

Pacific Coast Field Lacrosse League
Oct 21, 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	No	Mick Martinez
Delta	Yes	Karen Goulet
Langley	Yes	Lynda Callard
Mission	Yes	Susan dos Santos
New West	Yes	Mike Ortutay
North Shore	Yes	Dennis Windsor
Port Coquitlam	Yes	Angie Wolfe
Richmond	Yes	Angie Reid
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

Motioned by Ryan Wiebe, seconded by Micheal Ranalletta

Executive Reports

Chair

BCLA EGM/AGM Elections: Urgent call for PCFLL involvement in upcoming BCLA Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) with key positions open (e.g., VP Operations, VP Finance). Strong recommendation to nominate/elect connected candidates like Brad Foster for VP Finance to fix communication fractures between BCLA, directorates, and PCFLL. Emphasis on block voting as PCFLL holds provincial weight; managers urged to attend club AGMs.

Officials & Mentorship Funding: Review of Ridge tournament mentorship (\$700 approved, \$200 paid due to incomplete forms). Issues with double-dipping BCLA funds and uneven distribution (e.g., one ref mentored 8x). Proposal for standardized, collaborative process to equitably spread across clubs. Ref pay too low (\$55/game vs. \$75-100+ in other sports); informal top-ups noted.

Ref Allocator Stipend: Policy mandates payment to allocator Susan (unpaid for 3 years despite heavy workload). Motion passed: \$1,000 seasonal stipend for Women's Allocation and \$1500 for Youth Allocation (includes playoffs), funded from PCFLL budget (~\$32K reserves).

U13 Self-Scheduling: 80% survey support, but few associations (e.g., Surrey) confirmed capable without disrupting U15/U18. Requires multiple in-house refs; late requests burden allocator. Proceed case-by-case for ready clubs.

Self-Scheduling Challenges (U11-U18): 90% positive, but issues include tournament conflicts (e.g., Fusion/Poco knocking out 300 athletes), uneven games (top teams like Langley/Poco isolated), ref shortages forcing cancellations/rejigs, manager confusion/sarcasm. Consensus: Wipe non-compliant schedules from Nov 2 (especially U11/U13 with 22-24 teams), book 2 weeks ahead using rankings; communicate to managers. Future: Tournament-style for U15/U18, full risk assessment debrief.

Residency Verification: Active investigations (5-6 cases, Langley leading with 4); possible use of PIs for surveillance. 2024 policy requires 2 docs (1 school, e.g., School Cash Online/report card). Non-cooperation → suspension, ineligibility, forfeits/fines. Boundaries outdated (e.g., Seamus/Surrey-Langley); push updates. Registrar duty to verify uploads in RAMP.

Call-Ups/Crossovers: Post-Oct 31: Tier-based (Team 1 from lower Tier 1 only); same-age max 4x/player; game permits pre-game (both commissioners). U11→U13 exceptions need approval.

Women's Vice chair

Player Placements: All players in the release portal have been placed, and there are no significant issues to report for the women's teams.

Referee Situations: A missed game occurred due to a scheduling oversight, considered a one-off anomaly. Another issue involved a referee situation in Surrey, which was resolved. There was also discussion about inconsistent officiating, particularly with rough checks and illegal contact in women's games. Officials are being urged to call these infractions more consistently, despite rule changes (e.g., no empty stick checks), to address overly aggressive play influenced by rougher US rules.

Rule Changes and Equipment: The group discussed maintaining current World Lacrosse rules for the season, with a focus on officials adapting to calling nuanced infractions. Equipment like shot clocks is not mandatory until 2027, but clubs are encouraged to use them in preparation.

Game Scheduling and Breaks: A proposal was made to adjust the minimum 60-minute break between games for teams playing multiple games in a day, particularly for women's teams with only three teams in some tiers. The suggestion was to allow coaches to agree to shorten the break to 30 minutes to accommodate weather or scheduling needs. After debate about scheduling logistics and potential domino effects, the group agreed to keep the policy at a 60-minute minimum break but allow teams and officials to shorten it to 30 minutes if all parties agree at the time of the game. This applies to both women's and youth programs, with flexibility already observed in tournament settings.

General Communication: Emphasis was placed on open communication to address issues directly during meetings, avoiding assumptions and resolving disputes collaboratively.

Youth Vice chair

Report topics to be covered under New Business

Secretary

Spreadsheet Access: Thanking everyone for their continued patience as access issues are sorted out. If this type of process is used again next year then work will be done prior to season start to address these issues ahead of time.

Treasurer/Registrar

Banking Update: Current balance of \$32 523 in bank, ongoing work to get eTransfer set up.

Head Commissioner

Emailing Commissioners: Reminder to please email commissioners when a game is agreed on. Commissioners are not on WhatsApp or spreadsheets so need to be notified. Best practice is to email the commissioner and cc the other team as well.

Head Youth Official

Not in attendance

Head Women's Officials

Recent Tournament Update: A tournament in Nanaimo this weekend faced challenges due to its timing shortly after another event (Langley Thunder strike), leading to discouragement and low official turnout. Only one external official attended to support development opportunities for local refs. Plans are in place to reschedule it to November next year for better spacing.

Addressing Game Cancellations: The group seeks consensus on handling frequent cancellations due to official shortages, which cause stress for teams with multiple games.

Suggestions include:

- For younger levels (e.g., U9/U7), allowing coaches to officiate if both teams agree and play the game anyway.
- Pushing for solutions like a 3-5 year plan involving recruitment, paid incentives, and in-game certifications (e.g., Level 1 after shadowing two games).
- Certifying coaches as officials to fill gaps, which would also improve their rules knowledge—especially beneficial at youth levels. Higher pay was highlighted as a key attractor.

Youth Officials Allocator

Positive Updates: Since the last meeting, there have been no games canceled due to lack of refs and 66 new officials have been certified on the youth side (49 Level 1s, 33 Level 2s recertified, 17 Level 3s), with some still needing to complete clinics or tests. A few officials have returned after a 5+ year absence, and a box lacrosse official successfully transitioned to field refereeing. Creative scheduling and use of officials (e.g., covering two fields in a day) have helped address shortages.

Scheduling Challenges: Weekday games (e.g., 5:00 PM starts in Tsawwassen) and Friday nights are difficult to staff. A U13 game in Delta on Friday night has only one ref assigned, and a U15 game in Burnaby on Saturday is at risk of cancellation due to lack of officials. A last-minute effort prevented a game cancellation in Victoria through extensive phone calls. A U8 girls' game in Mission on Sunday at 1:30 PM needs officials, with no outreach yet reported.

Tournament and Game Conflicts: The upcoming November 9th long weekend tournament in Richmond (with ~60 teams) conflicts with 15 league games, causing scheduling concerns. Some clubs are proactive in mentoring younger refs, but others lack engagement. The website's "no games on tournament weekends" policy is not strictly followed, and clubs must communicate openly about scheduling needs.

Cancellation Communication Issues: Cancellations are not consistently reported to the allocator, risking refs being sent to nonexistent games. Three cancellations this weekend were only discovered through convoluted emails, system auto-notifications, or manual checks on the Ramp system, which buries cancellation details. Commissioners are urged to ensure prompt cancellation notifications.

Parental and Contact Support: Prompt responses from parents and team contacts are critical for addressing last-minute issues (e.g., ref shortages or game problems). The allocator emphasized needing reliable contact information to manage issues effectively.

Women's Club Reports

Youth Club Reports

New Business

1. Updated FD policies re: stick length and behind benches

- a. Agenda item not discussed
- 2. Break between games (carry over from Sept meeting)
 - a. Discussion occurred during Women's Vice Chair Report.
- 3. Ways clubs are getting info to parents- what is working?
 - a. Agenda item not discussed
- 4. Roughing out season dates for next year
 - a. Agenda item not discussed
- 5. Stipends
 - a. Discussion occurred during the Chair Report. Motion put forward by Tyson Craigs to allot annual stipend for Officials Allocations (for youth and womens), motion seconded by Sean Droulis . Motion passed with none opposed.
- 6. Refing Survey Responses
 - a. Discussed during Chair Report

General Discussion

Adjournment at 9:06pm

Motion to adjourn by Sean Droulis, seconded by Michael Ranalletta

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