

BC Lacrosse Association
2025 Senior Directorate Special Session Meeting
October 25, 2025
BCLA Senior Directorate Chair Report: Terry Kirstiuk

I became the Acting Chair in January after Dave Wilke stepped down as the Chair. Dave had over 35 years of volunteering with the BCLA in various capacities. I've enjoyed working with him the past 4 years and this will be a well-deserved retirement.

Needless to say, this was a hectic year for me holding 2 positions and I couldn't have done it without Wonda Warren. We had a lot of hearings and appeals and she found the panelists for them, set up the zoom meetings, took the minutes for them and sent out the results. There was one week with 4 or 5 hearings with 1 day having 2 of them. A special thanks to the panelists for that crazy week.

There seems to be a rise in Verbal Abuse both to the referees and players, Racial abuse, as well as Social Media Bullying.

A big thanks goes to the BCLA staff for keeping us posted and informed on what we could and could not do this past year.

Terry Kirstiuk

Acting Chair Senior Directorate

BCLA AGM / Senior Directorate - October 25, 2025

Western Lacrosse Association Report

Paul Dal Monte, Commissioner

The Western Lacrosse Association had a great season with the resurgent Coquitlam Adanacs finishing the regular season in first place followed by the New Westminster Salmonbellies, Victoria Shamrocks, and Maple Ridge Burrards. The Salmonbellies came out on top, defeating the Adanacs in the WLA finals, earning the right to host the Mann Cup at historic Queens Park Arena.

Their opponent was the Six Nations Chiefs, whose star-studded roster was dominated by national team players. The series proved to be among the most exciting in recent memory, as it went to a seventh and deciding game in front of a sold-out crowd at Queen's Park Arena, with Six Nations coming out on top with a 12 - 7 win, capturing their third consecutive Mann Cup.

This year's Mann Cup was the most successful on record, with six sellouts and an average attendance of 3,300, and thousands more watching online.

Overall, WLA teams saw an increase in attendance, as well as increased traffic and engagement on league and team websites and social media.

The WLA draft of graduating junior players will be held Thursday January 29, 2026; this event will be streamed live.

Congratulations to all of those teams who won League, Provincial, and National Championships in 2025.

Stay connected with the WLA during the off-season on our [website](#), as well as on our [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) pages.





2025 West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association (WCSLA) Commissioners Report

The 2025 season began with adding a new club to the Senior B league and welcome to the Coquitlam Bandits. The regular season consisted of 45 games where each team played 15 games. The final top 4 teams in order of final points Ladner Pioneers, Nanaimo Timbermen, Victoria Shamrocks, Coquitlam Bandits entered the playoffs with the first round being the best of three.

The Ladner Pioneers faced off against The Coquitlam Bandits where the Ladner Pioneers would see victory in the playoff first round. The Victoria Shamrocks Faced off against the Nanaimo Timbermen where the Victoria Shamrocks would see victory as well in the first round.

The second Round of playoffs would see the Ladner Pioneers face off against the Victoria Shamrocks where the Ladner Pioneers would see victory over Victoria and become the 2025 WCSLA champions and secure their spot to travel to Whitby Ontario to take part in the Presidents Cup.

The 2025 Presidents cup would see 8 teams enter with some very tough competition. 2 pools were created for the first round in the presidents cup where Ladner played off against The Winnipeg Blizzard, Brooklin Merchants, and the Allegany Arrows. Ladner would move onto the second round where they would face the Six Nations Rivermen and the Winnipeg Blizzard. Unfortunately, Ladner would be eliminated from the medal round and would not carry on in the Presidents cup.

In the off season I will be working to improve the WCSLA League agreement and conferring with other commissioners from across Canada to create a Presidents Cup agreement where all teams will be entering into the competition on the same page.

Thank you,

Ryan Hyland

Commissioner

West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association.

Prince George Senior C Lacrosse Association 2025 Annual Report

We had 4 teams make up the Association. BHL/ X-Conditioning Bandits, Mackenzie Lumberjax, Scamp Transport Devils, and the PG Assault.

The season consisted of 24 games with 2 rounds of playoffs. Congratulations to the Scamp Transport Devils who were League and Playoff champions once again! The Assault swept the Bandits in the best of 3 semifinals. In the finals, the Devils swept the Assault in a best of 5.

It's been 6 years since Prince George hosted the Glen Moose Scott Invitational Tournament and BC Senior C Provincials. I would like to thank all the volunteers and the tournament organizers who help put this tournament together.

Don Wittmeier
Commissioner
Prince George Senior C Lacrosse

West Central Senior C

The 2025 season saw the WCSLL with 9 teams and an 16-game regular season. Due to floor time constraints, we saw some more teams playing home and away series with neighbouring teams. Most of our games were still played in Port Coquitlam and Port Moody.

The Playoff series were close, seeing the top 6 teams compete. Port Coquitlam won the league vs Maple Ridge.

Three of our teams made the trek to Prince George and had a great time competing in the Glenn Moose Invitational and Provincials, which resulted in 2 of 3 teams medalling. Overall, it was a great weekend of lacrosse.

Jed Sigfusson
Chair

Thompson-Okanagan Sr C

The Thompson-Okanagan Sr C League started on April 13, 2025, with the same 4 teams as previous years. During preseason tryouts for these teams it looked like the league may lose a team as the Vernon Tigers struggled to get a full commitment of returning players to field a team. With lots of work from the club GM, they managed to field a full team and finish off the season.

For the 2025 season, the TOSLL played an 18-game schedule with each of the 4 teams playing 9 games. Games were played only on Friday nights and Sunday afternoon. The regular season and playoffs went very smooth with no issues with players and coaches.

Everyone wants to play and go to work on Monday. The league has a very strong following in the Interior as all teams drew very well in attendance.

After playing the regular schedule which ended in late June, the standings are as follows:

1st Kelowna - 8-1

2nd Kamloops - 5-4

3rd Armstrong - 5-4

4th Vernon - 0-9

In the TOSLL playoffs, held in July, the scores are as follows:

Semi Final 1 - Vernon 7 at Kelowna 12

- Kelowna 19 at Vernon 5

Semi Final 2 - Armstrong 5 at Kamloops 9

- Kamloops 9 at Armstrong 13

- Armstrong 7 at Kamloops 13

Finals - Kamloops 2 at Kelowna 12

- Kelowna 22 at Kamloops 0

Kelowna was the league winner for 2025 and will be attending the Sr C Provincials in Prince George.

Now for some fantastic news for 2026 season. There are 2 different cities looking to join the Thompson Okanagan Sr C League. Both cities have a minor program and a Jr B team but have no team / league for graduating Jr players. With some hard work this off season the current 4 team league may grow to 6 teams.

Thanks to our league secretary / treasurer, Rebecca for her continued hard work. Thanks to the clubs Governor / GM's for having another successful year.

Joe Wong
TOSLL Commissioner

September 5, 2025

Vancouver Island Senior C Lacrosse League
2025 Yearend Report

We had a good season with an increase in player registrations with two new teams joining our League. We welcomed new teams from Nanaimo and Oceanside. That increased our League to nine teams. We divided the teams into two divisions: North Island – Cowichan Rats, Cowichan Thunder, Snuneymuxw Sun Devils (Nanaimo) and Oceanside Sharks. The South Island.- Victoria Blazers, Victoria Jokers, Victoria Tugmen, Saanich Express and Westshore Aces.

The Jokers finished first in the regular season play. The Jokers continued their strong play rolling through the playoffs winning the South Division and then defeating the Cowichan Thunder, the North Division winners, to capture the League Championship. The playoffs were well attended by many lacrosse fans.

We sent one team to the Senior C Provincials/Glen Moose Invitational in Prince George, the Victoria Jokers. However, they had a short bench and placed fifth just missing the medal games. All their games were close, and the team competed hard and enjoyed the tournament.

As with any successful organization, you need many committed people to help ensure a strong and successful season. With that, I would like to thank all the team reps for attending the meetings and organizing their respective teams. Tyson Leies and Shirley Bains for all the work and time they continue to put in to ensure our League operates smoothly. Special thanks to all the other volunteers in helping make the League the success that it was. I would be remiss not to recognize our appreciation to all the referees and especially the referee allocators, Mike and Deb Anderson for a job well done.

Next year is going to be a challenge as we have been informed by the Esquimalt Municipality that Archie Browning Arena will be going through major upgrades including a new floor thus will not be available to us for next season. The South Island Division plays all their games out of this arena. Dry floor space is at a premium at the best of times in the region. Hopefully we will be able to secure enough floor time at the other arenas.

I look forward to the 2026 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Bains
Chair/Commissioner,
Vancouver Island Senior C Lacrosse League



The 2025 BCJALL season commenced on May 16th with 17 games per team in an 8 - week schedule for 68 total league games played.

The Coquitlam Adanacs came in First place and the Victoria Shamrocks came in Second place at the conclusion of the regular season games. Both playoff series, semi-finals and finals, were a best of 7 games, Coquitlam and Victoria both winning their Semi – Final Series. This set up the Championship Series with the Coquitlam Adanacs and the Victoria Shamrocks, the Coquitlam Adanacs defeated the Victoria Shamrocks 4 games to 2 in the Championship Series round to be the 2025 BC Junior A Provincial Champions. Coquitlam Adanacs Ryan Colsey was selected as the BC Jr A Provincial Playoff MVP – The Jack Crosby Award.

The Coquitlam Jr A Adanacs were the British Columbia representatives in the 2025 Minto Cup in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Congratulations to the Coquitlam Adanacs for winning the 2025 Minto Cup, sweeping Orangeville 2 - 0 in the best of 3 Final Series (again) and bringing the Minto Cup back to BC with back-to-back wins in 2024 and 2025. This is the first time since 1977 that a BC team won the Minto Cup in Ontario, Burnaby Cablevision won the 1977 Minto Cup in Ontario.

Congratulations also go to Cody Malawsky, Coquitlam Adanacs. Cody Malawsky was selected for the Jim McConaghy Award - 2025 Minto Cup Tournament MVP.

A great way to cap off the 2025 season and congratulations to all, looking forward to the 2026 season.

Best of luck to all teams in 2026.

Respectfully,

Dirk Rachfall

Dirk Rachfall
President and Commissioner
BC Junior A Lacrosse League

Junior B1 Commissioner Report

Our season started 25 April and we had a 10 week schedule with Play downs starting July. 1 week later.

We had a few suspensions, but no carry overs.

Victoria was our League champions.

Coquitlam was our 4th place team after regular season. They ended up playoff champions and hosted Kelowna over the August long weekend winning over 2 games 33-14. Once again our governors feel that the Interior teams aren't B1 teams.

Coquitlam headed off to Calgary to play in the Founders cup. They made it to the final and won silver playing against Kahnawake (ONT).

As of yet we have not set a date for our AGM but it will be sometime in November.

We already have had a club inquiry about coming into our league for next year, we will be having a meeting to have discussions on what we need to do for this to happen.

Beth McLucas

Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League -BT1

BCLA Senior Directorate

OCT 2025

This was the first season I acted as commissioner for the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League (TOJLL). It was my first time as commissioner at any level in Senior Lacrosse and as such, it was a learning experience that was made easier by the support of the senior directorate, the previous league commissioner, and the league governors.

The 2025 season for the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League (TOJLL) for the most part worked out as planned.

The Kamloops Venom could not defend their TOJLL championship in the playoffs. There was a new champion: The Kelowna Kodiaks. They went on to play The Coquitlam Adanacs in provincials. We congratulate the Coquitlam Adanacs for their Silver medal at the Founders Cup in Alberta.

The TOJLL 2024 season allowed for the expansion of our program to the Kootenays with the inclusion of the Cranbrook Black Wolves as a member of the TOJLL. There was also interest on the West Kootenays to enter TOJLL, and it seems that it will be an ongoing process that could potentially add one more team to our league in the future.

Though there are still distance challenges in regard to the location of the Cranbrook in the Kootenays, 1200KM round trip from the farthest TOJLL team. This was addressed by playing Saturday night and Sunday morning games both as the away team and the home team (same as last year). With a young team Cranbrook grew stronger throughout the season as more of their older players returned from school. The experience gained for their U17 players given the opportunity to play with the team will speak volumes for the quality of players that they have moving up.

Armstrong was unable again to field a team for the season. It is disappointing, however there is hope for the future. The corresponding minor association (Shuswap) is making a big push to come back, hopefully in a few years Armstrong might have a Jr team again.

With Armstrong unable to field a junior lacrosse team, Vernon had an oversized roster in which players were signed and unsigned throughout the season to get them playing time. This year again the minor commission received requests from Jr aged players to play down in minor. These requests are concerning as all of those requests were denied, and most likely those players will not play lacrosse due to the saturation in the Jr Program in that area.

Minor Lacrosse for the area is increasing, however for some minor associations last season their U17 numbers were lower than usual. However, the minor associations are showing signs of growth in the lower divisions which will hopefully provide support for the junior teams in the area. Smaller team sizes, such as South Okanagan and Cranbrook that utilize the development of the U17 players for their Minor teams appear to lead to stronger commitment at the junior levels from the players.

On the floor play was fast this year, with more emphasis on the game rather than the fighting, which was great to see. Less suspensions were issued than in the previous year, which surpassed my expectations! Lacrosse is a physical game with big legal hits, the players keeping it within the game play is great to see.

Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League -BT1

A negative for the season is the continuous vilification of the officials happening in games. Individuals yelling constantly about calls that are perceived unfair/bad doesn't help at all. I attended several games at different arenas during the season and I observed that at all the locations. This vilification doesn't seem to get the attention it deserves and it is always dismissed as a non-issue by everybody. These are games where minor lacrosse players attend (as well as other minors that just want to know the game) and it is disappointing when minors also follow/imitate that disrespectful behaviour not only when they are at the Jr games, but also when they are in minor events (either as players or fans) where some officials are of the same age as them (or even younger). Yet, none of those individuals that are so unhappy and that are so loud about the officials' job have any proposals to improve the officiating. Officials are a scarce resource and their numbers are not getting any better. Losing one official at this level in our zone could have a huge impact on the league schedule and yet all games are played; no games (regular season and playoffs) were cancelled this season.

I, as any commissioner (or any member of the general public for that matter), do not have any authority over any official's allocation to games or their performance on the floor at all. Yet, there were several instances this season where fans on the stands would address me only to complain to me as if I was the one making the call on the floor, and at the same time demanding to get better officials.

All in all, I really enjoyed all the games I watched. The focus for the league's governors is to showcase the game of lacrosse to the public, and they are doing their best to do that with different degrees of success across the region.

Wuilbert Jaramillo

Commissioner TOJLL

WestCoast Jr B tier 2

Overall, the 2025 Season was a positive experience for our League. We had ten teams in the league this year, up one from last year. The teams worked hard to make every game count despite the number of players available. Special mention to Port Coquitlam for their perseverance this season.

Congratulations to our playoff teams; Coquitlam Gold, Langley, Port Moody, and North Shore. WCJLL was represented by Coquitlam Gold and Langley where they took the Bronze and Silver respectively.

This year we held an awards ceremony at Game #2 of the final Championship Series where we recognized outstanding players and volunteers. I want to thank all those who made the trip out to Coquitlam to attend the ceremony and receive their awards in person.

There were some challenges this year. Unfortunately, racist language, especially towards our Indigenous players, seemed to be on the rise this year. I am seeking out help to develop strategies to help educate our players, teams and fans so that this doesn't become an ongoing issue.

Finally, I would like to thank to all the Jr B tier 2 Executive, Governors, Managers and Coaches for all the work they do.

Thank you to Terry Kirstiuk for his hard work on stats and scheduling.

Thank you to Angie Wolf our Treasurer and Denise Forlin our secretary.

David Goulet
West Coast Junior Lacrosse League Commissioner

BC Lacrosse Association – AGM Report Pacific Northwest Junior Lacrosse League

This season saw a notable improvement in the competitiveness of games across the Pacific Northwest Junior Lacrosse League. Teams were more evenly matched in skill, resulting in tighter contests and a more engaging experience for players and spectators alike.

A highlight of the season was the All-Star Game held in Campbell River. Players from all teams came together not only to showcase their talent but also to enjoy the camaraderie and lighthearted spirit of the event. It was a memorable occasion that strengthened bonds across the league.

The overall quality of play this year was exceptional—arguably the best in recent years. This was reflected in the significantly reduced number of suspensions, indicating improved discipline and sportsmanship in the box.

In terms of tournament performance:

- **Westshore Bears** and **Saanich Express** both qualified for Provincials, finishing **fourth** and **first** respectively.
- **Oceanside Sharks, Westshore Bears,** and **Saanich Express** also competed in the **MacDonald Cup**, where the **Saanich Express** earned a **Bronze** medal.

The season's successes are a testament to the dedication of players, coaches, and volunteers throughout the league. We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year.

Chris Shortt
PNWJLL Commissioner
2025-09-24

BCLOG Vice Chair Senior Report - 2025

The Senior year started with the senior group going back to in-classroom certification for all Senior Officials. Full Senior clinics were held in; Victoria, Nanaimo, New Westminster and Kelowna. Modified Senior Clinics were held for Prince George and Cranbrook. An online clinic was held in late May to accommodate returning University students. New for this year was a Young Guns clinic.

I personally attended the 4 main Senior clinics and it was clearly demonstrated that this is the correct teaching method to reach out and touch base with our members.

The Young Guns Senior clinic was tested in 2025. This involved both the classroom portion plus the on-floor component followed by actual Senior games on the same day. Thanks to Nick Thomas for taking the lead in this new program.

The Senior Operations group will be discussing this new approach and may add another Young Guns clinic to the Island for 2026.

In regards to the Senior hybrid rules, the Senior Operations group went province-wide for the hybrid on-floor rules and floor positioning. The majority of Senior Leagues were already using these rules the past 2 seasons but this made it much easier for the Senior Officials working the various Senior Leagues.

The Women's Senior League officially came under the Senior Officials umbrella and the league had a successful year with us. The majority of their games was handled by a two-man Senior Officials crew. A few games required the use of minor officials. For the Women's League next year, we will want to assign an OIC for their year end tournament.

Registration went fairly well with the Senior Officials paying directly to the BCLA Office. There was only a very small number that had to be reminded to submit their fees. This may change for 2026 as we get more involved in Ramp.

The assignments handled by Ashley and the Andersons went very well this year.

The main issue is the format that is in use - needing officials to make themselves available instead of forcing officials to block days off as in the past. This resulted in very poor communication between officials and assignors. This needs to change for 2026. Assignors spent way too much time trying to fill games. The other assigning issue is the Senior officials pool is also available to everyone in the Province and Minor Club assignors are giving games to the Senior Officials. This is not an issue Monday to Thursday. It's the hectic Senior weekend schedule from Friday to Sunday that presents a problem. On the Lower Mainland there are approximately 25 to 28 Senior games every weekend. Assignors need all Senior officials to be available. The only reason we made it through the Senior season without a lot of cancellations was due to a handful of Senior Officials that did double headers on Saturday and Sunday and were also available to go to any arena in the Lower Mainland or Island. You officials know who you are, thanks. There was only 4 games cancelled in Senior due to no Senior Officials available, 1 on the Island and 3 on the Lower Mainland. There was no cancellations for the Interior or North. Huge improvement over the previous 2 years.

The Senior group needs to add another 15 to 20 officials that will commit to officiating full time. We have the numbers currently but not the commitment.

Many Senior Officials are still playing or coaching.

Senior Provincials went very well across the Province. Jr B2 used the 3 man mechanics throughout all games in the tournament and this was such a positive experience that the Jr 2 B2 Provincial Committee has adopted the 3 man mechanics for all future Provincials. Thanks to Tyler Boyer and his group of officials, Vince Steigel, Adam Donald, Angie Reid, Benji Dos Santos, Jordan Kelly and Brent Rippberger.

The Jr B1 Provincials also went with the 3 man mechanics and also demonstrated this is the correct system moving forward. Excellent job by Braden Wilkins, Lisa Hibbeln and Kody George.

Sr C Provincials was held in Prince George with Cam Comeau being the OIC. Was a great tournament considering all officials were brought in from outside PG to make this work. Thanks to the North Sr C Commissioner Don Whittmeier for looking after all the accommodations and meals for the group. There was only 1 minor incident which resulted in the

tournament committee to get involved and overturn a semi final result. The positive out of this is it was recognized by the Sr C Provincial Committee that their own rules for running a Sr C Provincial needed to be updated for the immediate future.

Jr A final series was 3 man mechanics. This was also offered to Sr B for their final series but they declined.

I will be recommending to the Senior Directorate that future Senior Provincials be using the 3 man mechanics and Senior League final series be using it also.

Our 2025 National Senior Officials are as follows;

Founders - Conner Black

Minto - Nicholas Dos Santos

Presidents - Vincent Burelle

Mann - Cam Anderson, Lee Brien, Nick Thomas

Thanks for making BC look good at the Nationals.

When I agreed to return as the Senior Vice-Chair, I felt if we could communicate and work more closely together throughout the Province it would be a successful year. I am glad to report that this was met. However there is much more we can improve upon as a Senior Group. We are on the right path. There is a core group in the Senior Operations group that is committed to continuing our growth in 2026. As a group we know of areas we can improve upon and discussions have already started to make 2026 an even better year.

A big thank you to my 4 Senior Coordinators:

Island - Rob Cook

Lower Mainland - Cam Comeau

Interior - Conner Black

North - Terry Foulds

Terry is stepping away from lacrosse in Prince George. He has been involved as an on-floor official, allocator and Senior Coordinator for over 30 years. Thanks Terry. Terry's replacement will be Ty Tralnlberg. Welcome aboard Ty.

A special thanks to Ashley da Silva, Deb & Mike Anderson for their hard work and putting in long hours to get all games assigned.

Jason Syrotuck was my projects coordinator that kept us all informed with the different Senior League nuances and the different overtime formats used throughout the Province. He is awesome with the computer. Thanks.

Great job by my 3 Senior Learning Facilitators:

Nico Boudoin, Cam Comeau and Andy Watson.

Looking forward to an even more successful leaning experience in 2026 with the 3 of you.

My last big thanks is to all the Senior Officials in the Province. Thanks for working with our Senior Operations Group and providing feedback when required. I really need every one of you back for 2026.

Joe Wong

BCLOA Vice-Chair, Senior

Thank you to all involved in the Senior Directorate that made my job easier to do this year. Special thanks to League Commissioners who included me in their work when it involved coaches. Unfortunately, there were a small number of incidents involving coaches and unacceptable behaviour, but on a positive note, almost all coaches went through the season without concerns. Looking forward to next season as the next attempt at an incident free year.

Thank you

Dan Chetner

Vice Chair Sr

BCLA Coaches' Group