



# PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

## AGM Meeting Minutes – Women's & Youth

### Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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#### Call to Order 6:37pm

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#### **Attendees (35):**

Brad Romano – Chair	Delta – Michael Miele
Cal Davies – 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair	Langley – Alex Vanichuk
Stacy Paterson – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair/U15W Commissioner	Mission – Nicole Kokoska (Women's), Jason Hughlett (Youth)
Angie Wolfe – Secretary	New West – Julie Edgar
Lynda Callard – Treasurer/Registrar	North Shore – Shannon Webber
Angie Reid – Head Umpire	Poco – Kristen Sheidow (Women's), Erica McKeddie (Youth)
Mary Clare – Head Commissioner	Richmond – Greg Paterson (Youth), Jenner Jenson (Youth)
Roger Paterson – U9 Commissioner	Ridge Meadows – Dave Samson (Women's), Jaime Yerbury
Pam Mason – U11 Commissioner	Rich Bonner (Youth)
Susan dos Santos – Referee Allocator	Surrey – Ian Tyerman (Women's), Jeff Glass (Youth),
Adanacs – Bradley Foster	Sean Reid (Youth)
Burnaby – Nick Lui (Women's), Jackie White (Youth),	Valley – Dave Goulet (Youth), Karen Cameron (Youth)
Simon Gee (Youth)	Vancouver – Alex Miller
Chilliwack – Logan Engel (Youth), Jenna Noppen (Youth)	

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#### **Land Acknowledgment**

The Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League acknowledges that the sacred lands on which we play are the traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples. We are grateful to participate in the Creator's game and we thank these nations; Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, Semiahmoo, Musqueam, Katzie, Kwantlen, Kwikwetlem, Qayqayt, Tsawwassen and Stó:lō

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#### **Acceptance of the 2021 AGM Minutes as presented**

Motion to accept: Lynda Callard  
Seconded: Nicole Kokoska  
No objections

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#### **Acceptance of the 2022 AGM Agenda as presented**

Motion to accept: Bradley Foster  
Seconded: Sean Reid  
No additions

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#### **Executive Reports**

**Chair** – See attached  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair** – See attached  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair/U15W Commissioner** – See attached  
**Treasurer/Registrar** – See attached  
**Secretary** – See attached  
**Referee Allocator** – See attached  
**Head Umpire** – See attached

## **Commissioner Reports**

**Head Commissioner** – See attached

**Women's U8** – See attached

**Women's U12** – See attached

**Women's U15** – See 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Report

**Women's U19** – See attached

**Youth U7** – See attached

**Youth U9** – See attached

**Youth U11** – See attached

**Youth U13** – See attached

**Youth U15** – See attached

**Youth U18** – See attached

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## **PCFLL Operating Policy Amendment Proposals**

- Motion that all proposals labelled as “housekeeping” will be passed without vote or discussion
    - Motioned by: Nicole Kokoska
    - Seconded by: Bradley Foster
    - No discussion
    - Motion carried
  - Please see attached individual proposals for discussion and results
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## **Election of PCFLL Executive**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
    - No nominations were submitted prior to the meeting
    - Lynda Callard nominates Cal Davies
    - No further nominations from the floor
    - Nomination accepted – Ballot cast – Carried
    - Cal Davies is elected 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair for a 2 year term
  - Secretary
    - No nominations were submitted prior to the meeting
    - Dave Goulet nominates Angie Wolfe
    - No further nominations from the floor
    - Nomination accepted – Ballot cast – Carried
    - Angie Wolfe is elected Secretary for a 2 year term
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## **New Business**

- Mission/Valley partnership
  - Karen Cameron and Nicole Kokoska present a proposal to combine their registrations in a fashion similar to Richmond/Vancouver
  - Over the last few years, there have been releases back and forth between the two clubs and it is creating gaps in the call up structure
  - This would be on a trial basis for the next year
  - Would be a club wide partnership. Younger divisions would likely stay in their own associations but once you get to the divisions that tier, would like to combine players
  - Would like to know if the member associations are supportive of this partnership so Mission and Valley can continue to work together to sort out the finer details. Official vote will be held at a future meeting
  - This type of thinking outside the box is innovative and allows our players to play at a higher level by increasing the player skill
  - Seems to be no opposition to the idea. Mission and Valley will move forward

- 2022 PCFLL Bursary winner
  - Congratulations to Rowan Birrell from North Shore on being this year's recipient of the \$2000.00 PCFLL Bursary award. Thank you to everyone who submitted their applications.

**Adjournment 9:19pm**

Motioned by: Bradley Foster

Seconded by: Rich Bonner



# PCFLL EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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## PCFLL Chair Report 2021/2022

The PCFLL was proud to offer a full season to over 2000 Youth and Women field lacrosse players starting in September 2021 even with profound challenges that could not be anticipated headed into the season.

Registration numbers were strong with 1624 Youth players and 456 Women players - this is comparable with our last full season in 2019/20.

The PCFLL made necessary pivots during the season to deal with travel and fuel restrictions as well as dealing with ongoing Covid protocols for outdoor sports. Member associations worked cooperatively during the season to ensure players were taking to the fields and also stepped up financially for our officials supporting mentoring hours so senior officials were compensated for supervising and mentoring our newest and youngest officials.

While the season was successful overall the League faced several specific challenges:

1. Overall Covid protocols during the regular season were challenging but manageable by member Associations. While the Omicron variant posed issues with personnel attending games (players, officials, coaches), the outdoor Covid protocols remained fairly stable until the tournament ban was announced in early 2022 potentially impacting Provincials and League Jamborees.
2. The largest impact outside Covid were the devastating floods in the Fraser Valley in late November 2021.

The resulting travel and fuel restrictions were taken into account by the PCFLL and a regional matchup schedule was put into place for two weeks so as to respect the spirit of the restrictions and acknowledge what our lacrosse families and communities were going through that lived close to the flooded areas.

3. On the Women's side, while participation is strong across the three other age groups, U19 continues to be a struggle in terms of playing and practicing. From Stacy Paterson, 2nd Vice Chair, Women's Coordinator:

- *This season there were 3 U19 teams from PCFLL – Adanacs, New Westminster, Surrey*
- *There were no Provincials for this age group.*

*We still continue to experience ongoing challenges with fielding U19 teams that have adequate player commitment, even with rosters of close to 20 players, to keep the teams going through the season. One of the challenges were the Club field times that they were allocated by Parks & Rec in their municipality, making it difficult for players to play and then have to race to a game to officiate / coach or vice versa. Coaches also expressed concern about the players still committing to practices as well as games on the weekend, as well as injuries, which no one has control over.*

4. Youth Field Lacrosse faces challenges from private clubs and at U18 where tiering is difficult. This year there were four U18 teams and only three declared for provincials. Preventing loss of players from U15 to the final year of U18 will be crucial to this division's success in the upcoming years.

On the positive side the PCFLL had several small victories this year to set up for future success:

1. The PCFLL established four working committees to make improvements for next season and beyond. They are:
  - a. Operations Committee to improve game day and pre-season activity such as tiering and releases;
  - b. Officials Committee to improve recruitment and retention of officials;
  - c. Policy Committee to improve the consistency of policy amendments and the overall Operating Policy of the League; and
  - d. Anti-Harassment Committee to address bullying and harassment incidents that unfortunately are still a part of our environment.
2. A great example of the spirit of Lacrosse was after the Richmond Romp tournament. Several Interior teams attended, however, travel was then impacted after the tournament concluded. Several Lacrosse families within the PCFLL stepped up to help drive or house stranded families while alternate travel arrangements were made. A spreadsheet was circulated for needs and resources and thankfully everyone was able to make it home safely. The effort, coordinated so quickly, and without anyone being asked to do so, was another shining example of how this community can come together quickly when needed.
3. As part of Operational improvements prior to the season, deadlines for release requests were put in place so that Associations and families had visibility into when the League was going to make decisions. The League was then able to move players more efficiently.
4. Communication from the League improved this season and an online form software was introduced allowing for the League to collect information from Associations in a more standardized way. This allows the Executive volunteers to utilize their time more effectively. We are still searching for a better way to ensure that information and decisions by the Associations in the League and / or the League Executive is communicated to the Coaches and Managers who the decisions usually impact. It feels like the "club rep" model could work more effectively to disseminate information and the League will continue to attempt to improve in this area.
5. The league game schedule is very dependent on the number of officials and the age groups those officials are rated for. Angie Wolfe and Stacy Paterson worked closely with Susan and Angie (Reid) to move games so that they could be played and not cancelled based on officials availability. The PCFLL did not have enough officials to ensure that there were officials available for every game, every week, and several games throughout the season needed to be rescheduled due to this. The PCFLL wants to be in a position where this movement is not required, but until then, this collaboration and hard work is required in order to field as many games as we can each week.

Staying with officials, our officials community deserves huge kudos this season. Angie Reid and Susan dos Santos went above and beyond the normal expectations of Assignors to ensure that the most games could be played every weekend. officials were asked to travel more and in the case of our senior officials they were also asked to mentor new officials. This meant arriving extra early or staying after their own game to supervise. Keeping officials is more difficult than

recruiting them in the first place. While the PCFLL was able to step up financially to ensure mentoring was available, our parents, players, and coaches have some responsibility here to keep the abuse of officials to a minimum. Senior officials have choices in how to spend their free time and they choose to spend it supporting our League. We need to respond in kind. This does not mean that officials who require improvement should not receive it or that officials are beyond reproach. However, we need to understand that lacrosse is a fast-moving game and officials should not be expected to be perfect - and they should not face abuse from other participants or fans if they aren't.

On a personal note I would like to thank the Associations and the League Executive for the long hours required to make this season successful . Both groups demonstrated a community spirit and cooperation that made it possible to play the amount of games we were able to this year. We also attempted several changes this year and some were improvements over how we did things and some were not. However, the willingness to try changes is how we progress our League and the Creator's game. I look forward to preparing for next season and the challenges that lie ahead.

Brad Romano

Chair

Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League

# PCFLL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Report 2022

Submitted by Cal Davies

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I enjoyed supporting our Chair and the PCFLL Executive any way that I could.

We have a good group of volunteers that just want the league to succeed and for kids to play Lacrosse.

I was personally involved with the newly established Operations Committee and scheduling the U15 Division.

If needed I would be willing to assist again next season.

Cal Davies



## PCFLL 2nd VICE CHAIR'S REPORT 2021/2022

### U8

- 5 teams in this Division this season – Adanacs, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Mission, Ridge Meadows
- Nice to see the sport continuing to grow
- Would like to work on how to get the game to grow further.

### U12

- 10 teams in this Division this season
- teams from 8 Associations, with both Adanacs & Ridge have 2 at this age group

### U15

- 12 teams in this Division this season
- teams from 7 Associations, with Adanacs, NW, Ridge & Surrey each having 2 in this age group
- First of our 2 trial seasons of tiering in U15 Women's lacrosse & overall, it was successful

### U19

- This season there were 3 U19 teams from PCFLL – Adanacs, New Westminster, Surrey
- These 3 teams contained all the U19 aged players from throughout the Lower Mainland
- There were no Provincials for this age group.

We *STILL* continue to experience ongoing challenges with fielding U19 teams that have adequate player commitment, even with rosters of close to 20 players, to keep the teams going through the season. One of the challenges were the Club field times that they were allocated by their Parks & Rec in their municipality, making it difficult for players to play then race to a game to officiate/coach or vice versa. Coaches also expressed concern about the players still committing to practices as well as games on the weekend, as well as injuries, which no one has control over.

Perhaps a change in format (U19s play Sixes) and the possibility of weeknight games during what would have traditionally been practice times, will be an improvement. Something to explore!

The Big Al's 7v7 tournament was held in Coquitlam again this year, U12, U15 & U19 teams in attendance, with the U8 teams having a Jamboree on the Saturday. This year's tournament was again a 2 day event with games being played on Friday night & all day Saturday. Thanks again to Dennis Santucci & the Adanacs for organizing this annual event that is highly anticipated by players, parents & coaches. For the 2022-2023 season, we would like to propose that the Big Al tourney is the opening weekend of lacrosse for Women's teams.

Thanks again, and always, to Angie Reid for being SO easy to work with when it came to scheduling games & ensuring that we had enough umpires to cover the games.

Provincials went off smoothly for the U12 & U15 Divisions and the weather was on our side for most of it.

Good luck to all the graduating players! Wish you all success in your future lacrosse endeavours.

Thank you to all the Club reps, Presidents, parents, and so many others, who continue to help keep the game growing.

	U8 teams	U12 teams	U15 teams	U19 teams
2021/2022	5	10	12	3
2020/2021	<i>Covid season</i>			
2019/2020	3	12	11	4
2018/2019	3	11	10	4
2017/2018	3	9	10	3
2016/2017		9	8	0 (sticks in format)
2015/2016		8	8	4
2014/2015		6	5	3
2013/2014		4	6	3

Thank you to the PCFLL Board for your support of lacrosse, especially the women's game, and for all your hard work, and time spent, at the Women's Provincial tournament.

**Stacy**

Stacy Paterson  
PCFLL 2nd VC Women

**PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE**  
**Balance Sheet as at April 19, 2022**

**ASSETS**

TD Canada Trust Chequing Account	\$ 34,943.00	
Prepaid Expense	<u>-</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 34,943.00</u></u></b>

**LIABILITIES**

Player Fees Refund	\$ 845.00	
Commissioner Fees Payable	<u>2,000.00</u>	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>2,845.00</b>

**EQUITY**

Retained Earnings		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	\$ 33,886.87	
Net Income - Current Year	<u>(1,788.87)</u>	
<b>TOTAL RETAINED EARNINGS</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 32,098.00</u></u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		<b><u><u>\$ 34,943.00</u></u></b>

**PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the Period April 18, 2021 to April 19, 2022**

**REVENUE**

Player Registration Fees	12,190.00
Fines	200.00
Interest Income	<u>10.45</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** \$ 12,400.45

**EXPENSES**

Bursary	2,000.00
Ref/Ump Mentoring	5,300.00
Cancelled Games	250.00
Commissioner Fees	2,000.00
Provincials	1,678.32
Website Maintenance	2,860.00
Supplies & Miscellaneous	101.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$ 14,189.32

**NET INCOME** \$ (1,788.87)

\*\*\* **Supplies & Miscellaneous**  
Societies Registration

# PCFLL Secretary/Youth Scheduler's Report 2022

Submitted by Angie Wolfe

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As League Scheduler, I worked closely with the new Referee Allocator, Susan dos Santos, to create the league schedule. Lack of referees, weather, floods and Covid protocols all played a huge factor in our inability to post the schedule as a whole. I want to personally thank Susan for all the late night and last minute phone calls as we pieced together a schedule week after week. We aim for a more streamlined process next season.

From the Secretary side, I am very proud of the work that this Executive has done this season. We faced many challenges, on many levels but continued to move forward with games, tournaments and provincials. Communication at the league level has improved vastly. Feedback from clubs has been positive overall.

I wish to thank all my fellow Executives as well as all the commissioners and club reps for all their hard work.

Thanks

Angie Wolfe  
PCFLL Secretary

## **Pacific Coast Field Referee Allocator Report 2021/2022**

2021/2022 is a season to be remembered by all of us. Whether we remember games played or refereed during the 16 weeks of league play, 3 large multi level tournaments, 1 U7 Jamboree, a U11 Final tournament and the U13/15/18 Provincials, or we remember the myriad of natural phenomenon that descended on the Lower Mainland or we remember the ongoing, every fluctuating, pandemic related restrictions and precautions, one thing is certain, 2021/2022 will not be forgotten.

A small and mighty crew of referees covered an average of 42 games a week for a total of over 650 games this season from fields in North Van to Lander to Chilliwack and Mission. To get to these games, hundreds of kms were driven. To parents, who drove the younger referees, I say "thank you" for supporting your youth in their growing skills as a referee and helping to ensure games were played; to referees who drove the distances and often dashed between fields in order to ensure games were covered, I say "thank you" for serving the teams and especially for your efforts to get to those games played at the the farther distanced fields.

To the new referees who joined the ranks, we are glad you decided to learn to referee. We also hope each one of you learned lots and will return to continue developing your skills as a referee next season.

To the referees who have been a referee for a few years or a long time, thank you to each and every one of you. Without you, the games would not have gone ahead this season. To those who helped mentor, thank you for investing in the development of the younger referees.

It was my desire when I was asked to take on this role to see the field allocation move to an online system but it quickly became apparent that we do not have sufficient referees for this to work effectively. So I used google docs both for referee allocation and collection of availability. This allowed for a good overview of the schedule each week and visual ability to see where we had gaps. The referees were sent a reminder weekly to update their availability and then I worked to schedule them. Unfortunately, a 40/60 situation occurred, where about 40% of the referees were prompt to input their availability and quick to notify me if things changed, and about 60% I had to send reminder emails and/or text or even call to find out their availability. In a world with more referees, these referees would simply have not gotten games, but in a world where we needed every single available referee every single weekend, I simply had to reach out and know the availability of each referee. This procurement of availability took up hours each week and was a consistent thought in my mind.

I recognized that the referees are giving up a large chunk of their time each Sunday and so I sought to get the schedule out each week as early as possible. It was my goal to have it out by Thursday night, if not earlier; though this was not always feasible between the crazy weather, ref availability and other factors. Next year I would really like to try to get the schedule out even earlier in the week, but some of the referees work in the hospitality and service industry and do not receive their work schedules until Wednesday or Thursday for the week ahead (which starts on Sunday) which complicates the scheduling. To say it takes hours to put together the referee schedule each week is an understatement. It is a detailed and intricate puzzle with many moving parts and as soon as one change is made it creates a domino cascade as one has to consider level of the game/referee, schedule/availability of the referee (often considering their own game played or coached), distance between fields and, as the season goes on, conflict between certain coaches and referees. It is a challenge that is reset to a blank page each week. Additionally, scheduling referees often required last minute Sunday shufflings and many weeks I was woken early in the morning to the news of a referee who was injured or suddenly ill.

Several local associations have local allocators for the U7/9/11 age groups and their work at assigning referees for those games is most appreciated. Moving forward it would be helpful if all local allocators communicated their assignments to the PCFLL referee allocator so that if game schedules of the referees who also play do not work to have them referee home games then we can collaborate to get them level appropriate games on other fields as well as development of the younger referees can be incorporated into the assignment of the older referees. Without local Head Referees in most associations it is essential that we do some more mentoring of the younger referees and to do this, we need to know who is scheduled on which games.

Mentoring of referees took a front seat this season and I know from referees and coaches that this focus was appreciated and has yielded good results. While we had some referees doing some volunteer mentoring by arriving a bit early for their own game early in the season, it was at the Langley tournament that we started to implement some more formal and intentional mentoring. Seeing how effective it was, it was very much appreciated that the PCFLL approved a total of \$4,000 that we could invest in mentoring the referee. This enabled us to have mentors at 48 regular league games where they could help nurture the younger referees. In addition, 46 games at the Richmond Tournament had intentional mentoring or focused referee development. At the Richmond tournament, we tried some new things like having new referees shadow some older referees, and on field mentoring support, as well as more formal mentoring/evaluations. We tried a U7/9 league day in conjunction with the tournament and while this meant that the referees who attended got some excellent input, there were some hiccups in communication with teams and expectations that teams would travel out to Richmond. While we focused on the U7/U9/U11 referees for their foundational development, it was also exciting to be able to support some of the older referees in their development. We saw 4 more referees learn the 3-referee system at the Richmond Tournament and 2 referees learn how to mentor at the U7 Jamboree. We saw 5 referees develop in their mentoring skills at the U11 Tournament and 10 referees work on or learn the 3-referee system at the U13/15/18 Provincials as well as 4 referees introduced to the CBO position at the U11 Tournament. To the Senior Referees who served as the mentors - thank you! Your willingness to impart wisdom and help train the new referees is most appreciated. To PCFLL, and member associations, thank you for believing in me to organize this mentoring and for investing in the referees. I hope we can continue to see this support for the referee mentorship program next season.

In addition to regular weekly league play, this season saw several additional events:

- 3 Large Tournaments - Maple Ridge (70 games), Langley (100 games) and Richmond (100 games) - kept the referees (and me) extra busy on those weekends. I am grateful that the PCFLL league agreed to cancel league games on the November weekend of the Richmond tournament as by mid November the referees were showing exhaustion and there is no way we could have covered the league games in addition to the tournament games that weekend. A careful analysis of which weekends have tournaments next season and an intentional spreading out (vs back to back) will be necessary to not further burnout the referees. Perhaps the Tiering break weekend can be used for a tournament. Additionally, out of town experienced referees should be invited to all 3 tournaments to help share the load.
- U7 Jamboree was an exciting opportunity for 10 new and developing referees to not only referee some games but also have experienced referees specifically present and prepared to provide developmental feedback where they could then seek to apply this feedback in their very next game. Thank you to Joe who RIC this event and Matt and Austin who assisted with the mentoring and instruction. Thank you to Megan who put together a good schedule and worked to find a new time when weather and then COVID restrictions forced dual postponement of the Jamboree.
- U11 Tournament had to change its date due to the COVID restrictions and this created a challenge as several of the level appropriate referees were no longer available due to March Break holiday plans. Continuing the theme of development of referees, we were able to bring in 7 experienced referees to intentionally mentor the younger referees. We created an evaluation sheet specific to Level 1 referees and I know the referees appreciated the feedback and takeaways for improvement. It was good to see 'college' referees investing in the younger referees and learning how to give constructive feedback.
- U13/15/18 Provincials - see separate report
- HS League and Provincials - see separate report

A big step, especially in light of gas prices and in recognition of the fact that every weekend we were seeing multiple referees out of their 'home base', was to update the travel allotment. I know the referees are grateful that we saw the PCFLL membership agree to increase to \$15 if they had to travel 20+kms to a field. This distance was measured from their home address to the field. Payment was made by the home association and paid once per ref per field regardless of the number of games they did at that field that day. The administration of this was labour intensive and took an average 2 hours each weekend as I had to look up each referee and calculate distance for every game and then email

each manager and advise them. I would love to see this centrally tallied and paid out at the end of the seasons (tiering/fall/winter) rather than weekly at the field.

Many of the game cancellations (once referees were scheduled) could be attributed to the crazy weather and/or COVID impacting a team. The referees were gracious in understanding this and even when there were last minute cancellations, I did not have referees asking to be paid. A few games were canceled for other reasons and I was able to ensure the referees were paid. However, a system needs to be created to track the cancellations and ensure referees are paid. Currently, while the league may fine a team, it is the team who needs to pay the referees and there is no mechanism to know when that has been completed.

Unfortunately there were numerous games canceled due to a lack of available referees. This impacted all divisions and was not limited to just the older U15/U18 age groups. With only 10 level 3+ referees regularly available and 15 'college' age referees (some of whom also coached or played) we had challenges covering the older divisions. We also had issues in the middle as there were only 7 referees ready to do U13 and all but one were also playing and some also coaching so frequently not available to referee a game. There is a good group of 14 referees who have now reached the U11 level and with the investment of mentoring this season we have seen them take steps forward in their development and it is my hope that they will all return and continue to referee. There was also a decent "entry level" group this year - while some did not get very many games, I truly hope they have had a positive experience and taste of what they can do as a referee and will return next season.

It was a pleasure to lead the PCFLL Committee re Referees. I thank each member who was assigned or chose to join the committee: Angie, Dave, Trevor, Joe and Dennis. You each brought something to the discussion and it was evident this was an area of passion when our first meeting generated 4 pages of notes in just over an hour. Our focus was to address the areas of Recruitment, Retention, Optimizing Training, Mentorship and Travel Fees. We summarized and grouped many excellent ideas into a chart report that will be made available to all member associations as well as PCFLL, BCLA and BCLOG in the hopes of assisting in addressing these areas. Looking forward it is my sincere hope that some of the ideas the PCFLL Committee re Referees came up with will help to ensure continued support and development for the referees as well as develop a larger pool. Without an expansion of referees we will soon be in a deep pickle.

As I look back over the season, I can say it was a crazy and intense 7 months. Jumping in with no orientation (and at the start, not even a list of names of referees or indication of their level or location) was not easy but I am thankful to all for the support and especially to a few who helped me figure things out at the beginning. I am indebted to Angie Wolfe - her assistance to help me consider logistics as well as her willingness to let me provide input on the schedule over the whole season was very helpful in the whole jigsaw puzzling. In addition, I am thankful for Ryan Nose and a couple of Senior referees who were willing to help me sort out the weekly 'Jenga' Puzzles while I learned the ropes and the skill levels of the referees. Your assistance kept me sane in a myriad of confusion and helped ensure we had referees on as many games as possible each week.

To each of the referees who accepted games and went to referee - Thank you!

To the managers who were understanding when I had to cancel or move a game due to lack of referees and then were patient as I found referees for rescheduled/TBR games - Thank you!

To the local Associations - NOW is the time to recruit for next season.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dos Santos  
PCFLL Referee Allocator 2021/2022



## PCFLL Women's Field – Head Umpire/Women's Vice Chair Field Officials Report

In the 2021/2022 season, we saw some great successes and some of the same obstacles we have faced in previous years.

Just a week after start of the season, associations participated in the 7v7 tournament hosted by Coquitlam. A huge thank you to all who helped make this tournament happen. It provided the opportunity for former and brand-new umpires to get out there. Some officials did not have much of an opportunity in the previous season, so this was a great start. It might be a great idea to have the 7v7 tournament start the Women's field season instead of after a week or two of league play.

Another great opportunity was the Langley Thunderstrike Tournament. This was the first year the Women's Field game was incorporated and it was a huge success. I was able to provide mentorship and have many new umpires shadow and gain more confidence for the rest of the season. I hope we can continue to be a part of this in years to come.

I also had a mentorship budget provided to me by the PCFLL which helped with over 25 different mentorship opportunities during the fall/winter season. These funds made it possible for experienced umpires to support newer, less experienced officials and provide them the confidence to continue officiating.

This season, we had 44 umpires take online umpire course, 43 completed their certification, with only one official who did not complete their on-field portion (so were not fully certified). This was a lower number than in previous years which was expected considering all that happened with Covid the previous season. Out of those officials, there were only 5 Level 2 officials, which made allocating the U19 and some U15 games difficult. With the course also being online, it makes it difficult to engage new officials, so hopefully we will be back to in person and on field next season.

We have had a couple adults sign up to officiate and it continues to prove successful. I would encourage associations to continue to recruit adults as well youth to umpire next seasons. With many U19 and U15 officials moving on to university or other endeavours, we are going to need as many as we can get. My hope is we can continue to recruit adults so they can eventually mentor new umpires in years to come.

The scheduling of umpires was reverted back to central allocation, which made allocating much easier, even if it did add to my plate. Having associations with field times on Saturday mornings made it difficult to have some of the new officials umpire games because they were either playing or coaching.

The U19 division proved difficult once again this year. With fewer level 2 officials and waning interest, it was frustrating for everyone. I do know there have been many ideas suggested, so hopefully we can find some success next season.

This season, we were at last able to host Women's field Provincials, which proved to be a great success. We were able to run the 3-person system for the crossover and medal games as well. Thank you so much to Ridge Meadows for hosting this year.

My recommendations for this next season would be as follows:

- This season for clinics, I would like to move back to in person and have the afternoon be on field as it was in previous years. It helps the umpires put into practice what they have learned in class.
- Associations continue to recruit more adults as well as youth starting in early August (especially since all umpires must be certified (or recertified) by November 11<sup>th</sup> of the playing season. This would include recruiting back those officials back from university.
- Continue with on field mentorship of newer officials and officially evaluating umpires for continued improvement.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Angie Reid

Head Umpire

Vice Chair Women's Field Officials



# PCFLL COMMISSIONER REPORTS

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## **PCFLL HEAD COMMISSIONER REPORT 2021/2022 SEASON**

Many new field commissioners this season, and a new head commissioner with no format passed down from the previous head commissioner made the start of the season a bit of a scramble! I believe we got there in the end, and all documents were in on time and no problems at Provincials regarding verifying rosters etc.

I have formatted new forms, so there should be consistency moving forward.

I have also drafted a time line so that commissioners can see at a glance what needs to be done and when.

I am in the process of collating policy that directly impacts commissioners, and I have requested the field directorate to re-do the rules and discipline policy for next season. I found some of it ambiguous so I'm sure others did too.

Communication is key and identifying any problems before they arise is obviously beneficial in smooth running of the league. I really like the leagues idea of having regular commissioner meetings in order to iron out some of these problems/questions before they become issues.

I still think it would be a good idea to ask each club to put forth a name to become a commissioner. I'm in favor of consistency so would ask the current commissioners if they would take it on again, but always good to have a back-up plan! I did have more commissioners than usual due to the fact that most of them were new to field i.e. U13 and U15 had different commissioners for tier 1 and tier 2, that could potentially be cut back to one commissioner taking on both tiers.

Regards

Mary Clare  
Head Commissioner 2021/2022 season

## **2021 - 2022 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – GIRLS U8 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

### **U8 Division Composition**

Five teams participated in Girls U8 Division this season including:

- Adanacs
- Burnaby
- Chilliwack
- Mission
- Ridge Meadows

### **Challenges**

Flooding affected the participation of Chilliwack and Adanacs due to highway closures or displacement of families to alternate living arrangements.

### **Cancelled Games**

Two weekends of games were cancelled due to field closures.

### **U8 Jamboree**

The U8 Jamboree took place on **Saturday, February 26, 2022** from Noon to 2 PM during the Women's Provincial Tournament.

### **Discipline**

There were no suspensions, banishments or expulsions during the season.

### **Conclusion**

I could see a progression of skill through the season particularly during the middle of the fall schedule. The coaches did a great job in developing the skills of their players and making field lacrosse fun. I wish to extend my appreciation to the Team Managers, Coaches and parent volunteers for their energy and efforts to let U8 players learn and enjoy Girls Field Lacrosse.

As a testament to the success of the Girls Field Lacrosse, I would like to share the comments of a parent of a U8 player:

"I have to say the U8 program this season was an absolute BLAST for the girls! It had its hiccups getting going but it was cool to see the clubs working together to figure out a system that would work. The kids were getting lots of playing time while learning the game. Our Mission team was huge so we shared our players with the other teams quite a bit to make the teams more balanced, and that only added to the fun. My daughter left the season listing all her new friends she made this season from the other teams!

This was actually our first experience with the female lacrosse program at both the U8 and U12 divisions, and I have to say the general sense of the community was a welcoming one. My husband co-coached our U12 girls, and both he and the other coach are brand new to the game. They received a ton of support from other coaches and umps in the league in an effort to help them learn the game!

I thought I would pass along my thanks to you, the other commissioners and all involved in the female lacrosse program. You have created a supportive community in female sport that produced some amazing lacrosse at today's provincials!"

Bravo to my fellow Commissioners, PCFLL Executives, U8 Coaches and U8 Team Managers. Special thanks to Stacy Paterson for her leadership.

Ceayon Johnston  
U8 Commissioner  
PCFLL

## PCFLL U12 2021-2022 Commissioner's Report

### Composition

There were 10 teams in the U12 female division this year with a total of approximately 142 girls. All teams played in a single tier for the season.

### Demerits

There were no game suspensions at the U12 level. Only three yellow cards were issued and no game reports. There were no complaints regarding refereeing or rough play made directly to me.

### Provincials

Teams were asked if tiering at provincials was wanted, and 2 teams indicated that they would not declare if not tiered. As such, provincials were tiered and all 10 teams declared and participated. Results were:

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Gold	Ridge Meadows 2	Surrey
Silver	Ridge Meadows 1	Burnaby
Bronze	Adanacs 2	Langley

### Issues

1. Early in the season there were concerns of teams running up the score against weaker teams. In those situations, it would be preferable to see the stronger team vary up positions, use weak hand etc. Something to encourage next season.
2. At least one player was not eligible for provincials for insufficient games. Despite a doctor's note and communication between coach and myself, she was denied playing. This was very disappointing, particularly at the U12 Tier 2 level. Growing the game and encouraging participation should be the focus at this level.

### Conclusion

It was a successful return to play and teams were understanding of COVID changes and challenges. Consideration to tiering next season may be appropriate.

Thank you for all the support from the league, Mary Clare and Stacy Paterson, both of whom helped guide me in my first real season as a commissioner.

Jackie White

## PCFLL U19 Women's Commissioner Report 2021/2022

The U19W division had 3 teams this season, hosted by New West, Surrey and Adanacs and which included released players from other associations.

To kick off the season, there were 4 U19W teams in the Big Als 7v7 tournament which was well attended and in which the players were all smiles. In league play we were able to hold 6 games before permanently moving to a "sticks in" scrimmage style format in December. While there may not have been many opportunities, when they did play, the teams were competitive and the players enjoyed themselves. There was not a U19W provincial tournament for 2022.

There were no suspensions this season in this division.

Like many years in the past, the U19W division once again proved to be challenging when it came to player availability. With this age group in particular being a crucial recruiting window for those players looking to pursue playing post-secondary, there were multiple weekends on which we had a significant portion of the division away for tournaments. Even with the option to play either 7v7 or 10v10 format (depending on the number of players attending) availability at this age group was consistently tough to manage.

In addition to players being away, there were also times where we were unable to hold games due to the limited number of ump's available for this age group. Many who are able to officiate this division are either coaches or players themselves which often lead to scheduling conflicts.

Even with the challenges that this division faced, I found that from day one, everyone involved with this division really worked hard to keep the lines of communications open in order to try and make the season work as best we could.

I sincerely thank everyone involved for all the feedback, suggestions and support in general this season. Though they may not have gotten to as often as we would have liked, without you these players would not have been able to play at all. Thank you for continuing to support and develop our local players and doing your best to grow the game at this age group.

Kathryn Martinez  
U19W Commissioner

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## **2021 - 2022 PACIFIC COAST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE – U7 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**

### **U7 Division Composition**

Twelve teams participated in the tiering and fall schedules as follows:

Adanacs	Delta	Mission 1	Ridge Meadows 1
Burnaby	Langley 1	Mission 2	Ridge Meadows 2
Chilliwack	Langley 2	Port Coquitlam	Ridge Meadows 3

Teams were queried at the end of the fall schedule for interest in continuing to play games after Christmas. All teams except Adanacs 2 were interested in playing in the winter season. Chilliwack withdrew from the winter season after the second week.

### **Challenges**

Extensive flooding created significant challenges for teams, players, referees and their families either because of disruption due to highway closures or displacement from their homes. Compassion, adaptability and flexibility of the League, U7 Division and Teams smoothed a bumpy road.

### **Cancelled Games**

Two U7 games were cancelled due to lack of referees because of flooding (highways closures, evacuation from affected communities, etcetera), participation of referees in teams travelling to US tournaments and teams affected by flooding in their communities. Two weekends of games were cancelled due to field closures.

### **U7/U5 Jamboree**

The U7 season usually ends at the completion of the Fall Schedule with a Jamboree. The Jamboree almost didn't happen due to public health restrictions. After a couple of cycles of go-no go decisions, a well organized U7/U5 Jamboree was hosted by the Coquitlam on December 12, 2021 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Fridge field.

The following teams participated in the Jamboree: Burnaby, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley 1, Langley 2, Mission 1, Mission 2, Ridge Meadows 1, Ridge Meadows 2 and Ridge Meadows 3. U5 players were assembled into two teams. Each U7 team and U5 team played two games.

I wish to extend my appreciation to the Coquitlam Field Lacrosse Association and their volunteers for hosting a successful Jamboree. Special thanks to Megan Campbell for organizing the schedule and concession. Thanks to Susan for scheduling referees for the event.

### **Discipline**

There were no suspensions, banishments or expulsions levied during the season.

### **Conclusion**

I could see a progression of skill through the season particularly during the winter schedule. I wish to extend my appreciation to the Team Managers, Coaches and parent volunteers for their energy and efforts to let young players learn and enjoy Field Lacrosse.

Ceayon Johnston  
U7 Commissioner  
PCFLL

### **PCFLL U9 Age Group 2021-22 Season Summary**

During the 2021-22 Field Lacrosse season, we had 11 teams (21 last season) from 9 Associations; with only two associations (6 last season) having two or more teams. This was a notable decline from the past several years and most likely attributed to COVID related factors:

- Coquitlam (2)
- New Westminster (1)
- Ridge Meadows (2)
- Burnaby (1)
- Delta (1)
- Langley (1)
- Port Coquitlam (1)
- Vancouver (0)
- Mission (1)
- Surrey (0)
- Chilliwack (1)
- Richmond (0)
- North Vancouver (0)
- Valley (0)

For the most part the majority of the teams were in the 10 to 15 players in size, there were very few teams with 16 or more players. The season began as per usual with coaches and referees getting used to the U9 incidental contact rules, while this is typical it appeared that the degree of contact occurring was higher than normally noted in past seasons despite numerous reminders being sent out to teams in the early part of the season. This appeared to be due at least in part to referee related issues such as: referee lack of clarity on the degree of contact permitted at U9 and the lack of early season mentoring of young and new inexperienced U9 referees. This issue was brought up with the league and quickly remedied through mentoring actions taken during the Richmond tournament, thereafter the number of contact issues decreased and the number of contact penalty calls increased initially (i.e., as it should until players and coaches understand fully what is permitted). This highlights how important in U9 it is to make sure at the beginning of the season that referees clearly understand the amount of contact permitted and that the intensive mentoring of new and inexperienced referees must occur in the first few weeks of the season. At this young age excessive contact can result in injuries and result in players quitting so it is important that it is dealt with quickly. There were no suspendable infractions to any players or coaches during the season this year.

Despite the smaller number of teams the team strength spread was typical of a normal season with 3-4 teams being very strong, 3-4 teams average and a couple of teams being very weak. For the most part the games were relatively competitive, while some informal tiering was done to try and avoid lob-sided match ups the smaller number of teams made it difficult to avoid them from time to time. The number of blow out scores (which did not always reflect the competitiveness of the game) this season was not excessive. No major issues were noted with regard to multiple team balancing and where issues did exist it appeared to be related to

player absenteeism (i.e. conflict with other sports) and inexperienced coaching. I was satisfied the Associations involved made every effort to try and remedy these issues.

As to the week to week housekeeping issues with this Division the main one was game sheets, while game sheets were always provided in a timely matter there was one item in particular that appears to be difficult to solve: **Score Sheet Quality**. The quality of the score sheets was for the most part ok, but there were still issues around the filling out of the sheet, which is to be expected when you are dealing with parents and coaches that are generally new to field lacrosse. There should be more direction from the referees and oversight from managers in assisting score keepers to fill out the game sheets properly (although I am pretty certain that some of the referees and managers at this level didn't know how to fill it out either). Although a copy of a properly filled out game sheet was sent out to teams and Associations it was likely never regularly made available at the field. The managers were also referred as well to the tutorial provided on the PCFLL website in hopes this would be passed on to parents; this did help in some cases.

All other season issues were typically weather or COVID related. Hopefully we can see a return to an "End of the Season Jamboree" and U9 inclusion in tournament play next season.

R. Paterson  
U9 Commissioner

## Commissioner's Report U- 11 – 2021-22 Season

With Covid over us during the season we were hopeful for a normal season with being outdoors and for the most part it was. We did have to deal with some teams not being able to play certain weeks due to illness causing their team to not field enough players and then we had to deal with the floods after the November long weekend which caused some regional play and some teams not playing the same number of games

The division was split into Blue, Red and White for the season. The Blue divisions for the most part were fairly evenly matched with one or two teams struggling at times. The red division was very mismatched at the beginning of the season through tiering with the bottom teams not being able to compete with any of the mid to upper teams and created some very unbalanced games . Once through tiering we were able to create a four team white divisions which was well balanced among those teams. There were still some teams in the red divisions that were not suited for the division but also not suited for the white divisions. They were too strong for the weaker teams and not strong enough to compete against the stronger red teams, making scheduling at times difficult so as to not have a poor experience for the players for every game

I was troubled by the amount of discipline that I had to deal with this year at this level. There were a few fights and some unacceptable hits that were not predominant in previous years. I am hoping it was due to not being engaged in lacrosse activities as much the previous year and will adjust for next season

The teams were very good at getting their game sheets in on time after the games via email or text. There were a few associations that I had to wait on for actual physical copies to come in, it was predominately the same teams each week that were late.

I had a great time with this group of managers as new manager to the game they were all very devoted to ensuring that the season ran smoothly for their teams and worked well to ensure any reschedules were accommodated promptly.

Thank you

Pam Mason

U-11 Commissioner

## PCFLL U13 T1 & T3 Commissioner Report

Thank you for the opportunity to Commission the U13 T1 & T3 divisions this season. I have learned so much and was able to share some of my lacrosse knowledge with the managers & coaches.

We started with 4 teams competing at T1, 1 team folded & merged with a T2 team quickly. After the Fall tiering, we had 3 teams move to T3 from T2. With these small divisions, we were able to keep teams playing at competitive levels for their skills.

The season ran smoothly. The challenges were in areas out of our control; inclement weather, travel restrictions, Covid and the complications from it.

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions and the change with the BCLA Field Provincial Tournament dates, the T1 were unable to attend the tournament. They were happy to have round robin exhibition games as an unofficial season tournament.

The T3 also had round robin exhibition games to finish their season. Sadly, due to poor weather & small rosters due to illness & injury, this was cut short.

### Final Standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA	
Langley 1	12	12	0	0	24	1.000	136	24	
Ridge Meadows 1	12	6	5	1	13	0.542	59	74	
Adanacs 1	12	3	7	2	8	0.333	56	74	
Rich/Van 1	1	0	1	0	0	0.000	0	23	Folded

Team	GP	W	L	T	Pts	Pct	GF	GA
Mission	13	4	8	1	9	0.346	89	114
Valley	10	3	7	0	6	0.300	45	70
Port Coquitlam 2	11	1	9	1	3	0.136	55	139

I would like to thank all the coaches & managers for a good season.

Yours in Lacrosse

Melody Kurt

PCFLL U13 T1 & T3 Commissioner

## PCFLL Commissioner Report - U13 Tier 2

First, I would like to thank all the teams, coach's, managers, and parents for their commitment this season. I know it is hard enough to run all over the lower mainland each week getting to games, but this year mother nature through everything she could at the teams (rain, snow, flooding, road shutdowns) but the teams continued with the season.

I would like to congratulate the teams that went to provincials and took home medals. Chilliwack (gold) and Surrey (Bronze) this season.

This was an important year for any kid that played sports. To get them back on the fields, on the ice, in the pools and on the floors. To show them that life is slowly getting back to normally and seeing them having fun once again is what we all hoped for. To do this we need an army of people behind the scenes. From the executive board to referees and everyone in between that put countless hours week after week to do all they can so we could have a season.

Thank you for making my first year as a commissioner and fun experience and hope to see you next year.

Mike Ortutay  
U13 Tier 2

Overall the U15T1 season went well with nothing out of the ordinary. With only 4 teams in the group it was very routine and easy to keep track of everything.

Please note the following information:

Team placement/tiering:

- The Port Coquitlam team manage to win one game all season, and expressed their disappointment several times, that they could not be tiered down. I did request them to be but was informed that the way they formed their team early on meant they had to remain in the top level. They did have some close games but seemed very unhappy overall (they let me know via emails and phone calls) and they did not declare for provincials.
- Ridge Meadows was the clear front runner all season, only a single loss. Langley and Coq were very close in all their games throughout. I believe that the provincial outcome was considered quite an upset with Ridge playing for Bronze, and Coq and Langley facing each other in the gold medal game.

There were no issues that stood out regarding team behaviour.

All teams were very efficient with game sheets and emailing, as well as communicated very well. I enjoyed the season and managed to get out to watch a few good games. Having enough refs to officiate seemed to be an ongoing issue, I did not envy the ref coordinator as we had in our small group several reschedules due to not having available refs.

The league winner was Ridge Meadows

Attending Provincials

Ridge Meadows, Langley, Coquitlam

Provincial Gold – Coquitlam

Provincial Silver – Langley

Provincial Bronze – Ridge Meadows

I have already corresponded re the year end Major and Suspension Tracking, as there was nothing that needed to be input, and nothing to carry over to next season.

Thanks, and have a great summer!

Laurie Wortley  
U15T1 Commissioner

# PCFLL U15 Tier 2/3 Commissioner Report 2022

Submitted by Victoria Hatch

U15 began with 11 teams and moved 2 down after tiering to C to balance and give all teams more for play . Many games canceled to weather and COVID related issues leaving now players available.

Mission came on strong and won delayed provincials. Richmond / Vancouver won the division and took second in the provincials.

## U15 Tier 2 Standings

Team	GP	W	L
Richmond/Vancouver 1	12	12	0
Mission	12	11	1
Delta	10	6	3
New Westminster	14	6	5
Langley 2	13	5	7
Burnaby	13	5	7
Ridge Meadows 2	12	3	9
Surrey 1	13	3	10
North Shore	2	0	2

## U15 Tier 3 Standings

Team	GP	W	L
Ridge Meadows 3	10	7	3
Richmond/Vancouver 2	8	5	2
Chilliwack	8	1	6
Surrey 2	7	2	4
Adanacs 2	10	1	8



## **U18 COMMISSIONERS REPORT 2021/2022 SEASON**

The season went very well. Lots of new managers and coaches this season, which is good for field lacrosse – passing the baton on!

We had a fairly uneventful season as there were very few game reports for the U18 division to deal with. However, the weather did factor into a few games being cancelled due to flooding – Chilliwack and the Valley being cut off for a while - and the league pulling back games so teams played within their geographical region to keep the league alive. We also had to deal with a couple of game cancellations due to Co-Vid, but on the whole it ran smoothly with only a few complaints.

U18 division began with 4 teams at the tier 1 level and 9 in tier 2, which is where it ended after tiering. Unfortunately, having to navigate the Provincial Health Orders as they came down, meant that tournament play was projected not to be allowed over the Family Day Weekend for Provincials, and the field directorate came up with alternative dates which pushed it into March and the first weekend of Spring Break. Several teams dropped out, and in the end 3 tier 1 U18 teams and 3 Lower Mainland tier 2 U18 teams went ahead and played for the championship.

The tier1's played a double round robin, which ended up in a 3 way tie, with Adanacs and Ridge Meadows playing for gold and Delta getting the bronze.

In tier 2, Ridge Meadows 2, Vancouver/Richmond and New West were joined by Kamloops.

There were some tremendously exciting games and lots of good lacrosse to watch. The following are the championship results:

U18 Tier 2 Bronze Kamloops 15 over Ridge Meadows 6

U18 Tier 2 Gold Vancouver/Richmond 8 over New West 6

U18 Tier 1 Bronze Delta

U18 Tier 1 Gold Ridge Meadows 8 over Adanacs 7

Congratulations to all involved. And many thanks to the league executive who had the unenviable task of getting us all to this point!

Mary Clare

U18 Commissioner



# PROPOSED CHANGES TO OPERATING POLICY

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Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Multiple

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace all instances of "girls" or "female" to "women's" (only as it pertains to describing women's lacrosse discipline)

#### **RATIONALE**

"Women's Lacrosse" is the name of the discipline. The Operating Policy refers to "girl's divisions" "female divisions" "girls teams" "female teams" etc. These references should be to "women's".

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by Angie Wolfe

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Multiple

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace all instances of “tiering/fall/winter season” with “tiering/fall/winter schedule”

### **RATIONALE**

Clarify wording. The individual schedules are part of the larger season.

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Multiple

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace all instances of “referees or umpires” with “officials”

### **RATIONALE**

Recommendation from the Officials Committee

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

J.12 & J.13 titles

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace "J.12. Referee Allocator" with "Youth Officials Allocator"

Replace "J.13. Umpire Allocator" with "Women's Officials Allocator"

### **RATIONALE**

BCLA is moving away from "referees" and "umpires"

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Multiple

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace all instances of "he/she/his/hers" with "they/them/theirs"

### **RATIONALE**

Creates gender neutral wording throughout the Operating Policy

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Multiple

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace all instances of “clubs” with “associations”

### **RATIONALE**

No changes to Policy meaning(s).

For consistency, all references to "clubs" are changed to "associations".

Associations is more formal and appears more often than clubs.

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes





Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Multiple

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace all instances of "usually April"

### **RATIONALE**

It adds nothing to the policy wording and may cause confusion if dates are changed for any reason.

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

Multiple

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Replace all instances of "Canada Lacrosse Association" to "Lacrosse Canada"

Replace all instances of "CLA" to "LC".

### **RATIONALE**

Revisions to reflect Lacrosse Canada name change

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### E. Playing Ages

##### E.02. Balanced Teams

Having 2 or more teams in an age division tier must be balanced. In U13, U15 and U18, any association declaring two (2) or more Tier 1 teams must advise at the declaration meeting if team are balanced or unbalanced.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### E. Tiering

##### E.02. Balanced Teams

- a) All teams in Youth U9, Women's U8 and below shall be balanced.
- b) Two (2) or more teams from one association in the same Tier 2 or Tier 3 age division must be balanced.
- c) In Youth U13, U15 and U18, any association declaring two (2) or more Tier 1 teams must advise at the declaration meeting if teams are balanced or unbalanced.

### **RATIONALE**

Clarifies the language for the reader by introducing bullets to clarify the specific balancing required.

Introduces policy around how to declare off-policy tiers.

Moves re-tiering section to here. Removes reference to re-tiered teams receiving average points of new tier. Language is now more generic. Proposed change to points in other policy change proposal.

Motioned by: Nicole Kokoska

Seconded by: Cal Davies

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **E.03. Declaring Teams**

- a) In all divisions U11 and up, teams in each association must be tiered
- b) U11 teams will be established Blue, Red and White tiers as per policy
- c) U13 and U15 teams will be established Tier 1, 2 and 3
- d) U18 teams will be established Tier 1 or 2 and a Tier 3 may be created after tiering
- e) Participation in each tier level will be based on an association's registration

1 team	Tier 1 or Tier 2
2 teams	1 – Tier 1 & 1 – Tier 2 1 – Tier 1 or 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3
3 teams	1 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3
4 teams	1 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 2 – Tier 3 1 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3 2 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3
5 teams	4 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 2 – Tier 1 and 3 – Tier 2 3 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3 2 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3
6 teams	5 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 4 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 4 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3 3 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

## **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

### **E.03. Declaring Youth Teams**

In all divisions U13 and up, teams in each association must be tiered

U11 teams will be established Blue, Red, and White

U9 and below teams must not be tiered

U13 and U15 teams will be established Tier 1, 2, and 3

U18 teams will be established Tier 1 or 2 and a Tier 3 may be created after tiering

1 team            Tier 1 or Tier 2

2 teams           1 – Tier 1 & 1 – Tier 2

1 – Tier 1 or 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

3 teams           1 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

4 teams           1 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 2 – Tier 3

1 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

2 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 2 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

5 teams           4 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 2 – Tier 1 and 3 – Tier 2

3 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

2 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

6 teams           5 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2

4 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2

4 – Tier 1 and 1 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

3 – Tier 1 and 2 – Tier 2 and 1 – Tier 3

## **RATIONALE**

Clarifies the language for the reader by introducing bullets to clarify the specific balancing required.

Introduces policy around how to declare off-policy tiers.

Moves re-tiering section to here. Removes reference to re-tiered teams receiving average points of new tier. Language is now more generic. Proposed change to points in other policy change proposal.

Motioned by: Stacy Paterson

Seconded by: Sean Reid

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

N/A

### **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

E.06. Re-Tiering (Moved and reworded from F.05.a)

Teams can be re-tiered at any time by the PCFLL Executive. The team will be given the average standing of the tier they are entering at that time.

### **RATIONALE**

Clarifies the language for the reader by introducing bullets to clarify the specific balancing required.

Introduces policy around how to declare off-policy tiers.

Moves re-tiering section to here. Removes reference to re-tiered teams receiving average points of new tier. Language is now more generic. Proposed change to points in other policy change proposal.

Motioned by: Sean Reid  
Seconded by: Shannon Webber  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

## **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

### **F.01 Playing Season**

The playing season may start as early as the first (1st) weekend after Labour Day and may continue as late as the final weekend in March of the following year. All PCFLL scheduled and rescheduled games between the start of the season and the following five (5) scheduled weekends will be considered Tiering games, which count towards league play. The following weekend will be a tiering break. The Regular fall season begins the weekend following the last Tiering break and continues until mid-December. A winter break will run from mid-December until early January of the following year. The regular winter season begins in early January and may continue until the final weekend in March. The Winter Season shall be a continuation of the Fall Season. All teams will continue to play each other, regardless of provincial declarations, with every effort made to have a balanced schedule.

At the start of the playing season the PCFLL Executive will place teams in the appropriate tiers best suited to each team's level of play. Clubs may request in writing any changes to their teams starting tier prior to the creation of the fall and winter schedule. The PCFLL Executive will review any requests and place teams in the tier best suited to each team's level of play.

## **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

### **F.01 Playing Season**

The Playing Season will run from as early as first weekend in September (after Labour Day) until at the latest the final weekend in March of the following year

The Playing Season will be divided into three segments:

Tiering Schedule

Fall Schedule

Winter Schedule

All league scheduled games in the Playing Season will count toward final standings.

The League Executive will establish a Tiering Schedule of up to no more than five weeks at the start of the season.

A one weekend break may follow the final week of the Tiering Schedule (Tiering Break) occur in tiered divisions to allow for team movement.

The Fall Schedule shall begin and end on dates set by the league Executive. Fall Schedule will begin after Tiering Break and / or Tiering Season and continue until no later than the final weekend in December.

The Winter Schedule shall begin and end on dates set by the league Executive. Winter Schedule will begin no earlier than the first weekend of January and continue until no later than the final weekend of March.

Teams will continue to play in tiered position regardless of provincial declarations  
Every effort will be made to have a balanced schedule.

#### **RATIONALE**

No significant policy changes here.

Deconstructs the large paragraph of information regarding the playing season breakdown.

Clarifies the names of the season and allows the executive and league more flexibility in setting the starts and ends of each based on need. Allows the option of tiering break if needed, rather than requiring.

Removes redundant language and moves re-tiering to the tiering section.

Motioned by: Kristen Sheidow

Seconded by: Lynda Callard

Discussion:

- Was there any discussion on shortening the winter season to help eliminate the issues with cancellations of provincials due to weather?
- No recommendations were made to shorten the season

***Motion passed***





Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **F.03. Points**

League play points shall be determined as follows:

- a) 2 points for a win 1 point awarded to each team for a tie 0 points for a loss
- b) In the event of a defaulted game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded 2 points in league standings.
- c) The offending team shall be fined \$100.00 if the offending team cancels a game within 96 hours of the scheduled start time (or \$200.00 if less than 24 hours' notice of forfeiture) – payable to the PCFLL. The non-offending team shall be awarded 2 points. Costs associated with the game (i.e. referee fees, field cost) will be paid by the offending team. The game expenses will be paid to the non-offending association/club within thirty (30) days of the receipts received.
- d) Any team who plays an ineligible player will lose points, if they win. The points will be awarded to the non-offending team. The coach of the offending team will face a suspension, as stated in the suspension guidelines.
- e) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player during a regularly scheduled game (league, tournament, exhibition and provincial) shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant. The home association will be fined \$250 (payable to the PCFLL) if a player has played is found to be unregistered, defined as registered in the BCLA player database and all required, completed registration forms in the hands of the League Registrar (prior to Oct 31 deadline) or BCLA Registrar.

## **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

### F.03. Standings

- a) League play standings shall be determined as follows:
  - 1. Highest winning percentage
  - 2. if tied, then most wins
  - 3. if tied, then most ties
  - 4. if tied, then fewest games played
  - 5. if tied, then Least Goals Against
  - 6. if tied, then Coin Toss
- b) Teams shall be awarded:
  - 2 points for a win
  - 1 point awarded for a tie
  - 0 points for a loss
- c) "Highest Winning Percentage" shall be calculated as:  
Total Points received divided by Total Possible Points.
- d) "Total Possible Points" shall be defined as the number of games the team was scheduled to play minus any games not played and approved by the commissioner (i.e. not forfeited). For clarity a forfeited game counts as a game played.
- e) In the event of a forfeited game, the non-offending team shall be awarded a goal and shall be awarded 2 points in league standings.

what would be section f:

REMOVES wording regarding fines for forfeits from this section - MOVED to an appropriate section.

## **RATIONALE**

Previous policy did not clarify what the standings were initially sorted by, nor how the highest winning percentage was calculated.

As the standings are used for provincial qualifications it is important to be clear on how they are determined.

Removes language around forfeits as not relevant to this section.

Motioned by: Dave Samson  
Seconded by: Nicole Kokoska  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### F.04. Provincial Qualifications

Provincial Championships qualification shall be determined by the Provincial Championships Committee.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

Remove this section (replace with a new F04).

### **RATIONALE**

We do not form this committee and provincials are based on standings. By being silent on provincials qualifications, we can take guidance in the event BCLA FD changes their standard or we can propose our own qualifications year over year.

Motioned by: Shannon

Seconded by: Sean Reid

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

N/A

### **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

#### **F.04 Ineligible Players**

- a) An ineligible player is one who is found to be unregistered within the BCLA player database and having no completed registration forms with either the League Registrar or BCLA Registrar.
- b) The association of a team that is found to have played an ineligible player will be fined per the Fee and Fine Schedule (section U) payable to the PCFLL. This is on top of any fines levied by the BCLA or FD.
- c) The Head Coach of a team that is found to have played an ineligible player will face a suspension, as stated in the suspension guidelines.
- d) The team that is found to have played an ineligible player during a regularly scheduled game (league, tournament, or exhibition and provincial) shall forfeit all games won during which said player was a participant. This includes reversing any standings points that were awarded for all games won with said player on the active roster.

### **RATIONALE**

Ineligible players were not defined and several related policies were in other sections. This new section gathers all existing policies into one place.

The new definition is a league definition and not BCLA definition (BCLA does not define ineligible).

Motioned by: Kristen Sheidow

Seconded by: Shannon Webber

- Friendly amendment to change "unregistered" to "not properly registered"
- Some Vancouver Island women's players come over to play in tournaments, will this amendment pose a issue to them? Field directorate will deal with this on a case by case basis as they are the governing body for tournaments

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **F.05. Re-Tiering**

- a) Teams can be re-tiered at any time by the PCFLL Executive. Points do not transfer with the team. The team will be given the average of the tier they are entering at that time.
- b) If based on the numbers of teams in Tier 2, if a need exists, and as agreed by the member associations (at the monthly meeting of the PCFLL prior to the end of tiering break), a Third Tier (Development) may be established after Tiering is complete. This would be comprised of teams that have new or developing players. These teams would not be allowed to declare for or participate in Provincial Championships.
- c) For U11 only. Teams will declare for Blue, Red and White (provided numbers support a White Division). After Tiering, there may be some team movement.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

N/A

Delete this section

### **RATIONALE**

The policies here have been disbursed to other sections or were duplication of other policies.

Motioned by: Dave Samson

Seconded by: Nicole Kokoska

- Is there any flexibility to re-adjust tiering if a team is misaligned? Yes in policy E06-

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **G.01. Annual General Meeting**

The League Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than April 30th of each year. At the AGM, elections of officers for the next term and any changes to the Operating Policy will be the order of business. Any changes to the policy must be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the AGM and forwarded to each member club thirty (30) days before such meeting.

#### **G.03. Amendments**

This document may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the AGM or an extraordinary meeting.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **G.01. Annual General Meeting**

The League Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than April 30th of each year. At the AGM, elections of officers for the next term and any changes to the Operating Policy will be the order of business.

#### **G.03. Amendments**

Any changes to the policy must be submitted forty-five (45) days prior to the AGM and forwarded to each member association thirty (30) days before such meeting.

a) This document may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at the AGM or an extraordinary meeting.

### **RATIONALE**

no changes to policy - only moving the submission dates to a more relevant section.

Motioned by: Lynda Callard

Seconded by: Simon Gee

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

G.02. Quorum

Seven (7) members present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, general or special, of PCFLL.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

Seven (7) members present shall constitute a quorum at any Annual General or Special Meeting, of PCFLL.

### **RATIONALE**

removes reference to "any meeting" since this is the section for the AGM.

Motioned by: Ian Tyerman  
Seconded by: Dave Samson  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### G.04 Voting

There is a limit of two (2) votes per member association for Youth, and one (1) vote for each association with a female team.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### G.04 Voting

- a) There is a limit of two (2) votes per member association for Youth with at least one Youth team.
- b) There is a limit of one (1) vote per member association for Women's with at least one Women's team.
- c) Only Youth association delegates may vote for Youth proposals.
- d) Only Women's association delegates may vote for Women's proposals.
- e) All association delegates may vote for General proposals or proposals that relate to both disciplines or League business.

### **RATIONALE**

Uses more formal language.

Clarifies the current practice.

Motioned by: Lynda Callard

Seconded by: Kristen Sheidow

Discussion:

- Would like to know the history of why youth gets two votes for youth and only one for female. Seems disproportionate
- Would like to see a review or rewrite on the votes allowed for the AGM

***Motion defeated***





Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

D.03

To provide guidance to a player, team or club representative should an appeal become necessary due to a suspension or decisions made by a representative of the PCFLL for which a team or club representative may be in a disagreement with.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

MOVE TO J.01: Chairperson

The League Chairperson shall be elected at the AGM by majority vote of the members present.

The Chairperson will administer the League as per the Operating Policy of the League, and of the B.C. Lacrosse Association.

They will chair all meetings of the League and will have the vote only to break a tie. They will represent the League at all Field Directorate meetings and shall carry the League votes.

The Chair shall provide guidance to an association representative should an appeal become necessary due to a suspension or decisions made by a representative of the PCFLL for which an association representative may be in a disagreement with.

### **RATIONALE**

While we appreciate the sentiment in this policy, it is not an appropriate statement for the Objectives of the League.

It is much more appropriate as a specific duty of the chair.

Also includes changes to gender neutral in J.01.

Motioned by: Ian Tyerman  
Seconded by: Nicole Kokoska  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **J.12. Referee Allocator**

The referee allocator will use a web-based allocation program to assign referees in the U13, U15 and U18 divisions. The U7, U9, and U11 assignments will be allocated by the home association head referee or association allocator.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **J.12. Youth Officials Allocator**

The Youth Officials Allocator may use a web-based allocation program to assign referees in the U13, U15 and U18 divisions. The U7, U9, and U11 assignments will be allocated by the home association head referee or association allocator. Associations may request the PCFLL Youth Officials Allocator to assign divisions below U13 in writing prior to September 1.

### **RATIONALE**

Recent referee allocators have had more success manually assigning officials while the PCFLL continues to pursue a web-based program.

The change to policy (may vs will) reflects current practice.

Formalizes a new title (referee and umpire no longer used).

Formalizes a request must be received by the League if associations cannot assign their own U7-U11 officials.

Motioned by: Logan Engel

Seconded by: Lynda Callard

- Clubs need to be accountable for not providing officials. This is not a league problem, it's a club problem.

- We are nowhere near having enough officials to cover all games this season. There will be weekly cancellations

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

\*Current regulation may be changed in previous proposed amendment

#### **J.12. Referee Allocator**

The referee allocator will use a web-based allocation program to assign referees in the U13, U15 and U18 divisions. The U7, U9, and U11 assignments will be allocated by the home association head referee or association allocator.

### **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

#### **J.12 Youth Officials Allocator**

##### **a) EXISTING OR NEW WORDING**

b) The Youth Officials Allocator shall receive a stipend from the PCFLL for each one Youth team in each age division U13, U15, and U18.

c) The Youth Officials Allocator shall receive a stipend from each Association that requires the PCFLL Youth Officials Allocator schedule their officials in the age divisions of U11 and below.

i) The stipend shall be assessed per team declared by the Association.

d) The amounts of the stipend will be as per the Fee and Fine Schedule (section U).

### **RATIONALE**

The difficulty in scheduling officials each year increases. a stipend ensures the PCFLL is able to attract someone to take on this responsibility and that clubs can see where their funds are being directed.

Clubs are responsible for scheduling their own U11 and below officials and should provide compensation if they are unable to do so.

Motioned by: Dave Samson

Seconded by: Stacy Paterson

Discussion:

- There needs to be an option to opt out. If a club can show they have a reasonable amount of officials and can schedule on their own, they should not have to pay

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

N/A

### **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

J.14. Directors at Large

The PCFLL Executive may appoint up to two (2) Directors at Large for one-year terms. The term shall be considered to have started on May 1 preceding the season start and will end on April 30 of the following year.

Directors at Large shall be non-voting members of the PCFLL Executive.

Responsibilities of the Directors at Large shall be determined by the PCFLL Executive.

### **RATIONALE**

In order to develop executive "bench strength" and have another. Pair of hands to help on strategic initiatives, the executive would like to add up to 2 directors per season. these directors would be non-voting members and invited / selected by the Executive annually.

Motioned by: Logan Engel

Seconded by: Dave Samson

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### J.13. Umpire Allocator

The Umpire Allocator will use a web-based allocation program to assign referees in the U8, U12, U15 and U19 divisions.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### J.13. Women's Officials Allocator

The Women's Officials Allocator may use a web-based allocation program to assign referees in the U8, U12, U15 and U19 divisions.

### **RATIONALE**

Reflects the current practice. Umpire allocators have found it more beneficial to schedule umpires manually while the PCFLL pursues other options.

Introduces new title (umpires and referees no longer used).

Motioned by: Logan Engel  
Seconded by: Lynda Callard  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

\*Current regulation may be changed in previous proposed amendment

#### **J.13 Umpire Allocator**

The Umpire Allocator will use a web-based allocation program to assign referees in the U8, U12, U15 and U19 divisions.

### **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

#### **J.13 Women's Officials Allocator**

##### **a) EXISTING OR NEW WORDING**

b) The Women's Officials Allocator shall receive a stipend from the PCFLL for each one Women's team in each age division U08, U12, and U15. This amount will be in consideration of travel expenses and on-call time spent arranging officials.

c) The amounts of the stipend will be as per the Fee and Fine Schedule (section U).

### **RATIONALE**

The difficulty in scheduling officials each year increases. a stipend ensures the PCFLL is able to attract someone to take on this responsibility and that clubs can see where their funds are being directed.

Motioned by: Logan Engel

Seconded by: David Goulet

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **L.01. League Fees**

a) The league fees per team will be set at the AGM each year (currently set at twenty dollars (\$20.00)) and must be paid on or before a date determined by the PCFLL Executive. Only teams who have paid by this date will be scheduled for league play starting the same calendar year. The team shall submit no less than ten (10) dates for home games along with their league fees.

b) Each association is required to submit a cheque for \$530, for each team they are declaring, at the September declaration meeting. The cheque would be for the 10-player minimum, at \$51/player, plus the \$20/team amount.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **L.01. League Fees**

a) The league fees per team and per player will be set at the AGM each year.

b) At the discretion of the PCFLL Executive, associations will be required to either pay all team and player fees in full or a league fee deposit.

c) The due date for fees and / or the deposit will be determined by the PCFLL Executive. If associations do not furnish funds by the date required, teams will forfeit scheduled league games and associations will not be in good standing with the league until such time as the funds are provided.

### **RATIONALE**

Removing specific fee amounts so as to give the league options to set pricing outside the AGM. additionally the BCLA has recently agreed to bill clubs individually for their fees rather than have the PCFLL pay the amount. as such, some of the wording is redundant.

Motioned by: David Goulet

Seconded by: Lynda Callard

Discussion:

- Fees can be set at an league meeting, no longer needs to be at the AGM

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **M.01 Team/Player Registration**

In accordance with Youth Field Operating Policy 13 and the Woman's Field Operating Policy Reg. 36, player registration forms and required fees must be submitted to the BCLA Registrar on or before October 31st of each playing year (Sept-Aug). Late registration will be closed on November 30 or other date as determined by the PCFLL Executive.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **M.01 Team/Player Registration**

In accordance with Youth Field Operating Policy 13 and the Woman's Field Operating Policy Reg. 36, player registration forms and required fees must be submitted to the BCLA Registrar on or before the dates stipulated by the BCLA and or Field Directorate. Late registration will be closed as determined by BCLA and / or Field Directorate policy.

### **RATIONALE**

Removes specific dates and introduces generic language so any changes to BCLA process / policy will not require a change from the PCFLL.

Motioned by: David Goulet

Seconded by: Simon Gee

No discussion

***Motion passed***





Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **M.02 Fines for Late Submission**

Each association will submit to the BCLA Office, by October 31st, a team list generated from the on-line database. Also, each association is to have the balance of their registration fees submitted by October 31st to the PCFLL Treasurer (adjustments may be necessary after the BCLA Registrar has verified registration numbers). If an association does not comply with said dates, they will be fined \$250.00, and another \$250.00 for each additional seven-day period that the team lists and/or registration fees are not received.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **M.02 Fines for Late Submission**

Each association will submit to the BCLA Office, by a date determined by the BCLA or Field Directorate policy, a team list generated from the on-line database. Specific instructions regarding submissions are determined and delivered by the BCLA.

Associations that do not comply are subject to a fine:

- 1) from the BCLA as stipulated in Field Directorate Policy, including further fines for delays in submitting information; and
- 2) from the PCFLL as per the Fee and Fine Schedule (section U).

Associations may also be subject to further fines for each seven-day period that registration remains incomplete as determined by the BCLA.

### **RATIONALE**

Clarifies that there are potentially fees from both the league and the BCLA.

Removes the specifics of the fine amount (moves into Schedule A) so changes can be contemplated outside the AGM.

Removes the details around PCFLL collecting balances (this information will also be within Schedule A)

Motioned by: Stacy Paterson

Seconded by: David Goulet

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **N.01 New Teams**

Application for entry must be submitted in writing to the League Chair by the August meeting. The application must be accompanied by association boundaries, a list of committed players, division(s) teams will be declared in, list of executives, list of coaches, list of team officials (certified field lacrosse referees), team colours (to be approved by League Executive) and the league fee as set by the PCFLL.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **N.01 New Associations**

Application for entry must be submitted in writing to the League Chair by March 31 in order to participate in the subsequent season. The application must be accompanied by association boundaries, a list of committed players, division(s) teams will be declared in, list of executives, list of coaches, list of officials (certified field lacrosse officials), association colours and logo (to be approved by League Executive) and the league fee as set by the PCFLL.

### **RATIONALE**

Previous section listed as "teams" however, this doesn't appear to make sense as teams are not individually approved to the league as expansion candidates. This section appears to apply to new league members which would be at the association level.

Motioned by: Stacy Paterson

Seconded by: Logan Engel

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

P.05. Youth Game Length

c) U11 games – 5- minute quarters (min.) or as time and field conditions permit.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

P.05. Youth Game Length

c) U11 games – 15- minute quarters (min.) or as time and field conditions permit.

### **RATIONALE**

**Housekeeping** - games should not be 5 minute quarters.

This amendment passed as "housekeeping" as motioned in meeting minutes



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### Q.04 Payment of Officials

c) Officials who travel an additional 40km or more from their home address to the designated game field are entitled to a \$10 compensation.

- i) This field fee is payable only once per day per club regardless of number of games officiated at the same field
- ii) Referee/umpire allocator will advise teams prior to game day if travel fees will apply

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### Q.04 Payment of Officials

c) Officials who travel an additional 20km or more from their home address to the designated game field are entitled to a \$15 compensation.

- i) This field fee is payable only once per day per club regardless of number of games officiated at the same field
- ii) Referee/umpire allocator will advise teams prior to game day if travel fees will apply

### **RATIONALE**

Update the policy to reflect the 2021/2022 season temporary amendment that was made. Gas prices remain high and officials are being asked to drive long distances to cover games. This will reduce over time as club/associations develop their officials base but until such time we need to recognize the sacrifice the officials are making in the added travel time and cost to attending games not in their home association area.

Motioned by: David Goulet

Seconded by: Logan Engel

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

N/A

### **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

Q.06 Association Head Official

a) Each association in PCFLL must have a Head Official or designated adult supervisor. This position will be the point of contact responsible for disseminating communication to the officials and coaches within the association and to provide support to the club officials. This person, or a designate, will need to be at the field each week for home games.

b) Associations must report the name of this individual to the PCFLL Youth Head Official, the Youth Officials Allocator, and the PCFLL Executive.

c) Associations that do not fill this position and report it as per section b) may not be scheduled for home games at the discretion of the PCFLL.

### **RATIONALE**

Communication to the officials and coaches needs to increase. Clubs need a point person for recruitment. With many youth officials, each club/association needs to have an adult at the field during home games. Ideally this adult would be a trained official who can mentor the younger officials, but at very least is an adult presence who is able to support the officials, has the official's back and can address spectator issues where a youth official is not able to.

Motioned by: David Goulet

Seconded by: Jeff Glass

- Does it need to be the same person each game and each weekend if they have to be trained?

- How feasible is this? Tough to find volunteers as is and now would need one for every single game in addition to time and score keepers

- Officials need to be supported on the field. May be something we move towards in the future

***Motion defeated***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **R.01. Aging Down**

All players should register and play in the division and tier according to their birth date. However, some circumstances make it very difficult for this to occur and exceptions can be made providing the proper steps are followed.

The only exceptions are based on size, skill level and any disabilities. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A PLAYER BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO PLAY DOWN ON A TIER 1 TEAM. Nor can that player be called up to a Tier 1 team in the division they are playing down in, nor be called up to his/her birth aged division.

No Player who has been given permission to play down during the League will be allowed to participate as a player for the team in the Field Provincials.

#### **PROCEDURES**

1. All requests to play a player down a division must be in writing and submitted to the PCFLL Chairperson and Executive for approval prior to the start of tiering schedule.
2. All requests must be submitted by the association president or their designate and will be reviewed, assessed and approved or declined by the PCFLL Executive.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **R.01. Aging Down**

All players should register and play in the division and tier according to their birth date. However, some circumstances make it very difficult for this to occur and exceptions can be made providing the proper steps are followed.

The only exceptions are based on size, skill level and any disabilities. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A PLAYER BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO PLAY DOWN ON A TIER 1 TEAM. Nor can that player be called up to a Tier 1 team in the division they are playing down in, nor be called up to his/her birth aged division.

~~No Player who has been given permission to play down during the League will be allowed to participate as a player for the team in the Field Provincials.~~

## PROCEDURES

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2. All requests must be submitted by the association president or their designate and will be reviewed, assessed and approved or declined by the PCFLL Executive.

## RATIONALE

There is no corresponding field directorate policy regarding this.

Penalizes kids who play on "their" team.

We do not generally get a lot of kids above u11 that age down.

Motioned by: Logan Engel

Seconded by: Nicole Kokoska

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **R.04 Call-Up Players**

- a) Call up players need to fulfill their own team obligations for the season 50% to qualify for playing for another team at the Field Provincials, as well as the three (3) game call up.
  - U18 teams can call-up from U15 Tier 1 and 2.
- b) Players that are called up must fulfill their obligation to their own team's scheduled game before committing to play for another team.
- c) All call up players must be clearly entered onto the game sheet, at the bottom of the team roster. Players being called up must be written in the game notes. One game call-up sheets must be used for all call-up players. The one game call-up sheets must be with the game sheet prior to the start of the game and stay with the game sheet. The winning team is responsible to send in all call-up sheets along with the game sheet to their commissioners.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **R.04 Call-Up Players**

- a) Call up players need to fulfill both:
  - participation in 50% of their own team games obligations for the season; and
  - three (3) games called up to qualify for playing for another team at the Field Provincials
- b)U18 teams can call-up from U15 Tier 1 and 2.
- c) Players that are called up must fulfill their obligation to their own team's scheduled game before committing to play for another team.
- d) All call up players must be clearly entered onto the game sheet, at the bottom of the team roster. Players being called up must be written in the game notes. One game call-up sheets must be used for all call-up players. The one game call-up sheets must be with the game sheet prior to the start of the game and stay with the game sheet. The winning team is responsible to send in all call-up sheets along with the game sheet to their commissioners.

### **RATIONALE**

Clarifications and housekeeping to make it easier for the reader to understand and interpret the section.

Motioned by: Logan Engel  
Seconded by: Stacy Paterson  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***





Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### T.02 Releases

- a) Where no team is available within the player's age group, the player must properly register with his/her home association and then obtain a release and with written release from his/her home association for the current playing season only. This release will not count as a grandfathering year. The player will be placed by the League Executive.
- b) No player may play with two associations in any given year unless the player who is already signed with an association moves to another area during the playing season. He/she must then receive permission from the Division Commissioner of his/her new area before he/she is eligible to play with a team in the new area. If the move is within the PCFLL area, permission of the move must be by the PCFLL Executive.
- c) If a player does not want to play for their home association, the player must obtain a release from their home association. With written permission of the player's home association, the League Executive will place the player.
- d) No release will be looked at except for teams that are full, i.e. a youth team has 23 players registered or a women's team has 18 players.
- e) If there is a dispute between associations concerning the release of a player, the PCFLL Executive will have the right to place the transferring player with the association that they feel is in the best interest of the League and the player.
- f) Releases will not be reviewed unless the player wishing a release is properly registered with their home association.

## **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

a) Where there is no team available within the Player's age group:

- i) The player must properly register with their home association and then request a release
- ii) Where there is no team for the player, associations must not unduly deny releases for players
- iii) Release from their home association will be for the current playing season only
- iv) This release will not count as a grandfathering year

b) No player may play with two associations in any given year unless the player who is already signed with an association moves to another area during the playing season. They must then receive permission from the Division Commissioner of their new area before they are eligible to play with a team in the new area. If the move is within the PCFLL area, permission of the move must be by the PCFLL Executive.

c) If a player does not want to play for their home association, the player must obtain a release from their home association.

Associations are not obligated to grant releases if the team or teams at the players age group are not full.

d) Where associations approve releases, the PCFLL Executive is not obligated to process releases based on T.02 c) except for teams that are full, i.e. a youth team has 23 players registered or a women's team has 18 players.

e) If there is a dispute between associations concerning the release of a player, the PCFLL Executive will have the right to place the transferring player, including denying the release.

f) For all releases, regardless of reason for the release, the PCFLL Executive will place players within associations and on teams that are in the best interests of the League and the player and player's family.

## **RATIONALE**

Clarifies some of the current language in the existing section.

No significant changes to policy

Codifies some of the current practice of releasing players.

Motioned by: Istacy Paterson

Seconded by: Lynda Callard

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### T.03 Release Guidelines

- a) All releases need to follow the guidelines. This includes Regulation T.01 c) and Regulation T.03 a) and d).
- b) All players requiring a release must be properly registered with their home association.
- c) Release forms must be filled out correctly.
- d) The player's release and destination request must be submitted to the PCFLL Chair - this can be done electronically or in person.
- e) A release request must come from the home association.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### T.03 Release Guidelines

- a) Release forms must be filled out correctly.
- b) The player's release must be submitted to the PCFLL Chair.
- c) A release request must be approved by the home association or have an approved, written, exception from the BCLA.

### **RATIONALE**

Removes repetitive or incorrect policy wording (i.e. releases are approved or denied by the association, "come from" is too vague).

Motioned by: Logan Engel  
Seconded by: Stacy Paterson  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **T.04. Release Appeals**

##### **a) Denial by Home Association**

- i. Any player may appeal a denial by their home association to the PCFLL through their League Chair within 14 days of the written notification of denial.

##### **b) Appeal of Placement by League Executive**

- i. Any player who wishes to appeal their placement by the League Executive must do so in writing within 7 days of notice of release.

- ii. Written notice of appeal must be sent via email to League Chair and must include relevant supporting documentation along with a \$100.00 appeal fee (payable to PCFLL). Appeal fee must be received within 72 hours of notice of appeal.

- iii. League Executive will appoint a three (3) member Appeals Committee to review appeal and all relevant supporting documentation.

- iv. If Appeals Committee approves the appeal, the appeal fee will be returned to the player and League Executive must release the player based on the recommendation of the Appeals Committee.

- v. If Appeals Committee denies the appeal, the appeal fee will not be returned and the player must report to the originally assigned team or file a further appeal with the BCLA (refer to BCLA Appeal Process Appendix A General Operating Policy).

- vi. All appeals must first be submitted to PCFLL prior to submission to BCLA.

## **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

### **T.04. Release Appeals**

#### **a) Denial by Home Association**

- i. Any player may appeal a denial by their home association.
- ii. Written notice of appeal must be sent via email to League Chair and must include relevant supporting documentation.
- iii. Appeals must be received within 14 days of the written notification of denial (for clarity: "within 14 days" means no later than two weeks from the date of the denial as recorded on the release) .

#### **b) Appeal of Placement by League Executive**

- i. Any player who wishes to appeal their placement by the League Executive must do so within 7 days of the notice of placement.
- ii. Written notice of appeal must be sent via email to League Chair.
- iii. Relevant supporting documentation and a \$100.00 appeal fee payable to PCFLL are required to proceed with an appeal. The appeal fee must be received within 72 hours of notice of appeal. The PCFLL will provide payment details to the appellant. Fees not received in the specified time will result in the appeal being cancelled.
- iv. League Executive will appoint a three (3) member Appeals Committee to review the appeal and all relevant supporting documentation.
- v. If the Appeals Committee approves the appeal, the appeal fee will be returned to the player and the League Executive must release the player based on the recommendation of the Appeals Committee.
- vi. If the Appeals Committee denies the appeal, the appeal fee will not be returned, and the player must report to the originally assigned team or file a further appeal with the BCLA (refer to BCLA Appeal Process Appendix A General Operating Policy).
- vii. All appeals must first be submitted to PCFLL prior to submission to BCLA.

## **RATIONALE**

No significant changes to the policy meaning.

Cleans up the process steps

Language in the home association appeal now mirror the executive placement appeal.

Motioned by: Stacy Paterson

Seconded by: Lynda Callard

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

N/A

### **PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS**

#### **U.01 Fee and Fine Schedule**

The Operating Policy shall control the conditions that lead to potential fines by member associations.

The Operating Policy shall control the types of fees paid by member associations.

The determination of the amounts of each fine and fee referred to in the Operating Policy shall be contained in the Fee and Fine Schedule. The Fee and Fine Schedule shall not be a part of the Operating Policy. The amount of each Fee or Fine within the Schedule shall be determined by a majority league vote as called for by the League Executive.

### **RATIONALE**

Establishes the Schedule as a document.

Establishes the Schedule is outside the Operating policy.

Establishes how the Schedule shall be changed but not what the Schedule changes will be (this is as designed).

Motioned by: Logan Engel  
Seconded by: Stacy Paterson  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### V.02. Referees

Each club is responsible for having not less than three (3) certified referees, with certification meeting the requirements as set out by the BCLOG Vice Chair – Men's Field.

Referee names and level must be presented to the PCFLL Head Referee before the season begins.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### V.02. Referees

a) Each association is responsible for having not less than two (2) certified officials per team with certification as set out by the BCLOG.

b) Associations that have not met the requirement in V.02 a) at the conclusion of the final Official's clinic will be subject to the loss of home games for the corresponding age levels and teams .

### **RATIONALE**

This policy change brings the PCFLL policy in line with BCLA Field Operating Policy for both Youth and Women's. Gender neutralization language is also proposed with the term official vs referee or umpire. Due to the need for more officials, we need engagement from all clubs/associations. This is a starting point towards the vision to see more officials developed. Eventual goal is that every club will have 2 certified officials per team capable of the team's level.

Motioned by: Dave Samson

Seconded by: Erica McKeddie

Discussion:

- Proposal is overly punitive. Two officials per team for the larger associations would not be feasible.
- The plan should be brought in gradually over the next few years
- Need to find way to recruit officials and move forward with building immediately
- The spirit of this proposal is to push clubs and motivate to bring in officials

***Motion defeated***



# PROPOSED CHANGES TO OPERATING POLICY

————— WOMEN'S —————







Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

AA. Playing Ages

U8 and at least 5 years old

U12

U15

U19

All ages are determined as of January 1st of the playing year.

Girls will be looked upon as Tier 3 house league.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

AA. Playing Ages

Playing ages for the PCFLL are governed by the BCLA Field Lacrosse Operating Policy for all playing divisions.

### **RATIONALE**

Aligns with FD since PCFLL does not control age groups and with overall policy since it was missed in a previous OP change.

Motioned by: Stacy Paterson

Seconded by: Logan Engel

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **BB. Playing Season**

The playing season may start as early as the first (1st) weekend after Labour Day and may continue as late as the final weekend of March of the following year. All scheduled and rescheduled games between the start of the season and until mid-December will be considered the Fall season. A winter break will run from mid-December until early January of the following year. The regular winter season begins in early January and may continue until the final weekend of March.

#### **a) Exhibition Games**

Exhibition games may be scheduled at any time during the playing season with the permission of the League Commissioner.

#### **b) Points**

League play points shall be determined as follows:

- i) 2 points awarded for a win
- 1 point awarded to each team for a tie
- 0 points awarded for a loss

#### **c) Forfeited Games**

ii) i) In the event of a forfeited game, the non-offending team shall be awarded one (1) goal and shall be awarded 2 points in league standings. As per Regulation O.

iii) The offending team shall be fined \$100.00 (or \$200.00 if less than 24 hours' notice of forfeiture) and the non-offending team shall be awarded cost associated with the game (i.e. umpire fees, field cost) when a team forfeits a game by failing to appear for the scheduled game.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

BB. Playing Season

a) The playing season for Women will follow Section F with the following exceptions / deviations:

i) Only tiered age groups may have a tiering break following the Tiering Schedule.

EXISTING a) REMOVE

EXISTING b) REMOVE

EXISTING c) REMOVE

### **RATIONALE**

Revision if proposal for Section F is approved

Motioned by: Stacy Paterson

Seconded by: Ian Tyerman

No discussion

***Motion passed***



Proposed by PCFLL Operating Policy Committee

### **CURRENT REGULATIONS**

#### **CC.02. Roster**

All players should be added to the game sheet at the beginning of the game, but any player who hasn't arrived by halftime must be removed from game sheet roster. Late arriving players must leave their stick on the scorekeeper's table to be checked at the half. They CANNOT PLAY WITH THEIR OWN STICK, but can play with another player's stick or extra stick that has been checked prior to the game start.

### **PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATIONS**

#### **CC.02. Roster**

- a) All players are to be added to the game sheet at the beginning of the game.
- b) Any player who has not arrived by halftime must be removed from the game sheet.
- c) Late arriving players must leave their stick on the scorekeeper's table to be checked at the half. They CANNOT PLAY WITH THEIR OWN STICK, but can play with another player's stick or extra stick that has been checked prior to the game start.

### **RATIONALE**

No significant change other than "are to" from "should"  
Adding bullets for improved readability.

Motioned by: Stacy Paterson  
Seconded by: Angie Reid  
No discussion  
***Motion passed***