

**INTER-PROVINCIAL LACROSSE PLAY LEAGUE AGREEMENT:
BRITISH COLUMBIA/ALBERTA LACROSSE ASSOCIATIONS**

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A. NAME

The name of the Agreement shall be “Inter-Provincial Lacrosse Play League Agreement: British Columbia/Alberta Lacrosse Associations”.

B. AFFILIATION

This Agreement shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations, and Operating Policy of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association (BCLA), the Alberta Lacrosse Association (ALA), and the Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) which has have priority over this agreement.

C. PURPOSE

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate and encourage inter-provincial play among those centres, associations and pockets of lacrosse bordering both provinces and cut off from normal league involvement and to affirm that both British Columbia and Alberta desire this.

D. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the agreement shall be:

1. To provide an opportunity for all athletes to play lacrosse notwithstanding where they live.
2. To promote and foster the playing of lacrosse.

E. AGREEMENT MEETINGS

There shall not be a requirement for scheduled meetings; however, from time to time both parties may wish to conduct a “Conference Call” on a date requested by either party and agreed upon by both parties. Meetings required by the participating teams shall be called by the teams concerned.

F. AMENDMENTS

This document will only be amended with consent of both Provincial Associations.

G. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for this agreement shall be from November 1 of the current year to October 31 of the next year. Notwithstanding, all participant teams must follow all deadlines and commitments contained in the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations, and the Operating Policies of their governing Provincial Body.

H. **OFFICERS**

The officers who will administer this agreement shall be:

1. **League Chair**

The League Chair shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the participating clubs. This election shall be made at a special meeting of the participants prior to the BCLA or ALA AGM, whichever falls first. Failure to elect a Chair at this special meeting means that the BCLA and ALA will jointly appoint a Chair. In those areas of either province where a league already exists, the team(s) from the other province will abide by the present league rules and regulations and make known their requirements for change at the next appropriate meeting.

2. **League Commissioners**

The League Commissioners shall be appointed by the Chair or in such a manner as laid down in existing leagues.

I. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. **League Chair**

- i. The League Chair shall act as the Liaison between all teams and the Provincial Bodies. He/she shall represent this organization on those Directorates or Boards or Committees of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association and the Alberta Lacrosse Association as required and shall hold any votes allotted.
- ii. He/she shall call and chair all league meetings, and cause to be circulated the minutes of such meetings to all member clubs. He/she shall ensure that all minutes from said meetings are circulated in seven (7) days.
- iii. He/she shall be responsible for ensuring that all participants in games are registered properly prior to any exhibition or league games as outlined in the appropriate provincial Constitutions, Regulations, and By-Laws.
- iv. He/she shall insure that all participating clubs and/or associations are provided with a current copy of this Agreement.

2. **League Commissioner**

- i. He/she shall represent the league in all discussions with the British Columbia Lacrosse Officials and Coaches Associations and the Alberta Lacrosse Officials and Coaches Associations and shall be responsible to negotiate any grievances between them and this organization.
- ii. He/she shall ensure that members of the respective Officials Associations (BCLOA; ALRA) are assigned to all league games.
- iii. He/she shall ensure that all suspensions handed down meet or exceed the minimum standards laid down by both the BCLA and the ALA as well as the CLA. All suspensions must be forwarded to the BCLA and the ALA with-in forty-eight (48) hours.

J. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this Agreement shall only consist of those teams and players who are registered with the governing bodies of the Province in which they live. All participants including players, coaches, trainers, bench personnel, minor officials and game officials must meet all Provincial rules and regulations in regards to meeting deadlines and minimum standards laid out in the province in which they reside and must be registered in said province in the current playing year and not suspended for any reason. All members must be in good standing with their respective Provincial Member Associations and the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

K. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership by any of the aforementioned groups wishing to enter a team in the Inter-Provincial Lacrosse Leagues shall be submitted through their Provincial Body in writing prior to April 1 of the current playing year. Where a league already exists, clubs or associations wishing to join may be required to meet the deadlines set down by said league. Where no league exists, the clubs and associations in question wishing to establish a league will establish deadlines for applications at that time.

L. RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

Each member club or association shall be responsible for the following:

NOTE: Clubs/Associations must be aware that the responsibilities to the Provincial Body supercede any dates or requirements listed in this document.

1. Designating in writing, its delegate and alternate, to the Chair by 15th of April of each year;
2. Attending meetings called by the Chair.
3. Filing a schedule of dates for arenas with the Chair by April 1;
4. All players participating in exhibition, tournament or league games must be registered as per their governing provincial registration policies.
5. The home team must provide CLA approved game balls for each game;
6. The home team must supply three (3) minor bench officials to serve as time box officials for each home game;
7. Complying with requested submissions by the Chair, consistent with this Agreement
8. Reimbursing for a defaulted game, the non-offending team's legitimate expenses as determined by the League Commissioner.
9. Rescheduling canceled games through the Commissioner within ten (10) days of the canceled game date. If a mutually agreed upon date, time or location cannot be found the Commissioner will determine same.

M. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Refer to the BCLA & A.L.A Regulations and Operating Policies. All policies outlined by the participating provinces shall apply. Pick-ups etc shall be governed by said policies. If no policy exists on a certain issue, the policy shall be established by the Leagues.

N. PLAYER ROSTERS, REGISTRATION AND LEAGUE FEES

1. All matters relevant to player movement, eligibility, compliance dates, age, etc. shall be in accordance with the Operating Policy and Regulations of the Provincial Body in which they reside.
2. All teams may be required to pay an annual League fee, in the amount set annually by the Executive of the League in which they participate no later than the dates set forth by said Leagues.
3. All League fees are due by April 1 of the playing year.
4. Teams with unpaid league fees will be notified within twenty-four (24) hours of the due date (with written copy to follow) that they are ineligible to play.
5. All players are required to have played the required number of games set forth by the league in which they participate to qualify for League Championships.
6. All teams which participate in the leagues governed by the Inter-Provincial Lacrosse Play League Agreement must also register and follow all provincial association constitutions, operating policies, regulations, and by-laws in their respective province in order to qualify and participate in provincial playdowns, nationals or any other event hosted or governed by that provincial body.

O. DISCIPLINE

1. The Commissioner shall be responsible for settling all League disputes under this agreement or as directed by the Chair.
2. The Chair and/or Commissioner shall bring to the attention of the individual club management actions that he/she considers not acceptable to the League or the public, and may cause said club or player to post an additional performance bond. Such posting of bonds to follow discussion with the club and/or player(s) involved.
3. Protest and appeal policy must adhere to the BCLA or ALA Operating Policies, Bylaws, and Regulations.

P. INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The league will be responsible for the operating of the Inter-Provincial Championships. These championships shall operate under the rules and regulations of said leagues and be financially responsible as laid down in said procedures.

 2. All teams wishing to enter and compete in the Inter-Provincial League Championships shall be responsible for the cost of operating the tournament. This fee shall be set at the beginning of the playing year.
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By signing below we agree to the policies outlined in this document, and will abide by the contents of this Inter-Provincial Lacrosse Play League Agreement.

BCLA President: _____
Print Name *Signature* *Dated*

ALA President: _____
Print Name *Signature* *Dated*