

**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2026 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA SENIOR DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY**

Proposed by Angie Wolfe, Governor-WCJLL Valley Sturgeon

ADD NEW REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY – APPLICABLE TO JUNIOR ONLY
5.44 that would read:

5.44 A junior player shall be notified by the team when the player has been signed. The team shall provide written notification to the player within twenty-four (24) hours of a playing certificate being submitted on their behalf.

The notification shall clearly advise the player that the playing certificate has been submitted for registration and confirm that the player has been signed to the team.

Rationale: Junior players should have a clear understanding of their registration status and whether they have officially been signed to a team. This policy would create a simple, consistent and transparent process.

Proposed by Don Wittmeier, Prince George Lacrosse League Commissioner

REGULATION 14: CHAMPIONSHIPS 14.14 currently reads:

14.14 To qualify for provincial play-offs, a player must be signed to a current certificate and must have been listed and participated in three league games. This includes pick-ups from a lower division. The only exception would be a player who was placed on an injury list and could prove the player's injury to be valid. In the case of zones that do not have a Junior "B" League, the player must have participated in at least three (3) exhibition games. Junior A players must have played in three (3) games at the Junior A level, one(1) of which is in the BCJALL.

Senior C teams playing in the provincial championships may pick up three (3) players from other Senior C teams, within their own league.

Senior C teams can use any players from a lower division, provided that player has played up on the Senior C team for a minimum of three (3) games and the lower division club that player plays for has done the proper affiliation with the Senior C team. Pickups will not exceed three (3) players total.

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A REAL team deemed competitive by the Senior Directorate/BCLA will qualify for a wildcard placement in the Provincial Championship.

Rationale: To ensure teams and provincial hosts/committees have ample time to prepare and plan the provincial competition. To respond to weather and unique safety factors that require postponements.

Proposed by Don Wittmeier, Prince George Lacrosse League Commissioner

ADD NEW REGULATION 16: POSTPONEMENTS 16.09 that would read:

16.09 In the event of extenuating circumstances such as weather, natural disasters, vehicle incidents or other events resulting in highway closures the game shall be postponed

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Proposed by Don Wittmeier, Prince George Lacrosse League Commissioner

REGULATION 23: TIME LINE 23 currently reads:

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.

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March 1	Last date for Senior A (WLA) draft to be done (SD 5.21)
March 15	Last date for Senior B draft (SD 5.21) Deadline for Leagues to file League Agreements for ratification (SD 8.03) Last date for Junior A Graduated Free Agent U17 Draft (SD 5.21)
April 1	Team fee and application deadline -- if not in, team is precluded from play (SD 11.02) Insurance fee due (SD 11.06) Player certificates sent out to teams (SD 4.01) Deadline to return trophies to BCLA Office (SD 15.02)
April 20	All Senior protected lists due (SD 5.23, 5.26, 5.34, 5.35) Final date for Senior Box Coaching Form 100B submission with fees
May 1	All unsigned and unprotected players become free agents (SD 5.24, 5.38) All non-reporting players move from protected list to hold out list (SD 5.28, 5.39) Final date for coaching Form 100B signing (BCLCG 1.02, 11.02) Final date for coaching fees from Form 100B (BCLCG 1.02, 11.02)
May 25	Final date of registration of coach for playoffs (BCLCG 2.03, 11.02)
July 1	Final date for new player signing (SD 4.07)
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August 1	All affiliation forms must be filed (SD 7.01)

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