

**BC LACROSSE COACHES TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP
2023 SPECIAL SESSION**

Saturday, September 16, 2023 – 12:00 PM

In Attendance

Members

Rob Arden - BCLCTSG Vice Chair (Minor)	Nick Collison - JDF
Travis Cornwall - PCMLA	Brad Dairon - New Westminster
Shawn Donahue - BCLCTSG Vice Chair (Men's Field)	Susan Dos Santos - Surrey
Jeff Glass - Surrey	Tim Hamm - Surrey
Jaramillo Wuilbert - Kelowna Minor Lacrosse	Susan Kirby - Burnaby
Jamie Lamont - Surrey	Sean Lehman - BCLA Vice Chair (Senior)
Don McGregor - Langley	Tayner Marks - Campbell River
Chris Murrin - Fort St John Lacrosse	Mike Newton - BCLCTSG Secretary
Dennis Quigley - BCLA VP Technical Programs	Sarah Thomas - North Island
Naomi Walser - BCLCTSG Vice Chair Womens Field	Andy Watson - BCLCTSG - Chair

Introduction

The regular annual Special Session of the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group was held on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 12:45 PM over Zoom. The Vice Chair - Minor Box was in the chair and the Secretary was present. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and approved as read.

Reports

1. Chair (Russ Sheppard) - report received and placed on file.
2. Vice Chair - Minor Box (Rob Arden) - report received and placed on file
3. Vice Chair - Senior Box (Scott Jensen) - report received and placed on file
4. Vice Chair - Men's Field (Shawn Donahue) - report received and placed on file
5. Vice Chair - Womens Field (Naomi Walser) - report received and placed on file
6. BCLA Team BC Technical Co-ordinator - Box Lacrosse (Darcy Rhodes) - report received and placed on file
7. BCLA Team BC Technical Co-ordinator - Field Lacrosse (Mitchel Cavallarin) - report received and placed on file
8. BCLA Master Learning Facilitator - Box, Field (Terry Mosdell) - report received and placed on file
9. BCLA Vice President Technical Programs (Dennis Quigley) - report received and placed on file
10. BCLA Technical Director (Dave Showers) - report received and placed on file

Discipline Hearings

Rob Arden - another bad year for Minor Box in regard to officials abuse. Inclusive to Coaches, Players and Parents. Associations are not getting involved and just letting the BCLCTSG deal with it. What do we need to do to get associations to step up and get involved. We can suspend but problem coaches just keep coming back and we don't need them.

Jamie Lamont - I have children who are referees and I think we've swung too far the other direction and officials seem to be coming down very hard on coaches who are simply trying to ask questions and communicate with refs.

Don McGregor - we have suspended our own coaches (Surrey) and also had parents taking Respect In Sport. We have also had coaches try to go through proper channels to communicate with refs and failing and then ultimately reverting back to ineffective communication with refs

Travis Cornwall - a good idea would be to have name bars on the referees so we can personalize them. I have also had experience with refs overreacting. Possible conversations before the game could be to ask for interactions during period breaks versus yelling to refs during the game. Ref accountability and feedback to coaches could improve relationships.

Rob Arden - was looking forward to the joint coaches/officials meeting during the live special session. Looking forward to next year when we can be in person.

Jamie Lamont - will second that opinion where we need to sit down with coaches/officials in the same room and discuss the issues and come up with effective solutions.

Shawn Donahue - also agree with the opinion that we need to be in person with officials and build mutual respect and reduce hostility.

Susan Dos Santos - young referees are continuing to quit as they are being accosted by coaches after games insisting they 'know the rules'. Possibly have coaches require recertification or more education on rule changes? 10 inaugural games will be canceled for PCFLL due to lack of referees.

Andy Watson - agrees that in-person is necessary for proper communication, and we should sit down at the AGM with the coaches and officials and come up with ideas.

Provincial Championships, National Championships

Rob Arden - I was involved in Founder's Cup and MacDonald Cup and the officiating was very consistent - no big issues.

Operating Policy - Proposed Motions

It was moved by Shaun Donahue to make the following amendment:

REGULATION 3: THE EXECUTIVE, 3.03 currently reads:

3.03 (a) The Executive will consist of the following and shall be elected as follows:

The Chairperson Every 2 years in even years

Past Chairperson N/A

Secretary Every 2 years in odd years

Vice Chairperson for Minor Box lacrosse Every 2 years in even years

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Eight Zone Co-ordinators To be appointed annual by the Chair

Master Learning Facilitator To be appointed annual by the Chair

Head Facilitator To be appointed annual by the Chair

Job Descriptions

Head Facilitator

- Minimum Standard: Fully Certified Competitive Introduction- Level 2.
- Responsible to recruit, interview, and select clinicians for box, men's field and women's field programs.
- Responsible to ensure that all clinicians teach to an acceptable standard.
- Provide direct liaison between the BCLA Technical Director and Zone Coaching Co-ordinators, Association Coaching/Technical Co-ordinators, Association Presidents/Managers to ensure all minimum requirements outlined in the Form 100s are met.
- Responsible to provide facilitators for all slated clinics.
- Responsible to liaise with the Technical Director to ensure the coaching database reflects the current coaches on an annual basis.
- Responsible to liaise with the Technical Director to produce a list of current coaching certification levels upon receipt of all Form 100's (week immediately following the applicable deadline).
- Responsible to liaise with the Master Learning Facilitator in determining manual content and ensuring that clinician training and updating are carried out.
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Coaching Development Director

- *Responsible for developing recruiting materials for recruiting coaches*
- *Responsible for developing resources that can be utilized to facilitate better coaching.*
- *Responsible to liaise with BCLA Executive, Minor Directorate and Senior Directorate for joint development of resources for coaches.*
- *Work with the BCLOG to develop joint Official and Coach strategies to address referee abuse.*

Rationale: The position noted has not been used or functional for years. The coaching group needs to spearhead the development of coaching resources, this new position will allow us to find someone to champion that area if needed.

The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Rob Arden to make the following amendment:

REGULATION 7: BENCH RULES, 7.01 (a) currently reads:

7.01 (a) The minimum age for Assistant Coaches of U11 and lower is 14 years of age and the Coach must have completed NCCP Community Development level prior to being on the bench. The minimum age for Assistant Coaches of U13 and up is 16 years of age (calendar year) and up.

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Rationale: Minors must wear helmets on the bench at all times for safety.

The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Susan Dos Santos to make the following amendment:

APPENDIX A

U7 Club Minimum Standard currently reads:

Community Development Trained

Amend APPENDIX A

U7 Club Minimum Standard that would read:

*Complete the Community Initiation Online Module
Emergency Action Plan Module
Understanding the Rule of Two*

Rationale: Making it easier to attract coaches at first level of coaching

The motion was adopted.

It was moved by Jamie Lamont to make the following amendment:

Fair Play Codes for Coaches Point 3 currently reads:

3. I will ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and playing time.

Amend Fair Play Codes for Coaches Point 3 that would read:

3. I will ensure that all athletes get *equitable* instruction, support and playing time.

Rationale: Providing equal support, instruction and playing time is very close to impossible. Rather, we should encourage coaches to provide fair and appropriate opportunities to players.

(Equality means each individual or group of people is given the same resources or opportunities. Equity recognizes that each person has different circumstances and allocates the exact resources and opportunities to reach an equal outcome).

The motion was adopted.

Election of Officers

1. Secretary (2 year term) - Mike Newton by acclamation
2. Vice Chair - Senior Box (2 year term) - Dan Chetner by acclamation
3. Vice Chair - Men's Field Lacrosse (2 year term) - Shawn Donahue by acclamation

New Business

Discussion:

- Coaches may be required to take ethical decisions course with own money
- Currently only coaches at a national championship level are required
- As always - looking for more coaching facilitators!

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Mike Newton,
BCLCTSG Secretary