



**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2020 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POLICY**

Proposed by Tricia Rachfall, BCLA Field Directorate Secretary

Change all references to FIL to World Lacrosse in the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy.

Rationale: Housekeeping as FIL has undergone a name change to World Lacrosse.

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women's Field

REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS VICE CHAIR – WOMEN'S FIELD currently reads:

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- Will be the contact for all senior women's and women's teams for the BCLA Field Directorate
- Will assist in the development of senior women's and women's programs in BC
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- Will be elected for a two-year term in even numbered years.

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- Will be the contact for all senior women's and women's teams for the BCLA Field Directorate.
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- Make sure that all provincials run smoothly by working with the host association.
- *Will be the liaison between the BCLA Field Directorate and the Leagues.*
- *Will oversee the Senior Women's, U19, U15, U12 and U8 age divisions.*
- Will be elected for a two-year term in even numbered years.

Rationale: For consistency with the Vice Chair – Youth job description.

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women's Field

REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE, 2.01 currently reads:

- 2.01 The Field Directorate shall establish leagues to govern youth lacrosse league and playoff competition.

Amend REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE, 2.01 that would read:

- 2.01 The Field Directorate shall establish leagues to govern youth *and women's* lacrosse *leagues* and playoff competition.

Rationale: Amend the regulation to include Women's league.

REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 3.01 currently reads:

3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:

Senior Men's	19 years and over
U18 Field	Under 18 years
U15 Field	Under 15 years
U13 Field	Under 13 years
U11 Field	Under 11 years
U9 Field	Under 9 years
U7 Field	Under 7 years and 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year
U5 Field	Under 5 years (Strictly introductory and developmental; this will be a co-ed division. Players from this age division are not permitted to play up to U7.)
Senior Women's Field	20 years and over
U19 Women's Field	Under 19
U15 Women's Field	Under 15
U12 Women's Field	Under 12
U8 Women's Field	Under 8

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

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U13 Field	Under 13 years
U11 Field	Under 11 years
U9 Field	Under 9 years
U7 Field	Under 7 years
U5 Field	<i>Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year</i> Under 5 years - Strictly introductory and developmental; this will be a co-ed division. Players from this age division are not permitted to play up to U7 <i>Field or to U8 Women's Field)</i>
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U12 Women's Field	Under 12
U8 Women's Field	Under 8

Players must be 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year.

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

Rationale: To provide clarification on the minimum age for registration of U7 & U8 players. Clarify no call ups to U8 women's division from U5.

REGULATION 6: FACILITIES, 6.06 currently reads:

6.06 The playing field for youth levels and up will be consistent with FIL dimensions or as the field space allows.

Amend REGULATION 6: FACILITIES, 6.06 that would read:

6.06 (a) The playing field for youth levels and up will be consistent with *World Lacrosse* dimensions or as the field space allows.

(b) *The playing field for all women divisions will be consistent with World Lacrosse dimensions or as the field space allows.*

Rationale: Amend the regulation to include Women's

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS, 7.12 (i) currently reads:

7.12 (i) Teams traveling outside of Canada must follow all CLA and BCLA policies as these teams are now *presenting* the Canadian Lacrosse Association and the BC Lacrosse Association.

Amend REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS, 7.12 (i) that would read:

7.12 (i) Teams traveling outside of Canada must follow all CLA and BCLA policies as these teams are now *representing* the Canadian Lacrosse Association and the BC Lacrosse Association.

Rationale: Housekeeping – change the word presenting to representing.

REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS, 12.06 currently reads:

12.06 If a Coach/Bench staff is involved, a written report, including referee's report and sheet must be provided to the BCLCG Chair by the Commission making the request. The Commissioner may be requested to attend the BCLCG Conduct Committee hearing.

Amend REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS, 12.06 that would read:

12.06 If a Coach/Bench staff is involved, a written report, including *official's* report and sheet must be provided to the BCLCG Chair by the Commission making the request. The Commissioner may be requested to attend the BCLCG Conduct Committee hearing.

Rationale: Remove referee reference and change to official (as is a general regulation, being applied to all).

REGULATION 12: SUSPENSIONS, 12.07 currently reads:

12.07 A member may receive an initial verbal notification of a fine, suspension or decision directly face to face or by telephone. This must be followed by a formal written notification presented, *faxed*, e-

mailed or mailed and post-marked within seventy-two (72) hours to the member after initial verbal notification.

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Rationale: Remove the option to fax written notification.

Proposed by Tricia Rachfall, BCLA Field Directorate Secretary

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 21.04 currently reads:

21.04 No team or player may be scheduled for, or play in, more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games (~~2 x 25 minute halves~~) per day. Exceptions for goalies may apply.

U7 – 4 x 8 minute quarters maximum

U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum

U11/U13/U15/U18 – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 21.04 that would read:

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U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum

U11/U13/U15/U18 – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum

Rationale: Removing (2 x 25 minute halves) because the accepted times for mini games at each division has been defined lower in the regulation.

Proposed by Mary Clare, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair – Senior Men's Field

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, 22.09 currently reads:

22.09 Eligibility

To be eligible to play in a provincial championship tournament, a team must have played a minimum of eight league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of the development areas in BC (i.e., Zones 1,7,8), the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in underdeveloped field lacrosse areas of the province.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship tournament, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, upon checking in at the provincials. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship ***and-must*** have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. Exceptions can be made for the position of goaltender. All exceptions must be approved by the Field Directorate.

A league must operate successfully for three (3) consecutive years to be considered viable and eligible for national championships.

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, 22.09 3rd paragraph that would read:

22.09 Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship. ***Youth Players*** must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. Exceptions can be made for the position of goaltender. All exceptions must be approved by the Field Directorate

Rationale: Housekeeping to amend and clarify punctuation.

Proposed by Mindy McIlhargey, Adanac Field Lacrosse Vice President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, 22.10 currently reads:

22.10 Declaration Forms

The BCLA Office must receive declaration forms for provincials along with an attached roster and payment for entry into provincial playdowns by the date set by the Field Directorate for the playing season. Failing this will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a \$1,500.00 fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws within 14 days prior to the start of the Provincial Championship Tournament, the parent club shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

If a team withdraws from the U11 Provincial tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subjected to a \$500 fine per team that withdraws if that team withdraws less than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Provincial Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have met the minimum requirements of the youth league.

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, 22.10 2nd paragraph that would read:

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Rationale: All declarations must be signed by the President – therefore all withdraws should be the same. Currently, it is too easy to withdraw which can lead to teams being withdrawn without the proper people having discussed it.

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women's Field

Delete REGULATION 35: WOMEN'S PLAYING DIVISIONS, 35.01 that currently reads:

35.01 *The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions (as per Regulation 3.01)*

<i>Senior Women's</i>	<i>20 years and over</i>
<i>U19 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 19</i>
<i>U15 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 15</i>
<i>U12 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 12</i>
<i>U8 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 8 and 5 years old as of January 1 of the playing year</i>

All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

Rationale: The playing divisions are provided in the general section of the Field Directorate Operating Policy.

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women's Field

REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S MOVES, 37.09 currently reads:

37.09 No player may play with two associations in any year unless the requirements of Regulation ~~14~~ 13.08, 36.08 or 37 are satisfied.

Amend REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S MOVES, 37.09 that would read:

37.09 No player may play with two associations in any year unless the requirements of Regulations 13.08, 36.08 or 37 are satisfied.

Rationale: Remove reference to Regulation 14 as this Regulation is in the Youth Field Operating Policy.

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women's Field

REGULATION 38: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE, 38.03 currently reads:

38.03 Associations may not cap or waitlist any player until they have ~~it has~~ reached a roster size of twenty (20).

Amend REGULATION 38: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE, 38.03 that would read:

38.03 Associations may not cap or waitlist any player until they have reached a roster size of twenty (20).

Rationale: Housekeeping – remove the words “it has”.

REGULATION 43: WOMEN’S OFFICIALS, 43.02 currently reads:

43.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of two (2) women’s field lacrosse umpires, certified for the current playing season, available for officiating hosted games.

Amend REGULATION 43: WOMEN’S OFFICIALS, 43.02 that would read:

43.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of two (2) women’s field lacrosse umpires, certified for the current playing season, available for officiating hosted games.
All umpires must be certified by November 11th of the current playing season.

Rationale: There needs to be a deadline where officials are certified or else Associations will continue to push back their official certification and ask for more clinics throughout the entire season. New officials certified later than this will not have the opportunity to develop in time to umpire Provincials.

NOTE: If passed add to Field Directorate Women’s Field Timeline.

REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES, 44.01 currently reads:

44.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.

Amend REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES, 44.01 that would read:

44.01 All games shall be played according to the playing rules *and World Lacrosse approved crosse and pocket list* set down by the Field Directorate, and ratified by the executive, prior to September 1st of the playing year.

Rationale: Because World Lacrosse plays on a different timeline than the BCLA for Women’s Field Lacrosse, new playing rules and a new stick list is released halfway through the season, we cannot change the rules/supplemental material half way through the season.

REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES, 44.10 currently reads:

44.10 Players within the Women’s league may use a crosse which is ~~FHL~~ approved provided the crosse is deemed permissible by the Umpire during the stick-check prior to any league or Provincial game.

Amend REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S PLAYING RULES, 44.10 that would read:

44.10 Players within the Women’s league may use a crosse which is *World Lacrosse approved by September 1 of the playing year*, provided the crosse is deemed permissible by the Umpire during the stick-check prior to any league or Provincial game.

Rationale: Because World Lacrosse plays on a different timeline than the BCLA for Women’s Field Lacrosse, new playing rules and a new stick list is released halfway through the season, we cannot change the rules/supplemental material half way through the season.

REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.01 currently reads:

45.01 The Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the *Women's* series deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Amend REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.01 that would read:

45.01 The Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the *U19, U15 and U12* series *in Tier 1 and 2, if* deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.

Rationale: Create tiering in Women's Tournaments/Championships

REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.03 currently reads:

45.03 At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter the Provincial Championships.

Amend REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.03 that would read:

- 45.03 (a) At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter Provincial Championships.
- (b) *Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in.*

Rationale: Create tiering in Women's Tournaments/Championships

REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.09 currently reads:

45.09 Eligibility.
To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship or Tournament, a team must have played a minimum of *three* league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the playing year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of the development areas in BC the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in the underdeveloped Women's Field Lacrosse areas of the province.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship/Tournament, a player playing up a division must have played a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. Proof of game sheets must be presented to the convener, upon checking in at the Provincial Championship/Tournament. A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

Women's players can only participate in one Women's Provincial Championship/ Tournament and must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group. Exceptions can be made for the position of

goalkeeper, provided that the team uses a set goalkeeper throughout the regular season and does not rotate that position. **Exceptions** must be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

Amend REGULATION 45: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENT/CHAMPIONSHIPS, 45.09 that would read:

45.09 Eligibility.

To be eligible to play in a Provincial Championship or Tournament, a team must have played a minimum of **eight** league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the playing year as a team. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

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Women’s players can only participate in one Women’s Provincial Championship/ Tournament and must have played in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up one age group. Exceptions can be made for the position of goalkeeper, provided that the team uses a set goalkeeper throughout the regular season and does not rotate that position. **Goalie** exceptions must be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

Rationale: Amend the number of games to be eligible for Provincials. Clarify the goalie exceptions to play in Provincial Championships/Tournaments.

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women’s Field

REGULATION 47: WOMEN’S TIMELINE currently reads:

NOTE: Dates that are associated with a specific By-Law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-Law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-Law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-Law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

January 1 Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10, FD 3.01 & 35.01)

February Women’s Provincial Championship/Tournament

March 31 Deadline for Senior Women’s coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).

April Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)

April 30 Senior Women’s registration deadline
Senior Women’s registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 36.04)
Senior Women’s last date for cross-over players (FD 44.03)

July Women’s National ***Invitational***

August 15 Applications to host Women’s Field Lacrosse tournaments for upcoming year.

- September 1** Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 44.01)
- October 1** Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).
- October 31** Registration deadline
Registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 36.04)
Last date for cross-over players (FD 44.03)

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- February** Women’s Provincial Championship/Tournament
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- April** Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
- April 30** Senior Women’s registration deadline
Senior Women’s registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 36.04)
Senior Women’s last date for cross-over players (FD 44.03)
- August** Women’s National
- August 15** Applications to host Women’s Field Lacrosse tournaments for upcoming year.
- September 1** Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 44.01)
- October 1** Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).
- October 31** Registration deadline
Registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 36.04)
Last date for cross-over players (FD 44.03)

Rationale: The Women’s National is no longer an Invitational event and it takes place in August.