

CANADA WEST FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

LEAGUE AGREEMENT

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A. NAME

The name of the organization shall be Canada West Field Lacrosse League.

B. AFFILIATION

This League shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the Constitution & By-laws and the Operating Policy of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association (BCLA) and the Canadian Lacrosse Association and under the auspices of the BCLA Field Directorate. This policy does not take priority over the policies of those of the governing bodies.

C. PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to administer the Canada West Field Lacrosse League.

D. OBJECTIVES

D.01. To promote, foster and govern the game of Field Lacrosse for the players aged nineteen and over.

D.02. To provide coaching, instruction, certification and encourage fair play and sportsmanship.

E. PLAYER AGES

Must be 19 or over as of January 1st of the playing season (ie if the season starts September 2017; then age is determined as of January 1, 2017). U18 players may not register or play up with any Senior team as per the BC Field Youth Operating Policy Regulation 3.01.

F. PLAYING SEASON

The season shall start in the month of September and finish in the month of April of the following year; with a break in the schedule when weather and field conditions make it unsafe to play games (i.e. December and January).

G. LEAGUE MEETINGS

League meetings shall be at the call of the commissioner. All teams must have representation at the meetings or shall be subject to a fine of \$50 payable within 30 days of the missed meeting date. There shall be a Gaming meeting held by January 15th of each year whereby all participating teams must be represented with all information and receipts due at that meeting. Teams not represented will not receive a share of the gaming funds for that gaming application as receipts are mandatory to be submitted. The league gaming application will not be held up for those teams not complying with the Gaming meeting requirements as above.

H. LEAGUE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The League Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than March 15th of each year. As the Annual General Meeting, election of officers for the next year and any changes to the League Agreement will be the order of business. Any changes to the Agreement must be submitted thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting, and forwarded to each member club fourteen (14) days before such meeting. Any team not represented at the AGM will be subject to a \$50 fine.

I. AMENDMENTS

This document may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Annual General Meeting or at an extraordinary meeting. Required conditions for changes are as per section "H" above.

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J. EXECUTIVE

The Executive of the League shall consist of a Commissioner, Secretary, and Treasurer. All positions shall be filled by election at the Annual General Meeting. Should positions be left vacant at the Annual General Meeting, the Commissioner shall be empowered to appoint persons to the positions.

K. OFFICERS AND DUTIES

K.01. Commissioner

The League Commissioner shall be elected at the League's Annual General Meeting by a majority vote of the members present. The Commissioner will administer the League as set out in the C.W.F.L. League Agreement, and the B.C. Lacrosse Association Operating Policy. He/She will chair all meetings of the League and will have the vote only to break a tie. He/She shall represent the League at all Field Directorate meetings, and shall carry the league votes. The Commissioner will determine penalties for infractions as per guidelines as set out by the Field Directorate and prepare League schedules for League play.

K.02. Secretary

The Secretary will be responsible for recording and keeping minutes of all meetings, keeping records of all correspondence. He/She will assist the Commissioner in the distribution of said correspondence to all member clubs.

K.03. Treasurer

The Treasurer will keep records of all financial matters pertaining to the League. He/She will present financial statements at the Annual General Meeting.

L. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all and any organization registered with the BCLA who, at the time of application, is in good standing. Registration of teams must be submitted to the League Commissioner prior to the August Meeting of each year. New clubs registering teams must submit a written application including a team roster, a list of club executive, description of home facilities, uniform colours, and a list of 3 certified officials (field lacrosse referees) as per Regulation 32 of the BCLA Field Directorate Operating Policy, along with \$300 being returned at the end of the season providing the team has met their obligations to the League.

M. LEAGUE FEES/PERFORMANCE BOND

M.01. League Fees

The league fees per team will be set at the AGM each year (currently two hundred dollars (\$200.00)) and must be paid on or before September 1st or prior to the 1st League game.

M.02. League Performance

At the Commissioner's discretion, teams not fulfilling their scheduled commitments will be declared not in good standing. (Teams not in good standing would not be eligible for Provincial play or All Star team participation.)

M.03. League Performance Bond

At the League's discretion, a performance bond can be assessed.

N. REGISTRATION

Team/Player Registration

Team registration lists and player registration forms must be submitted to the commissioner on or before October 1st of each year. Teams not submitting their registration cards by October 1st will be suspended from any further games scheduled until registration cards received. All scheduled games will be forfeited to the opposing team. Late registration will be closed on a date to be

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determined at August meeting and ratified by the Field Directorate. Players may not play any games if they are not registered. Any teams allowing unregistered players to play shall forfeit points for the game and pay a fine to the league of \$25 per unregistered player.

O. SCHEDULING OF GAMES

O.01. League Schedule

Commissioner will make up all league schedules. All league games will take precedence over exhibition games. Any game that is rescheduled must be communicated to the commissioner including the reason for the reschedule, the new date and the location. No rescheduled games may take place within the 2-week time frame before the Provincial Championships are held, unless approved by the Commissioner.

O.02. Play-off Schedule

Provincial play-off games will be conducted as per the Field Directorate directives set from time to time.

O.03. Provincial Championships

Participation in the Provincial Championships tournament will be at a venue, time and under rules and format as set by the Provincial Committee of the BCLA Field Directorate.

O.04. Hosting of Provincial Championships

Member Associations of the CWFL interested in hosting the Provincials must apply to the CWFL for endorsement of the written application to be submitted to the BCLA Field Directorate by August 15th along with the budget as per Regulation 32 of the BCLA Senior Men's Field Operating Policy.

O.05 All Star Game

The All Star Game may be held within 30 days of the Provincial Championships.

P. FIELDS AND GAMES

P.01. Game Time and Field Availability

A list of times and field locations for each association must be submitted to the Commissioner by no later than one week after the Youth Field schedules have been determined. If a game must be cancelled by the visiting team, they must give 48 hours' notice or will be responsible to the Home team for any field costs payable to the municipality.

P.02. Home Team Responsibility

- a) Lining fields and cones
- b) Nets
- c) Timekeepers table and time/score keepers or payment of \$10 per bench official
- d) 3 game balls
- e) Payment of one referee fee as outlined in the BCLA General Operating Policy
- f) Payment of field costs

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P.03. Visiting Team Responsibility

- a) 3 game balls
- b) Payment of one referee fee as outlined in the BCLA General Operating Policy

P.04. Score Sheets

The winning team is responsible for sending score sheets (original copy) to the Commissioner and League Statistician within two (2) days of game date. Facsimile copies are acceptable. Late fees are applicable for late receipt of game sheets.

P.05. Problem Reporting

All expulsions, major infractions and defaults must be reported verbally within forty-eight (48) hours and in writing within two (2) days by the host team and senior game referee.

P.06. Game Length

Games will consist of four 20 minute quarters, or to be determined by the league at the beginning of the season as field time permits.

P.07. Uniforms

A team must wear matching jerseys with no duplicate numbers. In the event of a jersey conflict, the designated home team must change to an alternate colour.

Q. OFFICIALS

A minimum of two officials is required for each game, with the Senior Official being B.C.L.O.A. certified. Fees will be as set as per the General Operating Policy – Appendix B. All referee fees will be paid prior to the start of the game. The League Head Referee will be responsible to schedule the referees for all games.

R. PLAYING UP

A youth player can play up an unlimited # of games in a higher division provided his or her club or association, coach or team manager has given written permission as per regulation 28 of the BCLA Senior Men's Field Operating Policy. Players may not have any conflicts with commitments to their registered team. A one game permit must be signed and attached to the game sheet for each call up. There will be a maximum of 4 player call ups. The senior coach is responsible to contact and get written approval from the minor coach and be in receipt of the signed player call up sheet prior to the U18 player setting foot on the field. If a coach plays an unauthorized, under-aged player, the coach will be suspended a minimum of 2 games and the game shall be forfeited to the opposing team. If both teams use unauthorized players, then on points shall be awarded for the game.

S. COACHES CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Head Coach for each team must be certified as per the requirements of the B.C. Lacrosse Coaches Association Operating Policy Regulation 6. All coaches must fill out a Form 100F and submit by October 1st to the BCLA Office. Any team not complying with this rule shall be fined by the league \$25.

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T. DISCIPLINE AND SUSPENSIONS

T.01. The Field Directorate is responsible for disciplining its own membership.

T.02. The following policies apply to expulsion calls only.

1) Deliberate Attempt to Injure. May include, but is not limited to, butt-ending, spearing, or kicking. May be used to deal with personal fouls (physical) that are excessive and beyond normal play.

1 st Offence	Minimum: three (3) games
2 nd Offence	Minimum: six (6) games
3 rd Offence	Minimum: one year suspension from date of infraction
4 th Offence	Minimum: player forfeits eligibility in BCLA Field Directorate

2) Abuse by Language or gesture. May include, but not limited to, verbal abuse or racial statements to a player, coach, any person officially associated with a team or fan. May also be used to deal with behaviour and actions that are non-physical.

1 st Offence	Minimum: two (2) to five (5) games
2 nd Offence	Minimum: five (5) games to one (1) year from date of infraction

3) Banishment (as per Field Directorate Disciplinary Guidelines and Rules)

4) Abuse of Official. Etc.

1st Offence	minimum 2 games etc. (as per Field Directorate Disciplinary Guidelines and Rules)
2nd Offence	minimum 5 games etc. (as per Field Directorate Disciplinary Guidelines and Rules)
3rd Offence	minimum 1 year etc. (as per Field Directorate Disciplinary Guidelines and Rules)

U. FINES

Infraction	Fine
Missed league meeting	\$50
Missed AGM meeting	\$50
Missed BCLA Field Directorate meeting	\$50
Late registration fees	\$25
Late league fees	\$50
Late game sheet reporting to commissioner	\$10
Playing of unregistered player (per player)	\$25

V. SENIOR TIMELINE

Note: Dates that are associated with a specific By-law or Regulation are reprinted in the timeline as a matter of convenience. They will automatically change if the By-law or Regulation is changed. Dates not associated with a specific By-law or regulation will require a motion to change them. If there is a conflict in the dates, then the governing By-law or Regulation will take precedence over the timeline.

- January 1 Date for determining age level of playing year (Gen Reg 10 FD3.01)
- TBA Last date for registering Men's players to be decided by the Field Directorate at the beginning of each season depending on CWFL playing on season.

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- March CWFL AGM
- March Final Declaration roster due 30 days prior to Senior Men's Field Provincial Championships
- March/April Men's Provincials (FD Senior Men's 32)
- April Field Directorate Special Sessions (FD11.01)
- June 15 no change
- June 30 no change
- August 15 Applications for hosting Men's Provincials in the next playing year (FD Senior Men's 32.01)
- October 1 no change
- October 1 Senior Men's Registration cards and fees due to BCLA office (FD Senior Men's 26.03)
- October no change
- November 1 Last date for cross-over of players (FD Senior Men's 31.03)

Exact dates to be determined by the Field Directorate Executive