



BC LACROSSE FIELD DIRECTORATE
2024 SPECIAL SESSION at Burnaby Executive Hotel
Saturday, April 13, 2024 AT 10:00 AM

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order 10:06 am

2. Attendance/Accreditation and Introductions

In Attendance: Gerry Van Beek, David Bensmiller, Shawn Donahue, Ryan Nose, Angie Reid, Beth McLucas, David Goulet, Mary Clare, Stacy Patterson, Dylan Taylor, Lynda Callard, Delbert Donnelly, Daniel Wise, Mitchel Cavallarin, Russ Auger, Rhonda Mason, Rosalind Posterski, Dawn Raans, Karen Smith, Harpreet Grewal, Lara Tayler, Kristen Sheidow, Robb Alexander, Brad Rennie, Susan Dos Santos, Savanna Smith, Penny King, Brad Romano, Brad Foster, Sean Droulis, Adrienne Chow, Jackie White, Michael Miele, Jarrett Smith, Adam Raans, Matt Towe, Alex Vanichuk, Geordie Wells, Kara Eastgate, Matt Flury Ryan Smith, Kelsey Kollar, Kelly Jeffs, Don Ocampo, Todd Brown, Sarah Merrill, Kim Kavacic, Rennee Allan, Greg Patterson, Dennis Herslet, Jamie Yerbury, Rich Bonner, Jeff Glass, Karen Cameron, Alexander Miller.

50/68 registered voters present today

Total possible 80 votes

Land acknowledgement provided by Gerry Van Beek

3. Approval of April 15, 2023 Field Directorate Special Session Minutes

1st Mary Clare 2nd Stacey Patterson Carried

4. Business Arising from Minutes

No Business arising

5. Reports- As submitted

a) Chair (Beth McLucas)

b) Vice Chair – Youth Field (David Goulet)

-- Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League Chair (Brad Romano)

- Vancouver Island Youth Field Lacrosse League Chair (Tammy McDougall)

- Interior Youth Field Lacrosse Chair (Wuilbert Jaramillo)

c) Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Mary Clare)

- Canada West Field Lacrosse League

d) Vice Chair - Women’s Field Lacrosse (Stacy Paterson)

e) BCLA Field Registrar (Corinne Perriman)

f) BCLCG Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Shawn Donahue)

g) BCLCG Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Naomi Walser)

h) BCLOG Vice Chair – Men’s Field (Ryan Nose)

i) BCLOG Vice Chair – Women’s Field (Angie Reid)

j) Team BC Field and Women’s Field Programs (Mitch Cavallarin)

k) High School Field Lacrosse Program (Dave Showers)

MTA: Reports as submitted Angie Reid 1st David Goulet 2nd Carried

6. Operating Policy Proposed Amendments

7. Election of Officers

a) Vice Chair – Women’s Field (2-Year Term)

Stacey Patterson- Secretary to cast one vote

b) Secretary (2-Year Term)

Dylan Taylor-Secretary to cast one vote

c) Chair (2-Year Term)

Beth McLucas-Secretary to cast one vote

8. 2024-2025 Provincial Championships/Tournaments

-No dates for next season have been set yet

-Youth Provincials family day weekend most likely, or could be broken into smaller tournaments based on who could apply for hosting, the field directorate will wait and see based on who applies this coming season

-Women’s to be the last weekend of February

-U11 dates still need to be looked cannot be the same weekend of youth provincials

-U11 women’s need to be a different weekend if not in the same weekend(together with women’s as a pilot project this coming season)

-Clubs are invited to apply for any provincials this coming year, they can host the tournament as a whole or in smaller chunks(for example u13 and u15 in youth)

****Discussion was held around helmets in women’s lacrosse

9. Motion to Adjourn @ 1:40 Angie Reid 1st Mary Clare 2nd Carried

**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2024 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POLICY**

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Lacrosse - President

1ST Angie Reid 2ND Brad Foster

Add NEW REGULATION 2: COMMISSION STRUCTURE AND LEAGUE GOVERNANCE 2.05 that would read:

2.05 All league governed by the Field Directorate will complete their league play and required playdowns by November 30 of the calendar year.

All Provincial Championships will be completed within 3 weeks of the end of the regular season.

Amendment: To remove mens and high school from policy and focus on Youth and womans field(excluding senior womans) only for the calendar year Mary Clare 1st Angie Reid 2nd Carried

New policy purposed with amendment: All Leagues (youth and Woman's, excluded senior women's) governed by the Field Directorate will complete their league and required playdowns by November 30th of the calendar

Rationale:

End the season prior to Christmas, field lacrosse season doesn't need to run from September to February. Give the athletes a break, with the current timeline the athletes are playing year round. Avoid field time conflicts in February as soccer is running their season end playoffs making it difficult to get field time.

Avoid January and February weather.

Better schedule alignment between leagues.

Potential to go to 2 games a week for regular season, remove the all games Saturday and Sunday bottlenecks. Athletes will be more engaged with the increased intensity of the schedule, similar to box schedule.

Also affects 22.14, 24, 46

Defeated

Proposed by Mitchel Cavallarin, Team BC Field Coordinator

1ST Ryan Smith 2ND Daniel Wise New west Sr

REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS 3.01 currently reads:

3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in alignment with Lacrosse Canada (LC) defined age groups:

Mixed Youth (Men's Field)

U7 Field	5 and 6 years old
U9 Field	7 and 8 years old
U11 Field	9 and 10 years old
U13 Field	11 and 12 years old
U15 Field	13 and 14 years old
U17 Field	15 and 16 years old
U19 Field	17 and 18 years old
Senior Men's	19 years and over

Female Youth (Women's Field)

U7 Women's Field	5 and 6 years old
U9 Women's Field	7 and 8 years old
U11 Women's Field	9 and 10 years old
U13 Women's Field	11 and 12 years old
U15 Women's Field	13 and 14 years old

U17 Women's Field	15 and 16 years old
U19 Women's Field	17 and 18 years old
Senior Women's Field	19 years and over

Age is determined to be the age of a player that they will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. Calendar year is January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Example: for U19, player cannot turn 19 at any time during the calendar year to be eligible.

Amend REGULATION 3: PLAYING DIVISIONS 3.01 that would read:

3.01 The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall govern, promote and supervise competition for league play and the Provincial Finals in the following divisions:

Mixed Youth (Men's Field)

U7 Field	5 and 6 years old
U9 Field	7 and 8 years old
U11 Field	9 and 10 years old
U13 Field	11 and 12 years old
U15 Field	13 and 14 years old
U18 Field	15, 16 and 17 years old
Senior Men's	18 years and over

Female Youth (Women's Field)

U7 Women's Field	5 and 6 years old
U9 Women's Field	7 and 8 years old
U11 Women's Field	9 and 10 years old
U13 Women's Field	11 and 12 years old
U15 Women's Field	13 and 14 years old
U18 Women's Field	15, 16 and 17 years old
Senior Women's Field	18 years and over

Age is determined to be the age of a player that they will be in the calendar year of the current playing season. Calendar year is January 1 to December 31 of any given year. Example: for **U18**, player cannot turn **18** at any time during the calendar year to be eligible.

Rationale:

- Increased Athlete Pool:
 - Transitioning from U19 & U17 to U18 will allow the leagues to encompass three birth years of athletes instead of two. This alteration will significantly expand the athlete pool available for participation within the league.
- Enhanced Participation and Club Representation:
 - By broadening the age group, the leagues would see an increase in participating clubs. The extended age group will enable more clubs to field teams and thereby foster greater representation and engagement within the league.
- Promotion of Parity:
 - The proposed change aims to promote parity among participating teams. By adjusting the age group structure, the leagues would be able to create a more balanced competitive landscape, which would enhance the overall quality and fairness of matches.
- Addressing Past Failures:
 - The decision to eliminate the U19 category stems from the observed inadequacies and failures in the 2023-2024 season. Instances where the island and interior leagues were unable to field any U19 Men's Field Teams, along with the absence of U19 Women's Field Teams, underscore the need for a reevaluation of the existing age group framework.
- Optimizing Senior League Participation:
 - The proposed change also has strategic implications for Senior Men's and Women's. By accommodating athletes who have graduated from high school, the leagues can facilitate a smoother transition for players into the senior ranks, thereby bolstering participation and competitiveness at the senior level.

The motion to revise the operating policy to transition from U15, U17, and U19 age groups to U15 and U18 is driven by a desire to enhance athlete participation, promote parity, and address past shortcomings in league operations. The proposed amendment reflects a proactive approach to adapt to the evolving needs and dynamics of our sporting community, ultimately aiming to foster a more inclusive, competitive, and sustainable environment for all participants.

Also affects 7.03, 21.04, 22.01 a, 22.11, 22.13, 28.02, 35.07, 37.01, 39.01, 39.02, 43.09, 44.01 a, 44.09 a

Carried

Should be noted this will affect all other polices effecting playing ages

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

1ST Stacy Patterson 2ND Mary Clare

REGULATION 6: FACILITIES 6.07 (a) currently reads:

6.07 (a) Youth U7 and U9 age divisions will play on a smaller scale field with modified dimensions.

Amend 6: FACILITIES 6.07 (a) that would read:

6.07 (a) Youth U7, U9 and **U11** age divisions will play on a smaller scale field with modified dimensions.

Rationale: Adding U11 to age groups to follow LC LTAD

Carried

Proposed by Susan Dos Santos, PCFLL Officials Allocator

1st David Goulet 2nd Mary Clare

Add NEW REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.02 that would read:

7.02 *For any sanctioned league tournaments, the host is responsible for all the costs of out of zone officials as deemed necessary by the vice chair of officials so that sufficient officials are available proportionate to the number of teams registered and games scheduled.*

Rationale: Shortage of officials for tournaments within a zone. Local Zone officials will be considered first and all attempts would be made to minimize the number of out of zone officials and costs related to travel and accommodations.

If passed all points after would be renumbered.

Carried

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

1st Michael Wise 2nd Brad Romano

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.03 currently reads:

7.03 No more than two games per calendar day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play. But teams may play up to three modified or mini games (two halves only) during tournament play per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games. A copy of the tournament schedule must be submitted to the Field Directorate.

U7 – 4 x 8 minute quarters maximum

U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum

U11/U13/U15/U17/U19/Men’s – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum

Amend 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.03 that would read:

7.03 No more than two games per calendar day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play. But teams may play up to three modified or mini games (two halves only) during tournament play per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games. A copy of the tournament schedule must be submitted to the Field Directorate.

U7 – 4 x 8 minute quarters maximum (*32 minutes*)

U9 – 4 x 10 minute quarters maximum (*40 minutes*)

U11/U13/U15/**U17/U19**/Men's – 4 x 12 minute quarters maximum (*48 minutes*)

If the tournament organizers choose to play halves instead of quarters, the total number of minutes played per game may not exceed the above totals per game.

Rationale: This clarifies the regulation and gives flexibility to tournament organizers.

Carried

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

1st Stacy Patterson 2nd Shawn Donahue

REGULATION 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.07 (a) currently reads:

13.07 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) properly registered players by October 31 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games, excluding the U7 Field Division. The U7 Field Division shall be allowed a minimum of eight (8) registered players.

Amend 13: YOUTH PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 13.07 (a) that would read:

13.07 (a) A team must have a minimum of ten (10) properly registered players by October 31 of the playing season; otherwise, that team will be disallowed from regular scheduled games, excluding the U7 *and U9* Field Division. The U7 *and U9* Field Division shall be allowed a minimum of eight (8) registered players.

Rationale: Adding U9 to the U7 exceptions as the U9 division can play 8 v 8.

Carried

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

1st Angie Reid 2nd Ryan Nose

REGULATION 14: YOUTH MOVES 14.01 currently reads:

14.01 Upon request, a parent or legal guardian may be required to provide two (2) of the residency validation documentation below, if requested by the association registrar or the league. All bills must be current. Accepted documentation is:

1. Property tax bill where the primary residency grant has been claimed
2. Hydro Bill
3. Gas Bill
4. Cable or Satellite Bill

If none of the above documents can be provided because the parent/guardian rents and does not pay own utilities, then the following shall apply.

1. A letter from the Landlord verifying rental agreement AND
2. Driver's License or other Government issued ID with current address

Amend 14: YOUTH MOVES 14.01 that would read:

14.01 Upon request, a parent or legal guardian may be required to provide two (2) of the residency validation documentation below (*one of which must be proof of registration form at the school they attend*), if requested by the association registrar or the league. All bills must be current. Accepted documentation is:

1. Property tax bill where the primary residency grant has been claimed
2. Hydro Bill
3. Gas Bill
4. Cable or Satellite Bill

5. Student Verification form

Amendment to add 5 as a point MTA Ryan David Carried as amended

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1. A letter from the Landlord verifying rental agreement AND
2. Driver's License or other Government issued ID with current address

Rationale: Adding requirement to show school placement to determine residency

Carried

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

Withdrawn

REGULATION 16: YOUTH PLAYING UP 16.01 currently reads:

16.01 A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which the player is registered, with the written permission of lower level coach.

Amend 16: YOUTH PLAYING UP 16.01 that would read:

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If there is no team at the player's current level the President may give written permission for the player to play up.

Rationale: Providing direction should there be no coach to provide permission

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

1st Susan Dos Santos 2nd Shawn Donahue

Add **NEW REGULATION 19: YOUTH – COACHES 19.02 would read:**

19.02 All Field Youth Coaches are required to take and pass (80%) annual rules knowledge quiz that must be completed within 2 weeks of their first game of the season.

Rationale: Many coaches, especially at the younger levels are not aware of the rules or the exceptions to the regular rules. This will give all coaches a basic understanding of the rules

Carried

Proposed by Matt Towle, Juan De Fuca – Vice President Field

1st Rob Alexander 2nd Rhonda Mason

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.04 currently reads:

21.04 No team or player may be scheduled for, or play in, more than two regulation length games per day, and no more than three mini-games per day. Exceptions for goalies may apply.

~~*U7—4 x 8 minute quarters maximum*~~

~~*U9—4 x 10 minute quarters maximum*~~

~~*U11/U13/U15/U17/U19—4 x 12 minute quarters maximum*~~

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U7/U9/U11/U13/U15/U17/U19 – 4 x 15 minute quarters

Rationale: Alignment with World Lacrosse Rules per BCLA (Rule 29.1 from WL Rules)

Withdrawn

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

1st Michael Wise 2nd Harpreet Grewal

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:

21.07 In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded **10 goals** and shall be awarded two points (2) in league standings.

Rationale: Increasing from 1 goal to 10 goals as it may have an impact on tie breaker standings. If a team defaults there should be a penalty that has impact on the tie breaker.

Carried

Proposed by David Goulet, Field Directorate – Vice Chair - Youth

1st Brad Rennie 2nd Susan Dos Santos

Add NEW REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (e) that would read:

22.03 (e) Upon completion of the declaration of teams and the determination of the number of teams at each level, the Vice Chair of the respective discipline shall complete a first draft of the Provincial Tournament or Provincial Championship schedule within 2 weeks for publication.

Rationale: This is to give all parties an understanding of the time expectations of the tournament so they can make appropriate plans.

Carried

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL – Chair

1st Brad Romano 2nd Stacy Patterson

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.05 (c) currently reads:

- 22.05 (c) Youth U11 Provincial Tournament Directive (the “Youth **PC** Directive”)
- i) A Youth U11 Provincial Tournament Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Youth Provincial Championships;
 - ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season’s Youth U11 Provincial Tournament the Youth **PC** Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Youth Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.
 - 1) Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Youth Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Youth Field.
 - 2) Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Youth **PC** Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Youth **PC** Directive.

- (a) It shall not be necessary to motion each proposed change
 - (b) Votes may be on individual changes, groups of changes, or the final version of the document as agreed by the members present.
 - (c) If no agreement is possible, the Vice Chair Youth Field shall make the final determination of areas subject to vote.
- 3) Regardless of proposals or votes, nothing in the Youth Provincial Tournament Directive may create, substitute, reduce, or replace any operating policy. This includes where policy may be silent on a given topic.

Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.05 (c) that would read:

- 22.05 (c) Youth U11 Provincial Tournament Directive (the “Youth **PT** Directive”)
- i) A Youth U11 Provincial Tournament Directive shall be created and updated annually to outline the operations of the Youth Provincial Championships;
 - ii) Prior to being published for the upcoming season’s Youth U11 Provincial Tournament the Youth **PT** Directive shall be sent by the Vice Chair Youth Field to the voting members of the Field Directorate for review.
 - 1) Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Youth Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Youth Field.
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Rationale: HOUSEKEEPING - The “Youth PC Directive” refers to Provincial Championship which was not meant to apply to the U11 Provincial Tournament

Carried

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Lacrosse - President

Out of order

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.14 currently reads:

22.14 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men’s or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held *on or after the last week of January and not later than the last weekend of March.*

Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.14 that would read:

22.14 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men’s or Masters Provincial Championships and will be held *the 3 weekends following November 30th of the calendar year.*

Rationale: Alignment with Proposal 2.05

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL – Chair

1st Rich Bonner 2nd Mary Clare

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Amend 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.14 that would read:

22.14 Youth Provincial Championships must be held on a non-conflicting weekend than the Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships and *the dates of any Provincial Tournament or Championship shall be confirmed at least five months prior to the event.*

Rationale: To increase the flexibility of the Field Directorate and member clubs in evolving the Provincials Tournament.

Withdrawn

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Lacrosse - President

Out of Order

REGULATION 24: YOUTH 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.

- December** Provincial Declaration Forms due (2nd Friday in December)
- January 1** Date for determining age level of playing year. (General Reg. 10, FD 3.01)
- ~~**Jan-Mar** *Youth Provincial Championships (FD 22.15)*~~
- April** Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)
- August 15** Applications for hosting Youth Provincial Championships in next playing year. (FD 22.06)
- September** First Nations Trophy/Alumni Cup - Labour Day Weekend
- October 1** Deadline for coaches Form 100M and fees to BCLA Office or will be subject to fine. (BCLCG 1.02, 11.03)
- October 11** Final date of registration of coach for playoffs (BCLCG 2.03, 11.03)
- October 31** Last date for player movement (FD 13.05)
Youth registration cards and fees due to BCLA Office. (FD 13.05)
- November 30** Youth registration closed. (FD 13.05, 13.07)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive (March, April, Sept)

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Rationale: Alignment with Proposal Reg 2.05

Also affects 22.14, 46

Carried Withdrawn

Proposed by Mary Clare, Field Directorate – Vice Chair – Men’s Field

1st Stacy Paterson 2nd Ryan Nose

Add NEW REGULATION 31: SENIOR PLAYING RULES 31.03 (a) currently reads:

31.03 (a) *There can be no trading of players between teams after November 1.*

Rationale: To bring into alignment with LC Rules which doesn’t allow All Star Teams to participate in Nationals (Ross Cup).

Carried

Proposed by Savanna Smith, Vancouver Women’s Field Lacrosse - Chair

1st Stacy 2nd Laura

REGULATION 35: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.07 (a) currently reads:

35.07 (a) U9 teams must have a minimum number of four (4) registered players; **U13** and U19 teams must have a minimum number eight (8) players and U15 teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players by the start of the playing season otherwise, that team will be disallowed from the regular scheduled games.

Amend 35: WOMEN’S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.07 (a) that would read:

35.07 (a) **U7 and** U9 teams must have a minimum number of four (4) registered players; **U11** and **U19(Now u18)** teams must have a minimum number eight (8) players; and **U13 and** U15 teams must have a minimum of ten (10) players by the start of the playing season otherwise, that team will be disallowed from the regular scheduled games.

Rationale: **HOUSEKEEPING** - This includes all the ages for female lacrosse-to add U11

Also affects 37.01

Carried

1st Dawn Raans 2nd Rhonda Mason

Add **NEW REGULATION 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.12 (a) and (b)** that would read:

35.12 (a) *In recognition of BCLA Operating Policy Regulation 16: Concussion Awareness and Education: (a) Member Associations must develop and have an active policy that establishes a "Concussion Policy". This policy should contain training for coaches and trainers (where applicable), a reporting process and return to play guideline.*

(b) *This policy is mandatory.*

Rationale: The above was a copy and paste from the Minor Box Lacrosse Operating Policy of the BCLA; with more education with concussions, it should be a policy in place for box and field. Girls field has the potential for concussions with only wearing goggles, and goalies getting hit in the head at times from shots. This will ensure the BCLA policy is followed but more importantly look at safety precautions to keep the female players safe.

Withdrawn

Withdrawn

Add **NEW REGULATION 35: WOMEN'S PLAYER AND COACH REGISTRATION 35.13** that would read:

35.13 *In the event that there are not enough registered players within Association(s) in any given age group (U9, U11, U13, U15, U19) the Field Directorate will hold a meeting with Associations to determine a viable plan that will allow for that given age group the ability to play for that given year.*

Rationale: U19 had roughly 38 registered players for 2023/2024, they could have used policy 38.03 and 38.04 which would have allowed them to potentially play down. However, that didn't happen, and the result was youth not being able to play for the season. For some of these players it would have been their last season of play, potentially last time playing in B.C. There are not the same opportunities for females as in co-ed lacrosse, and the goal should always be about creating policy that aids in fostering the growth of the sport. As per the BCLA General Operating Policy around fair play and gender equity.

If we only have 38 players for a given season than instead of the traditional format of Associations playing against each other, we create a format that they can play each other and is not representative necessarily as one Association vs another. It's similar set up as Masters lacrosse, about playing the game and following the Long-Term Participant Development Model (LTPD) in Lacrosse that looks at fostering the idea of active for life.

1st Rob Alexander 2nd Susan Dos Santos

Add **NEW REGULATION 36: WOMEN'S MOVES 36.13** that would read:

36.13 *Where an Association does not have a team in a higher division, any player may be granted an opportunity to play up a higher division with another Association or league with the permission of the coach and the corresponding commissioners, along with support of the Vice Chair of Women's field Amendment in yellow Carried.*

Rationale: The above was a copy and paste from the Minor Box Lacrosse Operating Policy of the BCLA; this policy was put into place for the 2023 season as a way to help grow the female game and allow for more opportunities to exist for females. This would help the smaller Associations, as well as the Island and Interior

programs who don't have the same opportunities as the Lower Mainland players. Meaning they could be called up to any Association with the appropriate approvals and documentation.

Carried

Proposed by Savanna Smith, Vancouver Women's Field Lacrosse - Chair

1st Dawn Raans 2nd Susan Dos Santos

Add **NEW REGULATION 36: WOMEN'S MOVES 36.14** that would read:

36.14 *Associations with the development programs who wish to provide more opportunities for their members to participate may grant permission for their registered players to play on a team outside of their jurisdiction on a game to game basis. It will be required that a representative of the Association or program signs a call up form and that this is provided to the Commissioner and Accepting league chair and vice chair of women's field lacrosse. There is no limit to the number of games a player may play as long as they meet the requirements of their home Association program first.*

Amendment in yellow Carried

Rationale: The Associations outside the PCFLL struggle with many obstacles and hurdles as they develop to have female specific programs. For most female players outside of the PCFLL play both co-ed field and girls field lacrosse (if their region even has female, currently only in Interior and Island). With Interior currently still developing to even having games. Their season of play is a lot shorter than the Lower Mainland; which results in less opportunities for these players.

Allowing game by game call ups would allow female players from Associations outside of the PCFLL more access to female game experience. It will help lower barriers for the Island, Interior, Kootenays and Prince George (North).

Yes, policy does exist for releases to be made to coastal teams but this current process takes time and if their home team is still actively doing sessions then a player needs to wait until their season is done for their home Association before they can begin the release process. They also require to have the financial backing to be able to commit to a coastal team and the families' availability to be able to travel to the coast on a weekly basis. This option is not a fair option when travel is 4+ hours away from the team they'd be assigned to.

This new policy update could and would allow females from outside the PCFLL to be able to play one (or more) games based on their personal, family and financial availability. Without having to commit to a full coast schedule (release) as per the current policy.

Having the ability to sign a call up form allows that the possibility of multiple players from developing female programs can play for a female specific team. The team call up can and could change each week too and can help fill coastal teams needs too. So to help keep barriers down for the girls and their families.

Carried

Proposed by Savanna Smith, Vancouver Women's Field Lacrosse - Chair

Withdrawn

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37.01 The U13, U15, U17, ~~U19~~ and Senior Women's division teams must have a minimum of ten (10) registered players per team. The U7 and U9 division teams must have a minimum of four (4) registered players. The U11 division must have a minimum of eight (8) registered players.

All divisions may have a game roster of up to eighteen (18) (Rule 5, World Lacrosse Women's Official Rules)

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Rationale: The player amounts should match what is laid out in Field Policy 35.07 (amended policy with all age groups for female lacrosse included).

Proposed by Robb Alexander, Ridge Meadows Lacrosse – Director - Female Field

1st Mary Clare 2nd Grewal, Harpreet Tabled until next special session

REGULATION 43: WOMEN'S PLAYING RULES 43.09 currently reads:

43.09 All Women's teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league. When an Association has two or more teams in any one league (U13, U15, U17 or U19)(u18 now) ~~those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength. Associations that have two or more teams within a league will have until October 31 of the playing year to balance their teams accordingly.~~

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Rationale:

1. Tiering is better for the growth of the game. Female athletes deserve to compete at the same competitive level as their male counterparts. Female athletes choose other sports as their primary due to the ability to compete at a high-level.
2. How can we support Team BC and Nationals in Women's Field if our players don't even play in tiered leagues. It is a must for the continued growth of the game.

Proposed by Brad Romano, PCFLL - Chair

Out of Order

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~~**February**~~ — ~~**Women's Provincial Championship/Tournament**~~

April Field Directorate Special Session (FD 11.01)

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Senior Women's last date for cross-over players (FD 43.03)

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Rationale: To increase the flexibility of the Field Directorate and member clubs in evolving the Provincials Tournament. As there is no corresponding policy for the dates of Women's Field Provincials, the change to the Timeline needs to be motioned and voted on.

Proposed by Tyson Craiggs, Ridge Meadows Lacrosse - President

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Rationale: Alignment with Proposal Reg 2.05

Also affects 22.14, 24