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BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group - Chair 2026 Special Session Report:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair for the BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group (BCLOG) for the past year. I have served a Chair for the past three years and am looking forward to one more year as I complete this current term.

This past year has presented some significant challenges. The box sector had a challenging year in that they were faced with an abrupt and last-minute change from our traditional rule book to the world lacrosse rule book. This change was handed down from Lacrosse Canada at the last minute with little prior notice and with little or no technical support. I would like to thank our technical team here in BC that rose to this challenge and who, through extraordinary effort and in a remarkably short amount of time, were able to develop the materials necessary to teach these new rules to both our officials and to our lacrosse community at large.

I would like to express a special note of thanks to Jason Syrotuck, Dallas Lister, Angie Reid, Andy Watson, and a host of others for their extraordinary efforts to overcome what could have been a catastrophic situation for the 2026 box lacrosse season.

The Field sector also faced several new rules this past season. A significant difference here however is that it was known that these changes have been coming for nearly two years, and that the changes and relevant supporting materials were prepared a year in advance. This allowed for an orderly implementation of these changes which included time for planning and for stakeholders to adjust. I would encourage the box sector to take note and hopefully seek to emulate this procedure for future changes.

While the overall number of officials continues to grow, there continues to be a shortage of officials in the level 2 plus category for all sectors. These are officials that are 16 or older and that have been officiating for 3 or more full seasons. The continued success of our sport requires that we make the retention of all officials a significant priority; however, these experienced officials are a priceless resource, and we need to make a special effort to encourage them to stay on as officials.

Verbal abuse of officials continues to be an ongoing and persistent problem for all sectors of our sport. I am generally encouraged by the overall basis of support directed towards officials from the vast majority of our lacrosse community. However there remains a

significant and far too persistent minority of coaches, players, parents, and general spectators that choose to direct verbal attacks against our officials.

I would like to encourage the stakeholders of our sport to look for ways to make officiating more attractive, both for people just starting, but especially to encourage those already officiating to continue as officials. Increased pay, assistance with costs for travel and equipment. Most importantly, we MUST reduce the incidence of verbal abuse.

I would like to thank all the members of our BCLOG executive for their hard work and dedication: Ryan Nose as Vice Chair Sixes, Dallas Lister as Vice Chair Minor Box, Angie Reid as Vice Chair for Women's Field, Joe Wong as Vice Chair Senior Box, Cam Anderson as Treasurer, and Jason Syrotuck as Director at Large. I am more grateful than I can say for all the hard work and dedication these individuals have brought to our sport.

I would like to express a special note of thanks to our outgoing Vice Chair for Youth/Men's Field, Nico Beaudoin. Nico has given outstanding service in this role and will be greatly missed, our sport has never known a stronger advocate for officials. I would also like to thank our outgoing Secretary Dennis Hertslet. Dennis helped keep us organized and assisted greatly with his steady advice and communication skills.

I am also grateful for all local head officials, regional coordinators, evaluators, learning facilitators, tournament officials in charge, and on floor/field mentors and assessors that have assisted us in supervising, teaching and managing the officials' program throughout the province. Few, if any, fully understand how much work happens behind the scenes to help develop and manage the programs that support officials in our sport. These dedicated volunteers have my sincerest thanks for their hard work and devotion.

I would also like to thank our BCLA Executive Director Jill Krop and her staff for their tremendous assistance throughout the year. My sincerest thanks also go out the BCLA Board of Directors for their ongoing leadership and support. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank the Executives of the various Directorates, Commissions, and Leagues throughout our sport for their tireless efforts on behalf of our game.

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair for the BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group (BCLOTSG) for the past three years and I am looking forward to completing my term of service in the fall of 2027.

Sincerely,

Doug Wright
Chair,
BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group

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Vice-Chair, Senior

Hello to all Senior Officials in the Province of British Columbia and to our BCLOTS Executive.

What can I say, now that our 2026 Box Season is finally over!!!

I would like to start by acknowledging my Senior Operations Group for the past 2 years, for all their hard work in assisting the Senior Vice-Chair and strengthening the Senior Operations.

From going back to in-classroom clinics, revamping the Senior Clinics and pushing a strong message to all Senior Officials in BC. With a slow start in 2026, due to a brand new Officials Rulebook being released in January, the Senior Clinicians did a great job in delivering the new product, along with rule interpretation and tweaked floor positions. I watched Senior Games all over the Province and saw the same consistency in 3 of our 4 Senior Regions. I did not get to the North region this year.

This demonstrates how great of a group we have in the Senior ranks. Big thanks to our Senior Clinicians group; Andy Watson, Nico Beaudoin, Jason Syrotuck, Cam Comeau, Angie Reid and Conner Black.

My 4 Senior Coordinators did a fantastic job in mentoring and solving issues within their region. This is a huge position for this group to take on. They constantly kept the Vice- chair updated with all the various minor issues between Senior Officials and their Senior Leagues.

Rob Cook, Vancouver Island
Cam Comeau, Metro Vancouver
Conner Black, Interior
Ty TraInberg, North

At this time I want to inform the Senior Group that Rob Cook is stepping down as the Island Senior Coordinator. He is working on his retirement plan and expects to be away from lacrosse in a few years. Thanks Rob for another great 2 years of service on the Island. Your replacement Darcy Tytgat has big shoes to fill. Thanks Darcy for taking this position on.

For the last 2 years, the Seniors Group have had a great working partnership with all the Senior Leagues in BC. Issues that arise throughout the year are quickly resolved. Thanks to the Senior Commissioners for working with our group.

Ryan Hyland, Sr B
Ric Bains, Sr C Island
Jenn Frolin, Sr C Metro Vancouver
Joe Wong, Sr C Interior
Don Wittmeier Sr C North
Beth McLucas, Jr B1
Wuilbert Jarmillo, Jr B1 Interior
Chris Short, Jr B2 Island
David Goulet, Jr B2 Metro Vancouver

Believe me, this group of Senior League Commissioners kept me busy the past 2 years. There were never any issues that we could not resolve amongst this group. I hope to see everyone back in 2027. Just a quick reminder to the Commissioners Group, the Senior Executive Group strongly recommends that all Senior Leagues Final Championship Series need to be using 3-official mechanics. The final series games are very competitive especially with a Provincial spot or a trip to a Senior National at stake. All major box championships in the world have adopted 3 official mechanics.

The only negative issue that I will bring up is that we saw an increase in officials' abuse this past year. Very noticeable in 2 of the many Senior Leagues. I will address this at a later date with the 2 Commissioners.

This year there was a big decrease in Senior League games being cancelled due to no Senior Officials being available. Province-wide, this was under 6 games. As we move towards 2027, we need to see fewer home games on the weekend and move the schedule around and go with more Monday to Thursday games. Right now there are way too many weekend games and not enough qualified Senior Officials. We did start carding Level 2 Officials earlier than previous years and we are starting to see the rewards. But it still takes a few years for these newer officials to get comfortable and competent moving from Minor to Senior. The success of this program was observed on the Island, Interior and Metro Vancouver. These newer officials are still working a majority of minor games but have gained valuable experience in working the lower-level Senior Leagues. This year, two younger Senior Officials that demonstrated this is the correct path to development is Nick Leong from Delta and Nathan Jaramillo from Kelowna. These 2 officials were used in both Jr B1 and B2 and are both going into their last year of playing Junior Lacrosse. There are more officials that took this challenge and have shown early success as evidenced by the game evaluations.

Thanks to my 4 Senior Allocators for a great year collectively.

Mike & Deb Anderson, Island
Ashley da Silva, Metro Vancouver
Conner Black, Interior
Ty Trauberg, North

This group will all be back for 2027.

This was a fantastic year for Senior post season achievements.

Nico Beaudoin ran an awesome Jr B2 Provincial in Victoria on the August long weekend and on the same weekend Jr B1 Provincials were held in Kamloops. Mid August was the Sr C Provincial hosted by the New Westminster Sr C club and Braden Wilkins. The Provincials held in Victoria and New Westminster was staffed only by local Senior Officials. With the extreme high cost of accommodations due to the FIFA World Cup, officials were notified during the spring Senior Clinics that there was going to be no travel for Senior Officials. Both events ran very smoothly with no issues at all. Great job by Nico and Braden.

For 2026, this was the first time that more than one Senior Official was invited to attend an out of Province Senior National. In all the previous years that I can remember only one BC Official would be invited by Lacrosse Canada and the National OIC.

We had 2 officials attend Founders in New Brunswick, Ryan Mosdell and Brent Rippberger.

Both officials had a very strong National and saw Ryan get awarded with the gold medal match and Brent on the bronze medal game.

For the Minto Cup in Calgary, Jason Syrotuck was our only BC Official. Jason had a fantastic performance and ended up working the floor in all three games of the final series. That's an incredible achievement.

The Presidents Cup in Edmonton had three BC Senior Officials involved. Ryan White, Tyler Boyer and Josh Beauregard represented BC proudly. Ryan was awarded the gold medal game. Another strong National from BC Officials.

To finish off with the last Senior National, the Mann Cup hosted by Six Nations, saw both Cam Anderson and Nicholas dos Santos attend.

I believe this is the largest out-of-province representation ever in one year for BC Senior Officials.

To top off an incredible 2026 Senior Season. Andy Watson was the OIC for the European Box Championships. Andy had a strong BC contingent joining him in Prague.

Representing Canada and BC included;

Angie Reid, Lisa Hibbeln, Ryan White, Tyler Boyer, Jason Syrotuck, Cam Anderson, Keith Gagne, Caelan Thain.

Congratulations on your International Box Lacrosse experience.

In conclusion 2026 is my 2nd year of a 2 year term. My Senior Vice-Chair Position is up for election at our Officials Special Session in November. I have been asked by many of our Senior Officials to consider running for another 2 year term. We shall see what the future has for me.

Thanks to everyone for a successful 2 years in Senior. I appreciate all the support.

Joe Wong

Field Lacrosse Officiating Program Report – 2026/2027 Season Update

Clinics and Pre-Season Planning

Planning for the 2026/2027 officiating clinics is well underway. Clinic dates are currently being finalized; however, one important scheduling consideration is the BC Sixes Tournament taking place on September 12–13. This event will draw a significant number of our experienced officials away from their home associations, and as a result, we should avoid scheduling any field officiating clinics that weekend wherever possible.

This season, our clinic delivery model will continue to evolve:

- **Entry Level and Level 1 clinics** will be delivered **in person**.
- **Level 2 AND Senior level clinics** will use an **online format** through the Thinkific learning platform as we did last season.

Several rule changes will be introduced for the upcoming season. To ensure consistency in instruction and maximize clinic time, all registered officials will receive a mandatory Thinkific module outlining these rule changes. Officials will be required to complete this module before attending their in-person clinic or beginning their online Level 2/SR. level clinic. Dave Showers will be reaching out to the colleges/universities for classroom space once again as he has not heard back from them yet. Once our rooms are confirmed, we will open registration.

An email has recently been distributed seeking facilitators for the upcoming clinic season, and facilitator assignments will be finalized once responses have been received.

Official Development Program

With respect to Victoria's email regarding official development, this is an area that still requires further planning. Before moving forward, I would like to have discussions with Ryan and David to determine what meaningful evaluation metrics we should be tracking when assessing officials throughout the season. Establishing consistent, measurable criteria will be critical if we want the program to provide valuable feedback and demonstrate long-term development. I hope to have these discussions with them prior to our season beginning at Field Lacrosse Nationals in a few weeks.

I also believe that, if we expect experienced officials to dedicate their time to evaluating and mentoring others, we need to appropriately compensate them. My recommendation would be to provide evaluators with compensation equivalent to at least a **U15 game fee (\$50)**. This investment would improve our ability to recruit qualified evaluators and ultimately strengthen the quality and consistency of our development program.

From a development perspective, I believe our primary focus should be on **Level 2 officials**. These officials should already possess a solid foundation of mechanics, positioning, and rules knowledge. By concentrating our evaluation and mentorship efforts on this group, we can better prepare officials to advance into the senior ranks and become capable of officiating U17 and higher-level games.

National Appointments

National championship selections have now been announced. Congratulations to the following BC officials who have been selected to officiate at their respective national championships:

- Angie Reid
- Nico Beaudoin
- Brent Rippeberger
- Dylan Taylor
- Lee Brien
- Joe Smith

These appointments continue to demonstrate the strength of the BC officiating program and provide valuable experience that will benefit our officials upon their return.

No BC officials were selected to officiate at the upcoming PALA World Championship Qualifier in Jamaica.

British Columbia Field Lacrosse Officials Clinic Report

To: Doug Wright, Chair of Officials

Subject: Clinic Season Summary and Official Development

1. Current Officials Numbers

With the recent clinic season now complete, British Columbia has a total of **196 certified field lacrosse officials** who attended a clinic and are certified for the current season.

The breakdown by certification level is as follows:

Certification Level	Number of Officials
Entry Level	86
Level 1	64
Level 2	27
Senior Level	19
Total	196

These numbers provide a snapshot of our current officiating pool as we prepare for the upcoming season. While we have a strong base of entry-level and Level 1 officials, continued development and retention will be important in ensuring officials can progress through the certification pathway and gain the experience necessary to officiate at higher levels.

2. Clinic Delivery

Clinics were delivered through a combination of in-person and online learning formats.

Entry-level clinics and clinics for returning Level 1 officials were conducted in person, allowing participants to engage directly with instructors, review mechanics, and ask questions in a practical learning environment.

Level 2 and Senior Level clinics were delivered online through an asynchronous, module-based format. This approach allowed officials to complete the required material at their own pace while maintaining access to the information and learning objectives associated with their certification level.

Overall, this combination of delivery methods provided flexibility while ensuring officials had access to the training required for the upcoming season.

3. Mentorship and Continued Development

As we move into the upcoming season, one of our priorities should be the continued development of younger and less experienced officials. While clinics provide the foundational knowledge and instruction required to officiate, practical experience, feedback, and guidance on the field are essential to helping officials progress.

I believe our voluntary mentoring process needs to be reviewed and strengthened moving forward. Although voluntary mentoring can provide valuable support, a more structured and consistent approach would help ensure that developing officials receive meaningful feedback and opportunities to improve.

I would recommend that we examine the mentorship model currently being used on Vancouver Island as a potential framework for the province. Under this model, most games at the U9, U11, and U13 levels have a mentor assigned, with assignments based on mentor availability.

Mentors are typically senior-level officials who have been identified as suitable candidates through recommendations from other senior officials, the allocator, and/or the Vice Chair of Officials. Importantly, mentors receive a game fee in accordance with the division they are working.

This approach provides several benefits:

- **Consistent development:** Younger officials have greater access to guidance and constructive feedback during games.
- **Clear expectations:** Mentors are assigned a defined responsibility to support the development of officials working alongside them.
- **Recognition of experience:** Senior officials are given an opportunity to contribute to the development of the next generation of officials.
- **Accountability and sustainability:** Providing compensation recognizes the time and effort required to mentor effectively and may encourage greater participation from experienced officials.

I believe this model is worth serious consideration as we look to improve the quality and consistency of officiating throughout British Columbia. Establishing a more formal mentorship structure could help bridge the gap between clinic instruction and on-floor performance while supporting the long-term retention and development of our officials.

4. Recommendations and Next Steps

As we prepare for the upcoming season, I recommend that we:

1. Review the current voluntary mentoring process and identify opportunities to establish a more consistent province-wide approach.
2. Examine the Vancouver Island mentorship model, including its assignment process, mentor selection criteria, and compensation structure.
3. Identify experienced officials who are willing and suitable to serve as mentors.
4. Prioritize mentorship opportunities at the U9, U11, and U13 levels, where developing officials can benefit significantly from regular guidance and feedback.
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of the mentorship program throughout the season and make adjustments as needed.

5. Conclusion

With 196 officials certified for the current season, we have a foundation to build upon as we continue to develop field lacrosse officiating in British Columbia. Our next challenge is ensuring that officials receive the support and practical development opportunities needed to progress beyond their initial certification.

I believe a more structured mentorship program is an important step toward achieving this goal. By reviewing the existing Island model and considering how it could be implemented more broadly, we can provide better support for our younger officials, recognize the contributions of our senior officials, and strengthen the officiating program over the long term.

Jr B1 Provincials

August 1 & 2, 2026

Joe Wong, OIC

Brent Rippberger

Dylan Taylor

Danny Ortutay

Nathan Jaramillo, stand-by official

Linden Nakashimada, 30 sec official

The 2026 Junior B1 Provincials were held in Kamloops on August 1 & 2, 2026. This was a best of 3 games series between the TOJLL league winner Kamloops Venom and the BC Jr B tier 1 winner Port Coquitlam Saints.

Three official mechanics (on floor) was used for this championship series along with a Senior standby official (fully dressed in the scorers bench), plus a minor L2 Official working the 30 second shot clock. At first this seemed like overkill with 4 Senior Officials on for each game, but after the series was done, this was the absolute best scenario and was needed for game 2.

Game 1 was a very routine Junior B game, with the Saints winning 18 - 7. Being the 1st game of the series, both teams were focused on playing lacrosse as shown by the penalty mins accessed. The Saints had 14 penalty minutes (all minor penalties) and the Venom had 31 penalty minutes which included 1 - 5 min major and 1 - 10 min misconduct.

Game 2 on Sunday was a completely different style of game. The Saints did win game 2, 10 - 5, so no game 3 was required. However the penalty minutes for each team was more than doubled. The Saints had 25 penalty mins (1-5 min major). The Venom had 82 penalty mins (3-10 min misconducts, 2 game misconducts and 1 gross misconduct). The on floor officials and the standby official had to be sharp and did have a few discussions to ensure the penalties and players accessed were correct. The on floor officials did a fantastic job to keep players safe and limited the game reports knowing that one team was heading to the Founders Cup.

Congratulations to the Port Coquitlam Saints for winning their 1st Jr B tier 1 Championship in club history.

Huge thank you to the officials crew for a fantastic performance in this Provincial.

Thanks to the host club and Brad Watson for a great facility and also to Wuilbert Jarmillo, the TOJLL commissioner.

Moving forward, it is recommended that all future Junior B1 Provincials use a 3 officials mechanic on the floor and also have a Senior Official standby in the penalty box.

Joe Wong,

BCLOA Vice-chair, Senior

2026 Jr B1 Provincial OIC

Report on Junior B Tier 2 Provincial Championships

To: Joe Wong, Vice Chair, Senior Box Lacrosse

Subject: Junior B Tier 2 Provincial Championships Report

The Junior B Tier 2 Provincial Championships were a great success this year, with four teams competing over three days of competition. The event ran very well, and it provided an excellent opportunity for a young group of officials to gain valuable experience at the provincial championship level.

We utilized a relatively young and inexperienced officiating crew throughout the weekend. Despite their limited experience at this level, the officials stepped up and performed admirably. Their conduct was professional throughout the championships, and they demonstrated a strong willingness to learn, accept feedback, and apply the guidance provided to them. It was particularly encouraging to see officials make adjustments based on feedback and implement suggestions immediately on the floor.

The crew's attitude, coachability, and commitment to improving were significant positives from the weekend. Their performance reflects well on the development of our officials and reinforces the value of providing younger officials with opportunities to work meaningful games in a supportive environment.

I would like to give special recognition to **Darcy Tytgat, Corey Lister, Ryan Hebert, Colton Merner, Ryan White, and Bryan Norby** for their excellent performances throughout the championships. Each contributed to a successful weekend, and their efforts deserve recognition.

Overall, the Junior B Tier 2 Provincial Championships were a positive experience for both the competition and the officiating crew. The event was well run, and the officials demonstrated that they are willing to learn, adapt, and rise to the expectations of provincial-level competition. I look forward to seeing their continued development and progress in the seasons ahead.



2026 – Vice-Chair Minor Box Officials

Year-End Report

The 2026 lacrosse season presented significant challenges for the Minor Officials Program, beginning with the transition to the World Lacrosse Rule Book.

World Lacrosse Rule Book Transition

On January 30, Lacrosse Canada provided the first documentation confirming the transition to the World Lacrosse Rule Book. With our Learning Facilitator Clinic normally held at the end of January and officials' clinics beginning in mid-February, we had only a few weeks to completely revise our clinic material, develop new presentations, and source video examples demonstrating the significant changes to contact and non-contact rules.

The lack of timely information and continued changes to rules and interpretations made the process particularly difficult. Our Learning Facilitators were often learning the new rules at the same time as they were preparing to teach them.

I would like to recognize Jason Syrotuk, who led the development of our clinic material and dedicated countless hours to getting us prepared. Doug Wright provided his usual leadership and support, while Andy Watson and Angie Reid worked as important contacts with Lacrosse Canada, helping us navigate the many questions that arose. I also thank everyone else who contributed by reviewing, proofreading, and refining the material.

Our Learning Facilitator Clinic was held February 27–28, with officials' clinics beginning the following week.

Recognizing that coaches and other participants were facing the same learning curve, the Officials Group hosted an educational session on the major rule changes. More than 200 people attended, and the session was very well received.

The transition remained challenging throughout the season. Officials, coaches, players, and parents were all learning a new rule set, and there were understandably inconsistencies in its application. The loose-ball contact rule was one of the most visible examples, with many participants continuing to apply the previous interpretation.

Despite the challenges, officials continued to learn and improve throughout the season. I believe the experience gained in 2026 has established a much stronger foundation for the future.

Education and Development

The Officials Program delivered approximately 45 classroom clinics and more than 25 on-floor clinics, with approximately 700 officials taking or scheduled to take clinics.

The continued expansion of practical, on-floor training was a significant positive. Officials need to understand not only the rules, but also positioning, mechanics, communication, and game management. We will continue to build on this approach.

Provincial Championships

The 2026 Provincial Championships showcased the dedication and professionalism of our officiating team.

The revised format required approximately 30 officials per championship weekend, with more than 100 officials assigned across three weekends.

I would like to sincerely thank our Officials-in-Charge:

- Shuswap: Doug Wright, Dylan Taylor, and Brent Rippberger
- Prince George: Sarah Dymtruk and Colton Merner
- Port Coquitlam: Braden Wilkins, Caleb Hartwig, and Riley Lo

Thank you as well to our assignors, evaluators, and every official who committed their time to the Provincial Championships. Despite the increased logistical demands and significant rule changes, our officiating teams represented the program with professionalism and pride.

National Championships

I would also like to congratulate and recognize the officials from British Columbia who were selected to participate in National Championship events this year.

Special congratulations to **Corey Lister**, who served as an Official-in-Charge at the Minor Nationals in Halifax.

I would also like to recognize the following officials and their medal-round assignments:

- **Cynan Quayle** - U13 Boys – Bronze and U15 Girls – Gold
- **Bryan Norby** - U13 Girls – Gold
- **Colton Merner** - U17 Boys – Bronze
- **Elann Billbach** - U15 Boys – Gold
- **Gage Dunning** - U13 Girls – Gold and U17 Girls – Bronze
- **Benji Dos Santos** - U17 Girls – Gold
- **Chris Phillips** - U17 Girls – Gold
- **Marcus Parmar** - U15 Boys – Bronze

I would also like to recognize those who contributed to the **Carol Patterson Cup in Whitby, Ontario**.

Special congratulations to **Angie Reid**, who served as an Official-in-Charge at the Carol Patterson Cup.

- **Lisa Hibbeln** – On-floor official, Gold Medal Game
- **Sarah Dmytruk** – Standby, Gold Medal Game
- **Sean Reid** – On-floor official, Bronze Medal Game

Congratulations to everyone who represented British Columbia on the national stage. These selections and assignments are a reflection of the hard work, commitment, and continued development of our officials.

Zone Representatives

I would like to sincerely thank our 2026 Zone Representatives for their time, commitment, and support throughout the season. They provide an important connection between the Minor Officials Group, local associations, and officials across the province.

A special thank you to:

- **Zone 2 – Interior:** Dylan Taylor
- **Zone 4 – Lower Mainland:** Angie Reid
- **Zone 5 – Lower Mainland:** Lisa Hibbeln
- **Zone 6:** Sarah Dmytruk

For 2027, I am pleased to welcome **Justin Wittmeier** as the new **Zone 8 – Great White North** representative. The addition of Zone 8 strengthens our ability to support and communicate with officials throughout the province.

I look forward to working with Justin and all our Zone Representatives in the coming season.

Recruitment and Retention

Recruitment and retention remain our greatest challenges.

Entry Level numbers continue to be encouraging, but we continue to lose too many officials as they progress toward Level 2 and higher. This places pressure on local associations and makes staffing higher-level games and tournaments increasingly difficult.

Our focus must be on retaining the officials we recruit through:

- Mentorship and support for developing officials.
- Continued on-floor development.
- Greater support for young officials.
- Opportunities to work alongside experienced officials.
- Stronger accountability for abusive or disrespectful behaviour toward officials.

Looking Ahead – 2027

Our priorities for 2027 will include:

- Continuing to improve and modernize clinic material.
- Expanding practical on-floor instruction.
- Developing a stronger mentorship program.
- Improving consistency in evaluations and feedback.

- **Enhancing the transparency of our selection process** for Provincial and National Championship assignments.
- Increasing recruitment and, particularly, retention into Level 2 and higher.
- Continuing to work with commissions, Zone Representatives, and local associations on education, scheduling, communication, and official development.

Closing

I would like to sincerely thank every Learning Facilitator, Head Official, Official-in-Charge, evaluator, assignor, commissioner, Zone Representative, and official who volunteered their time throughout the season.

2026 was a difficult year for officiating. The transition to a new rule book, the shortage of experienced officials, and the challenges surrounding recruitment and retention tested our program. Despite this, our officials continued to show resilience, professionalism, and a commitment to improving.

The strength of our officiating program comes from the people who volunteer their time to teach, mentor, evaluate, assign, and officiate. I am proud of what our group accomplished this year and confident that the lessons learned in 2026 will help us build a stronger program in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Dallas Lister

Vice-Chair – Minor Box Officials

BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group

Zone 2 Rep Year End Report

This season was a positive and productive year for officials development within our zone. We continued to focus on recruitment, training, mentorship, and improving the overall officiating experience at all levels of play.

A key highlight was the delivery of officials' clinics in Vernon, Penticton, and Kamloops. These clinics provided both new and returning officials with valuable instruction on rule application, mechanics, game management, and expectations for the season. The strong attendance and engagement demonstrated the continued commitment of our officials and local associations to developing quality officiating throughout the zone.

This season also marked our first year using RAMP Game Sheets. As expected with the introduction of any new system, there were several challenges during implementation. These included learning the platform, ensuring consistency in game sheet completion, and supporting associations and officials as they adapted to the new process. While there were some growing pains throughout the season, the overall transition was successful, and the experience gained this year will help streamline operations moving forward.

Another significant advancement was the appointment of an Official in Charge (OIC) to oversee zone playdown games. The OIC provided valuable support by monitoring officiating performance, assigning officials appropriately, and offering mentorship and guidance throughout the playdown process. This initiative proved to be highly successful, contributing to greater consistency, improved communication, and increased confidence among officials during important championship games.

The zone was also proud to host the Provincial Championships in Shuswap. The event was well-organized and showcased the dedication of local volunteers, organizers, and officials. Hosting Provincials provided an excellent opportunity to highlight the strength of our officiating program and demonstrated the zone's ability to successfully support a major provincial event. Feedback from participating teams, officials, and organizers was overwhelmingly positive.

Respectfully,

Dylan Taylor

BCLOG Zone 2 Rep



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Lower Mainland Lacrosse Minor Commission – Zone Officials Report

Submitted by Angie Reid, LMMLC Zone Officials Representative

BC Lacrosse Association Officials Technical Support Group

This was my second year serving as the Lower Mainland Coordinator for Zones 3, 4, and 5. It was a busy and rewarding season filled with game reports, emails, coach evaluations, RAMP troubleshooting, and official evaluations. In addition to my coordination duties, I also officiated numerous games across several associations.

I worked closely with Dallas Lister (BCLOTSG Minor Box Chair) and received ongoing support from Doug Wright (BCLOTSG Chair), both of whom were instrumental in helping navigate the season's challenges.

RAMP Software & Game Management

This was our third season using RAMP for official assignments. Based on feedback from last year, we transitioned back from entering "available days" to dark days. We still received feedback that some did not like this, but for the most part, allocators seemed to be on board with it.

While RAMP Gamesheets have been in use for a couple of seasons, we continue to face challenges. Some officials consistently fail to review and sign the gamesheets, resulting in incomplete penalty records or missing signatures due to early departures by scorekeepers. To address this, I propose implementing a system to track which officials are consistently completing their post-game responsibilities and which are not. Accountability measures—such as follow-ups or fines—may be necessary, as repeated reminders have not been effective.

Game Reports & On-Floor Conduct

Throughout the season, we received several game reports, including incidents involving coach misconduct and abuse of officials. Unfortunately, some of these incidents were not properly reported or handled during the game. This highlights a need for further mentoring and training for officials—particularly in de-escalation techniques and the timely administration of USC penalties to prevent escalation.

A lack of head officials per association, does not help matters. Each association must have their own ACTIVE head official next season. The zone reps often have to officiate and cannot be at several associations all the time. We need proper head officials to assist and mentor officials.

There also needs to be greater accountability for parents who are way out of line during games. There were several complaints last year and it makes me miss the days where we could not have spectators. Associations need to hold their spectators accountable to ensure we keep officials.

I am hopeful and remain committed to improving our processes and ensuring our officials are supported in every way possible.

Thank you for your continued trust and collaboration.

Angie Reid

LMMLC Zone Officials Representative

BC Lacrosse Association Officials Technical Support Group



BCLA Shuswap Minor Box Provincial Championships

Official in Charge Final Report

July 10, 2026

This event was managed by the lead Official in Charge (OiC), Doug Wright, who was assisted by two assistant OiC's Brent Rippberger and Dylan Taylor. Additional supervisory assistance was provided by Nathan Jaramillo and Jamie Graham.

The venues chosen for this event were very well set up for a tournament of this kind. The playing surfaces, time clocks, dressing rooms, and other associated infrastructure were all well up to the task. The only negative being that the Shuswap arena was approximately a 20-minute drive away. Having one off-site floor increases the number of officials needed and significantly complicates the plans for supervising, transporting, and allocating officials for games.

Preparations regarding the officials for this event began early in January of 2026 with the formation of the post-season box officials online application form. Direct recruiting for this event took place throughout the 2026 box season and made use of both direct invitations, nominations, and selections made from amongst those who applied using the above-mentioned form.

Recruiting officials for this event was a significant challenge. Approximately 30 officials applied to participate in this provincial using the online application form. This is less than half of the number of applications one would like to have. Of those that applied, approximately 20 were initially selected, the remainder being either unqualified, ineligible, or later withdrew their applications. A tournament of this size requires approximately 30 officials, so several additional officials were recruited to fill out the required number.

By the time the final list was formed we were left with a total of 26 officials. In the week leading up to the event several officials withdrew unexpectedly due to various circumstances, (work, family emergency, or other life events). To compensate for these losses additional officials were added from amongst available Okanagan officials, 2 officials who were coaching a team in the event, and 2 officials who happened to be at the event, who were traveling with the family of participating players. An important factor in recruiting officials for a championship of this size is clear and direct communication. All prospective participants need to have a full and complete understanding with regard to the planning and expectations. Past experience, which was reinforced by the results of this event,

consistently teaches the lesson that clear and open communication is a key element in successfully recruiting and maintaining a list of officials for a championship tournament.

In the end, the list of officials was too short. This was largely due to the reliance of too many officials who had various conflicts competing for their time. (Coaching a team, a family member playing in the tournament, or limited availability due to other commitments.) For whatever reason, there were very few officials who expressed an interest in participating. It was a significant struggle to recruit the numbers we did, and that number was barely adequate to manage the scheduled number of games. It is not known what can be done to generate more interest, but we must explore options that make officiating at one of these events more attractive. Some potential solutions include increasing pay, enhancing meal benefits, making travel more comfortable (allowing more use of personal vehicles with costs that can be expensed, flights and rental cars instead of driving). It is understood that costs must be contained; however, we must also make it attractive and easy for officials to participate and enjoy their participation without undue inconvenience.

An additional challenge that exacerbated the problems of a short roster was unexpected illness within the list of officials. We experienced circumstances where two officials fell ill during the competition and needed to have their games rescheduled. This is yet another reason to have a greater number of officials on hand.

We recommend future events of this size, 85 game tournaments spread over 3 arenas and 2 dispersed locations, recruit at least 32 officials, with no more than a third of that number being people with significantly reduced availability. It is also recommended to have several alternate officials in place should spaces in the roster open up unexpectedly.

Another challenge we faced was the length of the days. With 85 games and only 4 days and 3 floors to host the competition, the schedule was required to include 4 very long days of competition. The first 3 days of the competition involved 14 plus hours of games on each day spread over all 3 floors. This places a very significant burden on the volunteers tasked with supervising and administering these games. In the case of the OiCs, there is little or no opportunity to leave the competition site for even a short break.

We recommend future events of this size try to include either a 4th floor, increase the number of days available for competition, or reduce the number of games. (fewer teams). A final option would be to increase the size of the OiC group to allow the OiCs to take the occasional break and to allow time for administrative tasks.

Accommodations for out-of-town officials were secured in Vernon BC. The hotel chosen was very comfortable and included a very good breakfast. Unfortunately, the hotel was located 45 minutes away from the main competition site in Salmon Arm or 25 minutes from Enderby. This added 90 minutes or more of driving to an already long 14-15 hour day and

basically reduced the time available for rest between days. It also made it difficult for officials without transportation to move between venues or from the arena to the hotel. It is strongly recommended that in the future, hotel accommodations be secured as close to the competition site as possible.

This championship included 39 teams in 6 divisions and comprised a schedule of 85 games and took place over 4 days of competition. To officiate the games in this competition we recruited 26 referees from across the province. This number included (apart from the 3 OiCs) 4 from Shuswap, 12 from the Thomson Okanagan, 5 from Vancouver Island, and 5 from the Lower Mainland.

We would like to congratulate the following officials for their selection to officiate in this championship's medal games:

- U13 Female A Bronze – Jamie Graham and Linden Nakashimada
- U13 Female A Gold – Élise Lonsbrough and Alp Akyuz
- U13 Female B Bronze – Élise Lonsbrough and Bentley Collins
- U13 Female B Gold – Mike West and Mark McLaughlin
- U13 C Bronze – Mark McLaughlin and Donovan Merner
- U13 C Gold – Mike West and Linden Nakashimada
- U13 B Bronze – Alp Akyuz and Rya Lomas
- U13 B Gold – Chris Philips and Nathan Jaramillo
- U13 A2 Bronze – Declan Kirby and Rya Lomas
- U13 A2 Gold – Élise Lonsbrough and Chris Philips
- U15 C Bronze – Declan Kirby and Jamie Graham
- U15 C Gold – Chris Philips and Nathan Jaramillo

There were approximately 7 game incident reports filed throughout this championship, 4 for simple game misconducts, and 3 for match penalties assessed against players for reckless infractions against other players.

There were also 5 game misconducts handed out to coaches whose unsportsmanlike conduct directed towards officials required their removal from a game. While these cases represented significant unsportsmanlike conduct; overall, most games were played without trouble of this kind. We would like to express our gratitude to the host and minor directorate volunteers for their assistance in this regard. We also would like to express a special thanks to the representative from the Coach's group, Jeff MacCauley, for his dedicated support of officials throughout this event.

The OiC's for this event received several discrete verbal expressions of concern regarding the officiating. All these situations were respectful and productive for the most part. Some were a bit tense, but none of these conversations were at all onerous or disrespectful. We

would like to thank the coaches and managers involved for their care, concern, and understanding.

In conclusion, and on behalf of all the officials in this tournament, we would like to express our gratitude to all the local volunteers for their efforts to assist the officials in this tournament in any number of small ways. We would also like to thank Dennis Windsor, Michael O'Connor and all the members of the Minor Directorate for their ongoing support of officials at this event. As mentioned above, we would like to again express our thanks to Jeff MacCauley and all the members of the Coach's group for their invaluable support of our referees. A special thanks goes out to the commissioner of this tournament, Joel Medland, for his handling of the game incident reports and all matters related to player discipline. Lastly, we would like to thank the staff of the BCLA for their extraordinary efforts on behalf of the officials. Our sport could not happen without the efforts of these staff members and the army of volunteers that perform yeoman service throughout the season.

Doug Wright,

Official in Charge, BC Lacrosse Association Shuswap Minor Box Provincial Championship

Brent Rippberger,

Assistant Official in Charge

Dylan Taylor,

Assistant Official in Charge

Below is a list of the officials who participated in this event:

- **Thomson Okanagan:**

Henry Mossop, Shawn Birch, Ethan Henry, Chelsea Hamelin, Mark McLaughlin, Caden Peters, Wyatt Stowards, Nathan Jaramillo, Hank (Henry) Hobart, Chris Philips, Alp Akyuz, Nash Sereda, Jessica Nakashimada, Linden Nakashimada, Jamie Graham, and Jake Graham

- **Vancouver Island:**

Gino Pagliericci, Dale Darby, Declan Kirby, Donovan Merner, Michael West

- **Lower Mainland:**

Rya Lomas, Élise Lonsbrough, Ella Flynn, Bentley Collins, Ayden Trulsen



2026 BC Summer Games Report

The 2026 BC Summer Games were held in Kelowna from July 24–26, 2026. The tournament consisted of 16 games between eight teams. Ten games were played at Kelowna Memorial Arena, while the remaining six games were hosted at Prospera Place. Both facilities were within a five-minute walking distance of one another, which made game assignments and transportation between venues efficient. The officials' accommodations at UBC Okanagan were approximately a 25-minute drive from both arenas.

On behalf of the on-floor officials, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the staff at both facilities for their assistance and hospitality throughout the weekend. Their professionalism and willingness to help contributed greatly to the success of the event. Aside from the warm conditions experienced at Kelowna Memorial Arena, there were no significant facility-related concerns. The air conditioning at Prospera Place provided a welcome contrast during the weekend.

Overall, the tournament was conducted in a positive and respectful manner. There were no game misconducts or coach misconducts assessed during the event.

On Sunday, one coach received an Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty after engaging with an official during an injury stoppage. In a separate incident, one player received a two-minute Unsportsmanlike Conduct penalty along with a ten-minute Misconduct. Fortunately, both situations were managed effectively by the officiating crew, and no further disciplinary action was required.

Throughout the tournament, there were occasional discussions from coaches regarding rule interpretations, particularly requests to use larger nets instead of the net size recommended by the Minor Directorate for the current season. These situations were addressed appropriately while maintaining consistency with the established rules and tournament directives.

Officials were provided with BC Summer Games meals for breakfast, lunch, and dinner throughout the event. Based on feedback received from the officiating crew and others involved, the quality of the meals was significantly improved compared to previous Summer Games and was well received.

Eight on-floor officials were selected to work the tournament. All eight officials were participating in their first BC Summer Games as lacrosse officials.

Prior to the event, approximately 30 officials expressed interest in attending. However, only nine officials responded to the preliminary communication confirming both their availability and continued interest. From those responses, eight officials were selected to represent the BC Lacrosse Association.

With one official assigned as Official-in-Charge, all games were adequately staffed throughout the tournament. I would, however, like to acknowledge local official Josh Odgers, who assisted



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by operating the shot clock for the Sunday seventh-place and fifth-place games at Kelowna Memorial Arena. His willingness to help ensured those games operated smoothly and was greatly appreciated.

The officials selected for the 2026 BC Summer Games were:

- Nash Sedera – Zone 2
- Asher Kuiken – Zone 2
- Chris Phillips – Zone 2
- Alp Akyuz – Zone 2
- Caleb Hartwig – Zone 5
- Aiden Herslert – Zone 3
- Erik Forbes – Zone 6
- Josh Beauregard – Zone 4

I would like to sincerely thank each official for their professionalism, commitment, and dedication throughout the weekend. They represented both the sport of lacrosse and the BC Lacrosse Association with pride and demonstrated a strong willingness to learn and improve throughout the competition.

Until the medal games, officials worked using two-official mechanics, as directed prior to the tournament. While this directive was followed, I believe it would have been more beneficial for officials to utilize three-official mechanics throughout the entire weekend. Doing so would have provided greater consistency in officiating, enhanced development opportunities, and better prepared officials for the medal games.

Despite the adjustment required for the championship games, the officiating crew responded professionally and adapted well to the circumstances.

Championship Sunday Assignments

7th Place Game

Caleb Hartwig and Alp Akyuz

5th Place Game

Caleb Hartwig and Alp Akyuz

Bronze Medal Game

Chris Phillips, Nash Sedera and Erik Forbes



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Gold Medal Game

Josh Beauregard, Aiden Herslert and Asher Kuiken

I would like to extend an appreciation to the BC Lacrosse Association for their financial support of the officiating program. Their contribution toward officials' travel expenses and game fees was greatly appreciated and helped make participation possible for officials travelling from across the province.

The opportunity to officiate at the BC Summer Games is a rewarding experience, and early and continued recruitment provides more time to generate interest and secure commitments from officials across the province. Having additional officials available helps ensure the tournament can continue smoothly should unexpected scheduling changes or withdrawals occur before the games begin. Maintain regular communication with officials leading up to the Games to confirm availability, share updates, and build excitement for the event. Lastly, consider using three-official mechanics throughout the tournament rather than only during the medal games. This would provide greater consistency in officiating, enhance the development of officials, and better prepare them for higher levels of officiating in future assignments.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to Dave Showers for his guidance, assistance, and support throughout the weekend. Although this was his first year serving as Sport Chair, he was an outstanding resource and a pleasure to work alongside.

I would also like to thank Wuilbert Jaramillo, BC Summer Games Chair, and his dedicated team of volunteers whose countless hours of work ensured the event was well organized and successful.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Deb and Jill at the BC Lacrosse Association office for their invaluable assistance behind the scenes. Their support before and during the Games was greatly appreciated and contributed significantly to the success of the tournament.

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making the 2026 BC Summer Games a successful event for our athletes, officials, coaches, and volunteers.

Respectfully,

Dylan Taylor

2026 BC Summer Games Box Lacrosse Official in Charge(OIC)



Dear Members,

It has been my pleasure to serve on the BC Lacrosse Executive over the past two years as Vice President of Technical Programs. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to our association and to work alongside so many people who are committed to the continued growth and success of lacrosse throughout British Columbia.

My focus over the past year has been two-fold.

First, I have made it a priority to connect with as many of our members as possible, engage in meaningful dialogue, and better understand how we can continue to improve our association and the experience we provide for our players, coaches, officials, and the many volunteers who give their time to our sport. Those conversations have been invaluable and have helped broaden my understanding of both the opportunities and challenges facing lacrosse across in our province.

Second, I have worked alongside my fellow Executive members to help guide our association and membership through the transition to a governance model. This is an important step in strengthening the BC Lacrosse Association, providing greater clarity around governance and accountability, and ensuring the organization continues to evolve in alignment with the BC Societies Act.

I would also like to recognize Travis Gillespie, who led our Coaches Technical Support Group, and Doug Wright, who led our Officials Technical Support Group. Thank you both for your leadership, commitment, and hard work over the past year. The contributions of these groups, and the volunteers who support them, are important to the continued development of lacrosse in British Columbia.

Finally, I would like to thank Jill Krop, Gerry Van Beek, and the entire BCLA Executive for their support and collaboration over the past year. It has been a privilege to serve alongside all of you, and I appreciate the time, energy, and dedication that everyone continues to bring to our association.

I am excited about the work still to come and the opportunity to continue to strengthen our association while ensuring that the decisions we make ultimately support our members and the people who make lacrosse possible across British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Russ Auger
VP Technical Programs
BC Lacrosse



**2026 BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group Special Session
November 2026
BCLA Technical Director Report: Dave Showers**

In this report, I have highlighted the activities that the BC Lacrosse Coaches Association (BCLOTG) has had in the last year, along with some statistics. First of all, I would like to thank everyone involved with the BCLOTG, from Doug Wright, Joe Wong, Dallas Lister, Nico Beaudoin and Angie Reid for all your hard work in overseeing/running the clinics and spending tireless hours working on new and improved materials. To all those who stepped into a classroom or into an arena or onto a field to teach, evaluate or officiate we thank you in helping keep our sport strong and successful in British Columbia.

In this report I have gathered data from September 2025 to June 2026. My role with the BCLOTG includes now mainly the co-ordination of the clinics and any other help where needed.

Clinics

BOX

The BCLOTG offered **55 In-Person Box** clinics and **9 Online Sessions** across B.C in 2026, with a total of **768** Officials being trained and re-trained.

Entry Level = **202** attended. Level 1 =
258 attended.
Level 2 = **226** attended.
Level 3-5 = **82** attended.

FIELD Officials Clinics

The BCLOTG offered **10 In-Person Field** clinics and **3 Online Sessions** in 2025/2026; with a total of **211** overall participants being trained and re-trained.

Entry/Level 1 = **146** attended
Level 2 = **39** attended virtually online
Level 3-5 = **26** attended virtually online.

WOMEN'S FIELD Officials Clinics

The BCLOTG offered **5 In-Person Women's Field** clinics and **1 Online Level 2 Session**; with a total of **61** participants being trained and re-trained.

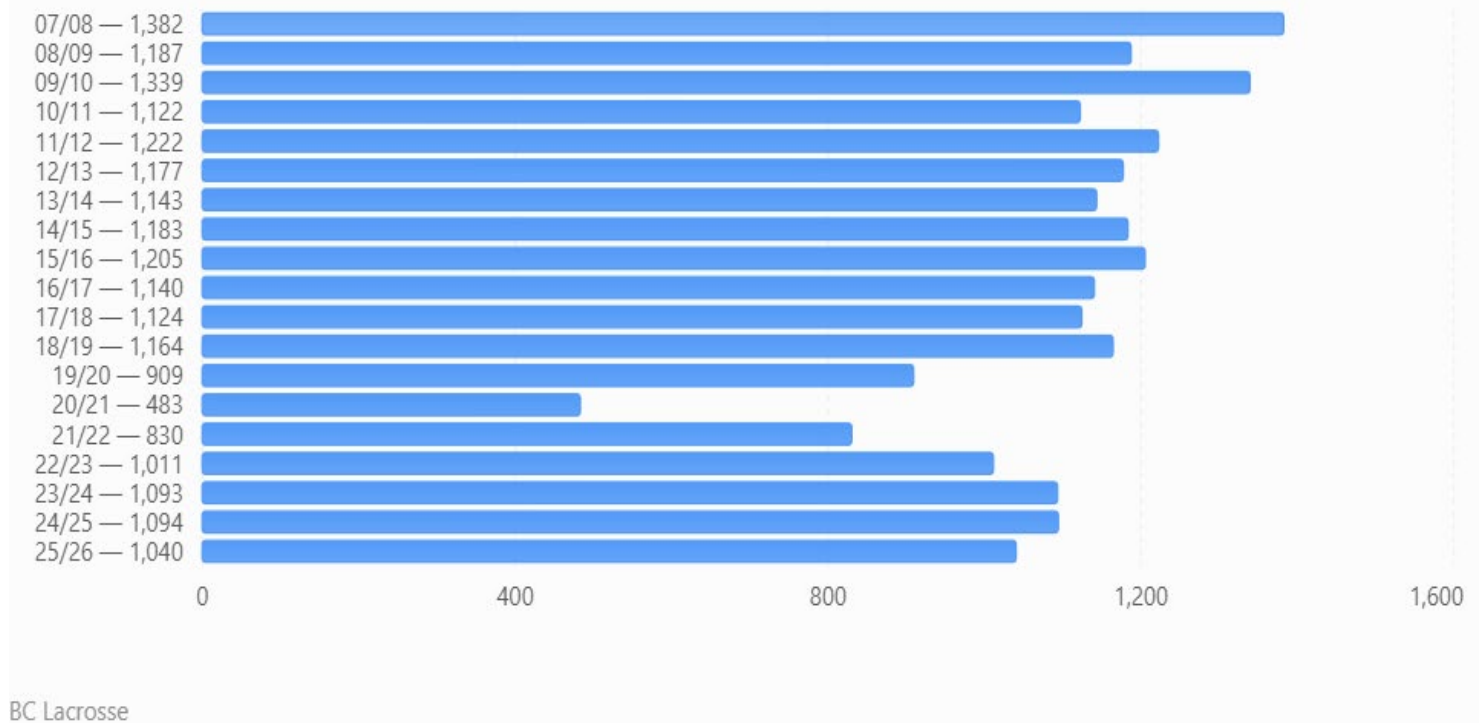
Level 1 - NEW/Returning In-Person Clinics – **46** Attended
Level 2 – **15** Attended

Total Number of In-Person Clinics 70 and Total Number on Online Sessions 13 - Total Officials attending these clinics/Online: 1,040

CLINIC ATTENDANCE – Clinic Referee/Official/Umpire attendance from 2007/2008 to current

BC Lacrosse Officials Training Numbers

Annual officials training participation, with the total shown for every season.



We want to build a strong, confident and supported officiating community across BC. Our goals are to:

- Increase the number of trained officials and rebuild participation toward—and eventually beyond—previous levels.
- Recruit younger and new officials, giving them a welcoming introduction to officiating
- Continue to provide consistent, high-quality training throughout the province.
- Create more opportunities for mentorship and on-floor/on-field development, not just classroom learning.
- Develop clear pathways so officials can progress from community lacrosse to provincial and higher levels.
- Continue improving education through online learning, clinics, practical sessions and ongoing development.
- Build a culture where coaches, athletes and spectators understand that respect for officials is essential to the game.