



## BC LACROSSE FIELD DIRECTORATE 2016 SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES

Saturday, April 16, 2016  
Executive Plaza - Coquitlam, 405 North Road, Coquitlam, BC

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### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM.
2. **Attendance/Accreditation and Introductions** – Chair Dirk Rachfall welcomed the group. There are a total of **39** out of a possible **70** voting delegates in attendance
3. **Approval of 2016 Field Directorate Special Session Agenda.** *It was moved by, Trevor Webber seconded by Erin Fennel that the Agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED*
4. **Approval of April 18/2015 Field Directorate Special Session Minutes.** *It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by, Trevor Webber that the Minutes of the 2015 Field Directorate Special Session be adopted as circulated. CARRIED*
5. **Business Arising from Minutes - No Business arising**
6. **Reports**
  - a) Chair (Dirk Rachfall)
  - b) Vice Chair – Youth Field (Beth McLucas)
    - 2016 U18/U15/U13/ Tiers 1/2 Provincials Report (Chris Comeault and Trish Keizer)
    - 2016 U11 Provincial Tournament Report (Dirk Rachfall)
    - Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League Chair (Chris Comeault)
    - Vancouver Island Field Lacrosse League Chair (Tammy McDougall)
    - Interior Field Lacrosse Chair (Neil Barrett)
    - Prince George Field Lacrosse (Bill Barwise)
    - U15 Regional Team Program
  - c) Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Mary Clare)
    - Canada West Field Lacrosse League
  - d) Vice Chair - Women’s Field Lacrosse (Sue Kinna)
    - U15 Women’s Field Provincial Tournament (Kellie Ohlmann)
    - U12 Women’s Field Provincial Tournament (Sue Kinna)
  - e) BCLA Field Registrar (Corinne Perriman)
  - f) BCLCG Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Glenn Bzowy)
  - g) BCLCG Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Karen Blake)
  - h) Team BC – Field Lacrosse Program (Rey Comeault)
  - i) BCLOG Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Ryan Nose)
  - j) BCLOG Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Vacant)

*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded Beth McLucas that the reports be accepted as presented – CARRIED*

7. **Operating Policy Amendments**

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*Identified as Out of Order by Dirk Rachfall and BCLA Vice President – Operations, Greg Toll*

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**REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS, FIELD DIRECTORATE CHAIR** currently reads:

**FIELD DIRECTORATE CHAIR**

- Responsible to the VP of Operations of the BCLA
- To act as direct liaison with the BCLA executive and the Technical Director
- Will be elected to a two-year term in even numbered years
- To chair all Field Directorate meetings

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- *Will give Field Lacrosse sole consideration in line with Mission Statement for all oversight decisions.*

**OUT OF ORDER**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Dylan Taylor to:*

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**Add new REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS, HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CHAIR OR DESIGNATE** to read:

**HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CHAIR OR DESIGNATE**

- Chair league meetings as required.
- Position will be appointed by the Directorate and will not carry a vote.

**CARRIED**

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*This motion was TABLED by proposer Beth McLucas:*

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**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:

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U15 Field	Under 15 years
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U11 Field	Under 11 years
U9 Field	Under 9 years
U7 Field	Under 7 years and at least 4 years old
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All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

**Amend REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 3.01 by changing U7 Field to read:**

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**Rationale:** Because the age has changed

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*This motion was tabled by proposer Trevor Webber:*

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<i>Senior Women's Field</i>	<i>19 years and over</i>
<i>U18 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 18</i>
<i>U14 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 14</i>
<i>U11 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 11 – May accept girls at the age of 7.</i>
<i>U8 Women's Field</i>	<i>Under 8 – When the registered numbers permit.</i>

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

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Angie Schwan to:*

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**Add new heading prior to the beginning of Regulation 4 YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION to read YOUTH FIELD OPERATING POLICY**

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Sue Kinna to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 4: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 4.05(a) to read:**

- 4.05 (a) The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Youth Field registration form and waiver for those players who register manually. Also required is a team list generated from the on-line database and any applicable signed supporting forms (Player Transfers, Playing Down forms) and required fees to the BCLA Office by October 31 of each playing year (Sept-Aug).

Additional Youth Field players may be added up to November 30 upon approval of the League Commissioner and League Executive.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Randy Radonich, seconded by Regina Villanueva to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 4: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 4.07(a) to read:**

- 4.07 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) properly registered players by October 31 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games, excluding the U7 Boys Field Division. The U7 Boys Field Division shall be allowed a minimum of eight (8) registered players (Reg 18.02)

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Dylan Taylor to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 5: YOUTH PLAYING RULES, 5.08 & 5.09 to read:**

- 5.08 In the age groups of U9 and below, no player shall play more than one-half of the game at the positions of Attack or Big Stick.
- 5.09 In the age groups of U9 and below, no team shall play a stationary zone defence within their defensive restraining line when the teams are at even strength.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Randy Radonich, and moved to amend by Al Schonewille, seconded by Trevor Webber to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 6: PLAYING UP, Heading to read:**

REGULATION 6: YOUTH PLAYING UP and repeat regulation 6.01 and 6.02 in Women's section with title: Women Playing Up (with appropriate regulation number)

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Beth McLucas to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 9: FACILITIES, 9.06 to read:**

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

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Trevor Webber, seconded by Dylan Taylor, and then moved by Trevor Webber, seconded by Beth McLucas to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 9: FACILITIES, 9.07 to read:**

- 9.07 The U9 and U7 levels may play on a smaller scale field with dimensions consistent with modified Lacrosse field dimensions.

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*It was moved by Sue Kinna, seconded by Randy Radonich and moved to amend by Beth McLucas and seconded by Mary Clare to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 11: CAMPS to read:**

REGULATION 11: CAMPS/SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS/CLINICS

- 11.01 Associations wishing to host any camps/skills development sessions/clinics must apply to the Field Directorate through the BCLA Office a minimum of four weeks prior to the first day of the camp/skills development session/clinic.
- 11.02 The application will be reviewed by the BCLA Office and approved by the Field Directorate Chair (or designate).
- 11.03 All of the following rules must be followed or the camp will not be a BCLA-sanctioned

event and will not be insured under the BCLA Liability and/or Accident Medical/Dental Insurance program. It will be the responsibility of the Member Association to ensure that:

1. All players must be currently registered with the BC Lacrosse Association.
2. All Camps/Skills Development Sessions/Clinics must have the approval of their Local Lacrosse Association Executive/Board. This is confirmed by the Local Association President's signature on the form.
3. All Camps/Skills Development Sessions/Clinics must have the approval of the BC Lacrosse Association.
4. All instructors, including senior/youth field lacrosse athletes who are participating as instructors, must have the appropriate NCCP Coach Certification or other recognized Coaching Certification if from out of Country.
5. All adult instructors have completed a criminal record check within the last three years.
6. Any youth field lacrosse athletes assisting instructors with camps/skills development sessions/clinics must wear all appropriate protective equipment, including a mouthguard.
7. All camps/skills development sessions/clinics must be held within the boundaries of the local association applying to host the camps/skills development sessions/clinics, or with the approval of the local Association President of affected club.

- 11.04 A skills development session or clinic is an event intended to introduce players to the game or to enhance player skill and development. It should be free of charge for all participants. It may include development drills and other activities of the participants.
- 11.05 Players register and participate on an individual basis (not as part of a team). Any skills development sessions or clinics may include short scrimmage matches to assist in development, but is not the appropriate venue for team versus team play. Such play shall be considered non-sanctioned.
- 11.06 Associations wishing to host skills development sessions or clinics must advise the league Chair who, in turn, will advise the Field Directorate so that a record of skills development sessions or clinics may be held by the Field Directorate and BCLA.
- 11.07 The registration for skills development sessions or clinics should be free of charge; a minimal fee may be charged to cover operating costs.
- 11.08 Skills development sessions or clinics may be used to introduce new players to the sport and it is the Host Association's responsibility to ensure any new/non-BCLA registered players wear appropriate safety equipment, and that a parent/guardian has completed a registration form and liability waiver before the child can participate in the skills development sessions or clinics. Copies of these completed forms must be retained by the Home Association.

**Amendment CARRIED to change 'must' to 'should' in 11.04**  
**Amended Motion CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Chris Sheridan, seconded by Tammy McDougall and moved to amend by Chris Sheridan, seconded by Tammy McDougall to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 15.05(b) to read:**

- 15.05 (b) The Field Directorate will have the final authority, with rationale, to make sure the teams are placed in the appropriate tiers for Provincial Championship games to the best of its ability. This placement would take place at the December meeting of the Field Directorate following the declaration deadline. Should a team be moved, they would have the opportunity to withdraw their declaration by 4 pm on the second Friday in January, without fines (indicated in 15.10).

The Vice Chair-Youth will notify by electronic means the League Chair and the Association President of the team's tier change within 48 hours of the December meeting. Field Directorate rationale is to be documented and made available to affected League Chair, Association President and Commissioner within 48 hours of December meeting.

**Amendment CARRIED to add:** Field Directorate rationale is to be documented and made available to affected League Chair, Association President and Commissioner within 48 hours of December meeting.

**Amended Motion CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Randy Radonich, seconded by Dylan Taylor and moved to amend by Chris Sheridan, seconded by Sue Kinna to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 15.08 to read:**

- 15.08 (a) Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying U18, U15 and U13 Field divisions.
- (b) Associations can apply to host a year-end tournament or jamboree for U11, U9 and U7 divisions.

**Amendment CARRIED to replace round robin in 15.08 (b) to tournament or jamboree**  
**Amended Motion CARRIED**

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*This motion was WITHDRAWN by proposer Trevor Webber:*

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**REGULATION 15: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 15.08 currently reads:**

- 15.08 (a) Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Junior Men's (U19), Midget (16), Bantam (U14), and PeeWee (U12) Field divisions.
- (b) Associations can apply to host a year-end round robin for Novice (U10), Tyke (U8) and Mini-Tyke (U6) divisions.

**Amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 15.08 that would read:**

- 15.08 (a) Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Junior Men's (U18), Midget (U15) and Bantam (U13).
- (b) Associations can apply to host year-end round *tournaments for Pee Wee (U11) Field divisions, Novice (U9) and Tyke (U7).*

**WITHDRAWN**

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*It was moved by Trevor Webber, seconded by Mary Clare to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 15.09 to read:**

**15.09 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.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Cathie Jeffrey to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 15: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, 15.10 to read:**

**15.10 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.

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.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Trish Keizer, and moved to amend by Angie Schwan, seconded by Trevor Webber to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 18: YOUTH TEAM SIZE, 18.02 to read:**

18.02 Minimum number of players as per Regulation 4.07 (a)

**Amendment CARRIED** to replace motion with: Minimum number of players as per Regulation 4.07 (a) (note numbering may change)

**Amended Motion CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Ceayon Johnston to:*

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**Remove** REGULATION 22: YOUTH DISCIPLINE, REGULATION 34: SENIOR DISCIPLINE AND REGULATION 45: WOMEN'S DISCIPLINE sections from the Field Directorate Operating Policy.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Angie Schwan, seconded by Trevor Webber to:*

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**All eligible members of all sections can vote.**

**CARRIED**

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*It ruled by Greg Toll, BCLA Director of Operations, that this motion is Out of Order as age changes must come from CLA Field Sector*

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**REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S PLAYING DIVISION, 37.01 currently reads:**

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

Senior Women's	Open
Junior Women's	Under 19
Youth	Under 15

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

**Amend REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S PLAYING DIVISION, 37.01 that would read:**

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

<b>Senior Women's Field</b>	<b>19 years and over</b>
<b>U18 Women's Field</b>	<b>Under 18</b>
<b>U14 Women's Field</b>	<b>Under 14</b>
<b>U11 Women's Field</b>	<b>Under 11-May accept girls at the age of 7</b>
<b>U8 Women's Field</b>	<b>Under 8-When the registered numbers permit</b>

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

**Ruled OUT OF ORDER**

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*It was moved by Angie Schwann, seconded by Beth McLucas to:*

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**Bring back Tabled Motion to Amend REGULATION 3.01(Proposed by Beth McLucas)**

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Beth McLucas to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS, 3.01 by changing U7 Field to read:**

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

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Mary Clare, seconded by Beth McLucas to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S PLAYING DIVISION, 37.01 to read:**

37.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions (as per Reg.3.01):

Senior Women's Field	20 years and over
U19 Women's Field	Under 19
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All ages are determined as of January 1 of the playing year.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Glen Bzowy to:*

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**Remove REGULATION 38: WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 38.03 in its entirety:**

38.03 The declared British Columbia Champions will have thirty days to announce that they will represent British Columbia in the CLA playoffs. If no commitment has been received from the declared Champions, the second place team will then have the opportunity to represent British Columbia.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Dylan Taylor, seconded by Trevor Webber and moved to amend by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Trish Keizer to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 38: WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 38.05 to read:**

**38.05 Host Obligations**

It shall be the duty of any group hosting a Provincial Championship/Tournament to ensure that the bench officials will be of neutral standing for any game which:

- determines finalists for a provincial championship/tournament
- determines a provincial champion/tournament
- determines any medal winner

This shall be ensured and enforced by the Convener and/or the Umpire-In-Chief of the tournament.

**AND Change Regulation 38 heading to read:** Women’s Tournaments/Championships

**Amendment CARRIED:** to add Tournaments to heading to read: Women’s Tournaments/Championships

**Amended Motion CARRIED.**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Mary Clare to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 38: WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 38.06 to read:**

**38.06 Control.**

The control of all Provincial Championships is the responsibility of the convener who shall be a member of or appointed by the Field Directorate.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 38: WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 38.07 to read:**

38.07 Applications for upcoming year to host provincials are due to the Field Directorate Chair by August 15 along with budget.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 38: WOMEN’S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 38.10 to read:**

**38.10 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.

**Note: Header was changed in previous motion**

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Trish Keizer to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 38: WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS, 38.11 to read:**

38.11 Declaration Forms.

Declaration forms for provincials attached with a roster and payment to the BCLA of said teams to enter Provincial Tournaments/Championships 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 Provincial Tournament or Championship of the playing year.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Provincial Tournaments/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 played a minimum number of games in the league to meet the qualification.

**Note: Header was changed in previous motion**

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Trish Keizer and motion to amend by Sue Kinna, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 39: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES, 39.03 to read:**

39.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no cross-over of players from one team to another, and back and forth, after October 31 of the playing year. If said infraction occurs after October 31 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for her/his registered team only. Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player during a regularly scheduled game shall forfeit all games won during which an ineligible player was a participant. Should this occur during provincials, then only the games played in the provincials will be awarded to the opposing side.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Sue Kinna, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

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**Remove REGULATION 39: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES, 39.04 in its entirety:**

39.04 The goal average formula will be used in the playdowns, tournaments and Provincial Championships. In the event of a tie in points, final standings shall be determined as follows:

- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game, or games between the two teams advance.
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams, with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the team with the best goal average advances.

GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA  
GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average

NOTE: Only goals scored in the games between the teams involved in the points tie shall be used in the Goal Average Formula.

In the event that two or more teams are tied with the same number of points and cannot be separated by the Goal Average Formula, the team with the greater number of goals scored against the team or other teams with which it is tied shall be declared the higher team.

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*It was moved by Trish Keizer, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

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**Add new REGULATION 39: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES, 39.07 to read:**

39.07 All Women's teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league. When an Association has two or more teams in any one league (U12, U15, or U19) those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength. Associations that have two or more teams within a league will have until October 31 of the playing year to balance their teams accordingly.

**CARRIED with housekeeping change of date from November 1 to October 31**

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*It was moved by Trish Keizer, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

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**Add new REGULATION 39: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES, 39.05 to read:**

39.05 Rules for Women's Field will be stated in the Field Directorate's Provincial Directive included in the coaches package and may be amended by the Field Directorate if necessary. These rules will be binding upon all play during provincials.

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Mary Clare to:*

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**Add new REGULATION 39: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES, 39.08 to read:**

39.08 Players within the Women's league may use a crosse which is FIL or NCAA approved provided the crosse is deemed permissible by the Umpire during the stick-check prior to any league or Provincial game.

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo to:*

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**Add new REGULATION 39.09: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES to read:**

39.09 With the exception of the goalkeeper, all team members must be dressed uniformly. The goalkeeper's shirt must be the same as her/his team's top and must be worn over her chest and any shoulder/arm pads. The bottom of her/his uniform must be the same predominant colour of her/his team's kilt or shorts, or be a solid dark colour.

The goalkeeper must wear a chest or body pad, a helmet with a chin strap that must be fastened, a facemask, and an attached throat protector. The distance that the throat protector hangs from the helmet must be less than the diameter of the ball. In addition to the attached throat protector, a wrap-around type throat protector may be worn.

The goalkeeper may wear padded gloves, shoulder/arm pads and leg pads. All padding must fit securely and not increase the width of the goalkeeper's body beyond the thickness of the padding.

The maximum thickness of the padding is 3 centimetres (cm). Padded gloves must be tied securely at the cuff and must not have any webbing.

**CARRIED**

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*This proposal was WITHDRAWN by proposer Kellie Ohlmann:*

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**Add new REGULATION 41: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE, 41.04 that would read:**

41.04 Associations having two (2) or more teams in any division must balance all teams at the beginning of each season.

**WITHDRAWN**

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*It was moved by Brande Terris, seconded by Dylan Taylor, moved to amend by Al Schonewille, seconded by Brande Terris to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 43: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, 43.02 to be replaced with:**

43.02 The Club/Association must submit one copy of each player's BCLA-approved, completed Women's Field registration form along with a team list generated from the on-line database and required fees to the BCLA Office by October 31 of each playing year (Sept-Aug). Additional Women Field players may be added up to November 30 upon approval of the League Commissioner and League Executive.

**CARRIED**

**It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Sue Kinna (and suggested by Greg Toll) to:**

**Remove REGULATION 43.03 as it has now been included in 43.02 (Housekeeping)**

**CARRIED**

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*It was moved by Kellie Ohlmann, seconded by Trevor Webber to:*

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**Amend REGULATION 47: WOMEN'S TIMELINE – FALL AND SPRING SEASONS to read:**

**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.

<b>January 1</b>	Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10, FD 2.01 & 36.01)
February	Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament
April	Field Directorate Special Session (FD 13.01)
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 39.01)
<b>October 1</b>	Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).
<b>October 31</b>	Registration deadline Registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 43.03) Last date for cross-over players (FD 39.03)

**Note:** To confirm that bracketed regulation numbers noted match correct regulation numbers

**CARRIED**

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***This motion was WITHDRAWN by proposer Trevor Webber:***

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**Amend APPENDIX A: BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POSITION AND ZONE DEFENCE RULES that would read:**

***RE: Field Directorate Operating Policy Playing Rules Sections 5.08 and 5.09***

1. 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 **5.08** and **5.09** is **prohibited** in BC Youth Field Lacrosse, as per current operating policy and such action can result in suspension.
2. If any Zone/Association Coaching Coordinator, League Commissioner, BCLCG Executive Member, or Field Directorate Executive, clearly determines a coach is in violation of section **5.08** or **5.09** they are to advise by phone or electronic means the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCG. 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.
3. If the Coach is again found to be in violation of **5.08** or **5.09** by the above named persons in Paragraph 2, they will advise the VP of Youth Field Lacrosse for the BCLCG. 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.
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 BCLCG.
5. If, in any Provincial Championship or BC Games, a coach is found to be in violation of section **5.08** or **5.09**, 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 appeal able. 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 BCLCG guidelines.

6. It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate Vice Chair - Youth Field to ensure that a complete up-to-date record of such infractions is kept both by the BCLCG and the BCLA Technical Director.

**Rationale:** There are no sections 5.10 or 5.11 within Regulation 5. The current Appendix A refers to 5.10 and 5.11 however it should refer to 5.08 and 5.09 as stated in Regulation 5.

*This motion also affects Regulation 5.*

## **WITHDRAWN**

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*It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Randy Radonich to:*

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**Re-order REGULATION 4: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION, REGULATION 5: YOUTH PLAYING RULES AND REGULATION 6: (YOUTH) PLAYING UP to follow the current REGULATION 14: AMENDMENTS.**

Regulation 7: Proof of Age to Regulation 4

Regulation 8: Provincial Trophies to Regulation 5

Regulation 9: Facilities to Regulation 6

Regulation 10: Tournaments to Regulation 7

Regulation 11: Camps to Regulation 8

Regulation 12: Transport and Support to Regulation 10

Regulation 13: Conduct to Regulation 11

Regulation 14: Amendments to Regulation 12

Regulation 21: Suspensions to Regulation 13

## **CARRIED**

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### **8. Election of Officers – Elections were conducted by Greg Toll, BCLA VP Operations**

- a) Chair – Field Directorate (2-Year Term) – Dirk Rachfall was nominated by the FD Nomination Committee and won by acclamation – Secretary to cast ballot
- b) Vice Chair – Women’s Field (2-Year Term) – Sue Kinna was nominated by the FD Nomination Committee and won by acclamation – Secretary to cast ballot
- c) Secretary (2-Year Term) – Tricia Rachfall was nominated by the FD Nomination Committee and won by acclamation – Secretary to cast ballot

**- Motion to destroy ballots made by Cathie Jeffery, seconded by Wuilbert Jaramillo - Carried**

### **9. 2016-2017 Provincial Championships/Tournaments**

- a. **August 15** deadline for applications
- b. Online application to be put up on BCLA website  
**ACTION: Dirk to contact Rochelle to request form to be put on website.**
- c. Encouraged Associations to approach municipalities to ask for field time for women’s when asking for youth as this has resulted in increased time for many



associations.

**10. Nationals – Rey Comeault**

- a. Thank you to Langley for field time for Team BC practices and tryouts.
- b. U15 Boys will be playing at the U19 World Youth Tournament in July plus Nationals, Labour Day weekend in Winnipeg
- c. U18 Boys played in a US tournament plus will play at Nationals, Labour Day weekend in Winnipeg

**11. New Business**

- a. **BC Summer Games – See Appendix B**
- b. **FIL U19 World Championships**
  1. Dirk is tournament director
  2. 15 teams at U19 – 5 in each division
  3. July 7-16 at Coquitlam Town Centre
  4. U19 Women’s Tournament which has Canadian Nationals imbedded within a regular tournament – Gary Gait clinic July 12 – more info to follow
  5. U15 tournament – Elite and Club division; Team Canada will be hosting a boys clinic – see website for details
  6. **Volunteers** – [www.2016worldlax.com](http://www.2016worldlax.com); Commit to a minimum of 3 to 4 hour shifts and receive free admission to FIL World event.
  7. All participants and coaching staff (FIL Worlds, Youth and Women’s tournament – with appropriate credentials) also get free admission to Junior A games that happen during tournament time.
- c. **Coaches Symposium – Randy Radonich**
  1. Sept 16 and Sept 17 @ Douglas College, Coquitlam Campus – for all sports on Friday, Saturday is mostly lacrosse.
  2. See Appendix C
- d. **Field Registration will open on May 16 (box closes on May 15).**
- e. **Women’s Jamboree – September 17** at Queen’s Park East in New Westminister– Focus on development and fun. Try it for free. Plan to get Team BC to do an exhibition game. Also a Try it Day at the same time as the Dorothy Robertson Box Tournament – also as QP East, NW – May 7.
- f. **Special Session Dates** – asked for a change in special session date to be in March – will discuss to see if it can happen 1-2 weeks earlier but considerations such as spring break dates and Easter need to be considered.

**12. Motion to Adjourn.** *It was moved by Beth McLucas, seconded by Chris Sheridan that the meeting be adjourned.* **CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 PM.

**2016 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2016**  
**Field Directorate Chair Report: Dirk Rachfall**

As Chair of the Field Directorate, it is a great honour to represent this sport and to play a part in the development in the boys, girls and men's field lacrosse games in the Province of British Columbia.

In May/2015, I attended the CLA SAM in Niagara Falls, Ont. and in February, 2016 the CLA SAM in Richmond, BC. No changes occurred that directly affect the Men's Sector. Last year BC passed age changes in the youth division and additional Provinces implemented these age changes as well. The age division change last year had a positive impact in our U18 division resulting in almost doubling the number of teams in this division without affecting the lower age divisions. One important situation occurred in the Women's Field Sector, the reintroduction of the U19 National Tournament. This tournament will take place in Coquitlam, BC during the FIL U19 Men's Field Lacrosse World Championship.

At the 2016 First Nations (U18) and the Alumni Cup (U15) tournaments in Nova Scotia, Team BC achieved a Silver medal in each event. The Team BC Women's program is a growing program within Team BC having successful tournaments in the US. I am encouraged as to the progress of these programs and look forward to Team BC's participation in the Women's U19 National Tournament in Coquitlam.

The Regional Team program was launched this season with the formation of three teams: 1 Vancouver Island team and 2 teams from the PCFLL. The 2 PCFLL teams travelled to the Best of the West tournament in Las Vegas and all 3 teams will be participating in the Youth Tournament during the FIL U19 Men's Field Lacrosse World Championship. Some struggles initially occurred as it is a new program and the learning from these struggles will make for a smoother program next season.

Abbotsford is hosting the 2016 BC Summer Games; six zones are participating in Field Lacrosse. We need to be diligent to encourage as many zones as possible to participate in future BC Summer Games so that Field Lacrosse will remain part of the BC Summer Games.

Senior Men, unfortunately BC was not represented at the Senior Men's Ross/Victory Tournament. This tournament was held in October in Ontario. The number of Senior Men's teams and players increased again this season in the CWFLL, which is very encouraging. Also encouraging at this year's Men's Provincial's was the participation of two teams from Vancouver Island – Nanaimo and Victoria. I would like to thank Mary Clare for organizing this year's Men's Field Provincials held in New Westminster and Coquitlam. This season Men's Provincial was a difficult one due to lack of obtaining sufficient field time.

Youth Provincials: I would like to thank Langley for hosting a successful U13, U15, and U18 Youth Provincial. And I would like to thank Coquitlam for hosting the U11 Invitational Tournament. The U11 tournament was a successful event, 21 teams participated in three different divisions based on caliber of play during the season, and no qualifying was required for this tournament.

Two Jamborees were held after their season, the U9 Jamboree hosted by the PCFLL was held in Coquitlam and the U7 Jamboree hosted by Burnaby/Vancouver was held in Burnaby. Thank you to the organizers and volunteers for these two season ending events.

The U12 Girl's tournament was held in Port Coquitlam and the U15 Girl's tournament was held in Coquitlam on different weekends. This year we had two teams from Vancouver Island participate in the U15 Girl's tournament – Nanaimo and Victoria. This season we scrambled to obtain field time for these two events as again field time was difficult to obtain. I would also like to thank all the volunteers assisting at these Girl's Invitational Tournaments.

As a constant reminder to all, we need to combat referee abuse and educate individuals as to why we play the game of Field lacrosse and the Spirit of Lacrosse in BC.

I would also like to thank the BCLA staff for all their support over the last year as well as the numerous volunteers at a variety of levels from club association involvement to the Provincial and National level. A special thank you to the Field Directorate members for their continued dedication to the game of Field Lacrosse. With their support we continue the growth of our game within the Province.

**2016 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2016**  
**Field Directorate Vice Chair - Youth Field Report: Beth McLucas**

My thanks to the PCFLL, VIFLL and IFLL as well as all their commissioners for working hard to make all their leagues work.

Seemed to have quite a few game reports early in the season at all divisions not just the higher divisions, after a few weeks things seemed to settle down.

Interior request that they work with the PCFLL for their U18 team to play within the PCFLL league. It was discussed at the PCFLL table and all agreed they would try and make it work. By the time it got down to the parents of PCFLL players, they weren't willing to travel to Interior to play 1 game, especially on a Saturday when most of them work. This didn't go down well with some of the people from the Interior.

PCFLL Chair worked long and hard trying to make this work. He managed to get the interior some games during the fall and worked on it for endless hours to get them a full weekend of game in January on the weekend they said they were available. With 3 days noticed the Interior cancelled. This left clubs with added field time they didn't plan on with no games. I am not sure what the solutions for this would be.

Langley hosted the U13, U15 and U18 Provincial Championships over the Family day weekend; it was a completely packed 4 days with games running from early Friday morning right through to late Monday afternoon.

Congratulations to all the teams who made it to provincials. The following are the medal winners:

**U18 Tier 1**

Gold Langley  
Silver Adanacs  
Bronze Ridge

**u18 tier 2**

Gold Adanacs 3  
Silver Vancouver  
bronze Adanacs 2

**U15 Tier 1**

Gold New West  
Silver Delta  
Bronze Adanacs

**U15 tier 2**

Gold Nanaimo  
Silver Adanacs 3  
Bronze Mid Island

**U13 tier 1**

Gold Adanacs  
Silver Victoria  
Bronze Ridge

**U13 Tier 2**

Gold Ridge 2  
Silver Ridge 3  
Bronze Burnaby

Thank you to everyone who sits at the Field Directorate table as well as the BCLA office staff for all their help and hard work during the season.

## 2016 U18, U15, and U13 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Provincials Summary

Date: Friday, February 5 – Monday, February 8

Venue: Willoughby Community Park, Langley

Participants:

- U18 Tier 1 – 5 teams (Adanacs, Delta, Langley, New West, and Ridge Meadows)
- U18 Tier 2 – 8 teams (Adanacs 2, Adanacs 3, Interior, Mid Island, Nanaimo, Quesnel, Surrey, and Vancouver)
- U15 Tier 1 – 8 teams (Adanacs, Delta, Mission, New West, Pacific Rim, Penticton, Ridge Meadows, and Victoria)
- U15 Tier 2 – 8 teams (Adanacs 2, Adanacs 3, Delta, Mid Island, Nanaimo, New West, North Okanagan, and North Shore)
- U13 Tier 1 – 8 teams (Adanacs, Delta, Kamloops, New West, Pacific Rim, Ridge Meadows, Surrey, and Victoria)
- U13 Tier 2 – 8 teams (Adanacs 2, Burnaby, Mid Island, Nanaimo, North Shore, Ridge Meadows 2, Ridge Meadows 3, and Victoria)

The 2016 U18/U15/U13 Tier 1 and Tier 2 took place in Langley on three fields. This year, the weather was more or less co-operative. There was a brief windstorm on the Friday, which, unfortunately, destroyed three tents. Saturday and Sunday had rain, at times intermittent. Monday was perfect lacrosse weather - sunny and mild temperatures.

The Coaches/Managers meeting was divided into two sessions and was well-attended, except for one U18 team.

For the most part, the tournament was uneventful. Due to the number of teams and limited field time (compared to Burnaby) some games ran over their allotted times due to injuries, time-outs, and stick checks. This was a bit of a problem on the Sunday. With the cross-over games in the afternoon, there were back-to-back overtime games on one field. This affected a couple games, and in the end this field had games end just over an hour late.

The Vancouver Stealth had a home game on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. In order to support the Stealth and give out-of-town teams an opportunity to attend the game, the schedule originally had games end by 6:30 p.m. Due to one U18 team pulling out of the tournament at the last minute, the schedule had to be changed and one game (U18 Tier 1) had to be scheduled @ 6:30 p.m. The game appeared to be very well attended. It is strongly recommended, if possible, to schedule the Provincials during the same week-end as a Stealth home game. For many of the participants, this was the only time that they would be able to see the Stealth play.

**Medal Standings:**

	U18 T1	U18 T2	U15 T1	U15 T2	U13 T1	U13 T2
Gold:	Langley	Adanacs #3	New West	Nanaimo	Adanacs	Ridge #2
Silver:	Adanacs	Vancouver	Delta	Adanacs #3	Victoria	Ridge #3
Bronze:	Ridge	Adanacs #2	Adanacs	Mid Island	Ridge	Burnaby

Many thanks to our volunteers, but especially to: Alex Vanichuk, Kellie Ohlmann, Sandra Margetson, Stu Watson, Cindy Tarling, and Kelly Begg, Special thanks to Dirk Rachfall, Beth McLucas, and Glen Bzowy for their guidance and support. Also, thanks go out to Susan Rahe, Tricia Rachfall, Randy Radonich and the many volunteers from all PCFLL associations for their help with setting up the fields, plus help with the cross-over and medal games. Honourable mention should be given Ryan Nose, who did an amazing job allocating and supervising the referees. Last, but not least, our thanks to Rochelle Winterton, Jeff Gombar, and Dave Showers for all their behind the scenes organizing and planning

Respectfully,

Trish Keizer  
Langley Field Lacrosse Vice-president  
PCFLL Secretary

and

Chris Comeault  
PCFLL Chair

**2015 - 2016 U11 Provincial Tournament**  
**February 13-14, 2016**  
**Coquitlam Town Centre**

The 2016 U11 Provincial Tournament was held at Coquitlam Town Centre on 3 fields over 2 days hosted by the Coquitlam Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association and the BCLA.

Teams from Vancouver Island, the Interior, and the Lower Mainland, 21 teams in total, participated in three divisions. The concept of this tournament is to allow all U11 teams in the Province of BC to participate without the pressures of needing to qualify through either season ending standings or play-downs, everyone can play. Another component is the three divisions: Blue, Red, and White. Teams were placed in one of these three divisions based on their caliber of play during the season and in consultation with league division managers. Teams of similar caliber were placed together.

The tournament format was 2 – 20 minute halves. The Blue division of 6 teams was a full round robin. The Red division had 10 teams placed into 2 pools of round robin play and the top of each pool played for Gold and the second place teams in each pool played for Bronze. And the White division was also 5 team full round robin.

It was a great weekend, other than the rain Saturday evening, and everyone had fun. On Saturday, the Coquitlam Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association supplied, cooked, and served hot dogs to all participants, their siblings, and parents. The association also supplied juice boxes.

I would like to thank the Coquitlam Adanacs Field Lacrosse Association for arranging the field time, supplying the food Saturday, and the volunteers that set-up and took down the fields for the tournament. I would also like to thank Tricia Rachfall, Natalie Chapman, and Chris Comeault for office and tournament support, and Ryan Nose our tournament RIC.

**2016 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2016**  
**Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League Chair Report: Chris Comeault**

This field season had many successes but as expected, had its bumps and challenges. There are many people who contributed to the successes, starting with the PCFLL executive. All played large rolls in this season.

So a big thank you to Trish Keizer, our Secretary, Head Commissioner and the person I passed on anything involving a computer to. Our 1st Vice, Jason Kump, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Kelly Ohlmann and Treasurer, Tracy Dolbec. Also thanks to our RIC Jody Weatherby who made it possible for many games to be played with his weekly help finding referees and to our Registrar Jen Bebb.

Thank you to all our Commissioners and Club Reps for your hard work. Also, a big thank you to Beth McLucas, for her season long mentoring and support.

The Female Program is still a work in progress. We had a good season with 8 teams in U12 and UIS which made for a good league, but U19 age group struggled, with the lack of players making games difficult. Based on what we see in the birth years, there should be over 40 players aging into U19 this next season. We welcomed Sydney Hara to help mentor our Umpires and Shona Wallace came on board as our Umpire Allocator. Thanks to both of them for their dedication. We still need to push to gain players under 10 years of age to build up the player base.

In youth we welcomed back Abbotsford and saw an increase in teams in the younger ages and also were able to tier our U18 division which has not been possible in the past.

The growing number of players is good news; however, it did lead to difficulty scheduling games as there is a shortage of field availability.

Our string of Jamborees, Provincial Championship and Provincial Tournaments went on for a number of weeks this season and saw everything from a windstorm to heavy rain. Many hours of finding referees for these events were spent by Jody Weatherby, Ryan Nose and Umpires by Shona Wallace.

We started the last weekend in January with our U7 Jamboree in Burnaby. Thanks to Regina Villeneuve and Trevor Webber for their work organizing this successful event.

The following weekend, Langley hosted the Youth Provincials. Long days from Trish Keizer and all the volunteers from Langley plus other clubs made this a success.

The same weekend Poco hosted the U12 Female Provincial Tournament and the hard work from Kellie Ohlmann, Diane Blair and the volunteers in Poco made the tournament a success.

We then lived in Coquitlam for the next 3 weekends. A huge thank you to Randy Radonich and all the Coquitlam volunteers who helped with set up and take down of fields along with serving up hundreds of hotdogs.

The U11 Provincial Tournament hosted by the Field Directorate kept Dirk and Tricia Rachfall busy for the weekend but the first time event was a hit and the format saw many close games.

The U9 Jamboree followed the next weekend and was organized by Karen Petersen. We had the best weather of the month and again was a big success.

We closed out the month and season with the UIS Female Provincial Tournament and thanks for all the hard work goes out to Kellie Ohlmann, Al Schonewille and Sydney Hara making this event successful.



**2016 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session**  
**April 16, 2016**  
**Vancouver Island Field Lacrosse Commission Chair Report:**  
**Tammy McDougall**

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It's been a year of learning, it was our first year with girl's field lacrosse, which came with a lot of challenges, but hopefully we have learnt from our mistakes, and will continue to be more organized in the seasons to come,

One of our biggest battles is losing valuable field time as most of our associations are growing and referee's, we need to recruit more referee's and umpires for next season. Our Head referee Rob Cook did an excellent evaluating and mentoring our referee this past season and because of it we had few issues regarding refs

**Our Island Champs for the 2015-16 season are as follows**

U-18 tier 2- Mid-Island

U-15 tier 1-Victoria Field

U-15 tier 2- Nanaimo

U-13 tier 1- Victoria Field

U-13 tier 2-Victoria Field

**We sent 11 teams to the Provincials,**

U-18 tier 2- Mid-Island 4<sup>th</sup> place

U-15 tier 2- Nanaimo Gold, Mid-Island Bronze

U-13 tier 1-Victoria Field Silver, Pacific Rim 4<sup>th</sup>

U-13 tier 2- Victoria Field 4<sup>th</sup>

And Nanaimo's U-11 won their division in the U-11 Tournament

Next season we will take our mistakes and learn from them to make a stronger more successful season

## **IFLC Report – B.C Lacrosse Field Directorate Special Session - April 16**

### **Submitted by Martin Gardner, Chair**

The IFLC held their AGM on March 16 and we are pleased to report that all vacant executive positions have been filled!

**Chair** – Martin Gardner

**1st Vice Chair** – Wuilbert Jaramillo

**Treasurer** - Karen Peters

Two new positions, U18 Program Director and a second Scheduler, have also been filled.

**U18 Program Director** - Penni King

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scheduler** - Pam MacDonald

Having strong and experienced field representation across all areas of the Interior (except the Nicola Valley) and fresh faces on the commission, the IFLC is extremely confident in our abilities to set realistic goals and expectations for the upcoming season. With the combination of good communications, consistent representation (across all levels) and a passion for the game, we appear to be well positioned to commit the time and resources necessary to better align with the Lower Mainland. We recognize our shortcomings in past years with the BCLFD, BCLA and other area commissions and we want to 'mend bridges' wherever necessary. We are eager to learn from our past mistakes in order to gain credibility and have a voice at BCLA.

Although we have only had one IFLC meeting since the AGM in March, there is a feeling of optimism within the group. However, we do recognize that action speaks louder than words!

We want to thank-you for that opportunity!

## **North BC Field Lacrosse Report**

**Submitted by Bill Barwise**

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We had around 25 athletes registered in the Northern interior. Cole Paciejewski was a great addition to the coaching as he ran the practices for Quesnel for the zone. The athletes were from 6yrs old to 17yrs old. We did have a reasonable turn out for the practices. A short bench of athletes was able to attend the space needle shootout with our older aged athletes with mixed ages from grade 9-11. Cole with the support of Lisa Scott worked hard with this group of athletes and found they were competitive by the end of the year in provincials. We appreciate the continued support from BCLA in assisting us in keeping our program going.

Our programs are hard to run with interest not starting until September which as I said last year needs to happen throughout the year. Looking forward to this group assisting with the Summer Games team.

## **2016 U15 Regional Team Program**

### **Report Submitted by Beth McLucas, BCLA Field Directorate – Vice Chair – Youth Field**

This year the Field Directorate listen to the members and set up and ran at the U15 division Regional teams.

The plan was 1 from VIFLL, PCFLL, and IFLL. These would be run by the leagues, as it turned out the VLFL decided they didn't want to run it this year and would wait a few years, the FD decided as there was 18 players applied members wanted this, so the FD took on the whole role and it fell onto the Vice Chair of Youth

We had 18 apply from VIFLL, 42 from PCFLL and 7 from IFLY. Not sure why the numbers were so low in the Interior, could be there isn't any rep from Interior showing up the FD meeting.

We decided to run 1 VIFLL team and 2 PCFLL teams.

The plan was \$1,000 and it would cover a tournament in Vegas end of February and the U15 tournament during the worlds.

As time went on the VI team seemed to lose 8 players all from the same area, after a discussion with coach they opted to drop the Vegas tournament and work on the worlds as well as recruit a few more players, their cost was reduced to \$500. They have added some of the Interior players since they didn't have a team and have recruited a few more Island players. This is still being worked on.

The PCFLL ran try outs and opted to have a 1<sup>st</sup> team and 2<sup>nd</sup> team. With both teams still travelling to Vegas the 1<sup>st</sup> team would play in the A pool and the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the B pool. Coaches and managers are in place for both teams.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team out after round robin came in 4<sup>th</sup> and had close games and playing in semis but lost. The 2<sup>nd</sup> team out won all their round robin with close games and won their semi went to the final but lost by 1 goal in overtime.

Both PCFLL teams will be limited to practice before world tournament due to box. But will manage to get a few practices in during tiering break.

Both PCFLL teams will be playing in youth tournament during the worlds. We are still working on the Island team and getting them all registered to they can play in the tournament as well.

**2016 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2016**  
**Field Directorate Vice Chair – Senior Men’s Field Report: Mary Clare**

I’d like to say that we had another great season. We were up to 9 teams for league play which translates to around 230 players, and for provincials we were joined by Nanaimo and Victoria. We split into 2 tiers, with Abbotsford and Vancouver fighting for the bronze, and UBC and Victoria heading to the gold medal game in Tier 2, while Adanacs and Whalley battled for bronze and New West and Beerhunters went to the gold medal game in Tier 1.

Tier 1 Winners: New West – Gold, Beerhunters – Silver and Whalley – Bronze

Tier 2 Winners: UBC – Gold, Victoria – Silver and Abbotsford – Bronze

With the amount of teams we hosted, we need to rethink how we intend to put on provincials in the future, whether we playdown, or spread play over more days.

We tried to change the season this year and bring provincials forward primarily because of having such a conflict with box season over Easter of 2015. However, I would recommend we go back to our old format in so much as it was very difficult to get field time this past year.

This year for the first time since I became commissioner I had to suspend a player for intent to injure. I had received 1 other expulsion penalty during the season for this same player, and then received two other complaints about unnecessary roughness. Although this is a young league, players should feel safe when they set foot on the field. Most of these players work and cannot afford an injury that will necessitate time off work. Perhaps the time has come to have a no-contact rule for this league.

There were fewer forfeits this year, which was great to see. We received gaming and the application is already in the works for the upcoming season.

Field time is at such a premium for all user groups and as this league expands I do worry that we are going to have issues trying to get enough time to play league games this coming season, men’s being about 10<sup>th</sup> on the list of 9 users. I have approached Vancouver Women to see if they would be interested in having their own scrimmage game during one of our Saturday evenings. Not sure how many members they have, but thought with an affiliation with women that we might get a bit more time somewhere. I have told all the teams to apply for field time in their areas, so that at least we may have a choice of venues.

I have been approached by a couple of teams regarding Nationals. I would hope that BC could send at least one team in the fall of 2016.

**2016 BCLA Field Directorate Special Session**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2016**  
**Field Directorate Vice Chair – Women’s Field Report: Sue Kinna**

Wow, it has been an extraordinary year for Women’s Lacrosse. It was a great honour to attend the U19 FIL Women’s World Championships in Scotland, in the summer of 2015. An incredible experience watching our three young women from BC play for our country, and, of course, what an amazing win for Team Canada!

Back at home in BC Women’s Field has seen growth over the past year, most notably U15 teams created in Victoria and Nanaimo. But more growth and development of the playing season is needed to firmly establish ourselves as a growing hotbed for young Women’s Lacrosse players. The focus must be on our playing season to help create a more inclusive environment for all players to benefit. Too often in the past our focus has been on travelling out of town to create a better playing experience. Unfortunately this experience is generally available to the elite player or to those who are financially willing and able to do this.

Female box players continue to be our number one resource for recruitment to the field discipline, allowing for strategic development of skills for players wishing to play both sports. For female lacrosse, BC is the only province to have opposing seasons for Box and Field. In the province of Ontario, for example, most female players are made to choose between the two disciplines as their seasons run at the same time. This continues to be a deciding factor for many College Recruiters, and Team Canada staffers when recruiting players from BC.

At the CLA level we have been working on developing a National Invitational Tournament for Women’s Field Lacrosse. I am happy to announce that we will have a U19 National Invitational that will coincide with the FIL U19 Men’s World Championship this July in Coquitlam. The tournament will run inside the already established U19 Women’s World Tournament. This was a combined effort with Alberta, Ontario, First Nations and other provinces to bring this project to fruition. It is our hope that future development of the project will bring a National Championship for U15 and U19 age groups within the next four years. Having a National Championship will go a long way to legitimize our sport with many outside observers. Obviously the next few years will be very important for growth and development within our province.

It is my opinion that our opposing playing season from box lacrosse is our most important strategy for future growth and development in this province, but it should not be our only strategy. Our most obvious move forward is to improve the overall playing experience within our season, providing more practice and game times, tournaments, and jamborees to enhance every player’s experience within Women’s Field Lacrosse. Our playing season is our most underdeveloped area, with the 7v7 tournament in the fall and the Provincial tournament in February. Improving our season will not only make every player’s experience more enjoyable, it will help foster development for our future stars and get them on the path to National and International success. To do this takes help from all associations, but especially those with no Women’s Lacrosse programs in place. We need your help to establish practice and playing time for girls wishing to play the sport. It is no longer ok for associations to not have a Women’s Field Lacrosse program in place. It should be on your list of priorities that you must do.

It has been a true pleasure working with all of you over the past two years. Although I don’t always share the same opinions of everyone, I know that I share with you a passion for this game and I want to thank all of the female reps for continuing to build a strong voice for Women’s Lacrosse. I have learned a lot through this experience and would enjoy expanding on that knowledge and hope to continue as your Vice Chair for Women’s Lacrosse.

2016 BC Women's U15 Field Lacrosse Provincial Tournament  
Summary

Dates: February 27 – 28, 2016

Venue: Coquitlam Town Centre  
Feb 27 – Cunnings Turf  
Feb 28 – Fridge Field

Participants: Burnaby, Coquitlam # 1, Coquitlam # 2, Langley, Nanaimo, New Westminster,  
Port Coquitlam, Ridge Meadows, Surrey, Victoria

Due to field availability – there were four round robin games that took place prior to February 27, 2016.

The U15 BC Women's Field Lacrosse Provincial Tournament took place in Coquitlam on one turf field.

The coaches/managers meeting was well attended – with the exception of one U15 team that had neither coach nor manager present. The island teams were also not present, as their teams arrived after the 7:00 a.m. coaches/managers meeting. They did however let us know they would not be present.

The provincial directive caused issues with roster size (oversized teams) and U12 call ups (U12 players not being permitted to play in two provincial tournaments). These issues were resolved prior to the round robin games beginning.

Special thanks to Sydney Hara and Shona Wallace for their amazing job with the ump allocation. Many thanks to Sydney Hara for being our umpire in chief for the weekend; as well as the bench umpire for the medal games. Sydney's mentoring and support of the umpires was greatly appreciated throughout the entire weekend. Many thanks to the umps.

Thank you to Coquitlam Field Lacrosse for hosting. Al Schonewille, Randy Radonich for their help and assistance throughout the weekend. Thanks to Chris Comeault for his help with office duties and timekeeping of the medal games. Thanks to Sue Kinna, Chris Comeault, Beth McLucas, Patricia Keizer, Dirk Rachfall and Jason Kump for all of their assistance leading up to and including the provincial tournament.

Thanks to Dave Showers, Jeff Gombar, and Rochelle Winterton for everything they did behind the scenes to help this event run so smoothly.

Thanks to the teams – their coaches, their managers, their players.

Kellie Ohlmann  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
PCFLL

**2015-16 Women's Field U12 Invitational Provincial Tournament**  
**Field Directorate Vice Chair – Women's Field Report: Sue Kinna**

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The Women's Field U12 Provincial Tournament was held on Feb 6th-8th at Gates Park in Port Coquitlam. Weather was outstanding for the entire weekend, a lucky break considering the time of year. The tournament was held on one field and divided into two halves for the round robin portion. PCFLL provided the tournament with portable creases and fans for field markings. This was an excellent visual aid for players, officials and spectators and gave a very polished look to the fields. Games were competitive and exciting for the players, were well coached and well attended by fans.

**Teams in attendance:**

Adanacs 1  
Adanacs 2  
Port Coquitlam  
New West 1  
New West 2  
Langley  
Ridge Meadows

**Medal Winners:**

New West 2 Gold  
Ridge Meadows Silver  
New West 1 Bronze

**Warrior Fair Play Awards:**

Erin Pomeroy	Adanacs 1
Nicole Jang	Adanacs 2
Keira Berreth	Langley
Amanda Joinson	Port Coquitlam
Lauren Rawson	New West 1
Erin Godoy	New West 2

**Tournament MVP:**

Alexa Ford                      Ridge Meadows

**Fair Play Coach:**

Charlie Jones                      Langley

**Team Sportsmanship:**

Poco U12 Team.

Finally I would like to thank Diane Blair from the Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association for her hard work in organizing an outstanding crew of volunteers to run the event.



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**BCLCG Vice Chair - Field Report: Glen Bzowy**

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I attended the field Provincials this year as the coaching representative in Langley. Thanks to Langley and all the volunteers that made these provincials so successful. Thanks to all coaches and referees as I had received no complaints from coaches about referees and from referees about coaches.

Approximately 15 coaches from U13-U19 did not have their proper credentials for Provincials and were unable to coach. There was only 1 incident that was reported and is being handled by the association.

In U7 and U9 there were approximately 9 coaches in each division that did not have their proper training and they were unable to coach in the year end tournament.

In U11 approximately 4 coaches were unable to take part in the year end tournament as they failed to take needed courses.

In summary it seems that there are many associations that need to follow up and ensure there coaches are getting the required courses which would allow them to coach in provincials and year end tournaments. I find it concerning that at U7 and U9 there were almost 18 teams that had coaches that were not properly trained. The associations need to be doing a better job on policing this and making sure that all their players have the benefit of having trained coaches to help them grow as players.

**Report to BCLA Field Directorate Special Session  
April 2016**

I find I have very little to report at this time. Since taking on this role (on an interim basis) a year ago, I have had very few issues or concerns come my way.

I agreed to step back into this role to help bridge the gap until someone more directly involved in the game would take on the position. I am hopeful this will happen, as I will be stepping down from the coaches group. Girls' and women's lacrosse continues to grow in this province and I am confident there are volunteers willing to support the coaches in the game.

Sincerely,

Karen Blake  
Vice Chair – Women's Field, BCLCG



## **Team BC Special Session Report**

This past year has seen Team BC Field Lacrosse as busy as ever with the continued commitment to Women's Field Lacrosse by the inclusion of a 3<sup>rd</sup> travel Team in the form of a Freshman Team adding to our established High School Sophomore and Senior aged Team's. Team selections occurred in February this year with record numbers of registrants. Early Team selection is targeted to avoid having to schedule our Main Camp around summer holidays and busy Fall Club Field Lacrosse Sessions. We have entered our Senior Team as well as a Team BC Alumni Team, consisting of players that will be graduating from High School this year as well as first and second year College players, in the U 19 Women's World Festival Hosted in Coquitlam July 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Evaluations for the Alumni Team will be held later in the spring.

We continue to support 3 Men's Field Teams as well in the form of a U 13 Travel Team as well as a U 15 and U 18 Team. Our U 13 Team won the Adrenaline Challenge in San Diego this past January and our U 18 Team competed well in the top Elite Division. Our U 15 Team is entered in the World U 15 Festival taking place this July in Coquitlam as well.

### **Boys Schedule**

U 15 and U 18 – September 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> – Winnipeg Manitoba Field Lacrosse Nationals

U 15 - November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Baltimore Recruiting Event

U 13, U 15 and U 18 – September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> or October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> - District Camps

U 13, U 15 and U 18 – October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - Main Camp Langley

U 13 – Travel Event January in San Diego

### **Girls Schedule**

Freshman – 2002/2003 – November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – Seattle, January 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Palm Springs

Sophomore – 2001 – November 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Florida, January 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Palm Springs

Senior – 1999/2000 – November 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Florida, January 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Palm Springs

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**BCLOG Vice Chair - Field Report: Ryan Nose**

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There were a total of 184 carded officials throughout the province a small decrease from the 191 that were carded last year. A total of 9 certification clinics were held across the province – 1 senior level 3-5 clinic in the lower mainland and 1 held in Victoria, 3 level 1/2 clinics in the lower mainland, 2 level 1/2 clinics in Victoria, 1 level 1/2 clinic in Nanaimo and 1 level 1/2 clinic held in Vernon:

Lower Mainland – 21 Entry, 38 Level 1, 40 Level 2  
Vancouver Island – 17 Entry, 10 Level 1, 13 Level 2  
Interior – 8 Entry, 8 Level 1, 3 Level 2  
Senior Province Wide - 26

The U13/15/18 provincials were held on Feb 5-8 in Langley. Once again Langley proved to be great host. Field time was at a premium and lots of games were played over the 4 days. Having a team drop out made everyone scramble last minute to rearrange the schedule. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the provincials as huge success.

The U11 Tournament was hosted by Coquitlam Feb 13 and 14. Everyone braved the tremendously poor weather and the lacrosse was excellent despite the conditions. With Jody's help I was able to use 22 referees many of whom got into their first tournament style games. A big thank you to all of my mentors and helpers who offered their time to help the younger referees.

With the U11 division not participating the U18's were grouped with the U13 and U15's. This unfortunately made some of the U18 referees choose between refereeing and playing. Although some were able to participate as players and referees, 10 chose to focus on playing and did not give them a chance to referee at the level they had refereed all year long.

The Men's provincials were played at Fridge and Mercer fields over two weekends. With Victoria joining Nanaimo at the provincials it added another level of competitiveness to the games. If the provincials continue to grow I would like to be able to invite referees from outside of the Lower Mainland to give them an opportunity to referee at this level.

Allocation of officials continues to be an issue, as some local associations do not have the required number of officials to cover their own games particularly at the older divisions when multiple games are being played at similar times in a number of different clubs. Often times allocators are contacting the league RIC to fill their voids.

Two successful mentoring trips were held for the Interior Field Lacrosse Commission. The first trip took place in conjunction with their referee certification course. The second coincided with their league Championships. These trips have greatly improved the officiating in the Interior over the past 2 years. This Island Commission has asked for similar mentoring trips and with the support of the BCLA and I look forward to holding more of these sessions in the years to come.

My thanks to the three league RIC's: Jody Weatherby (PCFLL), Rob Cook (VIFLAX) and Rory Helgesen (IYFC), we had our challenges but in end I think we had a great year and accomplished a lot. Thank you to the Field Directorate and the long list of volunteers from across the province for making this another successful year.