

**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION  
2019 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE  
BCLA SENIOR DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY**

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*Proposed by Brad Hara, Burnaby Lakers Junior A Lacrosse Club*

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**REGULATION 5: PLAYER ELIGIBILITY -- GENERAL, 5.08 currently reads:**

5.08 A player, resident of a city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreements, et cetera as of January 1 of the playing year, represented by a team(s) entered in a category for which they are eligible to play, must register with that team(s) except where such player's services are waived by the team(s), and subject to the Regulations here printed. If said player refuses to play for such team(s), they must do so by notifying the team and the league in writing, and after sitting out a year, the player becomes a free agent.

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**Rationale:**

1. The original motion was to address players gaining free agency as a result of a fortuitous event (ie. as a result of missing a season because of a broken leg, or being away at work). As it originally read, a player may have had no intention of becoming a free agent, miss a season, but in the year he returns, decides that he wants to be a free agent. By notifying the League and the team at the outset, it allows for the team to plan around a player that they will not have available to them, rather than to find out after the year has passed that the player has become a free agent.
2. The existing motion requires a date by which the player must notify the league and the team that they refuse to play for such team; and
3. The original motion was passed when the Junior Leagues were three years. Now that Junior has been extended to five years, sitting out one year is not sufficient to protect a team's rights.

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**Add new REGULATION 6: INTER-LEAGUE USE OF PLAYERS, 6.05 that would read:**

***6.05 Any Junior player that has played in 12 or more Junior A regular season games (is listed on the Junior A team's game roster for the game) shall be prohibited from playing in the Junior B Tier 2 League or lower.***

**Rationale:** This should prevent the stacking of a Junior B Tier 2 or Tier 3 team, when the Junior A team has determined that they are no longer in the hunt for a play-off spot. This may, but not always, happen near the end of the season. It unfairly stacks a Junior B Tier 2 or 3 team, and may result in the release of a Junior B Tier 2 or 3 player with no place to go.

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**REGULATION 8: CLASSIFICATION AND GROUPING LEAGUE AGREEMENTS AND SCHEDULING, 8.01 currently reads:**

- 8.01 All team entries into the Association shall be to the Senior A, Senior B, Senior C, Junior A, Junior B ~~Tier 1, Junior B Tier 2, Junior B Tier 3~~ and recreational lacrosse leagues. Any area may form a league of no less than three (3) teams for the regular playing season. All clubs in the Association shall be grouped for the purpose of playing for Senior A, Senior B, Senior C; Junior A, Junior B ~~Tier 1, Junior B Tier 2, and Junior B Tier 3~~ championships.

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*Direction: All rules that belonged to Intermediate A and B in 2016 be reinstated in the Operating Policy.*

**Rationale:** Over the last two years, we have witnessed a steady decline in player registration and commitment. Some younger players are not willing to play against 20 year olds. Some parents are not allowing their sixteen or seventeen year olds to play against the older players. Some players leave midway through the season as they have either been hurt or are tired of being beaten by stacked teams. With Intermediate A and B, the 2 year age grouping allowed even weak players to develop their skills and enjoy the game. With the existing 5 year age grouping that is not the case. When the weak players show up for camp they are the first to be cut and with no place to play they quit the sport. The kids who did not show up because of the age difference stopped the Junior B Tier 3 team from forming. The way it is now, some teams are using older bigger players for defence and leaving the smaller players either not playing or being on offence. Smaller players eventually stop playing. The other reason is that this 5 year grouping is mixing those players old enough to drink with minors. As administrators and coaches it is our responsibility to monitor players at team functions and gatherings. How do we do that after a game pub night? A few in the dressing room after the coaches leave? A tailgate party, a beach party, a house party? We will be the ones who will be held responsible if something goes wrong. For liability sake we need to re-instate Intermediate A and B. Some statistics from the BCLA Registration Statistics information:

**In 2019:**

Total # of Junior B T1 and Junior B T2 Players – 782

**BREAKDOWN:**

# of players 19 and over: 207

# of players born in the year 2000 which means they would turn 19 sometime in the 2019 season: 153

# of players under 19: 422

**Registration Statistics Information**

**2017 Registered Players**

Junior A - 213

Junior B (now called Junior B T2) – 452

Intermediate A - 262

Intermediate B – 128

TOTAL: 1,055

## 2018 Registered Players

Junior A – 183  
Junior B T1 (prev IntA) – 363  
Junior B T2 (prev JrB) – 304  
Junior B T3 (prev IntB) – 164  
TOTAL: 1,014

## 2019 Registered Players

Junior A – 199  
Junior B T1 (prev IntA) – 345  
Junior B T2 (prev JrB) – 392  
Junior B T3 (prev IntB) – 0  
TOTAL: 936

So, from 2017 to 2019, we've lost **119 players; basically an entire league.**

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***Proposed by Judy Regier, BCLA Senior Directorate Secretary***

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Add **new** REGULATION 14: CHAMPIONSHIPS, 14.03 that would read:

***14.03 In a case where two or more Leagues exist at the same level and Division, the Senior Directorate will need to be informed by the Leagues how they intend to determine a Provincial Representative for any National Championships that may be applicable at that level. This intent must be submitted to the Senior Directorate for approval no later than April 31 of that playing year.***

***If not informed, the Senior Directorate, at its next meeting after that date, will determine which League will represent BC at the National Championships.***

***Either way the Senior Directorate will inform the BCLA VP of Operations, by May 31 of the playing year of who will be representing BC at the National Championships.***

**Rationale:** Everyone must be aware how the representative is determined at the beginning of the season.

***Renumber current 14.03 and all points after.***

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- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game or games between the two teams advances. If still tied, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie.
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average advances.

### **GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA:**

GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average

**Note:** Only goals scored in the games between the teams involved in the points tie shall be used in the Goal Average Formula.

In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams with which it is tied shall be declared the higher team.

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*In the event this does not break the tie, use the following steps in order:*

- (i) the team with the least goals against would advance*
- (ii) the team with the least penalty minutes advances*
- (iii) the team with the least aggressive penalty minutes will advance*

**Rationale:** A four team round robin tournament could end with 2 teams tied in points meaning the goals scored for or against each other are the same, bringing penalty minutes into the mix.

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