



**2024 SECTOR MEETINGS AND AWARDS NIGHT
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Double Tree Hotel
Regina, Sk**

**Saturday, February 8th, 2025 – 2024 Sector Meetings - Day 1
Qu'Appelle Room**

BREAKFAST	7:30am – 8:30am
Field Sector Meeting	8:30am – 9:45am
MORNING COFFEE BREAK	9:45am – 10:00am
Field Sector Meeting	10:00am – 11:15am
LUNCH BREAK	11:45am – 12:45pm
Officials Sector Meeting	12:45pm – 2:15pm
AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	2:15pm – 2:30pm
Women's Sector Meeting	2:30pm – 4:00pm

**Saturday, February 8, 2025 – SLA AWARDS BANQUET
Capital Ball Room**

SLA AWARDS BANQUET	5:30pm – 10:00pm
Cocktails	5:30pm – 6:00pm
Welcome/Award Presentations	6:10pm – 6:30pm
Supper/Cocktails	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Awards Presentations	7:30pm – 10:00pm

**Sunday, February 9th, 2025 – 2024 Sector Meetings – Day 2
Qu'Appelle Room**

BREAKFAST	7:30am – 8:30am
Box Sector Meeting	8:30am – 9:45am
MORNING COFFEE BREAK	9:45am – 10:00am
Box Sector Meeting	10:00am – 11:15am
LUNCH BREAK	11:45am – 12:45pm
Coaches Sector Meeting	12:45pm – 2:15pm
AFTERNOON COFFEE BREAK	2:15pm – 2:30pm
Free Meeting Space (groups that run over)	2:30pm – 3:45pm

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2024 Field Sector Chair Report

I would first like to thank everyone who helped, participated, and attended this past field lacrosse season. There are never enough ways to express the gratitude I have for volunteers, coaches and the athletes who take the time to play this game. While this year may have been chaotic at times, the adaptiveness and resiliency of our sector is what sets us apart and makes us unique in that despite our small stature we continue to produce ways to play the game we love and perform at an elevated level.

The resurgence of field lacrosse in smaller MA's such as Moose Jaw and Swift Current was amazing to see and a boon in Regina and Prince Albert, but we continue to face dropping participation numbers in places we traditionally would least expect. Despite this, it was great to see MA's work together to out forth teams and host various festivals and games. Thank you, Prince Albert, for hosting provincials this year, it was a well-run event; you were gracious hosts.

While Team Sask did not have the success we likely envisioned, the 17U team did have some strong performances at nationals, particularly with a signature win in the round robin over Alberta as well as a close game against Ontario. Unfortunately, due to the nature of many of our 19U athletes already being signed to colleges we were unable to send a team for that division. The U19 division will likely remain something of an issue until we have a surge in participation or a change in when nationals is hosted; changes I do not foresee coming anytime soon. However, despite our size, we continue to offer events and opportunities such as PLL Academy, Goalie Camps with professional athletes, and continue to see a steady stream of NCAA and NAIA signees graduating from our programs to play at the collegiate level. These advancements are only possible due to the dedication and commitment our sector puts into trying to grow the game despite the inherent challenges we face. With all the above stated, I look forward to continuing to see the field sector evolve and grow.

Best regards,

Dylan Chand



2024 SLA FIELD SECTOR AGENDA

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

8:30am – 11:15

Double Tree, Regina, SK

1. Call to Order

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Introduction of SLA Delegates

4. Sector Chair Address

5. Roll Call/Attendance

6. Designated Vote for each MA (Individuals listed based on Registration)

- a. Churchbridge Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
- b. Kelvington Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
- c. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
- d. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
- e. Regina Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
- f. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
- g. Sturgis Lacrosse Association – (2 Votes)
- h. Weyburn Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
- i. Yorkton Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)

7. Approval of Agenda

8. Membership reports

- a. Carnduff Lacrosse Association
- b. Churchbridge Lacrosse Association
- c. Kelvington Lacrosse Association
- d. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association
- e. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association



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- f. Regina Field Lacrosse Association
 - g. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association
 - h. Sturgis Lacrosse Association
 - i. Weyburn Lacrosse Association
 - j. Yorkton Lacrosse Association
 - k. Any other MA's who do not currently offer programs who are working on programs.

9. Provincials Report

10. Team Sask Report

11. Senior League Report (Joseph Lapraire)

12. Winter Sixes Discussion

13. New Business

- a. Season Change
- b. Provincials

14. Elections

- a. Men's Field Sector Chair (nominations due one week prior to meeting)
- b. No Election will take place as no nominations was received by the deadline set in policy.

As per policy, the SLA Board will execute another call for nominations and online vote prior to the AGM.

15. Adjournment



2024 SLA Field Provincial's Convenors Report

Overall Assessment:

Despite quite the difficulty in planning, field provincials did proceed and were a success. It was, once again, encouraging to see smaller Member Associations come together to put forward teams across various age groups. The resurgence of field lacrosse in Swift Current and Moose Jaw is a testament to the resilience of our growth during exceedingly challenging times.

While not perfect, the transition to a fall season did allow for some breathing room for athletes, parents, and coaches alike. The continuation of women's field lacrosse in Saskatoon as well as the sixes event at the end of the winter provided some much-needed outreach and opportunity to explore the game.

The U11 festival was successful with it being our most highly attended (by teams) division of the weekend with seven teams spanning 6 member associations.

Evaluation of Host Association

The Prince Albert Field Lacrosse Association served as the host association for the U-15, U-17 and U20 provincials.

Competition

This year there was the following number of teams in each division:

- U11- 7 (Moose Jaw, Prince Albert x2, Regina, Saskatoon, Sturgis, Weyburn)
- U13- 6 (Prince Albert x2, Regina x2, Saskatoon, Yorkton)
- U15- 3 (Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina)
- U20- (Team North vs Team South)

2024 Medal Winners

U13	U15	U20
Gold- Yorkton Fighting Pikes	Gold- Moose Jaw Mustangs	Gold- Team North
Silver- Regina Reign	Silver- Prince Albert Attack	Silver- Team South
Bronze- Saskatoon Havoc	Bronze- Regina Reign	N/A



Officiating

Disciplinary Actions

No suspension or incidents occurred which required a disciplinary committee to be formed.

Media

Recommendations

- Field lacrosse appears to be constantly at the mercy of box lacrosse and the dual athlete issue. The movement of provincials to the fall certainly improved the attendance and general ability of smaller member associations to put forth athletes, but not everyone saw that benefit. Many teams, again, arrive at provincials with little to no actual gam competition prior to playing. No matter what time the field sector chooses there will be challenges, but better planning is certainly required if we want to avoid the stress of last season.
- While we tried to have separate weekend for 7's and 10's it was quite apparent that this was going to be unfeasible based purely on attendance around the dates chosen. Again, considerations around the timing of the provincials needs to be better accounted for.
- The issue around coaches getting certified remains a pervasive one in this province. Hopefully with the new initiative to get more coaching facilitators this year by the SLA, we can overcome this barrier.
- The further inclusion of Women's Field or Sixes should be done to continue to enhance diversity and participation of our female athletes

Overall, Prince Albert did an excellent job as the host and accommodating our constant changes towards the end of the season. A huge thank you to them for their willingness and capacity to ensure a smooth operation for putting together a fantastic provincial event and thank you to all the volunteers for their effort and dedication.



2024 Officiating Sector Report

The 2024 Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association (SLA) season saw many of our officials perform at a high level across both field and box lacrosse. The province continues to emphasize the development and mentorship of officials, which has contributed to the success of several of our officials at the National level. Numerous officials participated in National tournaments, with several advancing to medal games on the final day—a significant achievement that speaks to the growth of officiating talent within the province.

Despite these successes, the overall number of officials in Saskatchewan saw a slight decline this year. Several factors contributed to this trend, including reduced game availability at the junior and senior levels, a lack of A-league games, low attendance at Provincials, official abuse, and a general decrease in interest. To address this decline, we are committed to implementing several strategies in the coming years. These include a return to in-person and informal clinics, a stronger focus on mentorship and evaluations, and improved communication and support systems for officials throughout the season.

One area of concern has been the stagnation of our official group, particularly at the junior and senior levels. In recent seasons, we've seen limited movement beyond the entry level into these higher ranks. Our plan to combat this trend and maintain competitive development is outlined under "New Business" for the 2025 season. We aim to reinvigorate our officials' progress and ensure they continue to advance in their officiating careers.

In 2024, we hosted several key events, including the **Prairie Cup, SLA Provincials, Minor Nationals, and Junior Women's Nationals**. These events provided valuable opportunities for our officials to enhance their skills and gain exposure to high-level officiating. Going forward, we recognize the importance of gathering a list of interested officials for these events as early as possible, so we can tailor our mentorship and development efforts accordingly. Early identification will allow us to focus on specific areas of growth and ensure our officials are well-prepared for success.

Unfortunately, the 2024 season also saw an increase in negative incidents, including multiple games with unsportsmanlike conduct (UNC) penalties, 10-minute misconduct penalties, and abuse of official penalties. These occurred across a range of age groups, from U13 to senior levels. This is an area we must address, and as such, we are implementing stricter measures for the 2025 season. Both 2-minute and 10-minute UNC penalties will now come with automatic fines, with an escalating fine structure for both the player and the team involved. We strongly believe that preventing these incidents requires a collective effort, particularly from coaches who must hold their players accountable. Coaches also need to foster a culture of mutual respect and accountability on the bench.

In addition to these changes, for the 2025 season, we will encourage any official who encounters significant issues related to official abuse or misconduct during a game to first reach out to their Member Association (MA), followed by a senior official within their MA, and lastly to myself. This matter will be under close scrutiny during the upcoming season.



Despite these challenges, the 2024 season has been a success from an officiating perspective. The positive feedback has far outweighed the negative, and we are committed to continuing the necessary mentorship, supervision, and evaluation of officials to support their ongoing development. We look forward to an even more successful and positive 2025 season.

Thank you,

Marcus Fischer

SLA Officiating in Charge (OIC)

Men's Field Lacrosse Referee in Chief Report 2024

This report will be a brief overview of the status of Field Lacrosse and 6's officiating in the province for the past year.

Numbers

This year we have:

- 23 Men's Field Lacrosse officials registered in Saskatchewan

- 9 Level 1 Officials
- 3 Level 2 Officials
- 5 Level 3 Officials
- 1 Level 4 Officials
- 5 Level 5 Officials

We were pleased to welcome a number of new officials again this year. Of particular note was the number of men's league players who took the clinic and then reffed games during the Senior season. In the past we have had many players take the course but not ref and this year many more put on the stripes. We are also fortunate to have a large percentage of our officials trained to a high level, with almost 50% being level three or higher. We are recognized by other provinces, as having some of the best referees in the country. Our referees are consistently sought after to officiate national and international tournaments, which is a real credit to the associations where



they trained and to the individuals themselves. This also provides us with opportunities for mentorship throughout the province.

Provincials moved to the fall this year and was a positive for some communities more than others. Getting enough officials was a real issue as the schedule was out very late and teams were being included well past the deadline. In the future, I would suggest that we need to have a much harder deadline for an event of this calibre so we are not scrambling to get enough officials at the last minute.

Fall Men's League continued to grow and provincials in Moose Jaw was another highlight for officials and players alike. Coordinating Men's league and festivals like they did in Regina made it much easier to supply officials as we weren't split between two sites.

Nationals were in Calgary this year and Dale Wilson was the only on field officiating representative from Saskatchewan. She was selected as the head ref for the U-19 gold medal game. I was also at Nationals as an Officials Educator.

We are still awaiting the announcements for International events coming up this summer. Dale is being considered for on field events and I am currently completing my World Lacrosse Educator training and will be considered for events in that capacity.

Clinics - Tentative Dates 2025

Level 1-2 Saskatoon – April 26-27 weekend

Level 1-2 Yorkton - TBD if needed

Level 1-2 Regina - TBD if needed

Level 3-5 Saskatoon – April 13

Online Clinic – TBD

6's – We also certified 8 6's officials this year in the province. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse held a 6's league this fall that went quite well and Weyburn hosted a 6's tournament over the Christmas break that was fantastic. Thanks to Dale Wilson for organizing the 6's officials for these events. Dale attended a Super 6's event in Vancouver on Thanksgiving weekend and gained her World Lacrosse 1 level which qualifies her for higher level competitions through World Lacrosse.

Support

I want to thank all the clubs and associations for their efforts to support growth in the referee sector. We all know that the entire game benefits from strong officiating, but it can also be the



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hardest sector to grow. We really want to do everything we can to encourage people to pick up a whistle but also need to improve retention. Each club and league must fully support their referees by not tolerating any abuse from coaches, players, and spectators. I look forward to continued growth in our sector and in the improvement in the quality of our existing officials. We have a great “third team” and I know that we will continue to do great work in the future.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ian Wilson



2024 SLA OFFICIALS SECTOR AGENDA

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

12:45pm – 3:00pm

Double Tree, Regina, SK

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Introduction of SLA Delegates
4. Sector Chair Address
5. Roll Call
6. Designated Vote to MA
 - b. Churchbridge Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
 - c. Dakota Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
 - d. Estevan Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - e. Kelvington Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - g. Melfort Lacrosse Association – (2 Votes)
 - h. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - i. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - j. Queen City Minor Box (2 Votes)
 - k. Regina Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - l. Saskatoon Box Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - m. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - n. Sturgis Lacrosse Association – (2 Votes)
 - o. Swift Current Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - p. Weyburn Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - q. Yorkton Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
7. Approval of Agenda
8. Reports
 - a. Report from each MA
 - i. Churchbridge Lacrosse Association
 - ii. Dakota Lacrosse Association



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- iii. Estevan Lacrosse Association
 - iv. Kelvington Lacrosse Association
 - v. Melfort Lacrosse Association
 - vi. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association
 - vii. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association
 - viii. Queen City Minor Box Lacrosse
 - ix. Regina Field Lacrosse Association
 - x. Saskatoon Box Lacrosse Association
 - xi. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association
 - xii. Sturgis Lacrosse Association
 - xiii. Swift Current Lacrosse Association
 - xiv. Weyburn Lacrosse Association
 - xv. Yorkton Lacrosse Association

9. New Business

- a. Clinics
- b. Lacrosse Canada Updates
- c. Report from Provincials

10. Election

- a. Officials Sector Chair (RIC) – nominations were required to be submitted one week prior to meeting.
- b. No Election will take place as no nominations was received by the deadline set in policy. As per policy, the SLA Board will execute another call for nominations and online vote prior to the AGM.

11. Adjournment



2024 Women's Sector Report

The year 2024 witnessed significant developments in women's lacrosse across Saskatchewan, marked by increased participation, competitive achievements, and the introduction of new programs.

Provincial Participation and Achievements

1. Team Saskatchewan's Inaugural U19 Women's Field Lacrosse National Championship Appearance

For the first time, Team Saskatchewan participated in the U19 Women's Field Lacrosse National Championship, known as the Jenny Kyle Cup, held from August 2-5, 2024 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. This milestone event showcased the province's commitment to developing female athletes in the sport.

2. Team Saskatchewan's Female Box Lacrosse Programs Impress at 2024 Nationals

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association organized and hosted the 2024 Lacrosse Canada Nationals Tournament in Regina and the U13 Female Invitational for the 2nd consecutive year. Our organizers put in an exceptional effort yet again to show-case our ability in Saskatchewan to Host the largest of events with grace and positivity. Team Sask's female box teams consisted of U13, U15 & U22 divisions.

Our U13's & U15's both achieved their highest placing with National A Side Bronze Medals, while our U22 team battled to a 5th place finish and were exceptional role models for our younger athletes.

All of these positive little steps are adding up to record enrollment to participate with Team Sask for the 2025 Nationals selection process.

All Female Lacrosse Club

The Flatland Coyotes Lacrosse Club, established in 2024, is Saskatchewan's first dedicated all-girls lacrosse program welcoming girls from 9 to 16 year old with aspirations of forming a U22 team in time. This new club was created by leaders within Regina, Moose Jaw & Weyburn who have been working independently in previous seasons.

Their goal is to empower female athletes by providing opportunities to engage in various lacrosse disciplines throughout the year. The club emphasizes accessibility and affordability, ensuring that participation is within reach for families across the province. Last season they boasted a membership of 65 athletes and 14 coaches, all of which participated in their home associations as well as their club.

Challenges and Future Directions



Despite the positive developments, challenges such as limited access to facilities, the need for more coaches, and the necessity to increase awareness and participation at the grassroots level persist. Addressing these issues will be crucial for sustaining and advancing women's lacrosse in Saskatchewan.

Conclusion

The year 2024 marked a period of growth and achievement for women's lacrosse in Saskatchewan. The province's inaugural participation in the U19 Women's Field Lacrosse National Championship, the success at Nationals 2024, and the introduction of new programs underscore a promising trajectory for the sport. Continued investment in development programs, infrastructure, and community engagement will be essential to build upon this momentum and ensure the sustained success of women's lacrosse in Saskatchewan.



2024 SLA WOMEN'S SECTOR AGENDA

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Double Tree, Regina, SK

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Land Acknowledgement**
3. **Introduction of SLA Delegates**
4. **Sector Chair Address**
5. **Roll Call**
6. **Designated Vote to MA**
 - b. Churchbridge Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
 - c. Dakota Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
 - d. Estevan Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - e. Kelvington Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - g. Melfort Lacrosse Association – (2 Votes)
 - h. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - i. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - j. Queen City Minor Box (2 Votes)
 - k. Regina Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - l. Saskatoon Box Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - m. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - n. Sturgis Lacrosse Association – (2 Votes)
 - o. Swift Current Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - p. Weyburn Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - q. Yorkton Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
7. **Approval of Agenda**
8. **Reports**
 - a. Report from each MA
 - i. Churchbridge Lacrosse Association



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- ii. Dakota Lacrosse Association
 - iii. Estevan Lacrosse Association
 - iv. Kelvington Lacrosse Association
 - v. Melfort Lacrosse Association
 - vi. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association
 - vii. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association
 - viii. Queen City Minor Box Lacrosse
 - ix. Regina Field Lacrosse Association
 - x. Saskatoon Box Lacrosse Association
 - xi. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association
 - xii. Sturgis Lacrosse Association
 - xiii. Swift Current Lacrosse Association
 - xiv. Weyburn Lacrosse Association
 - xv. Yorkton Lacrosse Association
 - xvi. Flatland Coyotes Lacrosse Club

9. New Business

- a. Clinics
- b. Lacrosse Canada Updates
- c. Report from Provincials

10. Election

- a. Officials Sector Chair (RIC) – nominations were required to be submitted one week prior to meeting.
- b. No Election will take place as no nominations was received by the deadline set in policy. As per policy, the SLA Board will execute another call for nominations and online vote prior to the AGM.

11. Adjournment



2024 BOX SECTOR CHAIR REPORT

We continued using some technical directors one in the North and South. We continued to keep Chris Lesanko as a SLA Programs Coordinator to help coordinate our directors and set up new classes. This has been a big success and will continue.

Our provincials were in Prince Albert for the U13 to U17 in A,B, and C. Although the changes up to the last second before the start of the season, the volunteers did an unreal job.

Personally like to thank all of the volunteers please see reports for the results Nationals this year we ran all age groups, in Regina this the second year that they hosted the event and once again were the best hosts ever complements came from the whole country. All the teams did well and there is still problems with the teams we need to put a committee together.

In 2025 we did see a couple new tournaments Ken Stewart classic and the Christopher Sauder Memorial.

I look forward to another great year as the SLA continues to implement new projects from our Strategic Plan. We need to work together to keep this plan moving forward and our province growing.

Randy Trobak | SLA Box Sector



2024 SLA BOX SECTOR AGENDA

Sunday, February 9th, 2025

8:30am – 11:15am

Double Tree, Regina, SK

1. Call to Order
2. Lank Acknowledgement
3. Attendance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Association Review
6. PGLL Review
7. South Sask League Review
8. Provincials
 - a) Review last year's provincials
 - b) Discuss 2025 dates and plan
9. Officials (Marcus) update from their meeting
 - a) Recruitment of officials
 - b) Ref association?
10. Coaching (Steve) update from their meeting
 - a. Coaching clinics
 - b. Request for coaching help
 - c. Points for coaching
11. New business
 - Provincial wide advertising campaign
 - How are we going to recruit more players



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12. Election (box sector chair)

13. Adjourn



2024 SLA BOX PROVINCIAL'S CONVENORS REPORT

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

The revised Provincial format was used once again this year with divisions successfully categorized into A, B, and C tiers. The A Division included teams from the Sask A Box League, while for House Provincials, teams were allocated to B or C based on their performance and the presence of double-carded athletes. This approach ensured closely contested games and provided equitable playing opportunities for smaller Member Associations (MA's) and areas without double-carded players.

While some MAs with multiple teams in a division attempted to create All-Star teams by combining their house teams, resembling the old Provincial format, the majority adhered to submitting teams as they were during the season. This format allowed teams that had faced heavily double-carded opponents all season, sometimes without scoring a goal, to secure their first win against teams of comparable playing levels.

Under this updated format and the capability to segregate into distinct divisions, there was a notable reduction in "blowout games" compared to previous years. The few instances of such games transpired. All teams seemed to enjoy themselves for the weekend.

While the arenas were warmer than what would have been comfortable, everyone monitored the conditions and ensured players were safe and hydrated. The host and SLA brought in fans to help cool the players.

EVALUATION OF HOST ASSOCIATION

Prince Albert demonstrated their ability to host this event. Managing a tournament across two arenas spanning five days is no small feat, and everything was executed well. The arenas proved sufficient to host the required number of games. There was a small issue with the loss of the Art Hauser Arena due to issues with lines and booking, however Prince Albert was able to pivot quickly and use the Steuart Arena as the second arena along with the Kinsmen Arena. The host was able to secure enough hotel rooms for the teams attending and the City is host to ample restaurants for feeding the families.

Saskatoon excelled in hosting the U11 Festival, earning praise from attending families and creating a memorable experience for the teams. The event's success reflects Saskatoon's commendable efforts in organizing and executing the tournament, and we express our gratitude for their willingness to take on the responsibility this year.



COMPETITION

The A Provincials had all four teams in the league participate this year in the U13 and U15 divisions (Regina Barracuda, SSSL Stealth, Saskatoon SWAT, and North Sask Predators). There were only three teams in the U17 division (SSLL Stealth, Saskatoon SWAT and North Sask Predators). This year there was the following number of teams in each Division for House Provincials:

- U13 – 10 – Standing Buffalo Fighting Sioux, Shellbrook Swarm, Saskatoon Hurricanes, Weyburn Security Thrashers, Moose Jaw Mustangs Black, Moose Jaw Mustangs Red, Weyburn Young’s Equipment Thrashers, Prince Albert Giants, Prince Albert Smokey Rivermen
- U15 – 6 – Melfort Wings, Moose Jaw Mustangs, Prince Albert Smoke Jumpers, Prince Albert 82’s, Swift Current Rampage, Weyburn Thrashers
- U17 – No Teams in B or C Divisions this year

The introduction of the new format has contributed to narrowing the skill gap, resulting in fewer blowout games and a more substantial number of close and exhilarating matches. The A, B, and C divisions all offered compelling lacrosse competitions, providing valuable opportunities for players across various skill levels.

2024 MEDAL WINNERS U13 A DIVISION	U15 A DIVISION	U17 A DIVISION
Gold – Regina Barracuda	Gold – SSSL Stealth	Gold – SSSL Stealth
Silver – PA Predators	Silver – Saskatoon SWAT	Silver – Saskatoon SWAT
Bronze – SSSL Stealth	Bronze – Regina Barracuda	Bronze – PA Predators

OFFICIATING

There were minimal concerns with officiating, there appeared to be enough officials to cover the number of games. Some scheduling issues resulted in the occasional official not being at the correct rink at the right time, however, other officials stepped up and filled the gaps. The Referee-in-Chiefs (RICs) played a commendable role in assisting the officials with their requirements. We did lose an RIC at the Steuart Arena for a period of time as they were required to officiate a high end game in another city. The host thoughtfully provided dedicated rooms for the officials, stocked with snacks and drinks. The officials maintained effective control over the games.





DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

There were no suspensions or incidents that required a discipline committee to be created for the players. One coach was removed from the tournament due to behavioral issues on the first day. Other coaches stepped up to fill the role vacant from the removed coach.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Multiple Associations were unable to send any teams to Provincials, even after attempting to combine teams. The main feedback was that parents no longer wanted to give up a weekend in July to attend provincials. The SLA has responded by changing the date of Provincials in 2025 to the last weekend of June to determine if more teams will attend.
- The new format received substantial positive feedback, particularly from smaller Member Associations (MAs) that required the use of numerous double-carded players to form a team. The introduction of A, B, C divisions or variations for Provincial Championships aligns lacrosse with the structures commonly seen in other sports. However, it is acknowledged that the presence of double carding poses challenges when it comes to the divisional categorization of teams.
- The A Provincial format needs serious review for the coming seasons. Having a total of two games being played to determine all three Provincial placements in the U17 Division was a negative for many parents and players.
- It is recommended that the Sector review the future direction of A Provincials, including their necessity, with only a maximum of 4 teams being involved. Review to determine if playoffs could be decided in June with a league date rather than being included in the Provincial format which extends the length of Provincials on all people involved and at an extended cost.
- It is recommended that coaches ensure their certification is completed no less than one month prior to Provincials, or ideally, at the time of registering teams. It is a LC requirement to have proper certification to be on the bench, this should not be an issue come Provincials as it should be completed at the start of the season or shortly after.
- All officials and coaches must be registered in RAMP as this is not being followed by many associations.
- Get rid of the Performance Bonds for teams and Associations. They are no longer a requirement and if a fine needs to be issued, the Office can fine them individually. This causes a lot of withholding the bonds and then refunding at a later date. It also causes teams to be delayed in closing out their season sooner as they wait for the



2024 SLA TEAM SASK PROGRAM SUMMARY REPORT

OVERALL REVIEW

The Team Sask Program was once again very busy in 2024. The SLA hosted the Minor Box Lacrosse and the U22 Female Nationals once again in 2024. The Team Sask Program once again had 10 teams competing at various tournaments throughout the summer.

Hosting Nationals in Regina for the minor Box program once again provided an excellent opportunity for players to compete on home turf and highlight the best of what Saskatchewan has to offer.

The program's growth is a positive outcome, and a reflection of the hard work invested over the past decade. However, with the increase in teams and players over the past two seasons, the program continues to adapt to the growing challenges to accommodate the program's expansion.

TEAMS IN THE PROGRAM

In 2024, the program offered the following teams:

- U13 Box Coed
- U13 Box Female
- U13 Jr. Rush
- U15 Box Coed
- U15 Box Female
- U15 Jr. Rush
- U17 Box Coed
- U22 Box Female
- U17 Field
- U19 Field Female

COMPETITION RESULTS

The program secured four A Side Bronze medals at Box Nationals, our most successful year to date. All of our teams were competitive in their respective divisions, especially proving their gains in talent, skill, and abilities against perennial powerhouse provinces Ontario and British Columbia. Many fourth place finishes for our Box and Field teams were also obtained this year. Outside of those two provinces, Saskatchewan was the most successful program at Nationals.

As we continue to narrow the gap with Ontario and British Columbia, we will continue to provide opportunities to our athletes and coaches to help with this skill building.



POSITIVES

- Despite facing some challenges this year, the program experienced numerous positive developments:
- A substantial number of players enthusiastically signed up for program tryouts. The continuation of the Jr. Rush program allowed us to provide playing opportunities for most participants.
- There was a notable increase in the participation of female athletes in the program.
- Strong competition results showcased the program's competitive prowess.
- This year, we implemented a more organized practice schedule. There were also more practices available for teams this year.
- The PLL camp was another success, providing great learning experience for the Field Teams, who typically see the least amount of practice time due to conflicts and field availability.
- The program garnered substantial media attention, particularly in connection with hosting Nationals.
- The presence of dedicated volunteers greatly contributed to the program's success, both with individual teams and during Nationals.
- Teams were able to practice together at the same locations and during similar times, reducing travel for families with players on multiple teams.
- The coaching staff represented various regions of the province, and team representatives hailed from diverse lacrosse associations.
- The implementation of the Prairie Cup allowed coaches to have competitive game play prior to Nationals and know what aspects of their team game needed to be improved
- Families from other provinces and other Association representatives provided a large amount of complements and joy from the Nationals event.
- Our first ever U19 Female Field team represented Saskatchewan at Nationals this year.
- The heart of the program lies in its players, who consistently brought positiveness, excitement, and a genuine passion for the game. Even on challenging days, the players' enthusiasm made a significant difference.
- The implementation of the Square Invoicing system over RAMP for fees greatly increased the amount and frequency of payments from families.
- Square also allowed families to see the exact charges on their invoices, something not previously available with RAMP



ISSUES FACED/ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Delays once again occurred with the receiving of clothing orders on time and completely fulfilled. Ordering delays were the main reason for this issue
- Continued streamlining of the tryout process and early notifications to players on team selection is needed
- Notifications to players making the teams was once again later in the process and did not allow for as much sponsorship and fundraising as possible for families that needed it
- The tryout process with having players moved from one team to another, while still on the same floor, caused issues for many players who felt undervalued and disrespected
- Finding enough qualified and adaptable coaches continues to be an issue, especially with the increase in the number of teams in the program

CHANGES FOR 2025

- Teams will be named earlier in the year after the ID camps are completed to ensure all have sufficient time to plan for the higher costs associated with travel to Nova Scotia
- Increase attempts from the SLA to find program wide sponsorship and fundraising to reduce the costs of the program
- Changes to the transparency of the process by increasing communications, sharing financial costs of tryouts, and opening up the tryouts for families to stay and watch
- Increased training not only for players but also coaches to increase the skills and abilities of all participants in the program
- Continued use of the Square invoicing system to ensure fees are paid in a timely manner
- Harder stance those not paying previous fees but still being allowed to participate, thus further increasing their amount owed to SLA
- More inclusion and involvement from members to assist with the smooth operation of the program
- Information to coaches and managers coming out early with clear responsibilities and expectations
- Constant communication



Prairie Gold Lacrosse League 2024 Report



Thank You to all the great people and teams who contributed and competed in the PGLL.

PGLL welcomed Weyburn Razorbacks this past year!

Congratulations to the Prince Albert Predators on back-to-back Junior Championships.

Congratulations to the Saskatoon Brewers for regaining their supremacy in the Senior PGLL with 6 titles in the last 7 years. Now, the Brewers are tied with the Regina Heat for the most championships at the Senior level. Congrats to the league MVP's, Award winners and All-Stars! Well deserved!

On a National level, Prince Albert Predators and the Swift Current Wolverines attended the McDonald's Cup, and the Predators were crowned champions! Standing Buffalo Fighting Sioux represented Saskatchewan at the President's Cup and received Saskatchewan's first ever senior victory at this competition. Also noted, Prince Albert Predators competed to try to represent Saskatchewan at Founders Cup, they battled hard, but the Regina Kings earned and received this privilege.

PGLL saw an increase on social media, which hopefully produced some excitement leading up to the season and during the season. Thank you, Jeff! The league purchased some clothing this year and did some giveaways at a few different games and had clothing merchandise during playoffs as well. The league tried different playoff format and also experimented with incorporating a third official.

Huge thank you to the major sponsors:

- Juniors Crop Aid
- Seniors Great Western Breweries

Everyone must always remember at all times there are many pieces that come together to make up the PGLL operations each and every year and we need them all! The players who we need to be there to play the game, the General Managers and Coaches to listen and to have a voice, the Board of Directors to direct the ship and last, but not least the officials. Without the officials, we do not have a league. We need to always realize and understand that there is zero tolerance for any type of harassment at any level, regardless of your position within the PGLL.



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The PGLL 2024 season brought in new ideas from the General Managers and Board Directors. PGLL is thankful for the new insight with some ups and downs but hopefully we will adjust and learn to make the future in 2025 better.

Once again, thank you to everybody who supports the PGLL! It is great to see that we are almost back to pre-Covid numbers within the league itself.

Sincerely,

PGLL Commissioner – Chris Lesanko



SLA Coaching Sector Report

I am pleased to share the 2024 Coaching Sector Report with the membership of the Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association.

Our coaches are integral to the growth, success, and retention of lacrosse athletes and families in our province. I would like to start by thanking all coaches in our province from the grassroots level to our high-performance teams for the countless hours they have spent volunteering to support our athletes and the great game of lacrosse. Whether you are a coach brand new to the game, a lacrosse player looking to stay involved and give back to the game, or one of our veteran coaches, you each play a critical role in the success and enjoyment of lacrosse in Saskatchewan.

2024 saw the interruption of access to the Lacrosse Canada coaching website used for pre clinic modules, registering for coaching clinics, tracking progress, and online resources. The site continues to be closed. Moving forward we will be using “[The Locker](#)” through the Coaching Association of Canada. “The Locker” tracks the most up to date coach certification information for each coach and provides access to many online resources including required and optional learning modules. I encourage all coaches to become familiar with “The Locker” and to explore the numerous e-learning opportunities available. This past year also saw the retirement of the Competitive Introduction Workbook. Any coaches that took the course prior to 2024 but did not submit a workbook are required to retake the updated course in order to be considered “trained”. Moving forward there is no workbook required to be “trained” status at the competitive introduction level.

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association has worked with Lacrosse Canada to create our own document to outline the requirements for coach certification. The purpose of this one page infographic is intended to bring clarity to the coaching certification requirements for each age division. I would encourage all current and future coaches to review the document to determine what steps are required to coach at your level and attend training events when they become available.

In November and December we hosted online coach development sessions for field lacrosse and box lacrosse. Thanks to our veteran officials for hosting these sessions and providing their perspective on box lacrosse and field lacrosse from an official’s point of view. The sessions also allowed coaches to ask questions of rule interpretations. Coaches were able to earn NCCP professional development points which were added to their “Locker”.

Moving forward into 2025, the Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association has plans in place to develop more coach learning facilitators and update our current facilitators for both box and field lacrosse. We also have our own box lacrosse competitive development evaluator who will support coaches on their competitive development pathway and ensure we meet the certification requirements for events such as the Canada Summer Games.

In closing, I encourage all current and future coaches to consider the importance of working together to continue to grow lacrosse in Saskatchewan. You are leaders for our athletes and play



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an important role in their choice to return to lacrosse. As coaches prepare for the upcoming season I would encourage all to continue to coach following the important principles of the NCCP Code of Ethics: leadership and professionalism, health and safety, respect and integrity.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Michaluk
SLA Coaching Chair



2024 SLA COACHING SECTOR AGENDA

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

12:45pm – 2:15pm

Double Tree, Regina, SK

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Introduction of SLA Delegates
4. Sector Chair Address
5. Roll Call
6. Designated Vote for MA
 - a. Churchbridge Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
 - b. Dakota Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
 - c. Estevan Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - d. Kelvington Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - e. Lumsden Lacrosse Association (1 Vote)
 - f. Melfort Lacrosse Association – (2 Votes)
 - g. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - h. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - i. Queen City Minor Box (2 Votes) - Greg
 - j. Regina Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes) -
 - k. Saskatoon Box Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - l. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - m. Sturgis Lacrosse Association – (2 Votes)
 - n. Swift Current Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - o. Weyburn Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
 - p. Yorkton Lacrosse Association (2 Votes)
7. Business Arising from 2023 Meeting
 - i. Super Clinic Feedback (Chris)
 - ii. CL Website / Database



8. 2024 Clinics Report (Chris)

9. New Business

a. Membership Reports

- i. Estevan Lacrosse Association
- ii. Melfort Lacrosse Association
- iii. Moose Jaw Lacrosse Association
- iv. Prince Albert Lacrosse Association
- v. Queen City Minor Box Lacrosse
- vi. Saskatoon Box Lacrosse Association
- vii. Saskatoon Field Lacrosse Association
- viii. Sturgis Lacrosse Association
- ix. Swift Current Lacrosse Association
- x. Weyburn Lacrosse Association
- xi. Yorkton Lacrosse Association

b. Updates from Lacrosse Canada Meetings - SLA New Document (Chris) - Coaching Performance Points Update

- c. Facilitators Update (Chris)
- d. Monthly Coaching Webinars (Chris)
- e. 2025 Clinics Website Update (Chris)
- f. Cost Share Approach for Clinics

10. Election

a. Coaching Sector Chair

- i. No Nominations received, so no election will take place. The SLA Board as per policy, will open up an online election process.

11. Adjournment