

**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2018 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

Proposed by Greg Toll, BCLA Vice President - Operations

BY-LAW X: COMMITTEES, (b) The Disciplinary Committee (Applies to Code of Conduct Only), (v) currently reads:

- (v) An individual or club appealing or protesting, must send to the Association, along with a written appeal or protest, a bond in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order payable to the Association, for *two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250)*. In the event of a successful appeal, the bond will be returned.

Amend BY-LAW X: COMMITTEES, (b) The Disciplinary Committee (Applies to Code of Conduct Only), (v) that would read:

- (v) An individual or club appealing or protesting, must send to the Association, along with a written appeal or protest, a bond in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order payable to the Association, for *five hundred dollars (\$500)*. In the event of a successful appeal, the bond will be returned.

Rationale: The fee was increased at a past BCLA AGM in APPENDIX A of the BCLA” General Operating Policy but a motion to change the ByLaws was not included in the change. Housekeeping.

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Add (vi) and (vii) to BY-LAW X: COMMITTEES, (b) The Disciplinary Committee (Applies to Code of Conduct Only) that would read:

(b) The Disciplinary Committee (Applies to Code of Conduct Only)

- (i) The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the Vice President - Operations or a designate, the Chair of the Minor, Senior, Recreation and Field Lacrosse Directorates or their designates, the Chairs of the BC Lacrosse Officials Technical Support Group, the BC Lacrosse Volunteer Leadership Technical Support Group and the BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group or their designates.
- (ii) It shall have one member, in addition, who will sit from each league only on matters involving that particular league.
- (iii) The Vice President Operations or a designate shall be the Chair. It shall have a quorum of three.
- (iv) The Committee is authorized to sit in judgment on appeals of any disciplinary action involving suspensions of players, coaches, leagues, referees, or team officials for all divisions under jurisdiction of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association. It is authorized to sit in judgment on matters of reinstatement.
- (v) An individual or club appealing or protesting, must send to the Association, along with a written appeal or protest, a bond in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order payable to the Association, for two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). In the event of a successful appeal, the bond will be returned.

- (vi) *In the case that a referral happens from another governing body in the BCLA that requires disciplinary action to be considered, normal timelines may not work as time from the incident occurrence may have be partially or fully expired by the first governing body. In this case, the timeline for the Discipline Committee will start from the date when the hearing results are published from the original governing body and not from the original date of the incident.*
- (vii) *In the case that the decision of the governing body has referred issues to the Discipline Committee but that decision is being appealed, the BCLA President, BCLA Vice President – Administration and Finance and the BCLA Vice President of Operations will decide if the actions of the BCLA Appeal Committee would impact any decision made by the Discipline Committee.*
 - a) *If it is decided that the appeal could impact the decision of the Disciplinary Committee, then the appeal will take precedence and will be heard first. The BCLA Appeal Committee timeline is in effect and the Disciplinary Committee timeline, if it is deemed necessary after the appeal, would start at the date that the Appeal Committee decision is published.*
 - b) *If it is decided that the Disciplinary Committee hearing would not have any impact on the appeal, then the Disciplinary Committee hearing will go forward using the timeline as specified in Section (vi) (i.e., from the date that the governing body published its decision referring the incident to the Discipline Committee). The BCLA Vice President - Operations will confer with the BCLA Vice President – Administration and Finance to ensure that there are at least three (3) days between the two hearings.*

Rationale: This would establish an order of precedence when decisions are potentially impacting multiple committees and addresses a timeline expectation by members.
