

**BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
2025 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
BCLA FIELD DIRECTORATE POLICY**

Proposed by Dylan Taylor, Field Directorate - Secretary

Housekeeping to **entire** FIELD DIRECTORATE OPERATING POLICY that would **DELETE**:

Any reference to a **U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT**

Rationale: The U11 Provincial Tournament is not a Provincial Championship and therefore should not be included in FD Operating Policy.

Proposed by Dylan Taylor, Field Directorate - Secretary

REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS 1 Past Chair currently reads:

- Shall act as a liaison between the previous and current Field Directorate
- Will help maintain the continuity and direction of the Field Directorate, and will act as mentor to the newly elected Field Directorate Chair and Vice Chair when necessary
- This position will be immediately following the individual's final term as Chair
- Is a voting member of the Field Directorate

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- Is **not** a voting member of the Field Directorate

Rationale: Housekeeping to align with BCLA Bylaw XI , Article 3 below, which does not list the FD Past Chair as a voting member.

3. THE FIELD LACROSSE DIRECTORATE

(a) The Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair Youth, Vice Chair Men's, Vice Chair Women's and Secretary of the Field Directorate, League Chair or designate of each League. The voting members shall consist of the above-listed and the BCLOTSG Vice Chair – Men's Field, the BCLOTSG Vice Chair – Women's Field, the BCLCG Vice Chair – Men's Field and the BCLCG Vice Chair - Women's Field. The Minor Directorate Chair and the Senior Directorate Chairs, or designates, may request to attend a Field Directorate Meeting or send a written report as deemed necessary.

Proposed by Dylan Taylor, Field Directorate - Secretary

REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS 1 Registrar currently reads:

- Responsible for the administration ~~and filing of all player~~ registration ~~forms and team declaration for all divisions.~~
- ~~To provide year-end registration statistics and have them available for the hosts of the Provincials.~~
- ~~To ensure that registration forms are updated and available to the membership at the beginning of each season.~~
- The Registrar shall appoint assistants as needed.

Amend REGULATION 1: JOB DESCRIPTIONS 1 Registrar that would read:

- Responsible for the administration *of BCLA's Online* registration *system including updating required sections of the registration system before the start of each season, for all Associations (Youth, Senior, and Women's).*
- The Registrar shall appoint assistants as needed.

Rationale: Updating language to reflect move to RAMP/online registration system and how this impacts "duties" for registrar.

REGULATION 4: PROOF OF AGE 4.01 currently reads:

- 4.01 The Registrar of the association shall sign all applications for registrations or designate to which the player belongs, and shall, in the Minor age groups, have visual confirmation of division of proof of age in one of the following forms:
- Government Birth Certificate
 - ~~Certification of Baptism~~
 - ~~Letter from Registrar or Birth advising that age stated is correct~~
 - Current Passport
 - Certificate of Indian Status Card

Amend REGULATION 4: PROOF OF AGE 4.01 that would read:

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- Government Birth Certificate
 - Current Passport
 - Certificate of Indian Status Card
 - ~~Current Government ID~~

Rationale: Baptism is no longer a common practice, not clear what Letter from “REGISTRAR OR BIRTH” means

REGULATION 4: PROOF OF AGE 4.02 currently reads:

- 4.02 In the event that none of the above is available, the Field Directorate may permit the player to play within its jurisdiction. Such approval shall be forwarded to the BCLA Office and the Field Registrar, and ratified.

Amend REGULATION 4: PROOF OF AGE 4.02 that would read:

- 4.02 In the event that none of the above is available, the Field Directorate may permit the player to play within its jurisdiction, *after conducting its due diligence to accurately determine the birth year of the player.* Such approval shall be forwarded to the BCLA Office and the Field Registrar, and ratified.

Rationale: Adding some weight to the process for the FD to “permit” a player to play based on proof of age.

REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.01 currently reads:

- 7.01 ~~Invitational~~ tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations or Commissions wishing to host ~~invitational~~ tournaments must apply to the Field Directorate by 15th August. The Field Directorate will sanction the tournament, ~~and pass the information to all associations, Commissions and League Commissioners.~~ The Field Directorate will ~~review all applications and~~ maintain a master schedule ~~to determine which tournaments will be sanctioned.~~ The sanctioned list will ~~then~~ be published to all members ~~so~~ the registration process ~~can begin.~~

Amend REGULATION 7: TOURNAMENTS 7.01 that would read:

- 7.01 Tournaments are encouraged at all levels as a means of giving enjoyment and encouragement to teams and players. Associations or Commissions wishing to host tournaments must apply to the Field Directorate by 15th August. The Field Directorate will ~~determine whether to~~ sanction the tournament, ~~based on all tournament applications and respective dates requested.~~ The Field Directorate will maintain a master schedule ~~and pass the information to all associations, Commissions and League Commissioners.~~. The sanctioned list will be published to all members ~~to begin the registration process.~~

Rationale: Removing Invitational because these aren't typical Invitationals?? Teams indicate their intention and are admitted by host, which is different from the definition of "Invitational".

Also tidying language to help clarify process.

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REMOVE REGULATION 11: AMENDMENTS 11.04 that currently reads:

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

Rationale: This regulation is to be entirely removed from the Field Directorate Operating Policy. There will no longer be an option for temporary exceptions to operational regulations to be approved by the Field Directorate Executive. All operational regulation changes must follow the standard amendment process and be approved at a Field Directorate Special Session or AGM.

Policy amendments need to follow procedure -review and approval at AGM or Special Session

This motion also affects the following:

11.02 - Field Directorate Governance Procedures

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.05 currently reads:

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

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

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

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.05 that would read:

21.05 *League standings will be determined using a ranking-based system that incorporates game results, strength of schedule, and opponent rankings. Wins, losses, and other competitive metrics will be factored into the rankings rather than a simple point accumulation model.*

Rationale: Aligns Standings with Ranking System – Reflects strength of competition rather than just win/loss points.

Ensures Accurate Playoff Seeding – Provides teams with a fair ranking system based on performance metrics.

This motion also affects the following:

22.03 – Provincial Championship Format (Page 116)

22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

ADD NEW REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.05 (a) that would read:

21.05 (a) League Standings & Ranking System

The BCLA Field Directorate will adopt an objective, data-driven ranking system (e.g., MyLaxRankings or an equivalent approved platform) for determining league standings and playoff seeding. The ranking system will calculate standings based on game results, strength of schedule, and opponent rankings. All regular-season, sanctioned tournament, and league playoff games will be reported into the system for accuracy. The rankings will be used to determine playoff matchups and provincial qualification, replacing the prior system of regional allocations and standings based solely on points.

Rationale: Ensures Competitive Fairness – Teams are ranked based on results and strength of competition rather than arbitrary berth allocations.

Increases Transparency – Provides all teams with a clear, real-time view of their ranking.

Aligns with Modern Competitive Structures – Most sports leagues use data-based ranking systems to improve accuracy in team placements.

This motion also affects the following:

21.05 – League Standings & Points System (Page 114)

22.03 – Provincial Championship Format (Page 116)

22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

ADD NEW REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.06 (a) that would read:

21.06 (a) Self Scheduling of Games

Teams will self-schedule all regular-season games based on field and referee availability. Each team must submit an initial schedule by October 1, with all games completed by November 30. Teams that fail to complete their scheduled games will have the unplayed matches recorded as defaults, impacting their standings in the approved ranking database system. A dispute resolution process will be available for rescheduling issues beyond a team's control.

Rationale: Enhances Scheduling Flexibility – Allows teams to optimize match scheduling based on field and referee availability.

Reduces Cancellations and Reschedules – Fixed scheduling creates challenges with field availability and referee shortages.

Provides a Fair Default System – Ensures unplayed games impact rankings but do not financially penalize teams.

This motion also affects the following:

21.07 – Game Defaults & Reschedules (Page 115)

22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification Minimum Games (Page 118)

22.09 – Declaration Forms for Provincials (Page 119)

ADD NEW REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.06 (b) that would read:

21.06 (b) Dispute Resolution for Self-Scheduled Games

If a team is unable to secure a mutually agreed-upon game date due to field or referee unavailability, a request for arbitration may be submitted to the Field Directorate. The Directorate will review circumstances and determine an appropriate solution, which may include rescheduling, forfeit assessment, or an exception in cases of uncontrollable factors (e.g., weather, league-wide referee shortages).

Rationale: Prevents Disruptions Due to Scheduling Conflicts – Provides a process for disputes that arise when teams cannot agree on game scheduling.

Ensures Fairness in Self-Scheduling System – Creates a mechanism to resolve game scheduling issues without arbitrary penalties.

This motion also affects the following:

21.07 – Game Defaults & Reschedules (Page 115)

22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.06 currently reads:

21.06 In the event of a team defaulting a game, any legitimate expenses incurred as a consequence of the default shall be reimbursed by the defaulting association/club. The expenses will be paid to the non-offending association/club within thirty (30) days of the receipts received.

Amend REGULATION 21: YOUTH PLAYING RULES 21.06 that would read:

21.06 In the event of a team defaulting a game, *the defaulting team will receive a forfeit loss recorded in the ranking system. The opposing team will be awarded a forfeit win for ranking and seeding purposes.*

Additionally, the defaulting team will remain responsible for reimbursing any legitimate expenses incurred by the non-offending association/club, such as field rental or referee costs. Reimbursement must be completed within thirty (30) days of receiving the required receipts.

If a team defaults more than once in a season without just cause, they will be subject to review by the Field Directorate. The Directorate may impose additional sanctions, including restrictions on future competition, increased ranking penalties, or financial penalties as deemed necessary.

Rationale: Maintains Accountability Through Financial Reimbursement – Ensures that the non-offending team is not financially burdened by another team’s default.

Aligns with the New Ranking System – Introduces ranking penalties to discourage defaults while maintaining fairness in playoff seeding.

Introduces a Review Process for Repeated Defaults – Encourages teams to fulfill their scheduled commitments and deters intentional game forfeits.

Balances Competitive and Financial Consequences – Implements both a ranking penalty and a financial penalty to maintain fairness.

This Motion Also Affects the Following Policies:

21.05 – League Standings & Points System

22.03 – Provincial Championship Format

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (a) currently reads:

22.01 (a)The Youth Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 in Tier 1 and Tier 2, *if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.*

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (a) that would read:

22.01 (a)The Youth Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 in Tier 1 and Tier 2, *based on an Association(s) offering to host the event.*

Rationale: Housekeeping – remove the ability for the Field Directorate to not host the event and add that these events require Associations to host

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (b) currently reads:

22.01 (b)A Youth U11 ~~*Provincial Tournament*~~ shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, ~~*if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.*~~

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (b) that would read:

22.01 (b)A Youth U11 *Festival* shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division *based on an Association(s) applying to host the event. This event shall not be called a Provincial Championship, but will be a Provincial Festival, held to conclude the season. In keeping with standard tournament application practice, the event will be organized and paid for by the Host Association and as many teams as possible must be admitted to the event.*

Rationale: Many would agree there should be an event where athletes can wrap up their season, however, at U11, however, it should not be considered a Provincial Championship. The Field Directorate Operating Policy does not outline any of the tournaments outside of Provincial Championships and so perhaps this event should be removed from Policy and be part of the standard tournament application process. And on top of that as per BCLA

BY-LAW NUMBER XI: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS

3. THE FIELD LACROSSE DIRECTORATE

(e)The Field Lacrosse Directorate is responsible to the Executive but has the authority to carry out its responsibilities within its allotted budget.

The current BCLA budget is strained due to a lack of fee increases over the past several years, at a bare minimum fees should have kept pace with cost of living, however they have not. As a result, there is no money in the budget to add a BCLA funded Provincial Tournament for U11 girls. With the goal of reducing the the disparity between youth & women's, it's clear that neither should be a Provincial Tournament funded by the BCLA, but instead kids would benefit from festivals hosted by Associations (the same model as in Box lacrosse).

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.01 (a) & (b) currently reads:

22.01 (a)The Youth Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 in Tier 1 and Tier 2, *if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.*

(b)A Youth U11 Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, ~~*if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.*~~

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22.01 (a) The Youth Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 in Tier 1 and Tier 2.

(b) A Youth U11 Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division.

Rationale: Provincials should be held yearly for all divisions as per operating policy. The field directorate should not be able to decide whether or not a given provincials tournament/championship will occur without input from members or in lieu of predetermined reasons that justify them not occurring (ie. weather, lack of host, etc).

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (a) currently reads:

22.03(a) ~~*At the scheduled meetings, the Field Directorate may decide the number of teams to enter the Provincial Championships.*~~

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (a) that would read:

22.03 (a) *The number of teams entering the Youth Provincial Championships will be determined by the Field Directorate based on the number of teams per tier, with adjustments made according to the approved ranking system standings.*

Rationale: Implements an Objective Selection Process – The number of Provincial Championship spots should be determined based on league standings and rankings rather than discretionary adjustments.

Ensures Competitive Balance – The amendment ensures that Provincial berths are awarded to the highest-performing teams while maintaining flexibility for adjustments.

This motion also affects the following:

22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

22.09 – Declaration Forms for Provincials (Page 119)

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (b) currently reads:

22.03 (b) ~~*All leagues will play down to the following allotted number of teams per tier:
Lower Mainland 5 Teams
Vancouver Island 2 Teams
Interior 1 Team*~~

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (b) that would read:

22.03 (b) *The number of teams qualifying for Provincials from each region will be determined based on the approved ranking system standings rather than pre-allocated spots. Each region will be guaranteed a minimum of one berth, with remaining Provincial spots awarded to the highest-ranked teams across all leagues.*

Rationale: Replaces Fixed Allocations with a Competitive System – Ensures that the best-performing teams advance to Provincials, rather than using a fixed allocation model.

Maintains Regional Representation – Guarantees a minimum berth for each region while allowing additional spots to be awarded based on performance.

Encourages Competitive Development – Provides an incentive for all teams to improve performance rather than relying on pre-determined quotas.

This motion also affects the following:

22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

22.09 – Declaration Forms for Provincials (Page 119)

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (c) currently reads:

22.03 (c) ~~*Numbers may be altered by the Field Directorate to fill any vacancies or to make allowances for participation by leagues in developing areas.*~~

Only one team from a developing area may participate if all spots are allotted. If more than one team declares from a developing area, then a playdown occurs to fill the allotted spot. If this is not feasible, then the Field Directorate will determine which team will be allotted the spot.

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.03 (c) that would read:

22.03 (c) *The Field Directorate may allocate one additional Provincial berth to a developing region based on performance in the ranking system, provided that a team has played a minimum of eight games and meets all Provincial eligibility requirements. If multiple teams from a developing region declare for the same berth, the highest-ranked team in the approved ranking system will receive the Provincial Championship spot.*

Only one team from a developing area may participate if all spots are allotted. If more than one team declares from a developing area, then a playdown occurs to fill the allotted spot. If this is not feasible, then the Field Directorate will determine which team will be allotted the spot.

Rationale: Ensures a Performance-Based Entry for Developing Teams – Prevents automatic entry and ensures developing teams earn their Provincial spot.

Creates a Fair Allocation Process – Allows only one team per developing region while using rankings to determine which team advances.

Reduces Arbitrary Adjustments – Introduces a structured approach to filling Provincial berths in developing regions.

This motion also affects the following:

22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

21.05A – League Standings & Ranking System (Page 114)

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

22.05 Control

~~(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.*~~

~~3) *Members may propose revisions, due to the Vice Chair Youth Field at a date to be communicated by the Vice Chair Youth Field.*~~

~~4) *Proposals will be gathered and subject to a discussion and vote to incorporate or change the Youth PT Directive by the Field Directorate prior to the publishing of the Youth PT 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.~~

~~5) 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.~~

Rationale: As the U11 Festival is not a Provincial Tournament or Championship a directive is not required – this event is a regular tournament totally hosted and run by an Association not the BCLA

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 (b) currently reads:

22.08 (b) To be eligible to play in a Youth Provincial Championship a team must have played a minimum of eight league games, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year as a team. *Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.*

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 (b) that would read:

22.08 (b) To be eligible to play in a Youth Provincial Championship, a team must have played a minimum of eight league games, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or a combination of, during the current year as a team. *Playoff matchups will be determined by approved ranking database system standings rather than regional berth allocations. The top 6-8 ranked teams per division at the end of playoffs will advance to Provincials. Each region is guaranteed at least one berth, ensuring competitive balance while maintaining fair representation.*

Rationale: Ensures Competitive Integrity – Provincial qualification is determined by objective ranking metrics. Aligns Playoff Qualification with Performance – Ensures teams earn their Provincial spot through competitive matchups.

Maintains Regional Representation – Guarantees a minimum berth for underrepresented regions.

This motion also affects the following:

22.09 – Declaration Forms for Provincials (Page 119)

21.05 – League Standings & Points System (Page 114)

22.08 (c) – Player Eligibility for Provincials (Page 118)

22.08 (f) – Minimum Games Required for Provincial Eligibility (Page 118)

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 (c) currently reads:

22.08 (c) To be eligible to play in a Youth Provincial Championship, a player playing up a division or calibre must have played a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games, or league playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team.

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 (c) that would read:

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Rationale: Ensures Competitive Integrity – Player eligibility is now verified within the ranking system, preventing manipulation of qualifications.

Aligns with Ranking-Based Playoffs – Ensures consistency in Provincial eligibility under the new qualification model.

This motion also affects the following:
22.09 – Declaration Forms for Provincials (Page 119)
22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 (f) currently reads:

22.08 (f) To be eligible to play in a Provincial Youth Championship a player must have played in a minimum of four league games, sanctioned tournament games or playoff games, or combination of, excluding players playing up one age group or calibre

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.08 (f) that would read:

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Rationale: Prevents Teams from Skipping Games – Ensures that teams do not avoid playing required matches to manipulate rankings.

Aligns with Self-Scheduling Model – Provides accountability for teams to complete their scheduled games.

This motion also affects the following:
21.06A – Self-Scheduling of Games (Page TBD, New Section)
22.08 (b) – Provincial Qualification (Page 118)

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

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

Declaration Forms

The BCLA Office must receive declaration forms for Youth Provincial Championships along with an attached roster and payment for entry into provincial playdowns by the date set by the Field Directorate for the playing season. Failing this will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and Youth Provincial Championships of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Youth Provincial Championships after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a ~~\$1,500.00~~ fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws ***within 14 days prior to the start of the Youth Provincial Championships***, the parent ***club*** shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. ***Outstanding*** fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid. All withdrawals must be made in writing by the Parent Club.

If a team withdraws from the U11 Youth Provincial tournament after declaring, the parent club shall be subjected to a \$500 fine per team that withdraws if that team withdraws less than 14 days prior to the start of the tournament. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Youth Provincial Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have met the minimum requirements of the youth league.

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If a team withdraws from participating in *any playoff game, playdown game, or any game that would help determine a berth in the Provincial Championship* after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a **\$1000.00** fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, *if a team withdraws after a provincial berth is confirmed/assigned, the parent association shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws*. Fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid. All withdrawals must be made in writing by the Parent Club.

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Rationale: To provide clarity and make the fine a bit more reasonable.

Proposed by Dylan Taylor, Field Directorate - Secretary

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Declaration Forms

The BCLA Office must receive declaration forms for Youth Provincial Championships along with an attached roster and payment for entry into provincial playdowns by the date set by the Field Directorate for the playing season. Failing this will result with the said team becoming ineligible for the provincial playdowns and Youth Provincial Championships of the playing year.

If a team withdraws from participating in the Youth Provincial Championships after declaring, the parent club shall be subject to a \$1,500.00 fine per team that withdraws. Additionally, if a team withdraws within 14 days prior to the start of the Youth Provincial Championships, the parent club shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Outstanding fines not paid by the first day of registration of the following season will result in all player registrations for that association to be suspended until the fine is paid. All withdrawals must be made in writing by the Parent Club.

Declaration forms will not be accepted if the team has declared to play in a division lower than their League placement.

The registered player names recorded on the declaration form will form the final roster for Youth Provincial Championships and the only changes permitted will be to delete registered players who will not be participating due to not meeting qualification requirements, injury, etc. or to add any call-up players who have met the minimum requirements of the youth league.

Rationale: If proposed change to Regulation 22.01 (b) and 44.01 (b) pass the U11 event will be a Festival run/hosted by an Association in the same fashion as all other tournaments that have happened throughout the season. Teams will apply to the host, not submit a declaration form to the BCLA (only used for Provincial Championships).

Proposed by Brad Foster, Adanacs Field Lacrosse - President

REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.10 currently reads:

22.10 Venue

It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate to set dates and places of all provincial championships. The locations shall be chosen from applications received from Associations, Clubs, or Zones wishing to host all levels of play. ~~*The host responsibilities of the Associations, Clubs or Zone to host provincial championships will be declared by the Field Directorate.*~~

Amend REGULATION 22: YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS AND U11 PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT 22.10 that would read:

22.10 Venue

It is the responsibility of the Field Directorate to set dates and places of all provincial championships. The locations shall be chosen from applications received from Associations, Clubs, or Zones wishing to host all levels of play, *a combination of or an approved central location or facility appropriate for hosting this size of tournament, ie: BC Place.*

To align with the revised September–December season structure, Provincial Championship venues shall be determined and announced no later than September 30 of the playing season.

The Field Directorate will confirm the host responsibilities of the selected Associations, Clubs, or Zones and ensure all venue logistics are finalized within the required timeframe.

Rationale: Aligns with the Revised Season Timeline – Ensures that venues are selected in time for structured planning within the shortened season.

Improves Planning for Teams and Officials – Allows teams to plan travel, accommodations, and logistics in advance.

Enhances Administrative Efficiency – Provides clarity on host responsibilities and venue logistics before the competitive season begins.

This Motion Also Affects the Following Policies:

22.06 – Applications to Host Youth Provincial Championships

22.07 – Provincial Qualifiers Declaration

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

- 22.14 *The Field Lacrosse playing season will run from September to the second weekend in December, including Provincial Championships. Youth Provincial Championships will conclude no later than December 22. Teams may continue to participate in exhibition tournaments and development events in January through March at their discretion. Provincial Championships must be scheduled* on a non-conflicting weekend with Senior Men's or Masters Provincial Championships.

Rationale: Aligns season structure with competitive needs by reducing seasonal conflicts for multi-sport athletes.

Provides flexibility for extended play, allowing teams to participate in tournaments beyond the formal season. Addresses weather challenges by eliminating January through March scheduling issues in cold-weather regions. Ensures proper Provincial Championship scheduling by maintaining alignment with existing Senior Men's and Masters Provincial Championships scheduling requirements.

This Motion Also Affects the Following:

- 22.06 – Applications to Host Youth Provincial Championships (Page 119)
- 22.07 – Provincial Qualifiers Declaration (Page 119)
- 22.09 – Declaration Forms for Provincials (Page 119)
- 24.00 – Youth Timeline (Page 123)

REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE 37.01 currently reads:

- 37.01 The U13, U15 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 and U18 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)*~~

Amend REGULATION 37: WOMEN'S TEAM SIZE 37.01 that would read:

- 37.01 The U13, U15 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 and U18 division must have a minimum of eight (8) registered players.

All divisions may have a game roster of up to **twenty-five (25)**.

Rationale: To match the game roster size of permitted in youth. No reason to cap at 18, means teams with bigger rosters permitted in women's field need to sit players on gameday.

Proposed by Dylan Taylor, Field Directorate - Secretary

REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 (a) currently reads:

44.01 (a) The Women’s Field Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and 2, ~~*if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.*~~

Amend REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 (a) that would read:

44.01 (a) The Women’s Field Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and 2, *based on an Association(s) offering to host the event.*

Rationale: Housekeeping – remove the ability for the Field Directorate to not host the event and add that these events require Associations to host

Proposed by Dylan Taylor, Field Directorate - Secretary

REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 (b) currently reads:

44.01 (b) A Women’s ~~*Provincial Tournament*~~ shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, ~~*if deemed desirable by the Field Directorate.*~~

Any policy in Section 44 that applies to U11 will be identified with the use of the term “*Provincial Tournament*” (i.e. U11 Women’s *Provincial Tournament*). A policy or section only identifying “Provincial Championship” will not apply to the U11 *Provincial Tournament*.

Amend REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 (b) that would read:

44.01 (b) A Women’s *Festival* shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, *as long as an Association(s) offers to host the event. This event shall not be called a Provincial Championship, but will be a festival, held to conclude the season. In keeping with the standard tournament application practice, the event will be organized and paid for by the Host Association and as many teams as possible must be admitted to the event.*

Any policy in Section 44 that applies to U11 will be identified with the use of the term “*Festival*” (i.e. U11 Women’s *Festival*). A policy or section only identifying “Provincial Championship” will not apply to the U11 *Festival*.

Rationale: Many would agree there should be an event where female athletes can wrap up their season, however, at U11, however, it should not be considered a Provincial Championship. The Field Directorate Operating Policy does not outline any of the tournaments outside of Provincial Championships and so perhaps this event should be removed from Policy and be part of the standard tournament application process. And on top of that as per BCLA

BY-LAW NUMBER XI: DIRECTORATES/TECHNICAL SUPPORT GROUPS

3. THE FIELD LACROSSE DIRECTORATE

(e)The Field Lacrosse Directorate is responsible to the Executive but has the authority to carry out its responsibilities within its allotted budget.

The current BCLA budget is strained due to a lack of fee increases over the past several years, at a bare minimum fees should have kept pace with cost of living. As a result, there is no money in the budget to add a BCLA funded Provincial Tournament for U11 girls. If you acknowledge the disparity between youth & women’s, it’s clear that neither should be a Provincial Tournament funded by the BCLA, but instead kids would benefit from festivals hosted by Associations *(the same model as in Box lacrosse).

REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 (a) & (b) currently reads:

44.01 (a) The Women’s Field Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and 2, ~~if deemed desirable by the Field Lacrosse Directorate.~~

(b) A Women’s Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division, ~~if deemed desirable by the Field Directorate.~~

Any policy in Section 44 that applies to U11 will be identified with the use of the term “Provincial Tournament” (i.e. U11 Women’s Provincial Tournament). A policy or section only identifying “Provincial Championship” will not apply to the U11 Provincial Tournament.

Amend REGULATION 44: WOMEN’S TOURNAMENTS/CHAMPIONSHIPS 44.01 (a) & (b) that would read:

44.01 (a) The Women’s Field Provincial Championships of the Field Lacrosse Directorate shall consist of the U18, U15 and U13 series in Tier 1 and 2.

(b) A Women’s Provincial Tournament shall be held for all teams in BC at the U11 age division.

Any policy in Section 44 that applies to U11 will be identified with the use of the term “Provincial Tournament” (i.e. U11 Women’s Provincial Tournament). A policy or section only identifying “Provincial Championship” will not apply to the U11 Provincial Tournament

Rationale: Provincials should be held yearly for all divisions as per operating policy. The field directorate should not be able to decide whether or not a given provincials tournament/championship will occur without input from members or in lieu of predetermined reasons that justify them not occurring (ie. weather, lack of host, etc).
