

## 19. TRANSPORTATION BY VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

- 19.01 The BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) recognizes that there will be times when private vehicles are used to transport athletes, coaches, referees and/or volunteers (other than within a family), and the BCLA values the involvement and commitment of volunteer drivers.
- 19.02 Any volunteer driver willing to provide transportation where needed for organized lacrosse activities, must review and comply with the following conditions:
- a) The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) considers drivers to be "volunteers" as long as they are reimbursed only for reasonable expenses. A volunteer who is paid a wage or is reimbursed for that individual's time is no longer considered a "volunteer" and is to contact the Autoplan agent as it may be necessary for the volunteer's vehicle to be rated for "business use".
  - b) The driver must hold a valid British Columbia (ICBC) driver's license (Novice Stage or Full Privilege only).
  - c) The vehicle must have standard insurance coverage with ICBC.
  - d) The vehicle must have one (1) seatbelt available for every passenger, including the driver. Drivers are responsible for complying with all child restraint requirements.
  - e) The number of persons being transported in the vehicle must not exceed the normal carrying capacity of that vehicle.
  - f) The vehicle must be maintained in sound mechanical order.
  - g) A vehicle with a seating capacity of more than ten (10) persons, including the driver, is classified by the Motor Vehicle Branch as a "bus". A "bus" used to transport athletes, coaches, referees and/or volunteers is required to have a valid Class 4 Driver's License issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch. This will include volunteers' vehicles and rental vehicles used for athletes, coaches, referees and/or volunteers transportation.
  - h) Volunteers who rent vehicles to transport athletes, coaches, referees and/or volunteers must be aware of the appropriate requirements for driver's license classifications, third party liability insurance limits, and bus permits, particularly when renting vehicles, which have a capacity to carry more than ten people, including the driver. Vehicle capacity, and not the number of passengers being carried, is the determining factor. Only drivers who are declared to the rental agency are allowed to drive (confirm minimum age requirement for operating a rental vehicle with the rental agency). Insurance coverage is voided if an undeclared driver drives the vehicle.
  - i) There is no medical, dental or disability coverage for volunteers. If a volunteer is injured by the actions of other people, the volunteer still has the right of common law action and in the case of automobile-related injuries, ICBC coverage may apply.

All incidents of injury or vehicle accidents must be reported to the individual's respective Association/Club/League immediately.