

BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2025 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA MINOR DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 1: STRUCTURE 1.01 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – currently reads:

The Minor Directorate

- (a) Governs lacrosse for all Minor players and Female Box up to and including Female Junior players.
- (b) Sets Disciplinary Rules
- (c) Provides a Commissioners' Package
- (d) Sets Provincial Directive and a format for Minor Provincial tournaments
- (e) Sanctions all Minor tournaments

The Minor Directorate Chair

- (a) Shall preside at all Minor Directorate meetings
- (b) Shall ensure the affairs of the Directorate are being carried out
- (c) Shall ensure the procedures set out in the By-Laws and Constitution are being followed
- ~~(d) Shall attend the VP Operations meetings~~
- (e) Is responsible to call meetings of the Directorate (usually every second month)
- (f) Work with all members of the Directorate to ensure the game is of a high calibre and standard
- (g) Is the deciding vote in case of a tie
- (h) Is responsible to all members of the Directorate, not a Commission or an individual
- (i) Shall be elected for a two year term in even years
- (j) In the event of a vacancy on the Minor Directorate Executive, the Chair may appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy until the next Special Session. If more than a year remains in the term, an election shall take place at the next Minor Directorate Special Session to elect a replacement to the end of the position's term.

The Minor Directorate Immediate Past Chair

- (a) Shall act as a liaison between the previous and current Minor Directorate.
- (b) Will help maintain the continuity and direction of the Minor Directorate from one year to the next, and will act as mentor to the newly elected Minor Directorate Chair and Vice Chair, when necessary.
- (c) This position shall be for a one-year term immediately following the individual's final term as Chair.
- (d) Is a voting member of the Minor Directorate.

The Minor Directorate Vice Chair

- (a) Shall attend all Minor Directorate meetings
- (b) Shall assist the Chair as requested
- (c) Will preside over meetings when the Chair is not available
- (d) Has a close working relationship with all members of the Minor Directorate
- ~~(e) Assists in developing the game of lacrosse~~
- (f) Is responsible to all members of the Directorate, not a Commission or individual
- (g) Shall be elected for a two year term, in odd years
- (h) Normally acts as Minor Box Provincial Playoff Director

The Minor Directorate Secretary

- (a) Elected for two (2) year term, in even years.
- (b) Responsible to attend and record minutes for all meetings, and for the distribution of said minutes.
- (c) Assist Chair and Vice Chair with duties as required.
- (d) Responsible to collect information from leagues for carry-over suspensions.

The Minor Directorate Registrar

- (a) Shall be responsible for the administration of the BCLA Online Minor Player Database, filing of all player registration forms and team declarations for all Minor divisions.
- (b) Shall check that all forms are completely filled in and signed.

- (c) Shall verify that all players are in the proper Association per boundary rules unless a fully signed transfer is provided.
- (d) Shall maintain a Grandfathered and Transferred list of Players
- (e) Shall work with Minor Association Registrars to deal with any discrepancies.
- (f) Shall provide year-end registration statistics to the BCLA Executive Director, and have them available for the Provincial Playoff Director by the Minor Directorate Declaration Meeting.
- (g) Shall be responsible to the Chair of the Minor Directorate
- (h) Shall attend Minor Directorate Meetings as required.
- (i) Shall be appointed by the Minor Directorate.

Minor Directorate Zone Director

- (a) Is voted in by the Commission and ratified by the Minor Directorate and the BCLA Executive. Where there is no Commission in place, the Minor Directorate Chair will contact all Association Presidents in a Zone to confirm a Zone Representative is supported by the Local Associations.
- (b) Attends Commission meetings
- (c) Is a voting member of the Minor Directorate and attends their meetings
- (d) Main communication link between Minor Directorate and Commissions
- (e) Maintain good communication between Associations and the Commission
- (f) ~~Monthly contact with Association Presidents in their Zone~~
- (g) An Ad Hoc member of every Association in their Zone
- (h) Ensure they work for all Associations in their Zone
- (i) Ensure all Associations in their Zone are familiar with the By-Laws and Constitution along with the Operating Policy of the BCLA and the Minor Directorate
- (j) Provide guidance on Constitution and By-Laws and the Operating Policies of the BCLA and Minor Directorate to Associations in their Zone
- (k) Work with Associations in their Zone on the nomination of Zone Lacrosse Player of the Year
- (l) Set up trials for Summer Games and assist in selecting Coaches and players
- (m) Ensures all forms are sent out and returned within the correct time lines to allow teams to qualify for Summer Games
- (n) ~~Assists all participants in maintaining a good calibre and standard of the game~~
- (o) Serve as an agent of the Minor Directorate, and as such, carries out its mandate
- (p) ~~Responsible to liaise with the BCLA Technical Director and the BCLCG Zone Co-ordinator to ensure that all Association Presidents, Coaching Co-ordinators and League Commissioners are advised of the names of all suspended coaches who fail to meet the minimum standards of the Form 100B as of the deadline of May 1.~~
- (q) Responsible to advise and provide guidance to member associations (and/or individual members of clubs) on how to take part in hearings and appeals.

Female Box Lacrosse Chair

- (a) Responsible to the Minor Directorate for Female Only Box Lacrosse.
- (b) To oversee all aspects of female box lacrosse in the province of British Columbia
- (c) To work with the various commissions to promote female box lacrosse in their Commission
- (d) ~~To act as commissioner when no commissioner is available at the local commission level~~
- (e) To be given a vote on the Minor Directorate.
- (f) Shall be elected for a two-year term in odd years.
- (g) To be part of development/promotion.
- (h) Must host a minimum of ~~two~~ meetings annually for the Female Zone Box Lacrosse Co-ordinators.

Commission Chairs

- (a) Communication link between the Minor Directorate (through Zone Directors) and their Associations
- (b) Ensure good communications with the Executive and their Associations and possibly with players and parents
- (c) Maintain a good working relationship with all Associations within their Commission
- (d) Responsible to Minor Directorate and all Associations within the Commission
- (e) Responsible for schedule and guidelines for league play and Provincial play-offs in their Commission

- (f) Select their Commissioners, as per Commission Operating Policy and acts as Head Commissioner
- (g) First level of appeal on all matters within their Commission (jurisdiction, players discipline and player movement)
- (h) When player registrations dictate and local associations agree, is able to suggest cross association boundary teams within their league and obtain approval from the Minor Directorate as needed.
- (i) Responsible, along with the elected commission executive members, for managing and making decisions on all release requests and player moves from the Member Associations.

League Commissioners

- (a) Are ratified by the Minor Directorate, with names submitted prior to March 1 of the playing season.
- (b) Rule on disciplinary matters for their league in their Commission, following the Minor Directorate Disciplinary Rules, using the Minor Directorate Suspension Tracking Sheet provided in the Commissioner's Package, submit at the end of the season to the Provincial Director and to the Minor Directorate Secretary for purposes of tracking carryover suspensions into the next box season.
- (c) Ensure all teams are tiered properly. Watch for inequality of teams within their league and the placement and movement of teams, as per Commission Operating Policy.
- (d) ~~Assist in making schedules for their league~~
- (e) ~~Attend Commission meetings~~
- (f) ~~Ensure copies of score sheets are given to the Chair of the Commission monthly~~
- (g) Any communication between League Commissioners and coaches should include Head Coaches.
- (h) League Commissioners report directly to the Commission Chair.
- (i) ~~To work with their Commission and Commission Chair in promoting Box Lacrosse within their Commission.~~
- (j) Shall receive Team Rosters from Club Registrars by May 15th and compare these to Game Sheet Rosters and report exceptions to Club Presidents.

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- (b) Responsible for lacrosse in their residential area as defined by their Association boundaries.
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Rationale: Update on current duties and responsibilities more in line with current practices.

REGULATION 2: PLAYING DIVISIONS 2.01 – currently reads:

2.01 The ages of players prior up to December 31 of each playing year shall be as follows:

Minor Box

U17	16 years and under
U15	14 years and under
U13	12 years and under
U11	10 years and under
U9	8 years and under
U7	6 years and under, but at least 4 years old

Female Box:

U22	21 years and under
U17	16 years and under
U15	14 years and under
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Rationale: Each Division is a 2 year combination of age. U7 should be 5 and 6 year olds.

REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.07 – currently reads:

- 3.07 Each association will submit to the BCLA Office, ~~prior to~~ May 15 of each playing year, a ~~team list~~ generated from the on-line database ~~for each team in the Association~~. One ~~hard~~ copy of each manual registration and waiver form is required ~~with the Team List (it is not necessary to print/submit copies of the on-line registrations)~~. The manual player registration form must be signed by the parent/guardian and the Association Registrar. Failure to comply with said dates will result in the offending association to be fined \$250.00, and another \$250.00 for each additional seven-day period that the registration forms are not received. For any subsequent paperwork corrections required by the Minor Directorate Box Lacrosse Registrar, this must be submitted by June 1 of the playing year or the Association's team(s) will be unable to declare for Provincials.

Amend REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.07 that would read:

- 3.07 Each Association will submit to the BCLA Office **or email to the BCLA Registrar by** May 15 of each playing year, a **Summary Sheet (provided by the BCLA Registrar) of players, by Division / Tier / Team**, generated from the on-line database. One copy of each manual registration and waiver form is required **to be emailed to the BCLA Office**.
- The manual player registration form must be signed by the parent/guardian and the Association Registrar. Failure to comply with said dates will result in the offending association to be fined \$250.00, and another \$250.00 for each additional seven-day period that the registration forms are not received. For any subsequent paperwork corrections required by the Minor Directorate Box Lacrosse Registrar, this must be submitted by June 1 of the playing year or the Association's team(s) will be unable to declare for Provincials.

Rationale: Housekeeping – I no longer require Registrar's to send in Team Lists but instead have them complete a Summary Sheet. I then go into RAMP and vet the registrations / comparing what is there with what is on the summary. Emails are also now accepted, where in the past it was all by post.

REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.09 – currently reads:

- 3.09 To register these later players, the association will get approval from the League Commissioner ~~who in turn,~~ will email the Registrar of the Minor Directorate supplying the player's name, address, birthdate and applicable team information. The MD Registrar will add the player's name to the appropriate team list and update the registration database. ~~Within 5 days, the association registrar will provide an electronic copy of the registration form to the BCLA Office followed by the original registration form mailed to the BCLA office.~~

Amend REGULATION 3: REGISTRATION, 3.09 that would read:

- 3.09 To register these later players, the Association **Registrar** will get approval from the League Commissioner **and** will email **that to** the Registrar of the Minor Directorate **along with** supplying the player's name, address, birthdate and applicable team information. The MD Registrar will add the player's name to the appropriate team list and update the registration database.

Rationale: Housekeeping – This is the process that has been in place for some time.

REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.02 (a) currently reads:

- 4.02 (a) Where there are two teams from one Association playing in one league, there is to be no criss-cross of players from one team to another and back after May 7 of the playing year (see Section 4.09). Where it is necessary to have players criss-cross laterally, this shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) players on a game-by-game basis only. Each player is ~~only~~ able to criss-cross ~~over~~ laterally a maximum of two (2) times. ~~A limit of only five (5) player movements can be made prior to rosters being set.~~ In special circumstances and with valid reason, a team may request a further movement only with the permission of the local Commission. Players are to be clearly marked as, for example, “Criss-crossed from Team 1” in game sheet notes. If said infraction occurs after May 7 of the playing year, the player would be eligible for the player’s ~~registered~~ team only.

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.02 (a) that would read:

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Rationale: The amendment clarifies and deletes a confusing clause regarding 5 player movement between teams and also allows the Commissions to extend criss cross period for balancing purposes for a set period of time.

REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.06 Part 1 – Playing Up 4.06 (a) currently reads:

- 4.06 **Part 1 – Playing Up**
- (a) A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which the player is registered on a game by game basis with the approval of the coach or if unavailable, another team representative as defined by the Form 100, of the team the player is registered with. ~~In the case of players playing up a division, if an “A” player is going to play up to a “B” or “C” team, only a maximum of two (2) players per game playing up to a higher division is allowed (this does not include the position of goalie).~~

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- (a) A player may play up one division or calibre higher than that in which the player is registered on a game by game basis with the approval of the coach or if unavailable, another team representative as defined by the Form 100, of the team the player is registered with.
- **Same Division Movement – Higher Calibre: When a player moves up to a higher calibre (e.g., B to A) , no maximum number of players per game will apply.**
 - **Higher Division Movement – Same Calibre: When a player moves up a divisions within the same calibre (e.g., A to A, B to B), no maximum number of players per game will apply.**
 - **Higher Division Movement – Lower Calibre: If a player is moving up to a higher division of a lower calibre (e.g., an A player up to a B or C team), a maximum of two (2) players per game may do so. This limit does not include goalies.**

Rationale: Provide clarity regarding the number of players permitted to play up in various scenarios. By explicitly defining these categories, the amendment ensures consistent application of the rule across all divisions and calibres.

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Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.06 Part 1 – Playing Up 4.06 (a) that would read:

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- (a) A player may play up one **age** division higher than that in which the player is registered **or any calibre higher within the division that they are registered** on a game by game basis with the approval of the coach or if unavailable, another team representative as defined by the Form 100, of the team the player is registered with.—In the case of players playing up a division, if an “A” player is going to play up to a “B” or “C” team, only a maximum of two (2) players per game playing up to a higher division is allowed (this does not include the position of goalie).

Rationale: The amendment clarifies that players on a C team can play at A, or B caliber in the same division or in the higher age division.

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- (a) **(i)** A player may play up one division higher than that in which the player is registered on a game by game basis with the approval of the coach or if unavailable, another team representative as defined by the Form 100, of the team the player is registered with.—In the case of players playing up a division, if an “A” player is going to play up to a “B” or “C” team, only a maximum of two (2) players per game playing up to a higher division is allowed (this does not include the position of goalie).
- (ii) A player may play up to any higher calibre in the same division.**

Rationale: The way the regulation reads, associations that don’t have a team in each calibre aren’t able to call up from lower teams. Example: if you only have two teams in a Division, A1 & B, a B player isn’t allowed to play up 2 calibres to A1.

REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.06 Part 1 – Playing Up 4.06 Female Box only currently reads:

Female Box only – ~~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 with the permission of the coach and the corresponding commissioners.~~ A player must stay within the accordance of 4.06 (c) (i) (ii).

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.06 Part 1 – Playing Up 4.06 Female Box only that would read:

Female Box only – A player must stay within the accordance of 4.06 (c) (i) (ii).

Rationale: With the success and growth of female lacrosse this clause is no longer needed to improve or play female lacrosse. Commissioners have encountered abuse of the playing up and ignoring playing up 4 game rule.

REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.07 (d) currently reads:

- (d) “Combined” ~~Female~~ Zone Teams, with approval of their Commission, may apply to the Minor Directorate to participate in exhibition games, tournaments and/or provincial championships.

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.07 (d) that would read:

- (d) “Combined” Zone Teams, with approval of their Commission, may apply to the Minor Directorate to participate in exhibition games, tournaments and/or provincial championships.

Rationale: To create equal opportunity for male and female teams to create zone teams to participate in high quality games. An additional benefit will be to provide more competitive games for high level teams.

REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.11 (a) currently reads:

- 4.11 (a) No team or player may play more than two (2) games per day ~~(a calendar day)~~ in exhibition, tournament, league or playoff games. This includes players playing up ~~in Seniors~~ on a one-game permit.

Amend REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.11 (a) that would read:

- 4.11 (a) No team or player may play more than two (2) games per **calendar** day in exhibition, tournament, league or playoff games. This includes **all** players playing up on a one-game permit, **or players on multiple teams (e.g., mixed/female-only teams or Zone teams).**

Rationale: Removing the redundant phrasing (“a calendar day”). Broadening the scope to ensure it’s clear this applies to all players playing up not just those playing up to Senior.

Add **NEW REGULATION 4: PLAYING RULES 4.15** that would read:

4.15 Offense/Defense Policy

At the Canadian Lacrosse level, it was decided that the use of the Offense/Defense coaching tactic is detrimental to the development of minor lacrosse players.

Definition

Offense/Defense is defined as a tactic whereby, while at even strength, any player, or group of players, leaving the bench and deliberately returning to the bench without the benefit of participation of play in both the offensive and defensive zones during the same shift.

The Offense/Defense rule is to be applied in all divisions below U17. The rule will be in effect in all sanctioned BCLA games, including zone play, invitation tournaments and Provincial Championships.

Provincial and Tournament Coach Representatives will be responsible for calling these infractions.

At all Minor Nationals, the Canadian Lacrosse Association's Convener will be responsible for determining if a team is using an Offense/Defense system during the game. The Convener may establish a committee to assist in determining whether it is being used.

The Convener will advise the offending team coaches at the end of the current period of play.

Three main indicators to help determine if a team may be using this tactic are:

1. Teams who change players in accordance with changing possession of the ball.
2. Teams using offensive ("Out" or "Front" door) and defense "In" or "Back" door) bench gates to substitute players during play.
3. If a player is only playing at one end of the floor; either in the offensive or defensive end.

Penalty For using Offense / Defense

The following discipline is to be assessed to the Head Coach of any team who is guilty of using Offense/Defense at any point during a game:

1st infraction in a game:

Will result in the removal of the Head Coach for the remainder of the game, or the Coach in charge of the bench if the Head Coach has previously been removed or suspended. If the violation occurs in the final period of the game, the Head Coach or the Coach in charge of the bench will be suspended for the following game.

2nd infraction during the tournament:

Will result in the expulsion of the Head Coach, or the Coach in charge of the bench if the Head Coach has previously been removed or suspended, for the remainder of the tournament. The suspended Coach or Coaches and the BCLA will be referred to the Canadian Lacrosse Association Discipline Committee for further review.

If a team does not have properly trained coaches on the Team Registration Form sufficient to complete the event, the team will forfeit all further games.

Rationale: This is currently not found in minor directorate policy. This is found on a separate webpage on the BCLA website. <https://www.bclacrosse.com/offense-defense-policy.php>

U17 is a transition age. At this age they have distinguished what they are best at, and it allows for further development sooner rather than waiting till they reach the junior level. They focus on position-specific training that they will use throughout the remainder of their careers.

Another rationale for this change is to be more competitive at the national level for U17 Nationals. BC has only won two national championships at the U17 Nationals in the last 25 years. In Ontario, players are given the opportunity to play the Offense/Defense system. They are taught, practice, and play a more sophisticated system at both ends of the floor, while the rest of the country lags behind, having to focus on both ends of the floor. Specialization is needed once athletes reach the U17 age. This will lead to improved results and competition at the U17 National Championships.

The rationale for adding at the U15 age or lower is these players are not eligible to play in the Junior age group as a call-up under policy 4.06.

The final point is performances at Junior National Championships (Minto Cup & Founders Cup). Learning sophisticated systems at an earlier age (U17) will prepare players for the next level. Teams across the A and B1 levels will receive players with more experience and readiness for Junior lacrosse leading. This will lead to a more competitive league. A league with better competition will create a more skilled and prepared BC champion to represent the province at the Minto Cup or the Founders Cup.

This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers): N/A. As previously mentioned, the current offense/defense policy is not found in the 2024-2025 Minor Directorate Operating Policy.

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION 5.01 currently reads:

- 5.01 The control of all league competition shall be vested in the Commission.
The control of inter-commission and inter-provincial competition and Provincial Championship play shall be vested in the Minor Directorate who may establish a commission to govern such play. Where there is no Commission in place, ~~there must be a minimum of two (2) games played between (the two) Associations per division.~~

Amend REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION 5.01 that would read:

- 5.01 The control of all league competition shall be vested in the Commission.
The control of inter-commission and inter-provincial competition and Provincial Championship play shall be vested in the Minor Directorate who may establish a commission to govern such play. Where there is no Commission in place, the Minor Directorate Chair and Zone Director will govern play.

Rationale: Areas that have no commission in place have been managed by MD Chair and Zone Director. This brings policy up to date with current practice.

Proposed by Sean Reid – Minor Directorate – Zone 3 Representative

REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION 5.05 currently reads:

- 5.05 In U17, U15, U13, and U11, "~~A1~~", "~~A2~~", "B", and "C" leagues may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league and tournament play. In Female U22, Female U17, Female U15, Female U13 and Female U11, an A and B league may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league, tournament play and Provincials. Where an association has two or more teams in any one league, those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength, with the exception of "~~A1~~" with the local commission approval. Failure to obtain approval before the start of the season from the local commission will make the teams ineligible for Playdowns and Provincial Championships. If an Association properly declares at the start of the season and a team is ordered to move up (or down) a tier by their local Commission, and the Association already has a team in the tier they are being ordered to move to, those teams affected do not need to be re-balanced. In U13 and above, "~~A1~~", "~~A2~~" and "B" leagues shall be recognized by the BCLA for Provincial Championship purposes. All Female teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league.

Amend REGULATION 5: COMMISSION COMPETITION 5.05 that would read:

- 5.05 In U17, U15, U13, and U11, "**A**", "**B**", "**C**" and "**D**" leagues may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league and tournament play. In Female U22, Female U17, Female U15, Female U13 and Female U11, an A and B league may be formed and are the required declarations to be used for league, tournament play and Provincials. Where an association has two or more teams in any one league, those teams must be equally balanced by calibre and strength, with the exception of "**A**" with the local commission approval. Failure to obtain approval before the start of the season from the local commission will make the teams ineligible for Playdowns and Provincial Championships. If an Association properly declares at the start of the season and a team is ordered to move up (or down) a tier by their local Commission, and the Association already has a team in the tier they are being ordered to

move to, those teams affected to not need to be re-balanced. In U13 and above, “A”, “B” and “C” leagues shall be recognized by the BCLA for Provincial Championship purposes. All Female teams must be balanced when in a non-tiered league.

Rationale: Having clear cut A, B, and C divisions will allow for clarity on the calibre of play and clear up the call-up rules. It will also allow us to be on parity with the rest of the country in respect to classifications. This adjustment will also allow for a new D division which will be purely for developmental purposes and will not be recognized for Provincial play. This D division may be adjusted to accommodate entry level players at all ages and possibly allow for players to continue in the sport when physicality and contact are a concern. Making the D division a reduced contact league so players can focus on the skills required to learn the game.

This motion also affects the following (please name the Specific Operating Policies, Regulation Numbers, Page Numbers):

Regulation 5.04 page 86 – can be eliminated as It is just a regular declaration now.

Adding a caveat for the D division will not matter as D will not be eligible for Provincial play and it purely for development.

Regulation 12.04 Page 91 –

Adjust from:

Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Female A & B divisions and Mixed Co-ed A and B and “A1”, “A2”, and “B” teams in U17, U15 and U13 Divisions. (b) At the discretion of the Minor Directorate, “C” Provincials in U17, U15 and U13 92 divisions may be held.

To:

Provincial Championships shall be held for qualifying Female A & B divisions and Mixed Co-ed A, B, and C teams in U17, U15 and U13 Divisions. (b) At the discretion of the Minor Directorate, “C” Provincials in U17, U15 and U13 divisions may be held.

Regulation 12.05(g) Page 93 Can be deleted.

Regulation 12.05(h) Page 93 Can be changed to (g)

Regulation 12.07 Page 93 “A1”, “A2”, “B”, “C” can be changed to “A”, “B”, and “C”

Regulation 12.08 Page 93 “A1”, “A2”, “B”, “C” can be changed to “A”, “B”, and “C”

Regulation 12.11 Page 94 “A1”, “A2”, “B”, “C” can be changed to “A”, “B”, and “C”

Proposed by Pam Mason – LMMLC – Executive (Secretary)

REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 12.12 currently reads:

12.12 (a) TIE-BREAKER RULE –ROUND ROBIN

In the event of a tie in points in playdowns and Provincial Championships, the following shall be used to determine final standings:

- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game or games between the two teams advances. If still tied:
 1. Least goals against (full round robin)
 2. Least penalty minutes
 3. ~~Most goals for~~
 4. First goal scored in tied game between the two teams
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the following will apply:
 1. ~~Goal Average Formula (teams tied)~~
 2. Least goals against
 3. Least penalty minutes
 4. ~~Most goals for~~

~~If two teams are required to advance, the goal average formula is calculated only once and the two teams with the best goal averages will advance.~~

(b) TIE-BREAKER RULE – 2 POOLS, playing Cross Pool

In the event of a tie in points in Provincial Championships, the following shall be used to determine final standings:

1. Winner of games between the tied teams
- ~~2. Goal Average Formula (for entire division/tier)~~
3. Least goals against
4. Least penalty minutes
5. Most goals for

~~GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA~~

~~GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average~~

Amend REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 12.12 that would read:

12.12 (a) TIE-BREAKER RULE –ROUND ROBIN

In the event of a tie in points in playdowns and Provincial Championships, the following shall be used to determine final standings:

- (i) Two teams tied, the winner of game or games between the two teams advances. If still tied:
 1. Least goals against (full round robin)
 2. Least penalty minutes
 3. First goal scored in tied game between the two teams
- (ii) Three or more teams tied, if one team has defeated the other teams with which it is tied after round robin play, that team shall advance. If this is not possible, the following will apply:
 1. Least goals against (**full round robin**)
 2. Least penalty minutes
 3. **Team that scored the first goal based on time of game**

(b) TIE-BREAKER RULE – 2 POOLS, playing Cross Pool

In the event of a tie in points in Provincial Championships, the following shall be used to determine final standings:

1. Winner of games between the tied teams
2. Least goals against
3. Least penalty minutes
4. **First goal scored in the ties game between the two teams, in the event of more the first goal scored based on time of game**

Rationale: Having anything that is associated with goals scored causes many teams to feel that they need to run up the score when that it completely against the spirit of the game that we are trying to promote. Removing goals average formula as many coaches also believe that the more goals scored the better their results and is a confusing concept to determine the team that should proceed.

Proposed by Dallas Lister – BCLOG – Vice Chair - Minor

Add NEW REGULATION 12: PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 12.15 that would read:

12.15 That each Provincial Tournament shall have an established Officials in Charge (OIC) structure as follows:

1. **Head OIC - One (1) Head OIC shall be appointed for each Minor Division.**

Responsibilities:

Recruit and allocate officials.
 Ensure all officials are monitored throughout the tournament.
 Conduct and/or oversee end-of-tournament evaluations for all officials.
 Report directly to the Vice Chair of Minor Officials.

Compensation:

The Head OIC shall receive the equivalent of **4 game fees per day** (calculated at the highest level of Minor Lacrosse).

2. **Assistant OIC (S) - One (1) Assistant OIC shall be appointed for each tournament venue.**

Responsibilities:

Assist the Head OIC in completing evaluations and recruiting officials.

Support the implementation of tournament guidelines provided by the Technical Group.

Compensation:

Each Assistant OIC shall receive the equivalent of **2 game fees per day** (½ of the Head OIC compensation, calculated at the highest level of Minor Lacrosse).

3. Guidelines

The OIC team shall follow the guidelines established by the Technical Group for tournament OICs.

Officials are permitted to officiate a maximum of 4 games per day. The proposed compensation mirrors this existing structure, ensuring fairness while recognizing the critical importance of OIC duties in maintaining tournament standards and supporting officials' development.

Rationale: It is increasingly difficult to encourage senior officiating leaders to take on the role of OIC at Provincial tournaments. Currently, no compensation structure exists for this role, despite the high level of responsibility and time commitment involved.

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS 14.03 currently reads:

- 14.03 No more than two games per calendar day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play. In U7 or U9, teams may play up to three modified or mini games (two periods only) during tournament play per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games, per REGULATION ~~4.12~~. A copy of the tournament schedule must be submitted to the Minor Directorate Tournament Administrator and assigned Tournament Commissioner at least one week prior to the tournament.

Amend REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS 14.03 that would read:

- 14.03 No more than two games per calendar day will be scheduled for each team during tournament play. In U7 or U9, teams may play up to three modified or mini games (two periods only) during tournament play per calendar day. No player may play in more than the maximum number of games, per REGULATION **4.11**. A copy of the tournament schedule must be submitted to the Minor Directorate Tournament Administrator and assigned Tournament Commissioner at least one week prior to the tournament.

Rationale: Fixing an incorrect reference in 14.03

Proposed by Gord McIntosh, Minor Directorate Chair

REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS 14.07 currently reads:

- 14.07 Tournament rules and regulations will be submitted to the Minor Directorate prior to receiving sanction. If there are changes or updates, a revised version must be submitted to the Minor Directorate at least one week before the tournament. A copy of the rules and regulations as accepted by the Minor Directorate will be given to the coach or manager of each team participating in the tournament, prior to the team's first game.

Amend REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS 14.07 that would read:

- 14.07 Tournament rules and regulations will be submitted to the Minor Directorate prior to receiving sanction. If there are changes or updates, a revised version must be submitted to the Minor Directorate at least one week before the tournament. A copy of the rules and regulations as accepted by the Minor Directorate will be given to the coach or manager of each team participating in the tournament, prior to the team's first game. **For the U9 division, any tournament that is taking place in June (at least 1 of the tournament dates must be in June) must designate whether it is 3 on 3 or 5 on 5.**

Rationale: The Minor Directorate has been approving U9 tournaments that take place in June as either 3 on 3 or 5 on 5. This was a concession from 2023 when the MD selected options from the Lacrosse Canada rule book for the U9 division to 3 on 3 for all regular season play. This would allow for U9 players to get some exposure to 5 on 5 play prior to moving up to U11. While this has been done for past 3 years, it has not been in policy and should be.

REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS 14.10 currently reads:

- 14.10 For the purposes of developing Female Box lacrosse, female players playing on a mixed team, may on application to the Minor Directorate Female Box Lacrosse chair, apply to participate with a Female box Lacrosse team attending a Female Box Lacrosse tournament. Games played will not count towards Provincials eligibility.

Amend REGULATION 14: TOURNAMENTS 14.10 that would read:

- 14.10 For the purposes of developing Female Box lacrosse **in BCLA zones 1, 2, 7 & 8**, female players playing on a mixed team **and where female lacrosse is not offered in zones 3, 4,5 and 6**, may on application to the Minor Directorate Female Box Lacrosse chair, apply to participate with a Female box Lacrosse team attending a Female Box Lacrosse tournament. Games played will not count towards Provincials eligibility.

Rationale: The original intent of this policy was to give female lacrosse players greater opportunities to play lacrosse on a female only teams. In the Lower Mainland and Island this has generally been met. We would like to see this growth continue on the Island and Lower Mainland but in the zones mentioned still requires additional assistance.

REGULATION 17: COMMISSIONS 17.03 currently reads:

- 17.03 A Commission Executive is responsible to provide an updated copy of their Commission Operating Policy ~~on an annual basis to the Minor Directorate~~ within 45 days of their AGM. This policy is to include Association boundaries so that a current record may be kept on record with the BCLA Office. When in dispute, in areas where there is a Commission, boundaries shall be voted on by an entire Commission at a Special Meeting called by the Commission Chair for resolution of said dispute. In areas without a Commission, the Minor Directorate would be called upon to resolve any dispute.

Amend REGULATION 17: COMMISSIONS 17.03 that would read:

- 17.03 A Commission Executive is responsible to provide an updated copy of their Commission Operating Policy **on their commission website** within 45 days of their AGM. This policy is to include Association boundaries so that a current record may be kept on record with the BCLA Office. When in dispute, in areas where there is a Commission, boundaries shall be voted on by an entire Commission at a Special Meeting called by the Commission Chair for resolution of said dispute. In areas without a Commission, the Minor Directorate would be called upon to resolve any dispute.

Rationale: Update current practices

Proposed by Gerry Van Beek – BCLA President

REGULATION 25: AMENDMENTS 25 currently reads:

- 25.01 The Operating Regulations of the Minor Directorate shall not be altered except at a Special Session of the Minor Directorate, ~~to be held during the BCLA Annual General Meeting, and~~ shall be made ~~only~~ by ~~a majority vote of the members voting thereon~~.
- 25.02 Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the BCLA Office at least forty-five days before the day of the ~~Annual~~ Meeting and the proposed amendments shall be circulated to the members at least thirty days prior to the ~~Annual~~ Meeting.

Amend REGULATION 25: AMENDMENTS 25 that would read:

- 25.01 The Operating Regulations of the Minor Directorate shall not be altered except at a Special Session of the Minor Directorate. **Changes** shall be made only by **an Ordinary Resolution**.
- 25.02 Notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in writing to the BCLA Office at least forty-five days before the day of the Meeting and the proposed amendments shall be circulated to the members at least thirty days prior to the Meeting.

Rationale: The Minor Directorate might need a Special Session at a time different than the BCLA Annual Meeting.

Proposed by Garrett Billings – Delta Minor Lacrosse – Technical Director

Add NEW REGULATION 25: AMENDMENTS 25.03 that would read:

- 25.03 Exceptions to specific Minor Directorate Operation Regulations may be considered by the Minor Directorate Executive. Exceptions will be temporary in nature, with the duration of no longer than the end of the current or upcoming season. Exceptions must be passed by a majority vote of the Minor Directorate.**

Rationale: To implement a Female Lacrosse festival for the 2026 box lacrosse season, there will be a need to operate outside of Minor Directorate policy.
