

2016-2017 BC Lacrosse Association Minor Directorate Operating Policy

REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS

- 14.01 Invitational tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations or commissions wishing to host invitational tournaments must apply to the Minor Directorate by the date on the annual application form which will sanction the tournament, and pass the information to all associations, Commissions and league Commissioners. The Minor Directorate will review all applications and maintain a master schedule to determine which tournaments will be sanctioned. The sanctioned list will then be published to all members so the registration process can begin.
- 14.02 A Tournament Commissioner must be assigned by and confirmed with Commission Chairs for each sanctioned tournament from the pool of ratified League Commissioners by April 1. The Tournament Host Co-ordinator will contact them to deal with any situation where a potential suspension exists. The Tournament Commissioner will administer the discipline for tournaments, and will do so using the **Minor Directorate Disciplinary Rules** for the current playing year; and will ensure that disciplinary action is consistent with that administered during league play.
- 14.03 No more than two games per calendar day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play. In Mini-Tyke or Tyke, teams may play up to three modified or mini games (two periods only) during tournament play per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games, per REGULATION 4.12. A copy of the tournament schedule must be submitted to the Minor Directorate Tournament Co-ordinator and assigned Tournament Commissioner at least one week prior to the tournament.
- 14.04 In all commissions for tournament play, only players who are of the appropriate age to play in the specified division, or players younger than the appropriate age, may compete. Overage players shall not be eligible for tournament play unless the overage player is a registered member of the younger team and has been sanctioned by the player's home association Commission, or in the case that there is no Commission, by the BCLA Minor Directorate. No player may play in more than two (2) games per calendar day by playing on different teams.
- 14.05 All tournament game sheets must be collected by the Commission-approved Tournament Commissioner. Electronic copies of all game sheets must be sent to all League Commissioners for the Leagues of all participating teams within ten (10) days of the tournament's conclusion by the Commissioner. Original game sheets must be retained by the Tournament Commissioner. Failure of the Tournament Co-ordinator to supply Tournament game sheets to Commissioners may result in the loss of future tournament sanctioning.
- 14.06 Tournament Co-ordinators cannot ask for any personal information (i.e., birthdates, addresses, etc.) from players, due to privacy issues.
- 14.07 Tournament rules and regulations will be submitted to the Minor Directorate prior to receiving sanction. If there are changes or updates, a revised version must be submitted to the Minor Directorate at least one week before the tournament. A copy of the rules and regulations as accepted by the Minor Directorate will be given to the coach or manager of each team participating in the tournament, prior to the team's first game.
- 14.08 Once a team is fully registered and confirmed by the Tournament Host, "Failure to show" at any game by any team registered in a sanctioned tournament will result in a maximum fine of \$500 to the Home Association of said team, subject to extenuating circumstances as accepted by the Minor Directorate. Instances of "failure to show" shall be reported to the Minor Directorate Tournament Co-ordinator who will provide a report at the next meeting of the Minor Directorate for a decision as to whether the instance was a valid "failure to show" and if the extenuating circumstances, if any, were warranted.

- 14.09 Where there are two or more teams from one Association in mini tyke and tyke, crisscross of players from one team to another, where it is necessary for entry into a tournament and for tournament play only, will be allowed with permission from the association's President and Commission Chair. To have players criss-cross laterally, this shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) players per tournament entered. Each player is only able to crisscross over laterally a maximum of one (1) tournament in the season.
- 14.10 For the purposes of developing Female Box lacrosse, female players playing on a Minor (mixed) team, may on application to the Minor Directorate Female Box Lacrosse chair, apply to participate with a Female box Lacrosse team attending a Female Box Lacrosse tournament. Games played will not count towards Provincials eligibility.