



## B.C. LACROSSE OFFICIALS TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUP

### 2024 SPECIAL SESSION

Saturday, October 19, 2024 – Called to order at 9:36 AM

Anderson	Cameron	BCLOTSG Secretary	Mason	Pam	Richmond Minor Vice President
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Bensmiller	David	BCLA Vice President Operations	Norby	Bryan	Nanaimo Minor President
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Freeman	Stuart	Coquitlam Minor 1st Vice President	Ranns	Dawn	Juan de Fuca Minor Vice President Female
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Hopkins	Diego	Alberni Valley Minor Head Official	Reynolds	Andy	Oceanside Minor Official in Charge
Jaramillo	Wuilbert	Zone 2 Minor Directorate Rep	Rippberger	Brent	North Shore Minor Official
Kirstiuk	Terry	Senior Directorate Vice Chair	Smith	Joe	Official
Kovacic	Kimberley	North Shore Minor 1st Vice President	Thomas	Nick	BCLOTSG Director at Large
Lego	Jarod	Burnaby Minor Head Official	Tyre	Wes	Vancouver Island Field Official in Charge
Lister	Dallas	BCLOTSG Vice Chair Minor Box	Van Beek	Gerry	BCLA President
Marchand	Colin	North Okanagan Minor President	Wollan	Brayden	Nanaimo Minor
Marchand	Miranda	TOMBLC/IFLC Secretary	Wright	Doug	BCLOTSG Chair

## A G E N D A

### 1) Introduction

### 2) Minutes of the September 16, 2023, BCLOG Special Session

a) M Joe Smith / S Sarah Dymtruk / Carried

### 3) Reports (as attached and circulated with agenda, unless otherwise noted)

a) **Chair** (Doug Wright)

i) Themes

- (1) There is a severe shortage of L2 officials in all sectors – it has been a significant challenge to bring people back
- (2) Senior officials' core of about 15 people on Lower Mainland (LM) are working a large number of the games, whereas we need double that number
  - (a) It takes about 6-8 years to develop L2s into the senior ranks, and the pool available is small
- (3) Abuse is still a common problem in all sectors
  - (a) Gerry Van Beek (GVB) sent out a letter early on in the minor box season, which curbed some of the issues
  - (b) There is less trouble with coaches (no hearings this past season)
  - (c) Parents/spectators are the primary problem right now
  - (d) Competency of officials (knowledge, training, and supervision) and organizations needing to better monitor their parents/spectators are factors at play
- (4) There were a record number of evaluations done on officials this year



- (a) A new evaluation form was created for the box side
- (b) On-floor training for the box side began in 2023, and it has been very successful
- (5) Travel fees were implemented in two senior leagues on the LM this year, and they helped with reducing cancellations
- (6) There was large representation at national and international events by our province this year
- b) **Director at Large** (Nick Thomas) – no report submitted
  - i) Nick Thomas (NT) is filling in for Andy Watson (AW) this weekend
  - ii) Discussed the overall success of the senior box season for our group
  - iii) Mentioned representation by our province at the world box lacrosse event – 11 officials, most of any province
  - iv) NT is confident in the above group of 11 officials being able to competently mentor the next crop of upcoming officials
- c) **Vice Chair - Senior Box** (Andy Watson) – as submitted
  - i) Not able to attend this weekend
  - ii) Stepping away from the position
- d) **Vice Chair – Minor Box** (Dallas Lister)
  - i) Dallas Lister (DL) felt the season was decent overall
  - ii) There are changes to come for new officials training
    - (1) Pre- and post-clinic components to be added
    - (2) Above will allow for classroom and on-floor sessions to be on the same day
    - (3) DL would like to use tiering week to help with development of officials
  - iii) Struggle with clubs “owning” officials
    - (1) We are not able to communicate with the officials, and we cannot get their contact information in order to be able to update them on current information
    - (2) DL stressed that we’re all on the same page, and that we want success for all officials in the province
  - iv) The overall success of RAMP was mentioned – changes were made after the season ended which will be helpful for the next one
  - v) Sean Reid (SR) asked if RAMP is still being used next season
    - (1) DL said there is no indication of any change upcoming
    - (2) She also mentioned that there is only one club that isn’t on RAMP
  - vi) A training program is being developed in conjunction with coaches
    - (1) Using U9-U13 game film from Garrett Billings as its more relevant



- (2) Idea is to use it to help increase knowledge of parents/spectators
- (3) Hopeful this initiative will help curb abuse issues
- vii) Zone 2 BCLOG Rep – as submitted
- viii) Zone 3/4/5 BCLOG Rep – as submitted
- ix) Zone 6 BCLOG Rep – as submitted
- x) Zone 7 BCLOG Rep – no report submitted
- e) **Vice Chair – Men’s Field** (Ryan Nose)
  - i) Numbers
    - (1) 18-25-years-old group is a challenge (lose them due to school, work, etc.) – lost 5 this season alone
    - (2) Bringing in adults has been helpful in order fast-track them (~6 so far)
    - (3) Doug Wright (DW) encouraged group to recruit adult officials
  - ii) Evaluation/mentorship program has been successful to date – Ryan Nose (RN) wanted to thank the PCFLL and BCLA for funding towards the initiative
  - iii) Tournaments
    - (1) Two tournaments have been completed so far and they have been successful
    - (2) One more coming up in Richmond, as well as provincials in the new year
  - iv) L2 Qualifications
    - (1) Stuart Freeman (SF) had a question on the age limit for L2
    - (2) DW and RN said in order to be considered for L2 an official must be 16-years-old, have 3 years of experience, and received evaluations
    - (3) SF indicated that some individuals would like to come back but not be at the L1 level
    - (4) Ryan said there can be one-off situations as long as names are brought forth to the Vice Chair (VC)
    - (5) Joe Smith (JS) and Wes Tyre (WT) expressed that certification levels don’t necessarily stop an official from participating in higher level games, and DW added that ability and age are more important factors
- f) **Vice Chair – Women’s Field** (Angie Reid)
  - i) Angie Reid (AR) echoed the struggle with the loss of L2 officials, and added that individuals need to be invited to it (different structure than other disciplines)
  - ii) AR mentioned the success of bringing in adult officials to fill the voids
  - iii) There is a women’s only tournament at the beginning of November in Nanaimo – AR is excited about the level of participation for it (25 registered)



- iv) AR also mentioned an ongoing issue with abusive/taunting parents and spectators – she has been reminding/informing officials about the tools in their toolbox to help curb it
- v) DW wanted to recognize AR for achieving her domestic national L3 rating
- g) **Vice Chair – Sixes** (Ryan Nose)
  - i) RN said a club needs to step up to host an event in order to help drive interest in the discipline
  - ii) World Lacrosse Super Sixes event was in Coquitlam last weekend
    - (1) 6 BC officials are going to achieve some sort of certification for sixes
    - (2) This group can help teach the next group of interested people
    - (3) DW asked about the success of BC officials at the event
    - (4) RN said it went well (he did the men’s gold game)
    - (5) There were 3 teams for each gender
  - iii) RN described how the discipline “looks,” and encouraged everyone to watch video that’s available on YouTube
  - iv) SR asked about sixes making its way into high schools
    - (1) RN said Dave Showers (DS) is the lead on high school lacrosse
    - (2) Change from traditional field to sixes is the plan since some schools can’t field a full 10s team
- h) **BCLA Vice President Technical Programs** (Dennis Quigley) – as submitted
- i) **BCLA Technical Director** (Dave Showers) – as submitted
  - i) DW highlighted that we had a significant return of first year officials for box this year, but the trick is to maintain that group moving forward
  - ii) Doug encouraged everyone to read the report
- j) **Treasurer** – Verbal report (Cam Anderson)
  - i) Mentioned travel fees being implemented this season in Sr B and Jr B2 on the LM
    - (1) Labour intensive to administrate given how they are currently implemented, but they helped reduce game cancellations – Terry Kirstiuk (TK) indicated there were 4 cancellations for LM Jr B2 due to officials this year
    - (2) Dave Goulet (DG) asked about finding a rate that’s mutually beneficial (he made the example of travel fees being higher than game fees at times)
    - (3) DW said that the above is not a new situation (e.g. Okanagan or Ontario)



#### 4) Operating Policy Proposed Changes

### 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

**M Cameron Anderson / S Wes Tyre / Carried**

**DW moved to combine proposed amendments for treasurer position – M Sarah Dymtruk / S Tyler Boyer / Carried**

*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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- iv) Vice Chair – Men’s Field
- 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

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***Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Chair***

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**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, **and the Treasurer** shall be elected in two-year terms in even-numbered years. The Director at Large would be elected for a one-year term.

**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.

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- BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 A
- BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 G



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*Proposed by Doug Wright, BCLOG Chair*

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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

BCLA Bylaw XI, Section 5 G

**Discussion**

- GVB said that the position can still be created in BCLOTSG without being passed at AGM – passing at AGM adds a vote for position
- GVB and the board are supportive of the position being created

**Friendly amendment**

M Tyler Boyer / S Susan dos Santos / Carried

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

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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 **respective** 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.

### **Discussion**

- Pam Mason (PM) and Susan dos Santos (SDS) pointed out that it's too specific to minor, whereas original is generic in order to be applied to all disciplines ( friendly amendments address this)

### **Friendly amendments**

**M Cameron Anderson / S Sarah Dymtruk / Carried**

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

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### **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.

M Frank Pongracz / S Sarah Dymtruk / Carried

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

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**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.

**Discussion**

- WT raised concern about the “verify agreement” aspect
- DL said that it’s already in policy and a necessary piece to have, and that the group isn’t looking to change that aspect with this amendment
- AR said that at times we need a sibling, parent, etc. to fill-in for off-floor positions in order to allow games to be played
- DW said this policy was never meant to affect off-floor assignments, and that the amendment is general housekeeping
- Dennis Hertslet (DH) raised concern about scoresheets being electronic, so there’s no way to sign them – group said that verification of agreement can be added to the game notes

M Dave Goulet / S Tyler Boyer / Carried

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

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**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.

**Discussion**

- DW indicated this is only used for senior – minor has a separate process

M Angie Reid / S Frank Pongracz / Carried

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

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**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.



## Discussion

- DL added to her rationale that there were issues this year with people signing up for wrong level, people signing up multiple times, and people being missed
- DL said that the group would have the ability to better manage the registration process with this policy in place
- PM asked how the amendment affects clubs that pay for their officials' registration— DL said officials would have to be reimbursed later on by their club
- Frank Pongracz (FP) said that Abbotsford registers their officials themselves in order to manage their numbers and know who they have
- Tyler Boyer (TB) said that head officials/allocators can see who is registered or not via RAMP
- DL added that there were a lot of no shows at clinics last year – self-registration would help hold returning officials accountable since they have to pay for themselves
- DH asked if clubs could be invoiced directly when referees register
- That is a matter for the office per DL, and it doesn't affect the above policy
- DH raised a concern about self-registration if there are officials that clubs don't want to have back
- DL said communication between the group and clubs would prevent that

M Brent Rippberger / S Jarod Lego / Carried

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

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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 **at least** 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.



## Discussion

- DL indicated that we have already discussed this matter previously (above)

## Friendly amendment

M Brent Rippberger / S Nick Thomas / Carried

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

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#### **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/skort*  
“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 peales** 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.



#### Discussion

- SDS raised the concern about what should the exact length of shorts above the knee be in order to avoid shorts that are too short
- WT said the way it currently reads allows us flexibility, and we need to monitor the matter as a group in order to control the potential issue

#### Friendly amendment

M Susan dos Santos / S Joe Smith / Carried

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### 5) Election of Officers

- a) Vice Chair – Minor (two-year term)
  - i) Curtis Gulliford – no indication of acceptance of nomination
  - ii) Dallas Lister – accepted nomination – **secretary cast one vote**
- b) Vice Chair – Senior (two-year term)
  - i) Joe Wong – accepted nomination via email – **secretary cast one vote**
  - ii) Cameron Anderson – did not accept nomination
  - iii) SR raised concern of executive members potentially being affiliated with clubs – DW indicated there is nothing in policy for that
- c) Vice Chair – Field (two-year term)
  - i) Nico Beaudoin – accepted nomination via email – **secretary cast one vote**
  - ii) Ryan Nose – did not accept nomination
  - iii) DW wanted to recognize RN’s longterm service in the position (~ 14 years)
- d) Vice Chair – Sixes (two-year term)
  - i) David Goulet – did not accept nomination
  - ii) Ryan Nose – accepted nomination – **secretary cast one vote**
  - iii) Braden Wilkins – no indication of acceptance of nomination
- e) Director at Large (one-year term)
  - i) Dennis Hertslet – accepted nomination
  - ii) Nick Thomas – accepted nomination – **won by vote**



- f) Treasurer (two-year term)
  - i) Cameron Anderson – accepted nomination – **secretary cast one vote**
  - ii) Wes Tyre – did not accept nomination

M Angie Reid / S Tyler Boyer / Carried

## 6) New Business

- a) Head Officials/Training
  - i) SR raised a concern about head officials for associations being held accountable for behaviour when acting as a coach, as well as actually carrying out their duties as a head official (mentorship, etc.)
    - (1) DW said that there's a shortage of head officials to begin with (PM echoed this remark)
    - (2) It's also hard to find suitable people to fill the positions as well
    - (3) DW said that head officials being held accountable for their behaviour on a bench is not new, nor taken lightly
  - ii) DL said that a lot of club head official positions are elected, but she's eager for the officials' group to have more control/involvement in the process to ensure that clubs are bringing in the right people
    - (1) DL added that there could be a concern for some head officials not being supported by the officials' group due to lack of competence, knowledge, etc.
    - (2) DL said the group could be involved as a consultant to help support clubs with their search for a head official
    - (3) DW said that there are also a number of absentee head officials too
  - iii) NT said that there were head officials' meetings in previous years, and he would like to take on the task of holding head official meetings and following up with the head officials throughout the season (with an end of season report)
    - (1) DW said that past process saw the above matter handled by the VC Minor or LM coordinator (with zone reps for assistance, as needed)
  - iv) SDS said we should rely more heavily on L2s+ for mentorship, but added that they are also busy filling a large number of games (sentiment echoed by Cameron Anderson [CA])
    - (1) DW said that mentorship is a concerted effort



- (2) Clubs have previously leveraged the use of their experienced L2s, who may be younger, by having them work with newer officials to aid with mentorship
- v) FP asked about head official training opportunities
- (1) DL and DW said they would welcome it but that budget isn't there for in-person meetings (even regionally)
  - (2) Pam Mason asked about head officials who are not trained officials (e.g. herself) being able to receive some level of training in order to better support their club's officials
  - (3) AR and DL would be happy to invite these people to clinics
- vi) SR said that clubs and/or senior levels may need to have referee scheduling issues in order to allow for experienced officials to aid with mentorship
- (1) NR said that most senior officials' seasons don't start until mid-May
  - (2) NT expects them to give back to minor box for the first 1.5 months of the season
- vii) GVB wanted to thank everyone at the meeting for their work and dedication to the sport
- b) Volunteers
- i) Nick said there are a number of tasks that the executive may not be able to address
  - ii) He encouraged everyone at the meeting to step up and help the officials group in any way that's needed (he added that he's happy to entertain conversations with anyone)
- c) Three Ref Mechanic
- i) DW asked what everyone thought about the success or failure of the mechanic during this past box lacrosse season
  - ii) JS said he did 3 games with the mechanic, but that the shortage of officials wouldn't allow for its use at a larger scale
  - iii) Doug said that the intention was to start its use at U11 where there are a large number of officials that need more games/experience
    - (1) JS and DH raised budgetary concerns for the use of an extra official
    - (2) DH also added that the level of mentorship required for it may be lacking





- iv) TB said there was a large amount of support for its use on Vancouver Island (VI)
    - (1) A majority of the games on VI for U11 used it, and various stakeholders were supportive of its use at minor provincials
    - (2) Sarah Dymtruk (SD) said all U11 games in Nanaimo used it, and that parents, managers, etc. reached out to her with positive feedback
  - v) WT said we need to get younger officials as many games as possible, and the mechanic allows for that
    - (1) WT added that most younger officials also play, so they like to be a part of a team (the mechanic allows for up to 5 people if a mentor is there)
    - (2) The mechanic also encourages them to come back and feel protected/safe
  - vi) Jarod Lego (JL) would like to see senior officials that are experienced with it mentor on floor with L2s, that way they can pass along the knowledge to others within their association
  - d) DW mentioned the semi-annual meeting to everyone
    - i) He isn't sure if there's a meeting for the officials' group at that time, but be aware of it
- 7) Motion to Adjourn – David Goulet at 11:39am**