

Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League

Aug 19, 2025

Monthly League Meeting - Women's and Youth

Call To Order 7:00pm

Roll Call

Club	Present?	PFCLL Present
Adanacs	Yes	Victoria Howard
Burnaby	Yes	Michael Miele
Chilliwack	Yes	Mick Martinez
Delta	Yes	Karen Goulet
Langley	Yes	Lynda Callard
Mission	Yes	Susan dos Santos
New West	Yes	Dennis Windsor
North Shore	Yes	
Port Coquitlam	Yes	
Richmond	Yes	
Ridge Meadows	Yes	
Surrey	Yes	
Valley	Yes	
Vancouver	Yes	

Land Acknowledgement

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, Qayqayt, Tsawwassen and Stó:lō

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Brad Foster, seconded by Sean Droulis

Executive Reports

Chair

Welcomed members and clarified that multiple representatives per club are welcome to improve communication.

Tournament approvals included

- **Chilliwack U9/U11 (Youth and Women) - Sept 5–7**
- **Ridge Meadows Youth U11 to U18 - Sept 25-Sept 28**
- **Langley U11-U18 (Youth and Womens) - Oct 10-13**
- **Nanaimo Womens U13-U18 - Oct 17-19**
- **Ridge Meadows U7-U11 (Youth and Womens) - Oct 24-26**
- **Richmond Romp Youth U11-U18 - Nov 8–11**
- **Big Al's is tentative awaiting paperwork.**

Provincials

- **Langley awarded Youth Provincials (Feb 13–16) – all age groups.**
- **Nanaimo applied for U11 Feb 6–8.**
- **Burnaby awarded Female Provincials (Feb 20–22).**

Self Scheduling

The league will schedule games until Oct 15th. The self scheduling window for clubs is October 15-November 30th.

Draft schedules for this window are due October 1st. It is expected that some adjustments may need to be made depending on rankings.

Additional Notes

- As the new Exec works through this season, we are keeping an eye on how the deadlines and current processes work together. There are many identified areas that can be improved to make the processes clearer and quicker for players, clubs and the exec. We have a running list of items to address for the next AGM and welcome submissions.
- Also a reminder that the policies we are working from are mainly set by the clubs and the exec. These policies can be changed (with a majority vote) and do not necessarily need to wait for AGM. There are some that are based on FD, and need to wait till their AGM in the spring to address.
- Encouraging clubs to take a critical look at the Operating Policy to identify areas

of improvement and to share these with the exec.

- Future goal to do a work back of dates to adjust registration/release dates so that the players/teams are not held up unnecessarily.
- Commissioners are in place this year, with 5 returning and 5 new.
- The rules for the younger age groups remain the same as last year and have been distributed. It is the clubs responsibility to ensure that they are in the hands of the coaches/families.
- RAMP website is now active

Women's Vice Chair

- Significant increase: 173 youth (41% increase) and 144 women's (69% increase) from two years ago to last year.
- Many release forms are incomplete (missing last names or destination clubs).
- Released players go to the league pool, not directly to a requested club.
- Clubs wishing to keep groups of players together (e.g., mergers) must coordinate before releases are processed.
- Women's Scheduler desperately required, the season will not be able to start without one.

Grandfathering Policy

PCFLL Operating Policy does not have a grandfather process

Excerpt from BCLA Operating Policy Field Lacrosse - Regulation 36.08:

"Where no team is available within the players' age group, the player may play for another association with written release from the player's home association and written approval by the local league for the current playing season only. This release may not be counted as a grandfathering year. A copy of the release must accompany the team registration form to the Field Registrar and the BCLA office."

Unfortunately if your club originally approved an out-of-city player directly with an assoc, it is invalid. Please have them register with their home club first, and they will be going through the release process.

Angie will be stepping down as Head Women's Officials

For the upcoming season: modified rules we had last year for womens field

Hoping to being in the shot clock for at least u18 this season to get everyone used to it.

Clinics are being set up and will begin the second weekend of Sept. Not Sept 6/7 due to sixes tournament.

We will be using RAMP for registration and clinics so I will email all the officials from last year once set up. They will need to pay for their own course and clubs can choose to reimburse like box. The new officials will be registered by their association.

Youth Vice Chair

As we ramp up towards the start of the year there have been a lot of things going on.

Talks with the people from MyLaxRankings are ongoing and seem to be going well and the new website under Ramp is up and running. We'll talk about both tonight.

We've also been trying to deal with releases. Attempting to deal with them in an earlier time than previous years, this has unfortunately been hindered by some roadblocks. Notably that not all information on the form has been filled out, if we are to release people it helps to know where they are willing to go. Also the fact that associations aren't sure if they can accept holds things up. I hope to make progress shortly now that most associations have passed their early bird deadline and hopefully have an idea of what their numbers are going to look like. Lastly on this, a reminder that the only way for associations to control where their players go is to work out mergers, if they are released the league will decide where they go based on what is best for the league.

Looking forward to putting together a successful season.

Secretary

As we get the season up and running, it has been a busy time behind the scenes making sure everyone has the right access and transfer to the new executive has been completed.

Happy to welcome back our returning commissioners as well as fresh faces to the team. Dennis and Victoria have been working on creating updated resources and process guidelines for the commissioners- getting them ready for a busy season.

A huge thank you to Pam Mason who was instrumental in getting our RAMP website up and running. It is live as of today, if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to myself or Pam at ramp@pcfl.bc.ca.

As your own executives continue to change/update please remember to keep me updated as to who is who and what their email addresses are. We want to ensure no one is missing meeting invites and crucial information.

Treasurer/Registrar

No Report

Head Commissioner

No Report

Head Youth Official

No Report

Head Women's Officials

Angie Reid unable to attend today. Her report is read in her absence.

Angie is stepping down from her role as Head Women's official, will remain as Vice Chair of Women's Field Officials for the FD.

- For the upcoming season: modified rules we had last year for womens field stay in effect.
- Hoping to bring in the shot clock for at least WU18 this season to get everyone used to it.
- Clinics are being set up and will begin the second weekend of Sept. Not Sept 6/7 due to the sixes tournament.
- We will be using RAMP for registration and clinics so I will email all the officials from last year once set up. They will need to pay for their own course and clubs can choose to reimburse like box. The new officials will be registered by their association
- Charlie will continue to allocate with support.

Youth Officials Allocator

Clinics Sept 6 & 13 at Douglas College (TBC), plus potential weeknight option. Severe shortage of officials noted. Clubs must have at least 1 certified official per age group or equivalent. If unable by Sept 15, clubs must email the secretary with reasons and plans. Mentorship budget available.

Will look to see if she can use RAMP for Officials scheduling but may need to revert back to google sheets.

Women's Club Reports

No reports shared

Youth Club Reports

Pam from Richmond shared that they would like to host a sixes tournament this year right before Christmas. Looking at Dec 19/20 as BC Sixes does one the next weekend. Players can register outside of a club .. just need to be registered with BCLA.

New Business

The majority of New Business items were covered in Executive Reports. Focus was on declarations/merges.

The following proposed merges were given soft approval by clubs. All were voted on with full support, no opposed votes were indicated. These are for youth teams.

1. Burnaby/North Shore/Van for U11
2. Burnaby/North Shore/Van for U13 to make two teams

3. Burnaby/North Shore/Van to create two teams at U15
4. Burnaby /North Shore/Van to form two U18 teams
5. Delta/Surrey merge at U15 to create two teams
6. Richmond/Vancouver for U18 team

General Discussion

Team Balancing

Clubs spoke of frustration of the past years of the colour grouping of U11. While the U11 group was in theory to be unbalanced, the colour grouping placed them in tiers. The U11 group will be part of the mylaxrankings project which will assist with scheduling.

The plan to allow U11 teams to be unbalanced was put to a vote. Clubs voted unanimously to stop both colours and balancing. Going forward U11 teams can be constructed as clubs decide and will be ranked through MyLaxRankings. No one opposed.

U7 and U9 will continue to require balanced teams.

Tier vs Ranking

With new adaptation of mylaxrankings and self scheduling, there will be a move away from classifying teams as to which Tier they are in. As clubs are no longer locked into a tier, they will be able to move up and down the rankings as their game play dictates. While Tiers will come into play for Provincials, this will be decided by where teams are in the rankings.

Soft Merges Youth

Teams that have gotten soft approval for mergers may go ahead and practice together. Online meeting to be booked for Sept 2nd for review of all merges/declarations and for final vote.

As merges are considered, it is important to note that the exec is keeping two things in mind

1. There should be no situation where a merge results in players needing to be released from their home club due to the newly created team not having enough room for them.
2. Merges should be considered to make more playing opportunities and not less. For example, if both teams are at 12 players then they should be looking to merge with teams with less players (to create two teams) instead of one large team.

Declaration/Merges Women's

Due to the complex nature of many of the teams and players, a separate meeting has been called for August 26. Online meeting invites will be sent.

Clubs and Executive would like to look at putting zones in place for next year for Women's teams.

Declarations

Clubs encouraged to put specific needs in the sheet to aid release placement. Stating that you are "looking for releases" is not sufficient, looking for position/ dominant hand etc.

Mylaxrankings

Draft rankings will be circulated Sept 2, clubs may dispute their placement with evidence. Rankings will be fluid during the season, the draft rankings are just a starting place.

RAMP

Pam to host tracking sessions for Commissioners and Managers on the use of RAMP for their season. There were learnings during the season for Box with the use of RAMP and there have been learnings that hopefully will reduce stress.

U9

If your club is doing U9 in house this year, please notify the league by Sept 2.

Chilliwack Tournament Sept 5-7

Tyler indicates that as of yet there are no teams registered. He asked for support in finding officials as he does not yet have any for the schedule. Exec will send out a reminder for his tournament with a reminder for the need for officials.

Adjournment 8:58pm