



2024 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BC LACROSSE OFFICIALS OPERATING POLICY

Proposed by Dallas Lister, BCLOG, Vice Chair – Minor Box

Housekeeping to **entire** OFFICIALS OPERATING POLICY that would **CHANGE**:

Terminology Update

All references to "*Clinician*" in relation to officials shall be replaced with "*Learning Facilitator*" across all official documents, communications, and materials.

Rationale: The term "*Learning Facilitator*" more accurately reflects the modern approach to education and training within the organization, emphasizing facilitation of learning rather than traditional instruction. This update aligns with references from Lacrosse Canada, ensuring consistency across national and provincial levels.

This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):

Page 140 – BC Lacrosse Officials Communication Chart – 3 references

Page 142 – 3.01 g - iv), v), vii)

Page 144 – 3.04 n – Title and 3 references

Page 144 – 3.04 o – Title

Page 144 – 3.04 p – Title

Page 150 – 10.01 1 reference

Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Chair

REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION 3.01 (a) currently reads:

- 3.01 a) The Executive Committee of this organization will be elected annually at the BCLOG Special Session, and shall be comprised of:
- i) Chair
 - ii) Vice Chair - Senior
 - iii) Vice Chair - Minor
 - iv) Vice Chair – Men’s Field
 - v) Vice Chair - Sixes
 - vi) Vice Chair – Women’s Field
 - vii) Secretary
 - viii) Immediate Past Chair
 - ix) Director at Large

Amend REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION 3.01 (a) that would read:

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 - v) Vice Chair – Women’s Field
 - vi) Vice Chair - Sixes
 - vii) Secretary
 - viii) *Treasurer***
 - ix) Immediate Past Chair
 - x) Director at Large

Rationale: The BCLOTSG is seeking to create a Treasurer position for our group. In recent years the tasks of managing a budget and in tracking game fees for senior box officials has become a much larger task. It is felt that the responsibilities of such a role require this to be an elected and accountable position.

This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):

BCLOTSG Policy 3.01 a (*This submission*)

BCLOTSG Policy 3.01 d

BCLOTSG Policy 3.04 new section g

BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 A

BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 G

Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Chair

REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION 3.01 (d) currently reads:

3.01 d) The Chair, Vice Chair – Women’s Field, and the Secretary shall be elected for two-year terms in odd-numbered years. The Vice Chair – Minor, Vice Chair – Senior, Vice Chair – Sixes, and the Vice Chair – Field shall be elected in two-year terms in even-numbered years. The Director at Large would be elected for a one-year term.

Amend REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION 3.01 (d) that would read:

3.01 d) The Chair, Vice Chair – Women’s Field, and the Secretary, *and the Treasurer* shall be elected for two-year terms in odd-numbered years. The Vice Chair – Minor, Vice Chair – Senior, Vice Chair – Sixes, and the Vice Chair – Field shall be elected in two-year terms in even-numbered years. The Director at Large would be elected for a one-year term.

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BCLOTSG Policy 3.01 a

BCLOTSG Policy 3.01 d (*This submission*)

BCLOTSG Policy 3.04 new section g

BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 A

BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 G

Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Chair & Dallas Lister BCLOG Vice Chair-Minor

REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION 3.04 (n) currently reads:

3.04 n) **Clinicians**

Appointed for a term of one year by the *respective* Vice Chair in conjunction with the *Chair, Secretary, Master Course Conductors and (if minor) Head Official from zone where clinics are held*. Must currently hold a Level 3 or higher certification with at least five years of box lacrosse officiating experience, *and (if minor) have experience as a head official or assistant head official*. Must be a member in good standing with the BCLA and BCLOG. Must demonstrate a high degree of professionalism and maturity both on and off the floor. Must be certified *annually* as a *clinician* by a Master *Course Clinician* in a *clinician* training *session*. Responsible for conducting officials training and subsequent certification of officials. Responsible for assisting the Master Learning Facilitator with the updating of course materials for officials instruction. Responsible for assisting Zone Co-ordinators with evaluations and supervision of minor officials.

Amend REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION 3.04 (n) that would read:

3.04 n) *Minor Learning Facilitators*

Appointment and Term

Appointed for a term of one year by the Vice Chair – ***Minor Officials*** in conjunction with the ***BCLOG Executive***.

Qualifications

- Must currently hold a Level 3 or higher certification with at least five years of box lacrosse officiating experience.
- Must be a member in good standing with the BCLA and BCLOG.
- Must demonstrate a high degree of professionalism and maturity both on and off the floor.
- Must be certified ***at least bi-annually*** as a ***Learning Facilitator*** by a Master ***Learning Facilitator*** in a ***provided training clinic***.
- ***Must attend annual workshops and training sessions as required.***

Availability and Responsibilities

- ***Must be available for the majority of the Official's Clinics.***
- ***Must adhere to the training program guidelines and time allotments provided for each clinic.***
- Responsible for conducting officials' training and subsequent certification of officials.
- Responsible for assisting the Master Learning Facilitator with the updating of course materials for official instruction.
- Responsible for assisting Zone Coordinators with the evaluation and supervision of minor officials.

Rationale: The title change is intended to align with the naming conventions used in Senior and Field officiating.

Learning Facilitators are selected by the Vice Chair of Minor Officials and approved by the BCLOG Executive. While Head Officials may serve as LF's, they are not involved in the selection process.

LF's must be available for the majority of clinics to ensure consistent delivery of the material. With limited LF positions, it is important that the workload is evenly distributed. If a LF only participates in one or two clinics, it places undue strain on the remaining clinicians.

Additionally, all LF must strictly adhere to the provided program guidelines to maintain uniformity in training.

Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Chair

Add **new** REGULATION 3: ORGANIZATION, 3.04 (g) that would read:

3.04 g) *Treasurer*

Responsible to work with the BCLOTSG Executive to manage, update, and administer a budget document that accurately tracks all spending on BCLOTSG programs. Assists the BCLOTSG Executive in all aspects of program budget planning. Also is tasked with tracking game and travel fees earned by senior box officials and in creating invoices for senior box leagues during the box season.

Rationale: In recent years the tasks of managing a budget and in tracking game fees for senior box officials has become a much larger task. It is felt that the responsibilities of such a role require this to be an elected and accountable position.

****Renumber following sections accordingly***

This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):

BCLOTSG Policy 3.01 a

BCLOTSG Policy 3.01 d

BCLOTSG Policy 3.04 new section g (***This submission***)

BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 A

Proposed by Dallas Lister, BCLOG, Vice Chair – Minor Box

REGULATION 4: MEMBERSHIP 4.05 currently reads:

- 4.05 Each member will receive a ~~LC National Officiating Certification Program (NOCP) card~~ once the officiating level applied for is successfully achieved. The certification requirements are outlined in Appendix One.

Amend REGULATION 4: MEMBERSHIP 4.05 that would read:

- 4.05 Each member will receive a *certificate of completion* once the officiating level applied for is successfully achieved. The certification requirements are outlined in Appendix One.

Rationale: The BCLOG does not issue NOCP cards any longer.

This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):

REGULATION 5: GAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

- 5.01 All persons officiating a sanctioned game must hold a valid and ~~NOCP card~~ *Certificate of completion* and submit to a physical fitness examination on the recommendation of the Evaluator.

Proposed by Dallas Lister, BCLOG, Vice Chair – Minor Box

REGULATION 5: GAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES 5.03 currently reads:

- 5.03 An official shall not officiate a sibling, 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.

Note: Exemption for Field Lacrosse due to low numbers of officials. Will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Amend REGULATION 5: GAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES 5.03 that would read:

- 5.03 An official shall not officiate, *on floor*, a sibling, parent or immediate relation involved in a game at all levels except in extenuating circumstances, and agreed to by both teams. *(This does not apply to shot clock/bench officials)*. Both coaches must sign the top of the scoresheet to verify agreement prior to the start of the game.

Note: Exemption for Field Lacrosse due to low numbers of officials. Will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Rationale: We are short officials; this allows us to cover off the shot clock without undue pressure to find a non-related official.

Proposed by Dallas Lister, BCLOG, Vice Chair – Minor Box

REGULATION 5: GAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES 5.04 currently reads:

5.04 **Official in Charge (National Championships held in BC)**

Three names will be put forward by the BCLOG Executive Committee to the Senior Directorate who shall select one person. The selected person shall be forwarded to the BCLA President for approval. The BCLA President shall send the individual's name to the LC for final approval.

When the OIC is decided upon by the BCLOG executive committee, the BCLOG chair will send the name to the BCLA executive for ratification. If the OIC is approved by the BCLA executive, the name will be sent to the LC for final approval.

Amend REGULATION 5: GAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES 5.04 that would read:

- 5.04 **Official in Charge (*Junior/Senior Box* National Championships held in BC)**

Three names will be put forward by the BCLOG Executive Committee to the Senior Directorate who shall select one person. The selected person shall be forwarded to the BCLA President for approval. The BCLA President shall send the individual's name to the LC for final approval.

When the OIC is decided upon by the BCLOG executive committee, the BCLOG chair will send the name to the BCLA executive for ratification. If the OIC is approved by the BCLA executive, the name will be sent to the LC for final approval.

Rationale: This applies to Senior Box Nationals only.

Proposed by Dallas Lister, BCLOG, Vice Chair – Minor Box

Add new REGULATION 5: GAME ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES, 5.14 that would read:

Registration and Updating of Officials

Registration of Officials:

All BCLA officials must be registered and entered in the BCLOG software system.

Updating Information:

The club under which an official is registered is responsible for ensuring that the official's information is accurate and up-to-date in the BCLOG software.

Compliance:

- It is the responsibility of each club to regularly review and update the information of their registered officials to maintain accurate records.

Rationale: The BCLOG is responsible for the training and development of all officials. To effectively manage this responsibility, it is essential to maintain a current and updated database of all officials. Accurate and up-to-date information allows for efficient communication of important updates, ongoing training opportunities, and ensures that officials receive the necessary support and resources for their development.

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REGULATION 6: FEES AND EXPENSES 6.01 currently reads:

6.01 ~~*Membership dues and certification clinic registration fees must be submitted prior to attending the scheduled certification clinic. For Entry Level, Level 1 and Level 2 Officials, registration and payment will be completed by the Official's Minor/Youth Association and submitted to the BCLA Office three (3) days prior to the scheduled carding clinic. For Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 Officials registration will be completed by the individual official and submitted via the prescribed on-line platform or to the BCLA Office three (3) days prior to the scheduled certification clinic.*~~

Amend REGULATION 6: FEES AND EXPENSES 6.01 that would read:

6.01 *Registration and Membership Dues:*

- *Registration and membership dues must be completed on the BCLA-provided platform.*
- *For all returning officials, registration must be completed by the individual official and submitted via the prescribed online platform five (5) days prior to the scheduled certification clinic.*
- *All new officials registration and payment will be completed by the Official's Minor/Youth Association and submitted to the BCLA*

Rationale: This change aims to streamline the registration process by centralizing it on the BCLA-provided online platform. By requiring all returning officials to register individually and submit their fees five days prior to the scheduled certification clinic, we enhance efficiency, ensure timely processing, and reduce administrative burdens. This also provides ample time for the BCLA to confirm registrations and prepare for the clinics. Having new officials go through the club will allow the numbers to be closely managed by the clubs.

REGULATION 11: DRESS AND EQUIPMENT 11.02 currently reads:

11.02 Minor: Black CSA Approved hockey helmet, Official jersey, pre-crested with the LC and BCLOG approved logos only; black trousers; running shoes with laces which must be tied; black socks; finger whistle, string and tape measure for U15 and U17 Divisions. “Tear-away” or sweatpants are NOT permitted. ~~*In extreme weather conditions, plain black shorts with pockets may be worn with the approval of the Zone Rep or Vice Chair—Minor Officials (the temperature must be above 30 degrees Celsius).*~~ In order to function as a team, both officials must be dressed in clean, neat, identical uniforms. If circumstances allow and permission is granted to allow the officials to wear shorts, both on floor officials must wear shorts. If only one official has shorts, the default is pants. The official’s jersey must be tucked into pants or shorts. For Provincials and Summer Games, only long black trousers will be permitted.

Amend REGULATION 11: DRESS AND EQUIPMENT 11.02 that would read:

11.02 Minor ***Box Only***:

In order to function as a team, both officials must be dressed in clean, neat, identical uniforms. ***Therefore, both long pants and shorts/skort, should be carried in the official's bag.*** For Provincials and Summer Games, only long black trousers will be permitted.

- Black CSA Approved hockey helmet
- Official jersey, pre-crested with the LC and BCLOG approved logos only
- Black trousers ***or solid black shorts***
“Tear-away” or sweatpants are NOT permitted.
Shorts must be 1” above knee and have pockets that can safely carry a ball. (Both pants and shorts must have pockets that can safely carry a ball. Loose pockets not permitted)
No team logos on either pants or shorts, a small brand logo is permitted
- ***If both officials do not have matching plain black shorts, black pants will be the default.***
- ***Black*** running shoes with laces which must be tied
- Black socks
- ***Fox 40*** ***pealess*** finger whistle
- String and tape measure for U15 and U17 Divisions

Rationale: To ensure that our uniform standards are adaptable and consistent, especially in response to rising temperatures, this motion proposes structuring the uniform format to align with field regulations. By including shorts as part of the official uniform, we can provide flexibility while maintaining a standard appearance. Setting clear guidelines on acceptable shorts will help ensure that all officials adhere to a consistent and professional uniform standard, regardless of weather conditions.
