



**B.C. LACROSSE FIELD DIRECTORATE
2011 SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES**

Saturday, April 16, 2011
Douglas College, New Westminster, BC

In Attendance: Deb Stocks (Chair) Barb Calve, Wes Landels, John Robbie, Kelly Scott, Naomi Walser, Andrea Jones, Toni Lowe, Matt Allanso, Peter Tellis, Jordan Ditchfield, Darcy Rhodes, Terry Kirstiuk, Becky Gulliver, Missie Edwards, Bill Penny, Rick Higgs, Dirk Rachfall, Randy Radonich, Doug Simons, Brad Hara, Trevor Webber, Darcy Phillips, Trish Keizer, Pete Gallant, Tammy McDougall, Jamie Stewart, Karen Peterson, Tyson Leies, Paula West-Patrick, Derek Milani, Tracy Lehti, Michael O'Connor, Ken Alexander, Reynold Comeault.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM, with Chair Deb Stocks presiding.

2. Attendance/Accreditation and Introductions

Members	Potential Votes	Actual Votes
BCLA Executive	2	0
Field Directorate	5	4
BCLCA (Coaches)	2	2
BCLOA (Officials)	2	1
Seniors Men's Field	11	6
Women's Field	8	2
Youth Field	37	20
TOTAL	67	35

3. It was moved by Tyson Leies, seconded by Terry Kirstiuk that the minutes of the April 17, 2010 Field Directorate Special Session be adopted a circulated. CARRIED

4. Reports

- Chair- Deb Stocks -attached
- Vice Chair – Youth Field- Wes Landels- attached
- Vice Chair – Men's Field – John Robbie - attached
- Vice Chair – Women's Field
- BCLA Field Registrar- Robyn Cambrey- attached
- BCLCA Vice Chair – Men's Field – Kelly Scott- attached
- BCLCA Vice Chair – Women's Field – Naomi Walser- attached
- Team BC – Field Lacrosse Program – Reynold Comeault - attached
- BCLOA Vice Chair – Men's Field – Gil Lowe - attached
- BCLOA Vice Chair – Women's Field – Andrea Jones - attached

5. Operating Policy Proposed Amendments – contained in this document at the end of the minutes.

6. Financial- there was no financial statement read.

7. Election of Officers

- a) Vice Chair – Men's Field (2-Year Term)

**Motion to nominate Toni L for the position of Vice Chair of Men's, by *Peter Tellis*,
Seconded by Jordan Ditchfield. With no other nominations the secretary cast the vote by
acclamation.**

b) Vice Chair – Youth Field (2-Year Term)-

**Motion to nominate Wes Landels for the position of Vice Chair of Youth by *Deb Stocks*,
Seconded by Barb Calve- With no other nominations the secretary cast the vote by
acclamation.**

8. **Review Provincial Championships** – There was discussion on how the provincials were after the snow fall, and how it was handled. Lots of opinions, but the main discussion was that no one actually came to the fields the final day to see what was going to happen, or help get in the conversation of what they would have liked to happen. Deb Stocks invited interested parties to attend the next Field Directorate meeting (RSVP) if interested in joining in on the discussion for future dealings with these situations.

9. Nationals

- U16 and U19 Field Nationals will be held Sept 2, 3rd and 4th 2011 at Burnaby Lakes along with a U13 tournament.
- Senior Men's Nationals is being hosted by Ladner, and will be held Thanksgiving weekend.

10. **New Business-** A proposed policy change for declarations was brought to the table as new business because it was received after the deadline for them to be received. ***It was MOTIONED by Randy Radonich, and Seconded by/Terry Kirstiuk to bring this to the table. CARRIED (see attached Policy changes).***

11. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

**B.C. LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2011 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POLICY**

MOTION BY Paula West-Patrick and Tyson Leies

MOTION by Paula West-Patrick and SECONDED By Brad Hara

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS, 7.01-7:03 currently read:

- 7.01 Invitational tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations, Clubs and Zones wishing to host invitational tournaments must inform the Field Directorate which will sanction the tournament, and pass the information to all associations, clubs and zones.
- 7.02 In order to avoid conflict, the Field Directorate will maintain a master schedule of all invitational tournaments and advise holders of tournaments of open dates.
- 7.03 The supervising division commissioner will administer discipline for all tournaments and ensure that disciplinary action is consistent with that administered during league play.

Add new Regulations 7.04 and 7.05 to REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS that would read:

7.04 Out of Province and Out of Country Travel Permit

(i) An application form for travel outside of province or country must be completed and submitted to the BCLA for approval within the following time lines:

- *Inter-Provincial Tournament 7 days before the event*
- *Out of Country 14 days before the event*

(ii) All teams travelling out of country must arrange travel and additional medical insurance for out of country medical needs.

(iii) Only teams made up of players and coaches duly registered with the British Columbia Lacrosse Association (in the same discipline) or teams made up of players and coaches duly registered under a sanctioned BCLA program can obtain a travel permit. A list of the team roster including coaches must accompany this travel permit. Coaches are to be identified by NCCP number and certification level.

(iv) Travelling teams may only compete against teams or in tournament events approved in this permit. Games must be sanctioned by the recognized lacrosse governing body for that region.

(v) Travelling teams must adhere to the rules of the competition in which it is participating.

(vi) Teams participating in any tournament or exhibition series shall abide by the rules of the Host in regards to any minor and major suspensions, which may be more or less severe than BCLA suspensions guidelines. Teams must ensure any suspensions in force from their local association are served during the games with game sheets marked accordingly on tournament games covered by this Permit. Suspensions may not be served during exhibition games. Any new suspensions received at the tournament shall be carried over and served during subsequent BCLA sanctioned games.

(vii) Submission of a copy of all game sheets to your local commissioner within three (3) days of returning home from the tournament is required. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary action / suspension of the coach.

(viii) Travelling teams shall remain subject to the BCLA Operating Policies & Codes of Conduct in regards to disciplinary matters and behavioral conduct. Teams are representing their local association and the BCLA, therefore, the conduct of the team must be indicative of this responsibility.

(ix) Teams travelling 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.

7.05 Cross-Border League Play

(i) British Columbia teams playing in a league based outside the province of BC must be properly registered with the BCLA and an out of province or out of country travel permit must be filed with the BCLA office before league play starts. The team must have permission from their local governing authority in order to participate in the out of province league and must inform the appropriate directorate of their intent to play in an out of province league based league before league play commences.

(ii) Out of province teams playing in a British Columbia based league must have proof of extended health insurance and proof of liability insurance before playing in BC. The players must be properly registered with their teams and the team must have permission of their local governing authority to participate in the BC based league as well as permission of the local BC authority. The local BC authority must inform the appropriate directorate of the out of province team's participation before league play commences.

Rationale: The addition of this information maintains consistency with General Operating Policy (5.02 pg.5) as well as the actual Travel Permit form to be completed by travelling teams. It ensures that **all players and teams** are duly registered with BCLA Numbers/bullet points have been adjusted to correspond to the existing format/ information in the Field Operating Policy.

Motion to AMEND it to read: by Rick Higgs and Seconded by Toni Lowe

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(vii) For all BCLA/ CLA sanctioned tournaments score sheets shall be submitted to the local commissioner within three (3) days of returning home from the tournament is required. Failure to do so may result in additional disciplinary action / suspension of the coach.

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Proposed by Dirk Rachfall, PCFLL Chair

MOTION BY Tyson Leies, SECONDED by Jamie Stewart

REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.03 currently reads:

- 12.03** (a) At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter the Provincial Championships.
- (b) All leagues will play down to the following allotted number of teams per tier:
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| Lower Mainland | 5 Teams |
| Vancouver Island | 2 Teams |
| Interior | 1 Team |
- (c) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

Amend REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.03 (c) by adding a paragraph to (c) that would read:

- 12.03** (c) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

Only one team from a developing area may participate if all spots are allotted. If more than one team declares from developing areas, then a playdown occurs to fill the allotted spot. If this is not feasible, then the Field Directorate will determine which team will be allotted the spot.

Rationale: We are all for developing field lacrosse in all areas of the province, but if two or more development zones declare for Field Provincials, these teams will displace teams in leagues that have played all season, striving for a spot in the Youth Field Lacrosse Provincials.

CARRIED

Proposed by Dirk Rachfall, PCFLL Chair

MOTION by Rick Higgs, SECONDED by Jamie Stewart

Amend REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.03 by adding a paragraph that would read:

- 12.03** (c) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

If there is a vacancy generated by a league not having a team in an age division, the vacancy can be filled by another league team or if there is more than one league team, a one-game playdown occurs to fill the vacancy.

Rationale: Removing any bias, or perceived bias, in selecting a team for a vacancy (i.e., 6 PCFLL, 3 Island, and 0 Interior Teams. PCFLL #6 team plays Island #3 team for vacant Interior slot).

WITHDRAWN

Proposed by Paula West-Patrick and Tyson Leies, Pacific Rim Field

MOTION by Paula West-Patrick, SECONDED by Rick Higgs

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- (c) Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.

Add new paragraph (d) to amend REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.03 that would read:

- (d) *Where there is a vacant Provincials position, the host league shall fill that position. When there is no team available from the host league, top ranked/seeded teams from either of the remaining (PCFLL, VIYFLL or IYFLL) leagues who have not already obtained a spot for Provincials will play a single game (CLA rules) to*

determine who will fill that vacancy. This game will be played at a neutral field as determined by the Field Directorate.

Rationale: Clarifies a vacancy issue. A set formula would now be in place.

MOTION TO AMEND by Jamie Stewart SECONDED by Rick Higgs

Read:

- (d) *Where there is a vacant Provincials position, top ranked/seeded teams from either of the remaining (PCFLL, VIYFLL or IYFLL) leagues who have not already obtained a spot for Provincials will play a single game (CLA rules) to determine who will fill that vacancy. This game will be played at a neutral field as determined by the Field Directorate. **CARRIED***

Proposed by Dirk Rachfall, PCFLL Chair

MOTION by Brad Hara, SECONDED by Doug Simons

REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.09 currently reads:

12.09 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.

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 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. Exceptions will be reviewed 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 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.09 by adding a end paragraph that would read:

12.09 Eligibility

Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate, especially for the position of goaltender in extenuating circumstances.

Rationale: Recognizing the uniqueness of the position.

WITHDRAWN

Proposed by Tyson Leies and Paula West-Patrick, Pacific Rim Field

MOTION by Rick Higgs, SECONDED by Dirk Rachfall

Amend REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.09 by adding a line in the 3rd paragraph that would read:

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. *Exceptions can be made for the position of goaltender, only in exceptional circumstances.* Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

Rationale: To follow in line with the Provincial Box Directive. Our current Field Directive does not have this inclusion.

CARRIED

Proposed by Tyson Leies and Paula West-Patrick, Pacific Rim Field

MOTION by Rick Higgs, SECONDED by Paula West-Patrick

Amend REGULATION 12: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 12.09 by adding a 3rd paragraph that would read:

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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.

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 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.

A team is only eligible to play in the Provincial Championships in the Tier where they have played fifty percent (50%) of their league games by the declaration date set by the Field Directorate.

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. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.

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

Rationale: Current regulation is unfair and allows teams to switch tiers several times during the season. In particular, just before Provincials to gain a birth in Tier 2 Provincials. This amendment would preclude this. **DENIED**

*Proposed by Kelly Scott, BCLCA Vice Chair – Field and
John Robbie, Field Directorate Vice Chair – Men’s Field*

MOTION by Brad Hara, SECONDED by Trevor Webber

Add a new REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 13.08 that would read:

13.08 *In the age groups of U12 and below, no player shall play more than one-half of the game at the positions of Attack or Big Stick.*

Rationale: Unfortunately, too many coaches are just out there to win and do not care about developing the skills of all of their players. The coaches “hide” certain players on the field in order to minimize their involvement in the game. This, unfortunately, hinders their development at a young age, and is doing an overall disservice to the BCLA and the kids. Kids need to learn each position in

order to develop their skills and understand the game. This rule would be similar to the box rule of not being allowed to play offence-defence.

Motion to AMEND by Jamie Stewart, SECONDED by Kelly Scott

13.08 *In league play the age groups of U12 and below, no player shall play more than one-half of the game at the positions of Attack or Big Stick.*

CARRIED

Proposed by Kelly Scott, BCLCA Vice Chair – Field and John Robbie, Field Directorate Vice Chair – Men’s Field

MOTION by Brad Hara, SECONDED by Terry Kirstiuk

Add a new REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 13.09 and APPENDIX A: BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES, that would read:

13.09 *In the age groups of U12 and below, no team shall play a stationary zone defence within their defensive restraining line when the teams are at even strength.*

Rationale: Unfortunately, too many coaches are just out there to win and don’t care about developing all of their players. Kids are told to go out there and stand in one position. They are not being taught how to play one-on-one defence which is a must if they continue playing into their late teens and adult lives.

CARRIED- 17 for 11 opposed

Proposed by Kelly Scott, BCLCA Vice Chair – Field and John Robbie, Field Directorate Vice Chair – Men’s Field

MOTION by Jamie Stewart, SECONDED by Kelly Scott

Add a new APPENDIX A: BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES that would read:

**APPENDIX A:
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES**

RE: Field Directorate Operating Policy Playing Rules Sections 13.08 and 13.09.

1. All Minor Association Coach Coordinators will be advised that they are responsible for the actions of their coaches. They are also to advise **all coaches** in their association that the violation of section 13.08 and 13.09 is **prohibited** in BC Minor Lacrosse, as per current operating policy and such action can result in suspension.
2. If any Zone/Association Coaching Coordinator, League Commissioner, BCLCA Executive Member, or Minor Directorate Executive, clearly determines a coach is in violation of section 13.08 or 13.09 they are to advise by phone or electronic means the VP of Minors for the BCLCA. The VP Minors will formally advise the Association Coaching Coordinator/Head Coach and/or President of the incident and it will be their responsibility to ensure that the Coach has been warned and the first infraction has been recorded.
3. If the Coach is again found to be in violation of 13.08 or 13.09 by the above named persons in Paragraph 2, they will advise the VP of Minors for the BCLCA. If this is the second infraction the VP Minor will advise the League Commissioner to assess an immediate TWO-GAME Suspension, which is not appealable.
4. If found a third time, the Coach will receive an automatic FIVE-GAME Suspension from the commissioner and must attend a hearing called by the Coaches Association. This hearing may determine the future status of that Coach within the BCLCA.

5. If, in any Provincial Championship or BC Games, a coach is found to be in violation of section 13.08 or 13.09, they will be warned either verbally or in writing by the tournament chairman, or representative, that if they continue employing these tactics the game will be stopped and the coach shall be ejected and suspended for the balance of the tournament, and the remainder of the year, this is not appealable. A hearing will then be conducted by the Coaches Association prior to the year following, to determine the future status of said Coach as per BCLCA guidelines.
6. It is the responsibility of the VP Minor to ensure that a complete up-to-date record of such infractions is kept both by the BCLCA and the BCLA Technical Director.

Rationale: To outline and clarify the policies around Regulations 13.08 and 13.09.

MOTION to AMEND it to Read : Tyson Leies/ Toni Lowe

**APPENDIX A:
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES**

RE: Field Directorate Operating Policy Playing Rules Sections 13.08 and 13.09.

7. All Field Association Coach Coordinators will be advised that they are responsible for the actions of their coaches. They are also to advise **all coaches** in their association that the violation of section 13.08 and 13.09 is **prohibited** in BC Youth Field Lacrosse, as per current operating policy and such action can result in suspension.
8. If any Zone/Association Coaching Coordinator, League Commissioner, BCLCA Executive Member, or Field Directorate Executive, clearly determines a coach is in violation of section 13.08 or 13.09 they are to advise by phone or electronic means the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCA. The VP Youth Field Lacrosse will formally advise the Association Coaching Coordinator/Head Coach and/or President of the incident and it will be their responsibility to ensure that the Coach has been warned and the first infraction has been recorded.
9. If the Coach is again found to be in violation of 13.08 or 13.09 by the above named persons in Paragraph 2, they will advise the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCA. If this is the second infraction the VP Youth Field Lacrosse will advise the League Commissioner to assess an immediate TWO-GAME Suspension, which is not appealable.
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12. It is the responsibility of the VP Youth Field Lacrosse to ensure that a complete up-to-date record of such infractions is kept both by the BCLCA and the BCLA Technical Director.

CARRIED

Proposed by Beth McLucas, PCFLL Vice Chair

MOTION by Tyson Leis, SECONDED by Dirk Rachfall
REGULATION 15: YOUTH MOVES currently reads:

- 15.01 All players must sign and play with the associations which administer lacrosse for the area in which that player permanently resides.
- 15.02 If a player does not want to play with the home association, the player must obtain a release from the home association. With the written permission of the player's home association, the Division Commissioner for that age group may approve a move to an association other than that in which the player lives. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 15.03 If there is a dispute, the League, after receiving a formal written request from the player's parent or guardian, will have the right to place the disputed player to an association where the League feels would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 15.04 If the player has played the two previous consecutive seasons with same association as an eligible player (living within that association's home areas or properly released), the player is considered grandfathered with that association and has the option of signing and playing with either his/her home association or the association he/she previously played for.
- 15.05 If an association signs an ineligible player the team of this ineligible player will forfeit all points earned until the player has been correctly registered.
- 15.06 A player who is signed with an association and moves to another area during the playing season must receive permission from the Division Commissioner of his/her new area before he/she is eligible to play with a team in the new area.
- 15.07 Where no team is available within the players' age group, the player may play for another association with written release from his/her home association for the current playing season only. This release may not be counted as a grandfathering year. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.
- 15.08 No player may play with two associations in any year unless the requirements of Regulation 14 or 15.06 are satisfied.
- 15.09 If there is a dispute, the League will have the right to place the transferring player to the association where the League and Division Commissioner feel it would be in the best interest of the league and the player.
- 15.10 Neighbouring associations may agree to boundaries that are different from municipal boundaries. A copy of the agreement must be filed with the League and a copy given to the BCLA Office for safekeeping. (This does not disallow any previously established boundaries agreed upon)

Amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH MOVES, 15.02 that would read:

- 15.02 If a player does not want to play with the home association, the player must obtain a release from the home association. With the written permission of the player's home association, *the local league* may approve a move to an association other than that in which the player lives. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office.

Rationale: This takes it out of the Division Commissioner's hand who is one person, and places it with the local league that administrates field lacrosse within the players' areas, and an entity with more than one person involved in the decision-making.

CARRIED

Proposed by Beth McLucas, PCFLL Vice Chair

MOTION by Tyson Leies, SECONDED by Paula West-Patrick

Amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH MOVES, 15.07 that would read:

15.07 Where no team is available within the players' age group, the player may play for another association with written release from his/her home association *and written approval by their local league* for the current playing season only. This release may not be counted as a grandfathering year. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA Office.

Rationale: This allows local leagues to monitor player movement and helps clubs with numbers at divisions they need help with.

CARRIED

Proposed by Beth McLucas, PCFLL Vice Chair

MOTION by Tyson Leies, SECONDED by Dirk Rachfall

Add new Regulation 15.11 to REGULATION 15: YOUTH MOVES that would read:

15.11 Any player found participating in any lacrosse-related activities with a team that the player is not officially registered with will have his/her release request automatically denied.

Rationale: This stops players who are asking for a release to participate with another association's team, until they have been properly released. It also stops associations allowing these players to participate with their teams without the proper release.

Motion to be brought to the floor: Tyson Leies/ Dirk Rachfall m/s/c CARRIED

Proposed by Tyson Leies and Paula West-Patrick, Pacific Rim Field

MOTION by Brad Hara, SECONDED by Jamie Stewart

REGULATION 18: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 18.03 currently reads:

18.03 The onus of being properly registered in the responsibility of the Associations or teams, and not the BCLA.

Amend REGULATION 18: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 18.03 that would read:

18.03 The onus of being properly registered is the responsibility of the Associations or teams, and not the BCLA.

Rationale: Housekeeping (spelling mistake). **CARRIED**

Proposed by Beth McLucas, PCFLL Vice Chair

MOTION by Brad Hara, SECONDED by Trevor Webber

REGULATION 22: YOUTH – OFFICIALS, 22.01 currently reads:

22.01 For each scheduled League game, all member associations must provide on field and in uniform, a minimum of two referees, *one of which* must be certified as a field lacrosse referee for the current playing season.

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH – OFFICIALS, 22.01 that would read:

- 22.01 For each scheduled League game, all member associations must provide on field and in uniform, a minimum of two referees. **Both** must be certified as a field lacrosse referee for the current playing season.

Rationale: The BCLOA Operating Policy says that all officials must be certified for the current year. Most people involved with Field Lacrosse only look at the Field operating section. This just puts it there for them to read.

DENIED

Proposed by Beth McLucas, PCFLL Vice Chair

MOTION by Tammy McDougall, SECONDED by Tyson Leies

Add new Regulation 22.05 to REGULATION 22: YOUTH - OFFICIALS that would read:

- 22.01 For each scheduled League game, all member associations must provide on field and in uniform, a minimum of two referees, one of which must be certified as a field lacrosse referee for the current playing season.
- 22.02 All associations must ensure that each of their teams has a minimum of three (3) field lacrosse referees, certified for the current playing season, available for refereeing hosted games.
- 22.03 Every league in British Columbia must have a League Chief Referee. The league must submit their selected candidate to the Head Referee of the BC Field Directorate for approval. Only after approval by the Head Referee shall the league's Chief Referee be recognized. If a candidate is not submitted to the BC Field Directorate Head Referee by October 1st of the playing year, the Chief Referee may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Referee.
- 22.04 Every tournament held in British Columbia must have a Referee-In-Chief. The tournament organizers must submit a candidate to the B.C. Field Directorate Head Referee no later than four weeks prior to the start date of the tournament. If such a candidate is not nominated by said time, a Referee-in-Chief may be appointed by the BC Field Directorate Head Referee. The candidate will only be recognized as Referee-in-Chief of the tournament upon approval of the Head Referee of the BC Field Directorate. This will apply to all tournaments including Provincial Championships and International tournaments. This will also be the process through which a Referee-in-Chief will be nominated for National Championships and International Championships hosted in British Columbia.
- 22.05 *An official shall not referee a sibling, child, parent or immediate relation involved in a game at all levels except in extenuating circumstances, and agreed to by both teams. Both coaches must sign the top of the scoresheet to verify agreement prior to the start of the game.*

Rationale: Most people involved with lacrosse only look at the Field operating section; this just puts it there for them to read. **CARRIED**

Proposed by Beth McLucas, PCFLL Vice Chair

MOTION by Dirk Rachfall, SECONDED by Jamie Stewart

Add new Regulation 22.06 to REGULATION 22: YOUTH - OFFICIALS that would read:

- 22.06 *For officials to qualify to officiate in Provincials, they must have officiated a minimum of five (5) league games.*

Rationale: This allows all officials who officiate at the youth level throughout the season a fair chance to be approved to officiate at the Provincial level. As well, Senior officials who only do Senior games would have to help out the Youth leagues to be approved to officiate Provincials.

DENIED

Proposed by Beth McLucas, PCFLL Vice Chair

RECOMMENDED CHANGE FOR THE YOUTH FIELD PROVINCIAL DIRECTIVE

ALTERNATE GOALTENDERS (Non-Qualified)

- a) **ALTERNATE (Restricted) GOALTENDER** - Goaltender alternates from within the same Association and of the same division and calibre may only play in the event of injury, illness or suspension. Goaltenders may play in more than one Field Provincial only with the approval of the Provincial Championship Director. Once a restricted Goaltender has been used, the Provincial championship Director requires a Medical note if the team's original Goaltender is fit to play again.
- b) **ALTERNATE (Emergency) GOALTENDER** - in the event of an emergency and a team is not able to proceed with bringing their Goaltender to Provincials and no other goaltender is available (restricted) and with a minimum of 3 hours notice, a Goaltender from another Association may be requested. Such request must be approved and appointed by the Provincial Championship Director (or Alternate) on a per game basis.
- c) Teams are responsible to carry the necessary goaltender equipment in any case where an alternate, restricted or emergency goaltender is used

Rationale: This helps teams whose goalie is injured, it gives them the option other than having to dress a player, who may never have played the position of goalie before.

There was no motion to be brought to the floor, as this is a Directive change, it was brought to the floor in discussion and after the discussion of this it was felt this would be a good change for future Provincial Directives.

NEW BUSINESS PROPOSED POLICY CHANGE: Proposed by Toni Lowe

MOTION for this to be brought to the floor: Terry Kirstiuk, SECONDED by, Toni Lowe

In Youth change Regulation 12.10 which now reads:

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

Change to read:

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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 that 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.

In Senior Men's change Regulation 24.11 which now reads:

24.11 Declaration Forms.

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year. Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

Amend to read:

24.11 Declaration Forms.

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year. 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 that will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum of 3 games in the league.

In Women's change Regulation 37.11 which now reads:

37.11 Declaration Forms.

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year. Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

Amend to read:

37.11 Declaration Forms.

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year. 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 that will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum number of games in the league to meet qualification.

Rationale for these changes:

Our current BCLA Field Operating Policies do not fully clarify the purpose of the team roster being supplied at the time of Declaration. This puts the clarification in place and does not allow for misunderstanding in any of the Field leagues or with the BCLA Office or the BCLA Registrars. All Field leagues should operate using the same policies for the Declaration Roster form.

MOTION to AMEND: Peter Tellis, SECONDED by Jordan Ditchfield

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Amend to read:

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Declaration forms for provincials and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Playdowns not received by the BCLA Office by the set date by the Field Directorate for the playing season will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and provincials of the playing year. 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 roster form must be submitted to the BCLA office no later than 30 days prior to the Sr. Men's Provincial Championships and will form the final roster for Provincial Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players that will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc or to add any call-up players who have played a minimum of 3 games in the league. CARRIED**