



**BCLA Announcement**  
**BCLA Female Official & Coach Development Initiatives**

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Dear BCLA Members:

In the spirit of the Gender Equity Month (UN) and Women's History Month (USA), we all can celebrate the many achievements of women. We are pleased to announce that the BC Lacrosse Association (BCLA) has secured funding through Lacrosse Canada with support of Sport Canada to promote female participation in lacrosse.

The BCLA is proud to announce this support, from Lacrosse Canada and Sport Canada, to fund gender equity initiatives in lacrosse for female participants. The BCLA will allocate this funding for BCLA coach and official development and training for female participants. For 2021, the BCLA will fund the registration fees of all BCLA Official and Coach clinics for female officials, umpires and coaches (details to come).

The BCLA looks forward to investing into these officiating and coaching initiatives for our female participants. We thank Lacrosse Canada and Sport Canada for their generous contribution to assist Member Associations with succession planning, understanding that the Covid-19 pandemic will continue to affect the Canadian lacrosse community for years to come.

Thank you,  
Gerry Van Beek  
BCLA President