



**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2022 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POLICY**

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.09 currently reads:

- 7.09 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 Field Directorate. Instances of “failure to show” shall be reported to the Field Directorate for a decision as to whether the instance was a valid “failure to show” and if the extenuating circumstances, if any, were warranted.

Amend 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.09 that would read:

- 7.09 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 **possible** fine **up to a maximum** of \$500 to the Home Association of said team, subject to extenuating circumstances as accepted by the Field Directorate. Instances of “failure to show” shall be reported to the Field Directorate for a decision as to whether the instance was a valid “failure to show” and if the extenuating circumstances, if any, were warranted.

Rationale: Allows / Clarifies that the FD may take into consideration any extenuating circumstances prior to issuing a fine. The fine may also be determined by the FD as an amount up to \$500 but the maximum fine is not required to be levied.

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women’s Field

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.11 currently reads:

- 7.11 For the purposes of developing Female field lacrosse, female players playing on a Youth (**mixed**) team, on application to the Field Directorate Female Field Lacrosse Vice Chair, apply to participate with a Female field Lacrosse team attending a Female field Lacrosse tournament. Games played will not count towards Provincials eligibility. **A female registration card** must be filled out prior to playing in the tournament.

Amend 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.11 that would read:

- 7.11 **(a)** For the purposes of developing women’s field lacrosse, female players playing on a Youth team, on application to the Field Directorate Vice Chair Women’s Field, apply to participate with a women’s field lacrosse team attending a women’s field lacrosse tournament. Games played will not count towards Provincial’s eligibility. **An online women’s field lacrosse registration** must be filled out prior to playing in the tournament.

(b) For the purposes of developing women’s field lacrosse, female players playing on a women’s field lacrosse team, on completion of request form and submission to the Field Directorate Women’s Field Lacrosse Vice Chair, apply to participate with a women’s field Lacrosse team attending a women’s field Lacrosse exhibition/tournament/jamboree.

Rationale: To clarify the process for participation in Women’s Field Lacrosse tournaments/jamborees when their home team is not participating and amending the requirements for female players on youth teams.

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

Delete REGULATION 8: CAMP/SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS/CLINICS, 8.07 currently reads:

8.07 The registration for skills development sessions or clinics should be free of charge; a minimal fee may be charged to cover operating costs.

Rationale: As Field Lacrosse evolves as a game and an industry, clubs may choose to run development camps for various reasons and should not be restricted as to cost recovery or profitability.

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

ADD new REGULATION 11: AMENDMENTS, 11.04 (c) that would read:

11.04 (c) Exceptions to specific Field Directorate Operation Regulations may be considered by the Field Directorate Executive. Exceptions will be temporary in nature, with a duration of no longer than the end of the current or upcoming season. Exceptions must be passed by a majority vote of the Field Directorate.

Rationale: As the Policy owner, the Field Directorate should have the authority to make exceptions as needed. Limits to those exceptions are also needed.

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.08 currently reads:

13.08 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).

Exception: *A female* wishing to play Youth Field Lacrosse and Women's Field Lacrosse *may do so* within the same *playing* season, ~~*provided they are registered for both disciplines with their home association.*~~

Amend 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.08 that would read:

13.08 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).

Exception: *Female players* wishing to play Youth Field Lacrosse and Women's Field Lacrosse within the same season *may do so per regulation 35.08.*

Rationale: Rather than outlining how Women may qualify to play both disciplines in the Youth policy, the change to 13.08 refers now to the new section 35.08 b) which details how Women's players are permitted to play both Youth and Womens.

Dependant on 35.08 passing - If 35.08 fails, there's no requirement to change 13.08

Proposed by Pam Mason, PCFLL Policy Committee

ADD new REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.12 that would read:

13.12 Two clubs that want to combine players from their respective Associations must submit a written request to the League/Commission and the Field Directorate, along with rationale, no later than 90 days prior to the start of the playing season. The request must come from the President or designate of each respective club. Permission must first be granted by the League/Commission, at which time the Field Directorate may then ratify or reject the request.

Combining clubs will be authorized for no more than two (2) playing seasons per request. Clubs must resubmit their request and rationale in order to be approved for a further two (2) year term. Players will remain registered with each home association and not subject to release. For the purpose of call-ups, the combined clubs shall be considered one club subject to all Field Directorate and Commission call-up rules.

Rationale: This is not currently a policy and should be formally laid out for clubs that are wishing to combine their teams to allow for players to continue playing the game as many of the average or lower calibre players will not ask for a release and will just stop playing the game either for that year or additional years if their home association does not have a team. This policy will keep smaller clubs viable and able to grow the game in their Associations and with a combination of players will be able to have teams in multiple teams and calibres at an age level keeping all of the players playing community ball since they will be playing close to home and at their level. The contents of this new policy has been successful with Richmond and Vancouver over the last 4 seasons allowing players to play at their level and home association allowing us to keep our small player base.

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.05 currently reads:

21.05 Team standing in scheduled leagues shall be determined as follows:

~~*-A win shall count for two points*~~

~~*-All draws or tied games, one point to each team*~~

Amend 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.05 that would read:

21.05 Team standing in scheduled leagues shall be determined as follows:

1. Highest winning percentage

2. if tied, then most wins

3. if tied, the most ties

4. if tied, then fewest games played

5. if tied, then Least Goals Against

6. if tied, then Coin Toss

Rationale: Allows a more detailed determination of standings based on teams playing an odd number of games due to various reasons such as weather.

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.07 currently reads:

21.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded ~~*two (2) points*~~ in league standings.

Amend 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.07 that would read:

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Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL Chair

Delete REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT, 22.08 currently reads:

- 22.08 (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.*

Rationale: Duplicate of 22.01.

Proposed by Pam Mason, PCFLL Policy Committee

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.09 currently reads:

22.09 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. Youth Players 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.

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Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship. Youth Players must have played in a minimum of **four (4)** league games, **sanctioned tournament games, playoff games or combination of during the current season** excluding players playing up one age group or calibre. Exceptions can be made for the position of goaltender. All **goaltender** 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.

Rationale: With the variable of weather and other factors having to calculate a percentage of games can be of a disadvantage to teams that have either played all of their games or teams that are counting on the “weather games” to bring down or up the number games a player has played to be eligible. This also levels the number of games throughout the province to the same requirement and is 50% of the minimum number of games that are required by a team to enter provincials. It takes out the guess work until the end of the season if some players are eligible and will a team have enough qualified players in smaller teams. This also aligns with what is the requirement with box and make continuity across the two lacrosse disciplines that BLCA offers.

Proposed by Mary Clare, Senior Men’s Field - Vice Chair

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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.

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Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship. Youth Players 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.

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Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship. Youth Players 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. *In the event a player is injured during the season an exception may be made upon receipt of a doctors note covering the dates of the injury and indicating clearance to return to play. This must be given to the coach of the palyers team and the commissioner must be notified. This exception must be forwarded to the Field Directorate at least one week prior to provincials for review.* 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.

Rationale: It's a practice we have been using but there is nothing in policy to regulate it.

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

REGULATION 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATON 35.08 currently reads:

35.08 No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).
Exception: A female wishing to play Youth Field Lacrosse and Women's Field Lacrosse ~~may do so~~ within the same ~~playing~~ season, provided they ~~are registered~~ for both disciplines with their home association.

Amend 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATON 35.08 that would read:

35.08 (a) No player may sign with two associations in any year (unless properly released).
(b) Female players wishing to play Youth Field Lacrosse and Women's Field Lacrosse within the same season *may do so* provided they *register* for both disciplines with their home association.
Female players may request one relase per discipline from their home association. Associations and Commissioners are encouraged to grant such releases in order to facilitate play in Women's Field Lacrosse.

Rationale: Housekeeping changes some of the wording.

If 35.08 passes please review the proposed change for 13.08

Proposed by Kellie Ohlmann, BCLA Field Directorate Vice Chair - Women's Field

REGULATION 43: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES 43.03 currently reads:

43.03 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 the player's 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.

Amend 43: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES 43.03 that would read:

43.03 Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one *Women's Field/Senior Women's Field Lacrosse* 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 *for Women's Field Lacrosse teams and April 30 of the playing year for Senior Women's Field Lacrosse teams*. If said infraction occurs after October 31 of the *Women's Field* playing year *or April 30 of the Senior Women's playing year*, the player would be eligible for the player's 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.

Rationale: Provide player cross over dates for Senior Women's – as the date is not the same as Women's

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

REGULATION 43: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES 43.04 currently reads:

43.04 Team standing in scheduled leagues shall be determined as follows:

~~*—A win shall count for two points*~~

~~*—————All draws or tied games, one point to each team*~~

Amend 43: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES 43.04 that would read:

43.04 Team standing in scheduled leagues shall be determined as follows:

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43.08 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded ~~*two (2) points*~~ in league standings.

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Rationale: allows a more detailed determination of standings based on teams playing an odd number of games due to various reasons such as weather.

REGULATION 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.08 currently reads:

44.08 ~~(a)~~ Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Women's divisions.

Amend 44: WOMEN'S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.08 that would read:

44.08 Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Women's divisions.

Rationale: Housekeeping – no other sub sections in 44.08

REGULATION 46: WOMEN'S TIMELINE currently reads:

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.

- January 1** Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg 10 & FD 3.01)
- February** Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament
- March 31** ~~Deadline for Senior Women's coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).~~
- April** Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
- April 30** Senior Women's registration deadline
Senior Women's registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 35.04)
Senior Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
- August** Women's National
- August 15** Applications to host Women's Field Lacrosse tournaments for upcoming year.
- September 1** Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 43.01)
- October 1** ~~Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).~~
- October 31** Registration deadline
Registration cards and fees to BCLA Office (FD 35.04)
Last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
- November 11** Umpires must be certified (for the current playing season)

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- February** Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament
- April** Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
- April 30** Senior Women's **player** registration deadline (**FD35.05 c**)
Senior Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
- May 1** **Senior Women's Field Deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).**
- August** Women's National
- August 15** Applications to host Women's Field Lacrosse tournaments/**Provincial Championship** for upcoming year (**FD 44.06**)
- September 1** Deadline for ratification of playing rules (FD 43.01)
- October 1** **Women's deadline for coaches Form 100W and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03).**
- All coaches must have successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined in the current Form 100B, Form 100M and/or Form 100W in the division of which they participate, by the deadline set by the BCLCG (Apr 20 – Senior Box; May 1 – Minor Box/Senior Women's Field; October 1 – Field) (BCLCG 7.03)**
- October 31** **Women's Player registration deadline (FD 35.04)**
Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)
- November 11** Umpires must be certified (for the current playing season)
-