

VICE CHAIR/CHAIR REPORT

This will be one of the shortest reports I have ever made.

I started the season as Vice Chair and when Dirk stepped down as Chair due to being the CLA Chair I took over chair.

This was a challenging year for everyone involved with field due to the pandemic.

Provincials were cancelled

Leagues planned their season but it was limited as per the PHO. The interior which usually has a very short season didn't get any season. Island decided if they had a season they would have unofficial schedule games and let clubs schedule their own games depending what they were allowed to do. They ended up cancelling their season Mid December. The only league that kept going was PCFLL, they did have cohort games, but when that stopped they managed to keep club doing skills and drills. They decided things weren't going to be cleared for play and finally cancelled their season.

I am hopefully we will have a field season this fall, as with more and more people getting vaccinated, and our sport being outdoor, we should be able to restart our season in September, which I am sure everyone is looking forward to as much as I am.

I have allowed my name to stand for the rest of the Chair term. If I'm successful the FD will be working together to get our season back on track.

Beth McLucas

2021 PCFLL Chair Report

Well 2020/2021 PCFLL season sucked. While we had hoped to accomplish many things this year, none of them came to fruition. Our success even with continuous health order changes we were able to play 374 games. This success needs to be recognized as an example of the lacrosse hart. Clubs/Executives working together allowed the maximum number of games possible. Without these people working together we would have failed.

In the future we need to have a communications framework that allows information to be passed in a controlled manner.

I still have over 1500 unread emails from parents on their Views of the health orders. This has to stop.

Communication Order:

1. Parents communicate with Team Manager.
2. Team Manager communicates as per their associations policy.
3. Associations communicate with league
4. League communicates with Directorate
5. Directorate with BCLA

It's a top down communications path that has proven effective in the military (aka chain of command).

Roger Terhune, Chair PCFLL

Field Directorate Special Session – Vancouver Island Youth Field Lacrosse League Chair Report

Not much to report on the Island this season

Due to Covid, our numbers where down quite considerably, most associations just did sticks and drills, and when we did games, we were no contact which was challenging for most. We ended our season mid way through December as Covid was hitting the Island pretty good and people were starting to stress about travel etc I'm not sure what's in store for this season coming up in September, It'll be based on what's happening with Covid and the restrictions

Thanks

Tammy McDougall

BC Field Directorate April 10, 2021

Interior Field Lacrosse Commission (IFLC)

IFLC consists of 6 active Associations: Kamloops, Kelowna, Nicola Valley, North Okanagan, Penticton and Shuswap.

The 2020-2021 season in the interior did not take place due to COVID-19 restrictions.

All the associations did their best to engage kids and have some modality of the sport available to kids that wanted to practice it. All the volunteers involved in this process went above and beyond to have field lacrosse sessions through the fall. Our numbers decreased with respect to last year in players, officials and volunteers.

We are looking forward to the fall where there is hope to improve. However, our officials' number decreased this past year and unfortunately we don't see any improvement to that situation for this coming season. That might be the biggest challenge we will face once we are back to a semi-normal situation since without officials, games cannot happen.

No season would be possible without the kids and the volunteers that provide their valuable time in the name of the sport.

Thank you

Wuilbert Jaramillo
IFLC Chair

2021 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session
Vice Chair – Women’s Field: Kellie Ohlmann

A special thank you to all of the volunteers & parents that helped to make field lacrosse (COVID version), a possibility for our women’s field lacrosse players during the past year of ever changing phases, guidelines and restrictions.

Congratulations to all of our female field lacrosse players that have committed to universities this year (either verbally or by signing their NLI’s).

The CLA’s women’s field sector member associations have been developing a policy proposal for women’s nationals. The proposal will be submitted for approval at the upcoming semi annual general meeting. This year, we have had an increase in MAs starting women’s programs – NB, PQ, SK are all working towards a provincial team. Currently BC, AB, ON, NS have provincial women’s field lacrosse teams.

As always, please ensure that your association has added all of the women’s divisions to your registration (U8/U12/U15/U19) – even if your association is not anticipating having women’s teams.

Kellie Ohlmann

BCLA FIELD SPECIAL SESSION

REGISTRAR REPORT

March 16, 2021

Registrations are now complete for Field Youth for the 2020/2021 season. There were 25 active Associations this season. Of these I did not receive any submission of Team Lists/Paperwork for six of them. After reminders and nothing forthcoming printed the lists from the database. Of the 25 Associations 11 still had incomplete paperwork/supporting documents. Despite repeated requests for this to the Associations Registrars & Presidents and to the Commission level they remained incomplete.

Unfortunately only two Commissioners (Island and Lower Mainland Women's) sent me their Player Transfer list and Playing Down list for their areas. This is of enormous help when I receive these as it eliminates trying to chase down the paperwork.

A reminder that Associations are responsible for advising the BCLA when they change Registrar's so that the COP can be updated and an Instruction Document can be sent out to them.

Regards,

Corinne Perriman

BCLA Field Registrar

Vice Chair - Coaching Men's Field

Field Directorate Special Sessions 2021

Thank you to all the coaches and clubs for your efforts this past year. I know there was a lot of work in trying to put a season together and keep players on the field. Coaches had to adapt teaching styles and practice plans and from all accounts this was generally well done. Thanks to those who created and attended the online training sessions for coaches through the year.

I look forward to hopefully resuming our play this coming season.

Thank you,

Shawn Donahue

BCLA Field Directorate
Women's Field Vice Chair -Coaches Report April 2021
Naomi Walser

Two Women's Field Lacrosse Community Development in-class portions of the coaching clinics took place via Zoom. The on-field portion was scheduled for November 20th and was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions implemented.

It was a challenging season for coaches to obtain information with updated rules being used across the province, however information about COVID-19 Protocols were in place and that made it helpful to run successful seasons on the field.

The NCCP Community Coach Development presentation has been updated by the CLA and is all set to go for the 2021/22 season.

2020-21 BCLA Field Lacrosse Special Session

VC – Mens Field Report

This year all clinics were done via Zoom. Thank you to Lee Brien, Jody Weatherby and Doug Wright for the many planning and trial sessions that were completed prior to the certification clinics. Thank you to all of the clinicians who adapted their teaching to the online platform. Thank you to all of the officials who attended the certification clinics despite the uncertainty of what the season would look like.

A total of 124 officials were certified this year:

- 67 Entry Level
- 32 Level 2
- 25 Level 3,4,5

The RTL modified rules presented many challenges in the planning of the clinic material as they were constantly being updated right up until the first clinic, again during the clinic schedule followed by further changes during the season. When questions from the Officials group were asked regarding clarification or changing the playing rules, before the clinics started, they were all dismissed without action. It was only until the teams and league representatives asked the same questions that the rules were changed. This resulted in officials being taught one set of rules at their certification clinic and then having to learn and understand different rules based on written clarifications and on field experience afterwards.

The Field lacrosse officials group look forward to returning to the classroom certification setting next season as we feel the value of in person teaching and the ability to interact with the officials is a far better learning environment than what can be achieved online.

Thank You

Ryan Nose
VC Mens Field BCLOTSG

Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse
RIC Report for 2020

The 2020 season was unprecedented and shall go on record as the year of a worldwide pandemic, which brought the deadly disease and a world of uncertainty. We only managed to play six weeks on paper, but at the very last moment, week five was cancelled due to Covid 19 outbreaks. The last minute cancellation meant only five weeks of active play, but referees were assigned for six weeks.

The referees went through a significant change of learning by no longer being certified in a classroom setting. All the officials attended their levels on an online platform which was challenging for both instructors and students. As the season progressed in the short season, so did the Covid compliant rules. These new rules required lots of flexibility until we thought we got it right.

Some policies were totally out of our control as we had to adhere to Provincial Health Orders which meant officials could not enter other Health Authority Zones. This order meant officials were stranded in their home zones and could not officiate at other associations.

Many officials decided to remove themselves from working games this year, mainly to protect elderly family members from contamination while others had to self isolate and enter into quarantine. These actions reduced the officials pool of referees which was challenging to fill games.

I want to thank all the referees for the patience, diligence and understanding, as the ever-fluctuating rules caused lots of frustration.

Special shout out to Angie Wolf for the thankless work she put into making a revolving schedule week in and week out.

Thanks

Jody Weatherby
PCFLL RIC

2021 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session
BCLOG Vice Chair – Women’s Field – Sydney Hara

We held a number of officials clinics this year, with difficulties of COVID-19 like everyone else, we only saw about 4 weekends of play on the mainland. I have no report for officiating on the island.

BC Women’s Field Officials will continue to follow the rule directions of Lacrosse Canada as well as World Lacrosse including the Rule Book and Stick List as directed by governing bodies.

Officials are encouraged to reach out to me for job references and confirmation of participation.

Looking forward to getting set up for next season.

Thanks!
Sydney



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Team B.C. Field Lacrosse Special Session – Report

We had our male and female athletes that were identified to teams in 2020 participate in the inaugural Team BC Field Lacrosse Fall Training Program. This training allowed for our athletes to safely train together in a High Performance Environment. We were able to train for three months before further restrictions were put in place limiting non-essential travel throughout the province.

The Annual NCAA National Letter of Intent Signing Event that normally occurs at the BCLA office was not able to occur in person this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We celebrated our athletes (12 females - 17 males) virtually as they received their Official Scholarship Offers to attend a variety of Colleges and Universities in the United States. Team BC Field Lacrosse Program currently has over 100 Female and Male athletes competing at the collegiate level.

I am very pleased with the growth and development of both our Female and Male Lacrosse Coaches and Athletes! The Women's U19 Nationals and the Men's U18/U15 Nationals are scheduled to take place this summer in Alberta and Quebec respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Cavallarin