



2022-2023 YOUTH PROVINCIAL FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP DIRECTIVE
U18, U15, U13 Divisions - Tiers 1 and 2

1. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

a) PROVINCIAL DIRECTOR

A member of the Field Directorate who governs all Provincials for Youth Divisions.
Contacts Commissioners to ensure full participation at all levels.

b) CONVENORS

Appointed by the Provincial Director to oversee Championship Tournament.
Appoints Co-ordinators to ensure a successful Provincial.
Works with the Provincial Director.

2. DECLARATION

Each team wishing to participate in Provincial Championships will be required to fill out a declaration form and submit it to the BCLA office by the specified deadline appearing on the declaration form. This form is a commitment for participation and must be accompanied by a cheque for \$100.00 - made payable to the BCLA (Please note on the back of the cheque - *for Provincial Field Championships*). ***Any team withdrawing after submitting a declaration is subject to penalties under FD policy 22.10***

3. ABUSE AND OFFENSIVE CONDUCT

Verbal abuse, racial discrimination among/between players, coaches, officials will result in the following disciplinary action:

First offence: Expulsion from tournament. This ***overrules the 5 games stipulated in suspension guidelines***
All other discipline as per Field Directorate Discipline and Suspension Guide.

4. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

- a) The BCLA will supply team lists to the Convenors. Players not on the lists must have qualified by playing up an age group or calibre for a minimum of three league, sanctioned tournament games, or playoff games, or combination of, during the current year with that team. **EXHIBITION GAMES DO NOT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY.** Eligibility must be verified by score sheets and all the information must be available at the mandatory Coaches Meeting.
- b) Youth players can only participate in one Youth Provincial Championship and must have played a minimum of fifty per cent (50%) of all scheduled league games with that team, excluding players playing up either in calibre (Tier) or one age division. If games are missed due to injury, a doctor's note must be submitted to the commissioner and then forwarded to the Field Directorate's Vice chair-Youth. The note must state the nature of injury, when the injury was sustained and when the player is cleared to resume playing in games. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate. **PLEASE NOTE:** In the case of development areas in BC (i.e., Zones 1,7,8), the exception to this rule will apply to facilitate growth in underdeveloped field lacrosse areas of the province.

No player may play in more than 2 regulation games or 3 mini games (2 – 25-minute halves) per calendar day.

For any qualified call up players, proof of play on at least 3 game sheets must be presented to the playoff director, following the coaches meeting at the Provincials.

Attendance is mandatory at the Provincial championship coaches meeting. Each team must be represented by a coach or team representative. The representative must be able to verify the roster and take responsibility to convey all information presented at the meeting to relevant team personnel.

A copy of the original team registration form will be used to verify the declared team roster at the coaches meeting.

- c) An Official Team Verification Roster, supplied by the Convenor, shall be completed by each team prior to its first game. Once completed and verified by the Convenor, no changes will be permitted.
- d) For each team competing in Provincial Championships, any coach on the side lines must have the following applicable minimum certification prior to the current season's Youth Provincial Field Lacrosse Championships as follows:
 - U13 – Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 1 old NCCP)
 - U15 - Field Lacrosse Community Development (Field Lacrosse Level 2 old NCCP)
 - U18 - Field Lacrosse Competitive Introduction (Field Lacrosse Level 2 old NCCP)
- e) Team Personnel – Certified coaches, certified assistance coaches, manager(s), and trainer. Trainers must have the appropriate certification as defined as one of the following:
 - 1) Any St. John Ambulance Emergency First Aid Course of 8 hours or more
 - 2) Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR Course
 - 3) Canadian Red Cross Sport First Aid Course
 - 4) Any CAHA Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
 - 5) A professional designation (i.e., Medical Doctor, Registered Nurse, Physiotherapist, Police Officer, FireFighter)
- f) Changes to Certified Coaches/Trainers and/or Manager must be done two weeks prior to the Provincial Championship Tournament. Exceptions will be reviewed by the Field Directorate.
- g) Each team can declare a roster of up to 25 players. Exceptions for rosters in excess of 25 players require approval in writing from the Field Directorate.
- h) All exceptions and requests for changes are subject to approval by Provincial Championship Tournament Committee comprised of the Field Directorate Chair, Convenor, Co-ordinators and appointees of the Field Directorate.
- i) Age restrictions are as follows: U13, U15, U18
- j) Any team found to be playing an ineligible player or ineligible players will be expelled from the Tournament and subject to the Team Default fine.
- k) All players on the same team must wear uniform shorts of the same dominant team colour. Those players on the team who wear sweatpants must wear the same colour sweatpants.

5. OVERAGE PLAYERS

Any overaged players being permitted to play down an age group in regular league play by League Commissioners will NOT be eligible for Provincial Round Robin playdowns or Provincial Championships. This rule will not affect the team's eligibility for Provincial Championships.

6. RULES

All play will be as per the current World Lacrosse Official Rules of Men's Field Lacrosse except for duration of games, which may be varied in advance by the Tournament Director, Convenor or Co-ordinators based on field availability and time restrictions. Lacrosse Canada & BCLA rules and policy will also be adhered to.

7. TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All Youth Teams playing in a recognized league in BC will be eligible to participate in a Provincial Tournament. 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 to the spot.

8. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The format for each division will be determined by the Provincial Director and communicated in writing to each team in advance of the tournament unless advised in writing otherwise and subjected to team defaults/expulsions leading to a need for a revised format. Guidelines are as follows:

- a) A win shall be awarded two points, a tie will be awarded one point in Round Robin play. The standings in the Round Robin portion of the tournament will be determined by the number of points. Where ties occur in the point standings after the round robin, see Tie Breaker Rule.
- b) For single division Round Robin format, the two teams with the highest point totals (two points per win, 1 point per tie) will advance to the Gold Medal game and the next two highest (3rd & 4th place teams) will advance to the Bronze Medal game.
- c) For two pool Round Robin format (**8 teams**), the two teams with the most points in each pool will advance to the crossover games (i.e., Pool “A” team #1 versus Pool “B” team #2; Pool “A” team #2 versus Pool “B” team #1). The winners of the crossover games advance to the Gold Medal game. The losers of the crossover games play the Bronze medal game. For **6 teams**, cross-pool will be played. Two pools of 3, the teams will be ranked in order 1 to 6 on completion of the round robin games on points, 1st will play 4th and 2nd will play 3rd. If tied in points the tie breaker rule will be used. Winners of the cross over games will advance to the Gold game and the other two will play in the Bronze game.

9. TIE BREAKER RULE

In the event of a tie in points in BCLA sanctioned tournaments, play downs or Provincials; final standings shall be determined as follows:

- a) **Two** teams tied, the winner of game, or games between the two teams advances.
- b) If the two teams are still tied, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.
- c) If a tie still exists, the team with the least penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games played shall be declared the winner. In the case where the teams have not played the same number of games, the lowest average of the penalties in minutes in all Round Robin games shall be used to declare the winner.
- d) If a tie still exists, then a coin toss will decide the winner.
- e) **Three or more** teams tied, the team(s) that won the greater number of points in games, during the competition, between the team(s) tied shall be declared the winner of the higher position (Head to Head to Head)
- f) If a tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. Only goals scored in games between the tied teams during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.
- g) If a tie still exists, the Goal Average Formula will be used to break the tie. All goals scored in all games during the competition shall be used in the goal average computation.

GOAL AVERAGE FORMULA
GF divided by the sum of GF + GA = Goal Average

Goal Average Formula =
$$\frac{GF}{GF + GA}$$

The team with the goal average closest to 1.0 shall be declared the winner

NOTE: If teams are still tied and cannot be separated by goals against, the following will be used, in this order, until one method results in a winner being identified:

1st - Least personal penalty minutes between tied teams

2nd - Man-Up goals

3rd - Names drawn

10. GAME OFFICIALS

- a) Game referees will be chosen by the BCLOG Head Referee for Field Lacrosse, firstly from the ranks of all certified field referees, and (if necessary), secondly from the next best experienced referees available.
- b) Referees-in-Chief will be assigned by the BCLOG Vice Chair – Field Lacrosse.
- c) Bench officials for Medal Games will be appointed by the co-ordinator, subject always to the approval of the Provincial Director.
- d) Each team will be required to provide one qualified bench official for each round robin game played.
NOTE: To all participating teams - if you have qualified bench officials travelling with your team please make the Co-ordinator aware of these people as he/she may need help during the tournament.
- e) Referees Fees - Paid by the Field Directorate (BCLA as per Hosting Agreement)

Round Robin (2 Refs)

U13 - Tier 1 and 2

Medal Games (3 Refs)

Round Robin (3 Refs)

U15 - Tier 1 and 2

U18 - Tier 1 and 2

Medal Games (3 Refs)

Fees as set by the BC Lacrosse Officials Association (BCLOG).

Gold Medal Games: A Chief Bench Official may be added at \$20.00 per game fee.

11. AWARDS

- a) Medals
Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded.
- b) The U18, U15 and U13 Provincial Champions will each receive a B.C. Provincial Plaque (to be kept by team).
- c) MVP for each Division will be chosen for the Provincials. One per Division.
- d) Field Lacrosse Player of the Tournament

12. TEAMS DEFAULTING

Once a team has committed to attend a Provincial Championship (Provincial Declaration form turned into the BCLA), that team will be expected to show up and remain for all its scheduled games as well as the Award ceremonies for their age division. If a team withdraws from participating in the Provincial Championship Tournament 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 Provincial Championship Tournament, the parent club shall be subject to a \$3,000.00 fine per team that withdraws. Should a team qualify for Provincial Championships and be unable to attend, the PROVINCIAL CO-ORDINATOR is to be informed as soon as

possible so the Provincial Director can fill the vacancy. Should a team default a game during the championship, it will not only be automatically eliminated from further play but subject to the aforementioned fine.

Should an emergency arise which necessitates a team leaving early, the Provincial Director and Convenor shall be consulted.

13. BC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Gold, Silver and Bronze medals
- Participation Gifts
- First Place Trophies
- Championship keeper plaques for each division
- MVP per Division awards
- Field Lacrosse Player of the Tournament Award
- Referees fees – including the medal rounds
- Game balls
- Fields

14. SUPPLIED BY HOST CLUB

- Bench officials for Cross-overs and Medal games.
- Any special awards such as most sportsmanlike team All-Stars, etc.
- Convenor's office for tournament headquarters
- Meeting space for all bench officials and referees to be held at the same time as the coaches meeting, prior to the tournament.
- Any other items necessary for a smooth-running tournament
- Equipment - Bench officials tables and chairs for each field
 - Field lacrosse nets for each field
 - Field lining equipment
 - Bench officials' equipment (stopwatches, scoresheets, pens, etc.)

15. DUTIES OF THE HOST CLUB

- Ensure that qualified MEDICAL PERSONNEL needs are in attended to at all times (i.e., located in central location, supply tent, table, chairs and ice, etc).
- Ensure that facilities are adequate and safe.
- Ensure that qualified bench officials are available for Medal games.
- Ensure that a written report of the tournament is prepared and presented, along with the original copy of all game Sheets to the Provincial Director
- Co-ordinate all sponsorship, promotion and advertising with the BCLA to avoid conflicts with existing sponsors.
- Submit all program information by deadline as imposed by the BCLA.
- A social activity involving all participants and families may be held (optional, but highly recommended)

16. WEATHER-RELATED CLOSURES/CANCELLATIONS

If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships was not completed, then the tournament will be cancelled, and no medals will be awarded.

If the Round Robin portion of the Provincial Championships was completed, then the winner and/or outcome will be decided by the Provincial Championship Committee.

17. OTHER

- a) No photographers/videographers permitted on the field of play without the permission of the Provincial Championship Tournament Committee.
- b) No objects (chairs, tables, ladders, tents) are permitted on the field of play without the permission of the Provincial Championship Tournament Committee.

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