the ability of any association, club or zone to host the Provincial Championships.

### **REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S PROVINCIAL TRAINING CAMPS**

45.01 Provincial Training Camps for the purpose of selecting players to attend National Training Camps and/or to participate on Provincial teams shall come under the direction of the Field Lacrosse Directorate in cooperation with member associations.

45.02 To be eligible to participate in a Provincial Training Camp, players must have been duly registered within the Field Lacrosse Directorate for the previous playing season.

### **REGULATION 46: WOMEN'S TIMELINE**

**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.

<b>January 1</b>	Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10 & FD 3.01)
<b>February</b>	Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament
<b>April</b>	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
<b>April 30</b>	Senior Women's player registration deadline (FD35.05 c) Senior Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
<b>May 1</b>	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)
<b>August</b>	Women's National
<b>August 15</b>	Applications to host Women's Field Lacrosse tournaments/Provincial Championship for upcoming year (FD 44.06)
<b>September 1</b>	Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 43.01)
<b>October 1</b>	Women's deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03)
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)	
<b>October 31</b>	Women's Player registration deadline (FD 35.04) Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
<b>November 11</b>	Officials must be certified (for the current playing season)