

Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League
November 18, 2025
Monthly League Meeting - Women's and Youth

Call To Order 7:02pm

Roll Call

Club	Present?	PFCLL Present
Adanacs	Yes	Victoria Howard
Burnaby	Yes	Michael Miele
Chilliwack	Yes	Mick Martinez
Delta	Yes	Dennis Windsor
Langley	Yes	Susan dos Santos
Mission	Yes	
New West	Yes	
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

Amendment of minutes by Susan dos Santos

Motioned by , seconded by

Executive Reports

Chair

Key Dates and Deadlines:

- Self-scheduling officially ends on December 7, 2025
- The last game that counts toward rankings (including all co-ed divisions) is December 7.
- Team declarations for provincial playdowns are due by December 12.
- No ranking games will be played or counted after December 7th (friendly/exhibition games may still occur).

Youth Provincial Playdowns (2026):

- A proposal is currently under review for Nanaimo to host all youth provincial playdowns in a tournament-style format.
- Nanaimo is confirming facility capacity for three age groups and two tiers (Tier 1 & Tier 2).
- Expected timing: 3rd or 4th week of January 2026 (exact dates TBD).

Tier 3 and Inclusivity Clarification:

- There will be no Tier 3 provincial playdown this season (this has never been offered in previous years).
- The current structure (tiers based on rankings 1–10 and 11–20) is more inclusive than in prior seasons, as more teams now qualify for provincial-level competition.
- Some concern was raised in chat groups that excluding a Tier 3 playdown is not inclusive; leadership clarified that the league is already including significantly more teams than historically.

End-of-Season Tier 3 Tournament:

- No Tier 3 end-of-season tournament is planned for this year due to capacity and volunteer constraints.
- Ridge Meadows has already committed to hosting the U11 end-of-season tournament (awaiting final field directorate approval of rules).
- Leadership is open to hosting a Tier 3 tournament in future seasons if another association volunteers to organize it.
- It was emphasized that additional last-minute events this year are not feasible given current workloads.

Additional Note:

- One participant raised the topic of last year's late-season discussions about potentially eliminating the playdown format entirely in future years (conversation noted but not resolved in this meeting).

Leadership asked all representatives to clearly communicate these dates and decisions to their clubs/teams to avoid misinformation circulating in self-scheduling chats.

Women's Vice Chair

Decision Made – U13 Division Re-Tiering

- Coquitlam Adanacs 2 (currently #1 in Tier 2) will be promoted to Tier 1 effective immediately.
- Rationale: Extreme goal differential (+98 over the next Tier 2 team), multiple 18–20 goal victories in league play, and lack of competitive challenge in Tier 2.
- Goal: Better player development for the Adanacs 2 girls and improved competitive balance for the remaining Tier 2 teams.
 - Supported by PCFLL Operating Policy #6 (teams may be re-tiered at any time by the executive).
- Coquitlam has been notified; discussions ongoing with Pam (commissioner) regarding recognition of the team's hard work and smooth transition.

Discussion Points / Concerns Raised (no changes made):

- Some concern that large goal differentials also exist in Tier 1 divisions (70–80+), but no mechanism exists to move a Tier 1 team “up” to an older age group.
- Acknowledgement that Adanacs 2 is a merged PoCo/Coquitlam team without a dedicated goalie and contains first-year players; context was considered but did not override the competitiveness data.
- No consideration given to Nanaimo (not part of PCFLL) or non-league games in the analysis.
- Ridge Meadows U13 Tier 1 (currently 0-3) was reviewed for possible demotion but will remain in Tier 1 (losses are by small margins; deemed competitive).

Other Women's Updates

- U9/U11 Jamboree (January): Clubs must confirm participation by December 12 (aligned with BCLA provincial declaration deadline).
- Request to all clubs: When emailing reschedule requests, use the format in the subject line “Game #XXX – Team A vs Team B – Date” to improve processing efficiency for schedulers and officials.

No further decisions were required or made. The re-tiering of Coquitlam Adanacs 2 to U13 Tier 1 is final.

Youth Vice Chair

General Operations

- Self-scheduling continues to run smoothly overall.
- The recent ROMP tournament went well with no significant issues reported.
- A few minor discipline matters have arisen – all within normal seasonal expectations and being handled routinely.

Clarification on Playdowns vs Provincials

- Important distinction reiterated for all associations:
- Discussions earlier this year about “not wanting playdowns in January” referred exclusively to league playdowns (for the PCFLL league championship banner).
- Provincial qualification and any associated playdowns are now entirely controlled by the BCLA Field Directorate, separate from league activities.
 - Historically the two were combined; they are no longer the same thing.

Current Status

- No outstanding youth-field issues requiring executive intervention at this time.
- No decisions were required or made.

Secretary

Not in attendance

Treasurer/Registrar

Not in attendance

Head Commissioner

Head Youth Official

Not in attendance

Head Women's Officials

- Using open assignments on RAMP to assist with allocation, so far working well.
- Ongoing issues with games being cancelled as there are not enough officials

Youth Officials Allocator

Officiating Incidents & Challenges

- One game cancelled (U9 in Vancouver) due to lack of available officials; all reasonable rescheduling attempts were unsuccessful.
- Ongoing issue with abuse of officials – now includes coach-to-coach and coach-to-referee incidents in addition to spectator behavior. Strong reminder requested for associations to manage sideline conduct.

Positive Highlights

- Maple Ridge U7–U9/U11 tournament and Richmond Romp both ran successfully.
- Special thanks to Richmond Romp for funding mentor positions and ensuring all crossover/final games used the three-official system, providing valuable development for newer officials in preparation for provincials.

Operational Notes

- Communication from commissioners remains inconsistent; some provide timely updates while others do not, creating allocation challenges.

- Last-minute field/time changes and cancellations continue to cause significant extra work and confusion.
- Manual verification still required for cancelled games in the download process (ongoing efforts with Pam to automate).

Upcoming Coverage

- Officials Allocator will be out of country starting December 2. Allocation will continue seamlessly in partnership with Dennis using WhatsApp/iMessage (non-iPhone SMS unavailable).

No formal decisions were made; all items noted for awareness and continued monitoring.

Women's Club Reports

None stated

Youth Club Reports

None stated

New Business

1. U7/U9 "Tier 1.5 / Tier 3" Play-Day / Jamboree

- Request from Matt Flury (MMLC) to organize a late-season jamboree/play-day for mid-to-lower competitive teams (U7 & U9) that are not well served by current structure.
- Action: Matt to email Beth, David, and Dylan (Field Directorate) to seek approval; call it a "jamboree/play-day" (not tournament). CC Victoria.

2. Women's In-Season Championship (January)

- Discussion on whether to run a post-Christmas in-season championship (banner) or simply continue with exhibition games.
- Mixed opinions; most want to keep players active but concerned about bracket rigidity, weather, and referee availability.
- Action: Victoria to poll presidents – league-run championship (banner) vs open exhibition scheduling in January. Decision to follow.

3. U7 & U9 January Continuation

- Teams must inform commissioners by December 14 if they wish to continue playing in January.
- Merging/roster adjustments permitted post-season (e.g., players from a team that folds can join remaining teams).
- Action: Confirm with David (Field Directorate); advise Ridge Meadows U7 DM.

4. U11 Year-End Tournament (Ridge Meadows)

- Committee formed; application approved by Field Directorate pending final rules (submitted this week).
- Weekend: Feb 6–8, 2026 (Fri–Sun).
- Female U11 (Tier 1 & Tier 2) + Co-ed U11 (Red/Blue/White divisions using MyLAX rankings).

- Teams self-declare division but organizers retain right to place for competitive balance.
- No BCLA funding (U11 not budgeted as provincial). Entry fee ~\$250–300/team.
- Action: Presidents to discuss possible per-team contribution to offset referee costs. Victoria to coordinate with league budget support.

5. PCFLL AGM Date Change

- Proposal to move AGM out of box-lacrosse start-up (April) to late February 2026 (tentative February 28, Zoom possible) – after provincials, before March break.
- Strong support expressed.

6. Pre-AGM Policy Working Session

- Scheduled for January 10, 2026 (evening).
- Goal: finalize policy proposals (self-scheduling at lower ages, October 1 soft schedule, November 30 cutoff, 45-day notice reduction, 7-day emergency policy changes, Tier 3 inclusion, etc.).
- Action: Presidents to submit policy change proposals to Victoria ASAP. Final proposals to membership by January 15.

7. 2026 National Indigenous Youth Field Championships Hosting

- BC Lacrosse approached PCFLL to host U17/U19 Men's National Championships (First Nations & Alumni Cups) in 2026.
- Originally scheduled for Manitoba; now available.
- Would require league-wide volunteer and organizational support (not solely Ridge Meadows).
- Action: Victoria to obtain full details from Jill (field time, volunteer needs, dates). Presidents to vote yay/nay once details received.

Outcome: Multiple action items assigned; no final votes taken on new business items tonight. Follow-up meeting with David (Field Directorate) to be scheduled for next week to clarify provincial play-down format, dates, and declaration scenarios.

General Discussion

Adjournment 9:27pm

Motion to adjourn by Joel Dupuis, seconded by Michael Ranalletta