



2024 Field Directorate Reports

For the April 13, 2024

Field Directorate

Special Session

FD Chair Report

Thank you to the 3 leagues, clubs, teams and players for another great season of field lacrosse.

Thank you to Nanaimo for stepping up and hosting the U11 Provincial Tournament. I couldn't attend, but I heard everyone had a good time.

Thank you to Richmond who hosted the Youth U13 to U19 Provincials, we couldn't have asked for nicer weather for the weekend. It was also a jam-packed weekend of games, and it may be time to look at splitting up the divisions to another weekends, this would open up to more clubs have facilities to host as well as take the burden off the officials as we once again struggled to have enough for all games.

Burnaby hosted the Women's Provincials; it was another great weekend of lacrosse. Thank you.

I cannot thank these clubs enough for stepping up and hosting 3 great events.

I will propose to the BCLA to add Women's U11 to the Women Provincials as a provincial tournament the same as the youth side.

Thank you to David who took over VC of Youth last year and was able to step in and overseeing the U11 weekend tournament on the Island for the FD, he was able to get involved in the Youth Provincials as well but also had to step on the field as an official due to shortage of officials, but managed to get his feet wet learning the ropes at provincials as FD.

Also, for doing U11 Tournament schedule and for helping me with the Youth Provincial schedule, fixing my mistakes.

Thank you to Stacy VC of Women's and her crew for everything making sure the Women's Provincials was successful as always.

Thank you to Mary VC of Men's for stepping up as convenor for the Youth Provincials, she also guided David in his 1st provincials as VC and had me around for most of the weekend as her helper. Wuilbert, the Interior Chair was in attendance also stepped in to help where needed. It was a pleasure working with everyone.

Thank you to both RIC Ryan and Angie for getting all the officials for all the provincials and tournament, I know they had to juggle lots of officials but once again they did a great job as well as the officials and all games got played.

Thank you to Shawn for being the coaching reps at all youth provincials, it was a fairly quiet weekend with coaches.

Thank you to everyone who sits at the FD table for all your hard work. Our coaching and official reps, our secretary Dylan who makes sure our meeting run efficiently, the 3 League Chairs. Thank you to my 3 Vice Chairs. Mary for working endless making the Men's League work. Stacy for all your hard work with the Women's League. David for keeping the Youth League running smoothly and keeping everything updated.

Thank you to BCLA staff Jill, Shannon, Dave and Deb for being at all the provincials posting the scores and taking pictures. Deb, thank you for sending out all the information to all the teams and fixing up my schedules.

Beth McLucas

The 2023-24 Youth Field Lacrosse season faced a number of challenges, but overall can be considered a success.

- Weather did not have a large impact but did cause for a couple of weekends to be postponed.
- The alignment with Lacrosse Canada's age grouping created new opportunities at U19 which resulted in an elite level of competition as clubs had to work together to form teams.
- New field dimensions were used for U9 and U11 which allowed the athletes to focus more on their lacrosse skills

There were unforeseen challenges as well.

- Many associations had new executives which caused many an issue through inexperience.

And finally, unfortunately, there were issues with parents and coaches behaving inappropriately towards young officials. More must be done to raise awareness about the expectations on young officials. In many cases from U11 down the players have been playing longer than the officials have been officiating. Their learning process needs to be nurtured and supported the same way we support our players.

The U11 Provincial Tournament was hosted by Nanaimo and by all accounts it was a successful event. Thanks to the leadership of Kelsey Kollar and Wes Tyre and an amazing crew of volunteers, the event ran smoothly. Also special thanks to Brian Baxter and Shannon Andres for providing additional energy and support. The games ran smoothly and mostly on time. It should be noted once again that parents can be the greatest support for the game but sometimes, they provide unnecessary challenges. Passionate advocacy can be misplaced. It is important to let the team officials deal with any issues. There is a process to follow, and most situations can be sorted out, or at least clarified, with proper communication. It also needs to be noted that these events are for the children and the consumption of alcohol on site is prohibited.

The Youth Provincial Championship was hosted by Richmond-Vancouver this year. We were fortunate to have many excellent applications to choose from and while the decision was difficult, we could not be happier with the results. Led by Pam Mason and Ryan Nose, an entire crew of volunteers made the Championships a wonderful event for all who participated. As this was my first time on this side of the table, I want to make sure to acknowledge the work done by Beth McLucas and Mary Clare. They work tirelessly through all situations for the benefit of the game. I am proud to have been part of the team representing the Field Directorate. I feel we worked well and thoroughly to address whatever issues came up. The tournament also benefitted from the hours put in by Susan Dos Santos and Shawn Donahue. Everyone stepped up and with very few exceptions the tournament ran smoothly. Once again though there are some parents and some coaches who cross the line with their passionate input. Yes, there is a championship on the line but foremost we are trying to teach the players to compete with integrity and be able to deal with adversity. If the adults cannot model it how will the players learn. If they see their coaches and their parents yell and swear at referees, other coaches and tournament officials they will see that as an acceptable response. We cannot allow this to happen. We need to be better for the children and for the game.

In looking forward to next season I have set out many objectives which I feel need to be looked at for the development and growth of the game:

- * Create a document and/or a mentorship program to help support a new executive with the timeline and expectations for a season
- * Revamp the U11 Provincial Tournament Directive and make it more unique to meet the needs of U11
- * Establish guidelines to rank and assign the teams into pools for championship play
- * Create appropriate guidelines for play according to Lacrosse Canada's LTAD document for U7, U9 and U11.
- * Work with clubs to be proactive in dealing with abusive behaviour

I thoroughly enjoyed my first year in the role of Vice-Chair Youth and I look forward to the upcoming season.

David Goulet
Vice-Chair Youth
Field Directorate

PCFLL 2023-2024 Season Report to the BCLA Field Directorate Special Session

PCFLL again accrued significant growth in the 2024/24 season across both Women's and Youth Field Lacrosse. Women's registrations increased by 53 athletes to 541 and Youth increased 116 athletes to 1773 for a total of 2314. The total number of athletes is at a 6 year high for the league.

2023/24 was a season of adjustment for the PCFLL as two year age cohorts were introduced for both Women and Youth. The largest impact came at Women's U19 who did not have enough registered players to form a division. Much was made of the decision not to age down the women to U17, however, based on a thorough review of the expected impact to U17, ultimately the board could not support aging down this many players. Women's U17 was, on the whole, competitive and games were not cancelled due to lack of players as we previously experienced at Women's U19. When this would occur it impacted women all the way down to 16 years old. The PCFLL continues to evaluate ways to make a U19 age division feasible but will be protective of the U17 age group moving forward.

Congratulations to all of our PCFLL Champions as well as Provincial Championships. At provincials, the PCFLL captured 11 Women's medals and 17 Youth medals.

Officials shortages continued to be an issue and resulted in game cancellations, largely with the older age divisions Youth U19 to U15. The PCFLL encourages the BCLA to promote officiating to adults and those that can move quickly up the ranks to officiate the older age groups to mitigate the issue of youth officials leaving officiating in their late teens and early 20's due to other priorities.

The PCFLL launched a pilot project in 2023/24 to actively move players and teams to Tier 1 to create more competitive balance and exceed four teams per Tier 1 division. The project focussed on Youth U15 and U17. The pilot showed moderate success with an increase in Tier 1 teams at the same age groups from 2022/23 to 2023/24 and will continue into next season.

The League introduced a new communication channel, WhatsApp, to communicate directly with all Field Reps, Club Presidents, and Commissioners. This showed some promise in being able to respond to club questions and concerns quickly while being able to push out information on a regular basis and not have those messages lost in email inboxes. The League may begin to experiment with direct Coach and Manager communication next season depending on the feasibility of the administration of the different groups.

For 2024 and beyond, the PCFLL looks to accomplish continued growth and has a few specific goals:

1. To develop a Mission and Vision / Values statement in-line with the BCLA.
2. To replace our logo with one more reflective of all our athletes and disciplines.
 - a. Currently the helmet and long poles are exclusive to only one of our disciplines.

3. To meaningfully contribute to a review of our season activities including tournaments, season length and provincials.
4. To reduce instances of Officials abuse and empower clubs to take steps to deal with club members who cannot understand the impact they are having on our game.
5. To understand and participate in decisions on how Sixes Lacrosse may shift our lacrosse programming.

The league depends on a committed group of volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure the success of the sport. These volunteers include:

- Stacy Paterson and Cal Davies, who served as Vice-Chairs and contributed significantly to the league.
 - Cal will not be letting his name stand in 2024 for the upcoming executive wrapping up a three-year stint on the board. My thanks to Cal for his contributions and assistance, stepping in mid-term when his experience was needed to provide a steady hand.
- Mary Clare and the Commissioner team for their efforts in administering the sport week in and week out.
- On the women's side, Stacy and Angie Reid ensured that games were scheduled and officials were present.
- For Youth, Susan dos Santos worked to move officials around to cover as many games as possible.
- Lynda Callard served as Treasurer and Registrar,
- Angie Wolfe continued as league Secretary and contributed more hours as our league Youth scheduler.

The league also thanks the volunteers on the Field Directorate for their time during the season, Beth McLucas, David Goulet, & Stacy Paterson in particular as the Chair and Vice-Chairs responsible for athletes in the PCFLL.

Overall, the 2023/24 season was a success for women's and youth field lacrosse. The PCFLL is grateful for the dedication and hard work of its volunteers who have been critical to the success of the league.

Brad Romano
Chair, Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League
chair@pcfll.bc.ca

Island Report

This season our numbers grew. I feel we are getting close to pre pandemic numbers. By next season we should bypass those numbers.

I would like to thank Nanaimo who did a terrific job hosting the U-11 Provincial tournament and a special thanks to Dave Goulet who volunteered his time to represent the BCFD.

Our Island teams faired well in the provincials this past season.

U-15 tier 2 women's-Nanaimo-Silver.

U-15 tier 1 youth- Pac Rim-Silver

U-15 tier 2 youth-North Island Gold, Nanaimo -Silver

U-11 Red division Jdf 1st place, Nanaimo 3rd place

U-11 White division- Jdf 1st place,

Many of our association had new executives so we had some challenges that for the most part we were able to work out. One the main issues we had this past season, was that every suspension we issued was challenged and complained about. We even had the associations contact the FD regarding their suspensions, most of our suspensions were only two games.

I also want to thank my Head coach, head ref, head commissioner and all the commissioners this season. It was them who kept the games going, our head coach and head ref mentored the coaches and the refs and kept them successful,

We are looking forward to next season

Our AGM is scheduled June 23rd.

Tammy McDougall

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Interior Field Lacrosse Commission (IFLC)

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

Not that much going on in the zone right now regarding field lacrosse. The zone had a very good year with with the following teams in the season:

- 3 teams in U17
- 3 teams in U15
- 3 teams in U13
- 3 teams in U11
- 3 teams in U7/U9 (all associations combined numbers)

The interior had representation in U13 (Penticton) Tier 2, U15 (Kelowna) Tier 2 during the field lacrosse provincial championships in Richmond.

Penticton U13 went on and got a bronze medal in Tier 2. It was a remarkable result and a perfect end to their season.

This year was challenging as ever. Our registration numbers were lower than in previous years. Our referee numbers were just barely enough to cover our games (that is an understatement), however even with the reduced numbers no games were canceled this season.

IFLC has not had its AGM yet, it will take place later in the year. Some positions are vacant and the commission is recruiting to fill those in.

The commission is looking forward to another successful year, 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

SENIOR MENS FIELD LACROSSE REPORT MARCH 2024

In the Lower Mainland the senior men opened their season September 16th with 7 teams. They began playing 2 games in Coquitlam and 2 games in New Westminister, using the U19 BYE team to make a full complement of four games per week.

At the end of the youth season I received some great input from those U19 teams saying how much they had enjoyed being part of our league for those few weekends.

Unfortunately the ALL West league also resumed their season in December and although we haven't had a direct conflict with games played on Saturday nights up until now, I believe they will start playing their league games Saturday nights at the end of March. Luckily for us, Easter is early this year and our season will be over by then! Obviously the ALL league continues to impact our numbers.

Provincials are booked for the Easter long weekend in Coquitlam, March 30 and 31st. First draft of the schedule has been done.

Tyson Leies spearheaded a league in Victoria last year which had 4 teams competing and has increased to 6 teams this year. He has declared 2 teams for provincials but I'm not sure whether we have enough field time to accommodate them both. His season is very similar to ours. However he uses U19's to bolster his teams as permanent call-ups, which could present some problems for provincials.

I also had some discussion with Jamie MacGregor from Kelowna regarding an interior league, but I don't think they had any success in starting play this past season, and I also had negotiations with Nanaimo who were also interested in starting a league – but my last email went unanswered, so I'm not sure how far they got.

This year we have had no game reports.

We are still unable to get gaming as a league, and although several avenues have been investigated there doesn't seem to be anything for senior players at present.

Nationals were cancelled for 2023. We have indicated that we would be able and willing to host for 2024.

Respectfully,

Mary Clare
Vice Chair Senior Men's Field Lacrosse

2024 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session

Vice Chair - Women's Field: *Stacy Paterson*

Congratulations to all Women's field lacrosse players for another successful season of lacrosse!

The season began again with the fun & fast Big Al's 7v7, followed quickly by the Langley Thunderstrike tournament. Thank you to both the Adanacs & Langley Clubs for hosting these highly anticipated tournaments.

Thank you to Burnaby for hosting the Women's Provincial Championships & to Ridge Meadows for organizing a WU11 year end jamboree. And, as always, many thanks to any & all who answered the call for extra volunteers to help out both on & off the fields. A reminder to potential hosts for next year's tournaments to submit their host applications prior to the deadline.

Thank you to the Field Directorate Executive – for helping me through this first year in the position. I had big shoes to fill with Kellie Ohlmann's departure & I hope I have served you well.

I look forward to continuing to assist in growing the Women's game in British Columbia.

2024 FIELD REGISTRAR REPORT

February 28, 2024

Youth Field;

Almost complete. Unfortunately, there is still some paperwork I'm waiting for.

Men's Field;

Nothing received yet for Island

A reminder is in order 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 2024

Congratulations to everyone on a successful 2023-2024 field season! Thank you to all the players, coaches, clubs and volunteers for a great year. There was lots of great lacrosse played this season, ending with the U11 Provincial Tournament and Youth Field Provincial Championships.

This year there were far more coaches who successfully completed the required training and were then able to complete the season with their teams. Thank you all for your efforts on this front. I know there were some gaps in availability of coaching clinics in some areas of the province and this is something we hope to address. With that said we are in need of Coaching Facilitators to run these clinics so if anyone in your club is interested please let me know.

There were 6 coaches suspended this season. None of these suspensions were more than 5 games so there were no hearings with the BCLA Coaches Group. Most of these suspensions were issued for Abuse of Officials. Please use this as a reminder that coaches are there to be role models and leaders for the youth players and conduct like this is not acceptable at any level.

A special thank you to Dave and the entire BCLA office for their continued support throughout the year. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone next fall.

Shawn Donahue

Spring 2024 Special Session Report
Vice Chair - Women's Field Coaching
Naomi Walser

The new Women's Field NCCP Community Development presentation was implemented in BC this past fall. Three new facilitators have been trained, Savanna Smith, Olivia Ohlmann, and Derek Murrell. Overall four Women's Field sessions this season with 56 new coaches attending, and 13 who registered but did not attend.

2023-24 BCLA Field Lacrosse Special Session

VC – Mens Field Report

A total of 155 officials were certified this season up from 107 last year:

- 104 Entry Level/L1 an increase of 10 from last year
- 43 Level 2 an increase of 13 from last year
- 27 Level 3,4,5 a decrease of 4 from last year.

Even with the increase (+19) in the number of officials there were games in all three leagues had to be rescheduled, postponed, or cancelled outright due to lack of officials.

There were 3 in season tournaments this year (Ridge Meadows, Langley, and Richmond) all hosted between Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day. The timing of the tournaments early in the year allowed for a lot of mentoring/evaluating of the younger officials that set them up for success throughout the year. The mentoring program that was initiated by the PCFLL in 2022 was again implemented this year. Thank you to the league, Susan and the senior officials who provided their support.

The U11 tournament was held in Nanaimo Feb 9-11. A total of 12 officials were used including 7 from Nanaimo and 4 from Victoria. Thank you to RIC Wes Tyre and the Nanaimo association for hosting the event.

Youth provincials were held in Richmond Feb 16-19, a total of 35 officials were used across the 4 days. That included 4 from Victoria, 1 from Nanaimo and 1 from the Interior. Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who made the event possible. One downside to having all four age divisions compete on the same weekend – very few U17 and U19 aged officials were available as they chose to focus on playing. Thank you to Pam Mason as host and Susan Dos Santos as referee allocator for all your hard work in putting on a fantastic weekend.

The Mens League is nearing its conclusion at the time of this report. Both the CWFLL and the Island have completed league play. There is a 5 team provincial tournament scheduled for Easter Weekend in Coquitlam.

Thank You

Ryan Nose
VC Mens Field BCLOTSG

Thank you all for another successful Women's Field Lacrosse Season.

This year we were able to certify the following officials:

Mainland:

- 9 x Level 2
- 28 x Returning Level 1
- 20 x New Level 1

Island:

- 5 x New Level 1 (one did not complete their training)
- 2 x Returning Level 1

This year, I want to thank Charlie Jones for stepping up to allocate games. In allocating the games, efforts were made to use officials who lived closest, but depending on skill level, I had to allocate officials who required the additional travel fee. I am grateful to the clubs who paid the additional amount and the umpires who were willing to travel to these locations.

This year, we were able to utilize the \$1000.00 mentorship budget from the PCFLL to support the mainland officials. Many officials were able to receive official evaluations.

I am grateful for the adult officials we have and hope more adults decide to join the ranks of officials. We have had several issues with official abuse this year from players, coaches and parents. This is an ongoing issue we hope to work towards resolving.

Some items we hope to work on for next season, is creating a dedicated space on the BCLA website to have resources for continued learning. This would be accessible to coaches, players, parents and officials. Lacrosse Canada has generated many videos to assist with this. In the off-season, I will be working on this.

This year we also saw many more players receiving yellow cards resulting in suspensions. In addition to suspensions, we hope to provide materials to help educate the players on what they may be continuing to do. We hope to also provide a reflection piece for these players to help identify where there may be issues.

As with every year, the retention rate of the returning and Level 2 officials is difficult. With many heading off to university, I often have to push up officials to umpire U15 and U17 games when they could benefit with starting the season at U11 and U13. With more adults coming on board, this does make things easier. In anticipation of this, I reached out to previous officials to see if they would return. I was able to have a couple come back which was great. I will be reaching out ahead of the next season to see if we can retain some returning officials.

The scheduling of umpires continued to be done via central allocation, which made allocating much easier and enabled us to assign mentors. Saturday afternoons were more difficult to assign because of the ALL West having their indoor box games during the same time. This caused issues with officials being unavailable for games.

Thank you to Burnaby who hosted the U13, U15 and U17 Women's field Provincials, which proved to be a great success. We were able to run the 3-person system for the crossover and medal games and it gave some newer officials a chance to see what it was like to officiate a higher-level game.

Even during Provincials, our officials encountered official abuse by parents, players and coaches. Several unsportsmanlike cards were given. In future, these may not be yellow cards, but a straight red to remove the person from the game. It seems this year there were way too many abuse issues for officials. I have some who will never return to officiating due to this. In an effort to assist these coaches, players and parents, I am hoping to host a learning event before the season starts to provide these individuals an opportunity to understand Women's Field to prevent frustration. We also hope to have the BCLA use their social media platforms to provide some of these Lacrosse Canada tools/videos to assist in this learning.

As always, if anyone has any questions, ideas or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Angie Reid
Vice Chair Women's Field Officials



Team B.C. Field Lacrosse Special Session – Report

After a very successful 2023 season, we look to build on this success in 2023. We had over 450 athletes participate in our Men's and Women's Tryout Camp in December 2023 and February/March 2024. There was a **record** number of female athletes that signed up for the Provincial Tryout Camp - 150! The weather cooperated despite some scares in December and early March, and all the camps ran smoothly.

From the Provincial Tryout Camps, 5 Men's Teams (U14 / U15 / U16 / U17 / U19) and 6 Women's Teams (Middle School / Freshmen / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / U19) were selected to train and compete at elite events across the United States as well as National Championships. Last summer in Quebec was historic for the Team BC Women's Field Program, where for the first time ever, the U19 Team captured the Jenny Kyle Cup (U19 Women's Field National Championships).

This year we had an impressive number of athletes (23 males - 14 females) receive scholarship offers to attend a variety of Colleges and Universities in the United States and Canada. Team BC Field Lacrosse Program currently has over 100 Female and Male athletes actively competing at the collegiate level in Canada and in the United States.

I am very pleased with the growth and development of both our Female and Male Lacrosse Coaches and Athletes! The Women's U19 Nationals (Winnipeg, Manitoba) and the Men's U17 and U19 Nationals (Calgary, Alberta) are scheduled to take place this summer. We look forward to building on our successes and have our eyes set on a Golden Summer. The program's success would not be possible with the assistance and support of the BCLA Staff and Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Cavallarin

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April 13, 2024 BC High School Field Lacrosse: Dave Showers

The 2023-2024 BC High School Field Season was a shortened season, thanks to the weather and other circumstances, but we were able to play games in January and February.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to our committee:

- Ian Radonich for the scheduling of the games and being able to adjust to last-minute changes.
- Susan and Nicolas dos Santos for Officials Allocation. With the small, dedicated group of Officials both Susan and Nicolas worked hard to make sure we were able to play as many games as we could.

A daily Instagram post and website score updates were provided throughout the season. The BC High School Field Instagram page can be found at: <https://www.instagram.com/bchighschoolax/>.

Our 'Provincials' had a small setback with the City of Coquitlam, but fortunately we were able to find some field time during the weeknights and were able to schedule 26 games. We decided to call this tournament the BC High School Field Lacrosse Showdown, instead of the provincials, as we did not have the Island teams attending or a championship game.

Schools – Senior Teams

Centennial, Charles Best, Heritage Woods, Maple Ridge, Mission, New Westminster, Pitt Meadows, Riverside, Sardis, St. Thomas More, Terry Fox and Vancouver College. Holy Cross participated during the season, but not at the Showdown.

Schools – Junior Teams

New Westminster, St. Thomas More and Vancouver College

Another **BIG THANK YOU** to all the Managers, Coaches and Scorekeepers who put in countless hours with these athletes, and I just want to let you know that you are beyond appreciated.

Showdown Format

Two 22-minute halves, running time except in the last 30 seconds. Teams were each scheduled four games (two per night). The games were played in the sunshine, in the pouring rain and even in the snow (which some games had to be cancelled). Game MVP prizes were handed out after each game (one per team) and photos were taken for the Instagram page.

Payments

The BCLA is now in charge of handling the payments of Officials and the invoicing of schools during the season/provincials. The BCLA felt that it was too much for the Managers/Coaches to have to find cash each week to pay for the Officials and then try to get reimbursed from the schools.

The Officials were paid every two weeks via e-transfer, as is the case moving forward at all Field and Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships.

Looking towards next season, we need to find ways of recruiting Officials that are able to officiate earlier games starting at 3:30pm during the weekdays. Our core group were fantastic, but we did have to cancel some games due to Official shortage.

Some Recommendations for Next Season (from schools)

- Introduce Sixes into the school system and have three teams compete against each other one night a week (small round robin). Allows for the smaller schools to have teams and creates potential for new schools to join. A larger school participant base would give us a better chance of becoming a BC School Sport.
 - Dedicate one or two nights a week at a certain location, so teams know when they will play each week and would allow them to be more prepared for rides, etc. (Wednesday Night Lights).
 - Keep the shorter games and play two games a week on the same night.
 - Shorten the season and just play September – November.
 - Introduce Officiating training into the schools.
 - Don't change anything.
-