

**BC Lacrosse Association**  
**2022 Senior Directorate Special Session Meeting**  
**BCLA Senior Directorate Chair Report: Dave Wilkie**

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I would like to thank all the commissioners and leagues for getting lacrosse up running this year, it was great to see some games this year.

It was a very busy year for hearings and appeals this year, I would like to thank all of who help out the many hearings, I hope next year there is not as many. Abuse of officials is still very high and we need to fix that so we do not lose any of them.

I would like to thank the members of the Senior Directorate for all their hard work and commitment and Terry and everyone who help at the different provincials this year.

A big thanks goes to the BCLA staff for keeping us posted and help myself and all the teams

I hope to see everyone at a lacrosse game next year.

Dave Wilkie  
Chair Senior Directorate

## Western Lacrosse Association Report 2022

After a long two-year absence, the Creator's Game and WLA lacrosse returned to the floor in 2022.

Congratulations to the Burnaby Lakers, Coquitlam Adanacs, Langley Thunder, Maple Ridge Burrards, Nanaimo Timbermen, New Westminster Salmonbellies, and Victoria Shamrocks on a great return to action in 2022.

All 63 regular season games, plus playoffs, were streamed live, and for the first time, our 2022 season opener was broadcast throughout BC, thanks to our partners at CHEK TV.

In 2022, in partnership with our Junior A and Senior counterparts in BC, Alberta, and Ontario, we adopted some new rules designed to increase the speed and excitement of our game and create greater consistency at the highest levels.

The WLA invested in a refresh and re-design of league and team websites and made a strong effort to elevate our presence in social media, making it easier for fans to connect with our players and teams.

Our regular season required extra effort in determining the final standings, as four teams finished with identical 12 – 6 records. At the time of this writing, the Langley Thunder and Nanaimo Timbermen are battling for the WLA Championship, with the winner traveling to Ontario in September to represent the west in the Mann Cup against either Six Nations or Peterborough.

Finally, congratulations to our 2022 WLA Award winners

<b>First Team Allstars</b>	<b>Position</b>		<b>Second Team Allstars</b>	<b>Position</b>
Christian Del Bianco	G		Zach Higgins	G
Adam Weidemann	D		Brett Draper	D
Drew Belgrave	D		Dallas Wade	D
Dylan Watson	O		Jon Phillips	O
Haiden Dickson	O		Zach Manns	O
Jesse King	O		Marshal King	O

**WLA Scoring Leader 2022**

JESSE KING – VICTORIA SHAMROCKS

**WLA 3 Star Award 2022**

JESSE KING – VICTORIA SHAMROCKS

**WLA Coach of the Year 2022**

TEWANEE JOSEPH – NANAIMO TIMBERMEN

**WLA Inspirational / Unsung Hero 2022**

GABE PROCYK – MAPLE RIDGE BURRARDS

JASON JONES – NEW WESTMINSTER SALMONBELLIES

**WLA Value, Sportsmanship, & Volunteerism 2022**

KEEGAN BELL – LANGLEY THUNDER

JOHN HOFSETH – COQUITLAM ADANACS

**WLA Outstanding Goaltender 2022**

CHRISTIAN DEL BIANCO – COQUITLAM ADANACS

**WLA Defensive Player of the Year 2022**

ADAM WEIDEMANN – NANAIMO TIMBERMEN

DREW BELGRAVE – NEW WESTMINSTER SALMONBELLIES

**WLA Rookie of the Year 2022**

HAIDEN DICKSON – NEW WESTMINSTER SALMONBELLIES

**WLA Most Valuable Player 2022**

CHRISTIAN DEL BIANCO – COQUITLAM ADANACS

Paul Dal Monte

Commissioner, Western Lacrosse Association

## **2022 Senior Directorate Special Session**

### **West Coast Senior B Commissioner Report: Jamie Scott**

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The WCSLA had 5 of 7 teams return this year. Langley and Nanaimo Took a hiatus of this year off, hoping both teams will be back next year.

Ladner Pioneers had a very strong team this year made up of some WLA and NLL players. Which they went undefeated in the regular season and in the playoffs. They went on to win the 2022 Presidents Cup.

The rest of the league of North Shore, Victoria, New Westminster and PoCo all had competitive teams against each other.

We are looking forward to all teams returning next year, as we will be our second season out of Covid.

Looking forward to the 2023 season

Thank you  
Jamie

## Prince George Senior C Lacrosse Association 2022 Annual Report 2022

After 2 long years of no lacrosse it was exciting to see it being played up in the north again. We had 5 teams make up the Association. Mackenzie Lumberjax, Quesnel Crossefire, BHL Bandits, Westwood Devils, and the Northland Nissan Assault.

The season consisted of 30 games with 2 rounds of playoffs. Congratulations to the Westwood Devils who were League and Playoff champions! The Devils swept the Assault in the best of 3 semifinals. While the Bandits swept the Lumberjax in the best of 3 semifinals. In the finals, the Devils swept the Bandits in a best of 5 playoff series.

We have just finished the season and we are already looking forward to next year.

Like most Associations' and Leagues the pressing issue will be to retain and train new refs.

Don Wittmeier  
Commissioner  
Prince George Senior C Lacrosse

## **Thompson Okanagan Senior Lacrosse League**

**2022**

For 2022 the TOSLL had a new franchise starting in Princeton. This brought our Sr C lacrosse league to 6 teams. Each team played each other in a home and away series for a total of 8 games. Franchises were located in; Kelowna, Kamloops, Armstrong, Vernon, Princeton. The top 4 teams played a single game knockout in the semi-finals, with the final series between Kelowna and Kamloops. The final series saw Kelowna losing their first game of the year. In the end, Kelowna claimed their Championship League Title.

The 2022 season went very well with very few suspensions. Teams played a very clean game which made the Commissioners job easy.

The most difficult task of the league was to ensure there was officials confirmed at each game.

After restarting with the Covid shutdown, there is a very strong Sr C League in the Interior and it will only get better in the upcoming years.

I look forward to working with this group next year.

Joe Wong

TOSLL Commissioner

August 26, 2022

Vancouver Island Senior C Lacrosse League  
2022 Yearend Report

We had a slow start to the season with player concerns still circulating around the COVID protocols. Player registrations were slow to begin with. We delayed our season start by a few weeks and decided to maintain some of the protocols in place for COVID. This seemed to satisfy most of the players wishes and registration then picked up. By the time our season started in early May it was evident that things were becoming more normal, and the protocols were no longer required. Then mid-May a few of our teams were hit with COVID causing us to reschedule games. Fortunately, that past quickly and the balance of the season went well.

We finished off on a positive with the finals going the distance with some very close and exciting playoff games. The playoffs were well attended by the many lacrosse fans. The Saanich Express finished first in league play and went on to capture the best of three Championship final over the Cowichan Rats that went the full three games. All teams displayed great competitiveness throughout the entire season.

We had six teams this season which included two new teams, Saanich Express and Westshore Aces. They joined existing teams Victoria Jokers, Victoria Blazers, Wsanec Arrows and Cowichan Rats. We lost one of our iconic teams, Victoria Tugmen, who had been in the League for over twenty years so hopefully they will return soon. Registration gained momentum as the season went along and all teams ended up with full or close to full rosters.

We sent two teams, Cowichan Rats, and Victoria Blazers, to the Provincials/Glen Moose Invitational in PoCo. It was a tough battle for the teams as they were both short on players with last minute player cancellations. Nevertheless, they enjoyed the tournament and competed hard. Cowichan claimed silver on the Provincial side. Teams look forward to attending again next year.

As with any successful organization, you need many committed persons to help ensure a strong and successful season. With that, I would like to thank all the team reps for attending the Zoom meetings and organizing their respective teams. Bridget Hughes and Shirley Bains for all the work they do especially in helping to resurrect our League after a two-year COVID hiatus. Thanks to Gina Jung for organizing the bench officials in Cowichan. A special thanks to Mikey Bell from the Jokers for always helping us out with game day needs on top of what he does for his own team. Thanks, as well to all the referees with another great season of officiating. I look forward to the 2023 season.

Respectfully submitted,

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

2022 BC Jr B Tier 2 Provincials – August 5 – 7

Victoria Save-On-Foods Memorial Center

Congratulations to Saanich Express winning Gold, Westshore Bears winning Silver, Coquitlam Adanacs winning Bronze and to the Valley Rebels winning the team sportsmanship.

It was an awesome weekend of lacrosse displayed by these young men. The caliber and sportsmanship was exceptional as evident of the well played games. It was also very impressive having Premier John Horgan taking the time out of his day to do the opening face-off of the tournament and mingle with the fans. All the games were very well attended.

There were no incidents of concern, only a couple of major penalties the whole tournament and zero discipline required which made for a pleasant weekend of fast paced lacrosse. As Convenor, I was also impressed with those in the stands with the positive support spectators gave all teams playing. It was nice to hear more experienced lacrosse fans explaining rules and game play to those that were less knowledgeable. Coaches, players, and their supporters are all to be commended.

The host, Saanich Express organization, did an outstanding job of ensuring this tournament was first class doing all the little things to make sure teams, officials and volunteers were well looked after. Tyson Leies, Andrea Churchill, and their team of volunteers were well organized. The players banquet and tournament awards was hosted by Boondocks Bar & Grill in their banquet room with a fabulous buffet dinner. It was a nice evening that was well attended by all the teams.

It is equally important that the game officials are recognized for a job well done. Aside from a few clock issues that occurred, Andy Watson, tournament RIC, ensured that the officials were well prepared giving pre-game talks and post game evaluations and feedback each game to ensure consistency. This made for an easy weekend for Host-Commissioner, Rob Cook and Co-Commissioner Joe Wong as their only job was to enjoy the games and hand out the player of the game awards for each team. Well done.

My thanks and gratitude to all those involved in putting on this very successful tournament. It was awesome to be part of.

Respectfully submitted,

Ric Bains

Convenor

2022 BC Jr B2 Provincial Championship





The 2022 BCJALL season commenced on May 13<sup>th</sup>, three weeks later than past seasons, with 14 games per team in a 7-week schedule. Past seasons had been 21 games per team in a 10-week schedule. The rationale for the later start was to allow student (College/University) players to return and would be a better representation of the team with a more complete roster.

Another change this season was to expand the playoff series to include 6 teams from 4 teams, there would be a best of 3 series, a best of 5 series and a best of 7 series, First and Second place teams at the end of the regular season would get a bye in the first playoff series. The Victoria Shamrocks came in First place and the Nanaimo Timbermen came in Second place. The playoff games were competitive in the second and third round series with the Victoria Shamrocks defeating the Langley Thunder 4 games to 2 in the Championship round to be the 2022 BC Junior A Provincial Champions.

The Victoria Jr A Shamrocks were going to the 2022 Minto Cup in Brampton, Ontario as the British Columbia representative.

2022 was an exciting season that everyone was looking forward to after the pauses to past seasons due to the global pandemic.

The 2023 BCJALL season is only months away and looking like another exciting season. Best of luck to all teams in 2023.

Respectfully,

*Dirk Rachfall*

Dirk Rachfall  
Commissioner  
BC Junior A Lacrosse League

## **Junior B tier 1 commissioner report**

This was my 1<sup>st</sup> year as commissioner for senior.

Thank you to Gareth who took me under his wings and helped me, understand the rules of the league as well as senior. I have been involved with minor for nearly 20 years so it was definitely a learning curve for me.

We had 10 team in our league this year. Some teams didn't always have enough players and had to forfeit their games.

This is something at the league level we need to look at for next year.

Congratulation to Victoria for being in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the league.

Coquitlam defeated Victoria and headed to provincials in Kamloops.

They won the provincials and headed back East to represent BC, congratulations to Coquitlam for winning Silver at Founders.

This was a huge expense for Coquitlam travelling to Kamloops for provincials then the next weekend heading back East for Founders. We need to look at supporting our teams financially when travelling to represent BC.

The senior directorate need to look at which teams play at what level as when you see the score sheets from provincials it got out of hand with penalties as well as the score. It was an added expense for teams having to travel.

Thank you to all the governors for being understanding with me in my 1<sup>st</sup> year.

I hope to return next year with a better understanding.

Thanks

Beth



## Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League

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2022

The return to lacrosse in the interior and the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League was positive for 2022. With five teams in our Junior B Tier 1 league we attempted to play a full 40 game schedule.

With approximately five 2001's aging from Junior to Senior in each of the teams across the league We will be looking towards the 2006 16U players aging up. Some of the teams this year were able to consistently use minor 16U players giving them that additional junior experience.

With new boards for the TOJLL and many of the teams it was a challenge with a lack of documentation from the past years. The executive board for the TOJLL refined their league agreement to address the aggression in past years. RT many points it was successful, however there were some downturns which will be addressed in the 2023 league agreement.

TOJLL shared the same challenges with refereeing as all other levels of lacrosse did in BC in 2022. We must find a way better support our referees to obtain their Level 3 for the Junior and Senior levels. Increased communication and transparency between the Senior, Junior, and Minor leagues must occur to prevent pressure points on referee availability where there doesn't need to be any.

The BCLA Junior B Tier 1 Provincials were played over two games in Kamloops on August 6th and 7<sup>th</sup>. This was a great opportunity for the two leagues to play each other and congratulation goes to the Coquitlam Adanacs that went on to a successful at the Founders Cup.

Challenges came with the access to information for the success of the league. Information packages for volunteers should be available for the Senior Directorate with the same ease as at the Minor Directorate level. Information is contained with individuals and not provided to new volunteers without request. It is difficult to encourage new volunteers when information is inadvertently withheld.

TOJLL looks forward to it successful 2023 season.

# West Coast Junior Lacrosse League

## 2022

The WCJLL started the 2022 with some uncertainty as various clubs had issues with confirming players to play Jr B tier 2. As in past years, when players are trying out for Jr A and Tier 1 and due to the lateness in releasing players, it becomes a real issue for the tier 2 clubs to sign enough players to field a team. This year was no different, as 3 clubs were unable to field a tier 2 team. The 3 different levels of Jr Lacrosse need to work more closely together, to ensure that players get to play for their home organization.

Season finally got underway after multiple schedule modifications and teams played a 14 game schedule. In the end the top 4 teams advanced to the semifinals, Coquitlam, 1st vs Port Moody, 4th. The second semi finals was Surrey, 2nd vs Valley, 3rd. The League Championship was won by Coquitlam over Valley. Both series finalists advanced to the Tier 2 Provincials hosted by Saanich.

Congratulations to Saanich for winning the 2022 Provincial Championship in a hard fought gold match over WestShore. Coquitlam took home the bronze medal in a highly contested game over Valley. Kudos to the 4 teams for a great season ending Provincial Tournament. Thanks to Tyson Leies for hosting and putting together a great event. The Lower Mainland will be hosting the Jr B Tier 2 Provincials in 2023 and Saanich has raised the bar as hosts.

I look forward to returning as the WCJLL Commissioner for 2023. I was supported by a great Executive, Terry Kirstiuk and Angie Wolf. Thanks for assisting me and helping me out this year.

Joe Wong  
WCJLL Commissioner

## 2022 PNWJLL Annual Report

After a long two years without lacrosse, the PNWJLL had a very successful and full season. Our league consisted of five teams, Campbell River Ravens, Oceanside Sharks, Nanaimo Timbermen, Westshore Bears and the Saanich Express. Our regular season commenced on 24 April and ended on 10 July. All five teams played sixteen regular season games with Saanich finishing first, followed by Westshore, Nanaimo, Campbell River and Oceanside respectively. The top four teams advanced to the PNWJLL playoffs. Each series was a best of three with Saanich winning the playoff banner.

This year the Saanich Express hosted the BC Junior B Tier Two Provincial Championships, 5-7 August at Save on Foods Memorial Arena. Four teams competed in the tournament, the Coquitlam Adanacs, Surrey Rebels, Westshore Bears and the host team Saanich Express. Teams played a three-game round robin followed by the medal round. The Saanich Express won gold defeating Westshore, and the Coquitlam Adanacs won bronze defeating the Valley Rebels.

The Provincial Championships were a huge success thanks to the outstanding efforts of Andrea Churchill, Tyson Leies and the amazing group of volunteers that stepped forward to help over the weekend. I would also like to thank Andy Watson, Provincial RIC, Mark Tymchuk Vice RIC, and the outstanding officials that worked the tournament, Nico Beaudoin, Ryan White, Nick dos Santos, Connor Hollingshead and Nate Chiasson.

I'm looking forward to next season and the potential of adding another team to our league.

Rob Cook  
PNWJLL Commissioner

## 2022 Vice Chair Senior Year end Report

This was our first full year back with all the senior leagues back in BC after 2 years due to the pandemic. As 2022 started we were still unsure what leagues would play and how many teams would play in said leagues. Once Government restrictions came out that sports were able to progress at full force, things got going at warp speed and was quite chaotic. Our executive started the new year planning as if we were to have a full season but like many other things once we got going it was very hectic and there were a number of challenges put in front of us ( getting locations for clinics, materials from Lacrosse Canada, information from leagues among them). As we got going I made the decision to implement a new lower mainland/OKN allocator. In a perfect world this change would have been made earlier so everyone could have been informed at clinics, however it was not possible. I would like to thank Jody Weatherby for his service in the role over the last number of years, it is a very difficult role and the time and commitment he put in over the years was and is greatly appreciated by all. Ashley DaSilva took over the role for the mainland/OKN and Serena Boyer stepped up and took the role for Vancouver Island as the position was vacant since the end of the 2019 season. Both Ashley and Serena did phenomenal in their roles and I am beyond grateful for their commitment to filling games so they could be played.

I wish to thank all Officials that came back this year and did games. We knew that the stoppage in games the last couple years not everyone would come back and so it's much appreciated by everyone involved with the game.

Moving forward I need to make this very clear we are going to be in an extreme Official shortage, we have a number of Officials who are reffing less and less for a number of reasons (family/careers/injuries/coaching etc). I expect that we will also lose some more Officials next year. We must all help and try to recruit/observe younger Officials –just like what happened when we were younger.

There are things that need to be worked on moving forward for the 2023 season, couple items include:

Updated travel rates for both the OKN as well as the Mainland.

Updated league agreements with agreements in place with things such as Officials Ref rates for reg.season and playoffs, rules.

I would like to acknowledge the following Officials for being selected for Senior Nationals and their acknowledgements at those events: Jarrett Smith- Founders Cup Gold Medal Game  
Braden Wilkins- President's Cup Gold Medal Game  
Jacoby Krassman-President's Cup Bronze Medal Game  
Riley Lo Minto Cup Gold Medal Series Final  
Cameron Anderson and Nick Thomas Mann Cup

Would also like to acknowledge the following Senior Officials who were involved with the Canada Games :

Joshua Beauregard Corey Lister Ryan White Jason Syrotuck  
Tyler White Vince Burelle Andy Watson (Referee in Charge)

Yours in Lacrosse  
Sean Lehman

## **2022 Senior Directorate Special Session**

### **BCLCG Vice Chair - Senior Report: Scott Jensen**

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It has been great to see a return to games this season. Congratulations on all associations on your hard work ensuring that the games could be played after such a long absence of our sport.

This season was a great success with teams competing all across the province. Our coaches continue to be positive ambassadors of our sport and continue growing our game by being inclusive and welcoming to all athletes. I thank all our senior coaches across the province for their dedication and commitment to lacrosse.

Moving into the next season, our goal is to continue to be positive role models for our athletes by showing our respect for the referees, our opponent and the coaching staff of the opposition. We will also be working with the BCLA to ensure growing Senior C league requires Box Community Development – Level 1 course for their coaching staff.

All the best,

Scott Jensen  
Vice-Chair - Senior