## Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse





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## Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Team - Halifax, Nova Scotia

## Team BC U19 Women Field Battle at Nats!

Playing 14 lacrosse games is 7 days is not for the meek, but the Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse team and Team BC Female Midget team athletes were the exception.

The Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse team, comprised of many Team BC Female Midget Box Lacrosse athletes (ages 15 & 16 years), left the muggy Halifax Forum, and gold medal in hand, to compete outdoors at the CLA U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Invitational National Tournament at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Team BC won four and dropped two games in six round-robin games and outscored their opponents 54-41. Game scores were: wins over Team Alberta 13-7 and 11-4, wins over Nova Scotia 9-1 and 14-2, and two losses to Team Ontario 16-4 and 11-2.

"Our girls were beat up from the box nationals, but were a focused group that competed at a high level, game in, game out," stated Head Coach Josh Wahl. "I'm so proud of our athletes and what we achieved at this tournament."

Team Ontario was mainly comprised of Field Lacrosse athletes ages 17-19 with a few national team members, while Team BC was a Box Lacrosse/Field Lacrosse hybrid team with athletes ages 15 and 16 years.

Team BC met Ontario in the gold medal game. Team BC improved every game versus Ontario narrowing the gap from 12 and 9-goal round-robin losses, to a very respectable 11-6 loss in the final.

Top Team BC point getters were Molly Schmidt (10G, 2A), Natalie Gane (6G, 6A) and Claire Snyder (5G, 4A). Alyssa Wahl played her first major tournament in goal and finished with a 3-3 record, a 8.33 goals against average and 50 saves.

The CLA U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Invitational National Tournament 2017 wrapped up with a Tournament awards and all-stars. The tournament all-star team was: Attack-BC #15 Molly Schmidt, ON #12 Nadiya Roy, ON #8 Jacklyn Hooey and AB #16 Jazmyne Ward; Midfield-BC #11 Natalie Gane, BC #8 Daniella Stroup, ON #5 Aurora Cordingly and AB #9 Julia Porter; Defenders-BC #25 Bria Hamilton, ON \$9 MacKenzie Beam, AB #18 Jevelyn Ward and BC #13 Hailey Anderson; and Top Goalie and Tournament MVP-ON #1 Kameron Halsall.

"We were very pleased with the compete level of our Midget Girls Box Lacrosse Team transitioning over to the Field game and stepping it up competing against a very talented Team from Ontario," stated Team BC Field Technical Coach, Reynold Comeault. "Although losing isn't something to be pleased with, the close championship game proved our girls held their own very well."