



# **2020 LEAGUE AGREEMENT**

Ratified by BCLA Executive March 31, 2020

#### **ARTICLE 1: NAME**

The name of the organization is the WEST COAST SENIOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION, hereafter referred to as "WCSLA".

#### **ARTICLE 2: AFFILIATION**

The League Agreement of this organization is subject to the terms and conditions imposed by the BC Lacrosse Association, hereafter referred to as "BCLA" and the Canadian Lacrosse Association, hereafter referred to as "CLA". The organization is also subject to the BC Societies Act.

#### **ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to administer Senior "B" Lacrosse in British Columbia.

#### **ARTICLE 4: DISSOLUTION**

Upon wind up or dissolution of the Society, the assets which remain after payment of all costs, charges, and expenses which are properly incurred in the winding up shall be distributed to such charitable organization or organizations in British Columbia having similar charitable purposes. This provision was previously unalterable.

#### **ARTICLE 5: OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the organization are:

1. To foster, promote, govern and improve Senior Lacrosse.
2. To foster among its members, supporters and teams, fair play and sportsmanship and a general community spirit while maintaining and promoting general interest in the game of lacrosse.
3. To control and exercise a general care, supervision and direction over all playing interest in the League or other activities entered into by the League and its member teams.
4. To institute and regulate competition into various series.

#### **ARTICLE 6: MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in the organization shall consist of the Governor from each team playing in the WCSLA and the elected executive members.

1. One Governor from each team in good standing with fees paid in full, shall have voting privileges at all meetings of the WCSLA.

#### **ARTICLE 7: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The League Annual General Meeting shall be held after the BCLA AGM and prior to January 31 of the coming playing season, on a date determined by the Commissioner. The order of business will be: expansion, elections of officers and reviewing and voting on any League Agreement amendments. Notice of this meeting shall be issued to the members 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 8: AMENDMENTS TO LEAGUE AGREEMENT**

This document may be amended by a majority vote of the members, in good standing, at the League Annual General Meeting. Such proposed amendments must be forwarded in writing to the Commissioner's office seven (7) days prior to the AGM, and issued by the Commissioner's office to the member teams no later than five (5) days prior to the AGM.

This document may also be amended by majority vote to open, and then by a majority vote to amend at any properly called League meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 9: BONDS**

1. Each new team wishing to participate in the playing schedule within the WCSLA is required to post with the Commissioner, a team fee in the sum of five thousand (\$5000) dollars, on or before January 1. This fee will be retained by the League at the time of the application
2. Any team that relocates, requires a majority vote by Board of Governors approving relocation and the fee will be waived.
3. Any team who presents an NSF cheque will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars, and suspended if the cheque is not made up within seven (7) days. If during league play, the suspended team forfeits all games until the cheque is made up.
4. The WCSLA is entitled to the accrued interest of all above-mentioned sums.

**ARTICLE 10: SPONSORSHIP**

Any team that is a member of the WCSLA can obtain sponsorships within the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island as long as those interests do not conflict with any other team of the WCSLA or BCLA.

The rights regarding sponsorship in the WCSLA are defined as follows:

- 1. Sponsorship does not constitute ownership.
- 2. It is not the WCSLA’s responsibility to take on any team debts.

**ARTICLE 12: BY-LAWS**

**SECTION 1: EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

- 1. Refer to By-Law IV (subsection 1 & 2) of the BCLA Constitution.

**SECTION 2: LEAGUE OFFICERS** (hereafter referred to as the Executive)

Elected by the Board of Governors

1. Chair of the Board of Governors	1 year term	voting privileges
2. League Commissioner	1 year term	votes only to break a tie vote
3. Secretary	1 year term	voting privileges
4. Treasurer	1 year term	voting privileges
5. Statistician	1 year term	voting privileges
6. Webmaster	1 year term	ex-officio non-voting
7. League Scheduler (if required)	1 year term	ex-officio non-voting

**Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors is comprised of one member representative from each team in the WCSLA. Each member representative shall be the team’s Governor or designate, who has been elected or appointed by their respective team.

**Procedures at Meetings**

Procedures and procedural disputes not covered in the By-Laws shall be governed by **Robert’s Rules of Order**, current edition, and shall apply at all meetings.

**SECTION 3: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

**Chair of the Board of Governors**

The Chair of the Board of Governors is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the league AGM for a term on one (1) year.

Function

The function of the Chair of the Board is to assist the Commissioner in achieving league objectives on behalf of the Board of Governors in conjunction with the Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, in a business-like and timely manner.

Responsibilities

The Chair of the Board is responsible for the following duties:

- 1. To chair all meeting of the Board of Governors.
- 2. To assist the Commissioner in dealing with applications to the league.
- 3. To assist in setting up the Annual All-Star Game when applicable.
- 4. To assist other league executives in preparing an annual budget.
- 5. It is the duty of the Chair to assume the responsibilities of the Commissioner, until one has been elected by the Board of Governors.

**Board of Governors**

This board will consist of one (1) person from each member team in good standing. Each team will notify the Commissioner, in writing, the name of the team’s Governor prior to January 1 of each year. In case of an emergency, an alternative can be appointed and take full part in the meeting with the consent of the other Governors.

Function

The Board of Governors will oversee league policy. Each Governor, including the chair will have one vote. Voting will be in any manner acceptable to the Governors; however a tie vote is a defeated vote.

## Responsibilities

The Board is responsible for the following duties:

1. To appoint one member to act as Chair
2. To meet periodically (at least once per year) as required. Meetings can be called at any time by the Chair or by simple majority of the Governors.
3. To attend league meetings and act as their team's representative.
4. To determine possible league expansion and, in conjunction with the Treasurer, set league fees.
5. To elect league executive and set the annual remuneration.
6. To assist the Chair of the Board, in conjunction with the Treasurer, in preparing for distribution, an annual budget.
7. To appoint signing officers for the league. Signing officers to be the Treasurer, Commissioner and one (1) league Governor.
8. To recommend amendments to the League Agreement as necessary.
9. To be responsible for all fiscal matters pertaining to the league, including the appointment of an auditor if considered necessary.
10. To place the betterment and welfare of the league above their own team's interests.

## **League Commissioner**

The Commissioner is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the league AGM, for a term of one (1) year.

### Function

The function of the Commissioner is to carry out the administrative objectives and duties of the league on behalf of the Board of Governors in conjunction with the Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, in a business-like and timely manner.

### Responsibilities

The Commissioner has the sole responsibility of administering the League Agreement. The Commissioner is responsible for the following duties:

1. Policy
  - a. To administer the league according to policy and as directed by the Board of Governors.
  - b. To represent the league at all BCLA Senior Directorate meetings and carry the league vote.
  - c. To prepare changes for the BCLA Operating Policy as directed by the Board of Governors.
2. Technical Standards
  - a. To determine the technical standards of the league including, but not limited to, the game, officiating and equipment.
3. Players
  - a. To issue registration certificates to teams.
  - b. To ensure that all players are properly registered before appearing in any league sanctioned game.
4. Exhibition, Regular Season & Tournament Games
  - a. To prepare a schedule of all league and playoff games and circulate schedules to the teams, statistician and referee allocator when they have been approved.
  - b. To notify the referee allocator, statistician and teams involved of any changes made to the final schedule.
  - c. To represent the league at all sanctioned games, and when deemed necessary, arrange for a Game Convenor, to report back to the Commissioner.
  - d. To examine the data on score sheets for accuracy and conformance with league standards including but not limited to player eligibility, penalties and statistics.
5. Discipline
  - a. To determine and apply the standards of conduct for all members of the League including but not limited to League executive, team management, league officials and players.
  - b. To issue fines and suspensions in accordance with the League Agreement and other operating policies and to promptly notify parties in writing of any disciplinary actions, and copy to the Treasurer if a fine is levied.
  - c. To deal with any player, active team member or Executive member of the WCSLA for actions or statements that are detrimental to the welfare of lacrosse or the league.
  - d. The Commissioner is empowered to levy a fine on any team as it pertains to the current League Agreement.
6. Meeting
  - a. The Commissioner will chair all league meetings and cast the tie breaking vote if necessary.

## 7. Trophies and Awards

- a. To order, distribute, collect and store all trophies and have the proper engraving prepared.
- b. To supervise the maintenance of proper records by the Secretary, of the recipients of trophies and awards.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the league AGM, for a term of one (1) year.

#### Function

The function of the Secretary is to carry out the office and clerical requirements of the League on behalf of the Board of Governors under the joint direction of the Commissioner in a business-like and timely manner.

#### Responsibilities

The Secretary is responsible for the following duties:

1. Policy
  - a. To follow and apply Robert's Rules of Order, current edition, at all meetings.
  - b. Will carry out, organize and file all league correspondence and records.
2. League Personnel
  - a. To provide administrative support as directed by the Commissioner.
3. League Passes
  - a. To arrange for the player and Executive passes to be printed and distributed.
4. Exhibition, Regular Season & Tournament Games
  - a. To deal with BCLA in regards to anything with President's Cup correspondence.
5. Meetings
  - a. To schedule and arrange all meetings as requested.
  - b. To attend and record minutes of all official League meetings and distribute copies to member teams and league executive no later than 5 working days after the held meeting.
6. Agenda and Order
  - a. Call meeting to order
  - b. Minutes of previous meeting
  - c. Business arising from minutes
  - d. Treasurer's report
  - e. Unfinished business
  - f. New Business
  - g. Adjournment
7. Trophies and Awards
  - a. To maintain a registry of all League Awards, trophies and personnel recognition under the direction of the Commissioner.
8. League Members
  - a. To notify all members of meeting schedules and make appropriate arrangements.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the league AGM, for a term of one (1) year.

#### Function

The function of the Treasurer is to carry out the proper management and record keeping of the League's finances on behalf of the Board of Governors, under the joint direction of the Commissioner in a business-like and timely manner.

#### Responsibilities

The Treasurer is responsible for the following duties:

1. To receive and maintain a record of all money, paid and dispersed, on behalf of the League
2. To maintain the League's financial records including fines and provide financial reports at all meetings, at the commencement of the season and year end.
3. To maintain bank accounts at a chartered bank or Credit Union as designated by the Board of Governors in the name of the league, into which all money is to be deposited and from which all disbursements are to be made. The accounts will be General and Gaming Accounts.
4. Act as a signing officer of the league finances.
5. Assist the Board of Governors with the preparation of the Annual Budget and setting league fees.

### **Statistician**

The Statistician is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the league AGM, for a term of one (1) year.

Function

The function of the Statistician is to carry out the calculation and record keeping of the League's statistics on behalf of the Board of Governors, under the direction of the commissioner in a business-like and timely manner.

Responsibilities

The Statistician is responsible for the following duties:

1. To supply each Governor and League Webmaster with updated standings, every Tuesday evening before 9 pm.
2. To update year-end league records no later than one week prior to the League AGM.

**Webmaster**

The Webmaster is accountable to and appointed by the Board of Governors at the league AGM, for a term of one (1) year.

Function

The function of the Webmaster is to maintain the web site on behalf of the Board of Governors, under the direction of the Commissioner, in a business-like and timely manner.

Responsibilities

1. To update the web site with stats and standings as supplies by the Statistician.
2. To update league records and maintain the web site as directed by the Commissioner at the request of the Board of Governors.

**SECTION 4: MEETINGS**

**League General Meeting**

1. League General Meetings will be held from time to time as decided by the Commissioner. It is necessary, however, that a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice be given.
2. A fine of twenty-five (\$25) dollars will be assessed to any WCSLA team for non-attendance (either in person or by phone) of a general meeting. Teams missing two (2) consecutive league general meetings will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars for the second missed meeting and fifty (\$50) dollars for every missed meeting after. One person will not represent more than one team, nor hold more than one office in this situation. Fines for non-attendance must be paid to the Treasurer on or before the next general meeting.
3. Past commissioners may attend league meetings in an advisory capacity.

**Annual General Meeting**

1. An AGM will be held at the end of the playing season, not later than January 31<sup>st</sup> following the BCLA AGM, on a date set by the WCSLA Commissioner.
2. Each team must be represented in person at the AGM or will be fined.
3. Fines will be assessed to members of the WCSLA for non-attendance of the Annual General Meeting. A fine of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars plus twenty-five (25%) per cent of the existing bond and possible loss of team will be levied against any such team, with the exception of unforeseen circumstances, as agreed to by majority vote by the Board of Governors.

**SECTION 5: NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

1. Nominations for the position of WCSLA Commissioner must be forwarded, in writing, with a seconder, to the Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the AGM.
2. Nominations for the remaining Executive positions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than seven (7) days prior to the AGM. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
3. Nominations will only be accepted from those in good standing with the CLA, WCSLA and current member teams, or members of the present Executive.
4. Persons being nominated must be in good standing with both the WCSLA and the BCLA before accepting a nomination for any office. After notifying all concerned, the Secretary is empowered to delete those who are not in good standing with both associations

**SECTION 5: PROCEDURE OF VOTING**

1. Each team executive may, at their discretion, send two (2) accredited members to any Annual or General Meeting. Each team will be given one (1) vote on any given question regardless of the representatives.

## **SECTION 6: QUORUM**

1. To open the AGM, no less than fifty-one (51%) per cent (one more than half) of the Board of Governors must be present.

## **SECTION 7: PROTESTS**

1. A league protest must be submitted, in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident, and include a one hundred (\$100) dollar fee to the Commissioner. No team can withdraw a protest. If a team wins their protest the submitted fee will be returned.

## **SECTION 8: MANAGERS, COACHES AND TRAINERS**

1. Each coach, manager and trainer, as an official of the team, is responsible for the proper observance of this Agreement.
2. Each team is responsible for submitting a Coaches Form 100B to the Commissioner two (2) weeks before the designated deadline set by the BCLA. Failure to submit the form by the deadline could result in the suspension of the coaching staff as per the BCLA Operating Policy.
3. The Manager is responsible for the completion of game day rosters. Two (2) game day rosters must be submitted to the Scorekeeper (one for the announcer) ten (10) minutes before game time. The game day rosters need to be printed clearly and in numerical order. A fine of one hundred (\$100) dollars will be assessed if the above is not adhered to.

## **SECTION 9: PROTECTED LISTS**

1. All teams must submit protected lists via email on May 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition, an updated list must be submitted whenever there is a roster change. Failure to do this will result in a twenty five (\$25) dollar fine. Protected lists must have the date and time of the list, along with the players' names and card numbers. Contents of protected lists must be communicated by the Commissioner to all Governors and the Statistician as changes occur.
2. Once protected lists have been submitted, all players on it are recognized by this league as the property of the respective team, and will remain so until released or traded.
3. Until the submission of this list, players by virtue of a previously signed card or a trade are protected.
4. Any player selected in the current year's dispersal draft remains the property of the team that selected them.
5. A player selected in the current year's dispersal draft and not protected after May 1<sup>st</sup> may be contacted through the General Manager of the team that originally chose him.
6. A player selected in the current year's dispersal draft who goes directly to the WLA and signs for a team, plays part of the season and is then released, must return to the WCSLA team that selected him in the dispersal draft.
7. Any player who goes directly to the WLA and plays in that league for more than his draft year, having never signed in the WCSLA, will become a free agent within the SCSLA and can sign with any member team.
8. Any player who has signed with a team in the WCSLA, then goes to the WLA for less than two (2) years, and, upon his release, immediately returns to the WCSLA remains the property of the last WCSLA team he played for. However, if a player sits out one (1) season after playing in the WLA then decides to play in the WCSLA he is a free agent and can sign with any member team.
9. Any player drafted and not signed by a WCSLA or a WLA team in his draft year, thereby sitting out his entire first year, becomes a free agent and can sign with any member team upon his subsequent entry to the WCSLA.
10. Any player indebted to any team may be suspended by the WCSLA until resolved.
11. A suspended player can only be reinstated once per season by the team that suspended the player.

## **SECTION 10: ROSTERS**

1. Each team's roster is frozen at 12:00 a.m. on their game day during the regular playing season.
2. Each team must dress a minimum of twelve (12) players, which can be broken down as follows:
  - a. Twelve (12) players signed in the WCSLA or eight (8) players registered in the WCSLA plus four (4) player call-ups registered in another league.
  - b. Call-ups may include a maximum of four (4) players registered in another league (Senior C, Junior B, or Junior A), however there is a maximum of two (2) Junior A players eligible as call-ups in any game. A one game permit must accompany the game day roster.
  - c. Failure to comply with minimum player qualifications will result in a minimum fine of twenty (\$25) dollars.

3. Each team may place up to four (4) players on the injured reserve list. The injured list is to be kept updated by the Commissioner.
  - a. The teams with four (4) players on the injured list must release two (2) players by 11:59 pm July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. Players placed on the injured reserve list must remain there for a minimum of ten (10) days or three (3) games whichever comes first. This will start from the date of notification to the Commissioner. The game in which the player was injured does not count.
  - c. A player can be moved from the injured reserve list to the active roster (or vice versa) between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> as long as they are either replacing a player for player, or are moving to an open roster spot. This not considered releasing a player.
  - d. In the event that the playoffs start before the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline, no movement between the active roster and injured reserve list will be allowed once the playoffs begin.
  - e. A player on the injured reserve list after July 15<sup>th</sup> can be activated for play in the President's Cup as per BCLA / CLA rules.
  - f. Players on the injured reserve list may not play up in another league while on the injured reserve list. Offending players will be removed from the roster of the WCSLA team they signed with and will not be permitted to play for any WCSLA team for the remainder of the current season (including playoffs).
  - g. Players on the injured reserve list after the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline remain the property of the WCSLA team they signed with, but prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the following playing season must be signed, released or put on the holdout list.
4. Each team may carry a holdout list with no greater than ten (10) players on it who were registered members of said team.
  - a. Holdout lists comprise of formerly signed players opting not to play as well as players currently signed by a WLA team.
  - b. Players placed on a holdout list must also have a date assigned to them.
  - c. Players can remain on the Holdout list for up to two (2) years from the date they were placed on the list, after which they become free agents.
  - d. Players placed on the Holdout list after signing a card in the current year, do not count against a team's possible carded players (active roster 25+2 injured reserve). Their card is released to the BCLA, but their playing rights remain with the team that last signed them.
  - e. A player can only be placed on a holdout list once in a season. If a team decides to activate a player from the holdout list, the player cannot be placed back on the holdout list at a later date.
  - f. Once a player is placed on the holdout list in a current season, they must be traded or released to be taken off with the exception of players who have moved to the WLA and return to their WCSLA team.
  - g. Any player on a holdout list may only play in a lower category until the player's name is removed from such list. A player may be removed from a holdout list by moving said player from holdout to active and submitting an updated protected list to the Commissioner, not including WLA holdouts.
5. Teams may also submit a WLA holdout list. This is composed of players that are either currently registered by the WLA or legitimately trying out at a WLA camp. The Commissioner may at any time ask teams to present a written letter from the General Manager of the WLA team that said player is reporting to. Once a player is carded in the WLA they remain on the list for up to two (2) years. There is no player limit to the number of names on this list.
6. After the final rosters have been handed into to the Commissioner on July 15<sup>th</sup>, each team's roster is frozen until they have been eliminated from competition in the WCSLA. This includes the movement of players between the active roster and the injured reserve.

## **SECTION 11: PLAYER MOVEMENT**

1. Trades within the league must be written and signed by both teams involved. The agreement must be completed in full, including the date and the full names of players concerned, and be forwarded to the Commissioner within forty-eight (48) hours after the trade. See WCSLA Appendix "A" – Player Trade Agreement.
2. Players who have signed a registration card for the current season with a member team and later wish to move in a lateral direction within the WCSLA, must be in possession of a signed release from the last Manager to be submitted to the Commissioner for approval before being allowed to play with the new team.

3. Once a player is released by a team he becomes a free agent and is considered the property of the league. The team that released the player may not protect him after submitting their updated Protected List showing that the player has been released.
4. The final signing date for players is July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm. Players signed and released prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11.59 pm may be added to a team's roster until July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 pm providing they have room.
5. No player may be released or traded after July 1<sup>st</sup> 11.59 pm.
6. If the WCSLA holds a dispersal draft due to a team folding during the season the guidelines are as follows:
  - a. Member teams will select players in each round, in the reverse order of the previous year's final standings. Once a team passes, they will no longer be able to draft players.
  - b. No team from the Lower Mainland will select a player from a Vancouver Island team without a Letter of Intent from that Player indicating he will play for the team if selected. No team from Vancouver Island will select a player from a Lower Mainland team without a Letter of Intent from that player indicating he will play for the team if selected.
  - c. Letter of Intent must be presented to the Commissioner at the time of drafting the player.
  - d. Teams may trade dispersal picks for players and /or selection order, and are prohibited from selling a dispersal pick for cash.
  - e. All trades involving dispersal players must be approved by the Commissioner.
  - f. Only registered players on the Protected List and circulated draft are eligible for dispersal within the WCSLA.

#### **SECTION 12: REFEREE FEES**

1. Negotiations of referee fees are the responsibility of the Board of Governors, or a duly appointed liaison officer as directed by the Executive. During playoffs, the home team is responsible for paying both referees. When the playoff series goes to an odd number of games each team will pay one referee.

#### **SECTION 13: TROPHIES**

1. All league trophies must be submitted, in good condition, to the Commissioner by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Failure to meet these requirements will carry a fifty (\$50) dollar fine for each trophy to a maximum of replacement value. Each team shall receive prior notice to return the trophies.
2. Any player eligible for a league award must have played a minimum of ½ of the regular season league games.

#### **SECTION 14: JERSEYS, HELMETS AND MASKS**

1. Helmets and masks must meet CLA standards. All players must wear a helmet of the designated color of his team. Failure to have all players in same colored helmets will result in a twenty (\$25) dollar fine. Call up players will be exempt.
2. The home team will wear dark jersey. Should there be a color conflict, the home team will change to jerseys or bibs of a distinctive color.

#### **SECTION 15: LEAGUE PLAY**

1. League play will commence no later than the middle of the second week in May and be finished no later than the last week in July.
2. League playoffs will commence following the completion of league play.
3. Ties – Regular season game only. Games ending in a tie: There will be a two (2) minute stoppage in play, then a five (5) minutes stop time, sudden death overtime period, 4 on 4 play, plus goalies. Two (2) points will be awarded to the winner, one (1) point to the other. If still tied at the end of overtime, each team will receive one (1) point. The goalie cannot be removed for an extra attacker unless on delayed penalty.
4. No games to be played on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday and/or Monday of any long weekend, unless mutually agreed by both teams.
5. Defaulted Games
 

A defaulted game occurs under one of the following situations:

  - a. A team fails to appear at the appointed time and place for the game as agreed to by the ratified schedule.
  - b. A team appears at the appointed time and place but does not have the required number of players to start the game.
  - c. A team for any reason fails to finish the game.

- d. In the event of a defaulted game the non-offending team shall be awarded the win and all that comes with the win.
6. Fines and Suspensions as a result of defaulted games
- a. Any team defaulting a game that would have required them to travel by ferry will pay a one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollar penalty to the non-defaulting team. If the game would not have required ferry travel, the defaulting team will pay a penalty of five hundred (\$500) dollars to the non-defaulting them. The Commissioner will be notified of the situation as soon as possible. This refers to teams that just decided not to go. Defaulting is not showing up, has nothing to do with rescheduling.
  - b. Any team that does not pay their fines and costs from a defaulted game or games prior to completion of the league regular season schedule will be considered in bad standing and will not be allowed to participate in any and all playoff rounds, Provincial Championships, Canadian National Champions and all BCLA and CLA sanctioned events/tournament.
  - c. Any team that does not pay its fines and costs from a defaulted playoff game within twenty four (24) hours of the occurrence will immediately forfeit that playoff round and will not be allowed to participate in any further BCLA or CLA sanctioned events/tournament. As per the BCLA Operating Policy, defaulting a playoff game will result in a team's elimination from the playoffs. In the event that any game (regular season or playoffs) is defaulted at no fault of the defaulting team, (highway accident, BC Ferry issues, act of God, etc.) both teams will attempt to reschedule. This does not include "missing the ferry" which will be considered the fault of the defaulting team. It would be the responsibility of the defaulting team to pay the default penalty to the non-defaulting team.
7. Rescheduling Games
- a. Any team wishing to reschedule a game must contact their opponent and the Commissioner within 48 hours prior to the scheduled game. However a team is not obligated to accept a request to reschedule a game. All rescheduled games must have the agreement of all three (3) bodies, which consists of both teams and the Commissioner. Without the agreement of all three (3) bodies the game must go on as originally scheduled and agreed to.
  - b. A game or games that both teams and the Commissioner have agreed to must be changed from the originally scheduled date and time, must be confirmed within two (2) weeks of the originally scheduled date. If no consensus can be agreed upon by both teams, both teams must then supply a date and time to the Commissioner who will arbitrate the disagreement and fix a game date and time. The Commissioner has the authority to award points and fines or suspensions to one or both teams if they fail to appear for the date and time set out by the Commissioner under this circumstance. The Commissioner must be updated on all rescheduled games.
  - c. The Commissioner is responsible for notifying the webmaster, statistician and referee allocator of any rescheduled games.
8. In the event of a tie in points at the end of league play, the final league standings shall be determined as per the BCLA Operating Policy: Senior, Regulation 14: Championships 14.07.
9. President's Cup hosting would not be an option during the first five (5) years in the league.
10. The league agrees to accept and use ONLY an electronic game sheet as provided by the Statistician or Webmaster.
- The supporting documents that are kept for reference are the home team's responsibility and must include:
- a. A submitted league approved protected list (in jersey number order), signed and dated by the representative of the team with players not dressed crossed out. If there are any call up players they must be listed with a jersey number and a one game permit must be provided.
  - b. The hand recorded data sheet (stat sheet) supplied by the Statistician or Webmaster.
11. The regular season schedule will follow these guidelines unless amended by a majority vote at the AGM:
- a. 10 teams            18 game schedule
  - b. 9 teams             16 game schedule
  - c. 8 teams             14 game schedule
  - d. 7 teams             18 game schedule
  - e. 6 teams             15 game schedule
  - f. 5 teams             16 game schedule
  - g. 4 teams             TBD by league vote

## SECTION 16: LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

1. All players must have participated in two (2) scheduled regular season games and be listed on the score sheets to qualify for participation in the entire WCSLA playoffs and Provincial Championships. This includes registered players, out-of-province players and call ups.
2. During league playoffs and Provincial Championships BCLA Senior Directorate Operating Policies will apply. During President's Cup National Championships CLA Operating Policies will apply.
3. The winner of the WCSLA playoffs shall be declared Provincial Champions and represent BC at the CLA Championship.
4. All teams entering into the playoffs must be prepared to represent BC at the CLA Championship. If a team is unable to represent BC they must declare this information to the Commissioner prior to the start of the playoffs, and that team will no longer be eligible to enter the CLA Championship that season.
5. If a team enters into the playoffs and becomes the Provincial Champions and does not participate in the CLA Championships and did not previously declare their inability to participate, that team will be responsible to pay all expenses the league incurred to have a BC representative at the Championship. This includes but is not limited to any fines imposed for non-representation, airfare and tournament entry fees.
6. The playoff schedule will follow these guidelines unless amended by a majority vote at the AGM.
  - a. 10 teams top 8 teams make playoffs  
rounds – 3 games / 5 games / 5 games
  - b. 9 teams top 8 teams make playoffs  
rounds – 3 games / 5 games / 5 games
  - c. 8 teams top 6 teams make playoffs  
1 & 2 bye, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5  
rounds – 3 games / 5 games / 5 games  
**FINALS – IF BOTH TEAMS AGREE CAN GO TO GAME 7**
  - d. 7 teams top 6 teams make playoffs  
1 & 2 bye, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5  
rounds – 3 games / 5 games / 5 games
  - e. 6 teams top 4 teams make playoffs  
1 vs 4, 2 vs 3  
rounds – 5 games / 7 games
  - f. 5 teams top 4 teams make playoffs  
1 vs 4, 2 vs 3  
rounds – 5 games / 7 games
  - g. 4 teams TBD by league vote
  - h. 3 teams TBD by league vote

## SECTION 17: EXPANSION

1. Applications for new teams wishing to enter the WCSLA must be submitted at the WCSLA AGM which is held prior to January of the following year, and voted on by the members.
2. See BCLA Operating Policy: Senior, Appendix One.

## SECTION 18: PLAYER AND TEAM PERSONNEL SUSPENSION GUIDELINES

1. Any player, coach or manager who uses profane language, obscene gestures or threats will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and receive a two (2) game suspension, unless assessed a Match Misconduct.
2. Any player who receives a Match Misconduct will receive a minimum three (3) game suspension.
3. Any players who receives a Gross Misconduct penalty will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
4. Any player who receives a penalty for being the first player off the bench to enter an altercation will receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
5. Any player who receives a penalty for leaving the penalty box to enter an altercation will receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
6. Any player who is the third man to enter an altercation will receive a minimum one (1) game suspension.
7. Any coach, manager or trainer who enters the playing surface without the referee's permission will each be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
8. Anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and receive a two (2) game suspension.
9. No suspension will be lifted during the playing season by playing exhibition games

10. Any player who goes on the floor before a game and does not wear proper dress, including a helmet, gloves, runners, shorts will be fined twenty-five (\$25) dollars.
11. Any player who does not wear team coloured helmets and team shorts will be fined twenty-five (\$25) dollars for each infraction, with the only exception being those playing up with a One Game Permit.
12. Any player or team personnel who strikes, pushes or throws any material at a game official will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and receive a minimum two (2) game suspension, and be reported to the Senior Directorate as outlined in the BCLA Operating Policy: Senior, Regulation 17: Suspensions 17.07.
13. Any player who uses a gross gesture that is observed by the Commissioner and the on-floor officials, will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
14. Any player who fights in the penalty box will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and receive a minimum three (3) game suspension.

## **SECTION 19: TEAM FINES AND SUSPENSION GUIDELINES**

All suspensions and fines are effective immediately following the end of the game in which player other team personnel receive the suspension or fine. In addition to the penalties for infractions described throughout this Agreement suspension and fines may be assessed for the following:

1. Any team who fails to dress ten (10) players and one (1) goalie will be fined two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars.
2. Any team found to be playing an illegal player will be fined a minimum of fifty (\$50) dollars and be penalized the number of points gained by any wins attained.
3. Any team found to have a player listed on the score sheet who is not dressed for the game will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars.  
Players may be added to the score sheet at any time.
4. Any officer, manager, coach, player or volunteer in the Association who enters into acrimonious discussions with the Commissioner, at any time will be fined between fifty (\$50) dollars and one hundred (\$100) dollars and may receive a suspension.
5. Any team that fails to make an effort to control their fans will be fined fifty (\$40) dollars.
6. Any team that has a player who strikes an official will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and may receive a suspension.
7. Any team that fails to supply proper nets or game balls will be fined twenty-five (\$25) dollars.
8. Any team that fails to pay officials as required will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars plus the game fee.
9. Any team that fails to dress two (2) goaltenders will be fined twenty-five (\$25) dollars.
10. Any team that enter a bench-clearing brawl will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars and coaches will receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
11. Any team that removes themselves from the floor and refuses to play will be fined one hundred (\$100) dollars unless the Commissioner sees a valid reason for pulling the team from play.
12. Teams failing to participate in league exhibition, tournament, or All-Star games will be fined a portion of the costs incurred.
13. Any team that tampers with another player or team will be fined five hundred (\$500) dollars. See BCLA Operating Policy: Senior, Regulation 20: Tampering 20.02.
14. Any team that does not allow the visiting team to leave the playing area and proceed to the dressing room first when the arena does not have proper facilities for separating players will be fined fifty (\$50) dollars.
15. Any officer, manager, coach, player or member of a team who enters into any acrimonious discussions with the referees or game officials will receive a minimum one (1) game suspension.
16. Any team that has not paid their league fees in full by July 1<sup>st</sup> of the current playing season shall not be eligible for league and Provincial playoffs and will lose their voting rights at the league and annual general meetings until all league fees have been paid in full.
17. Teams must submit financial statements from last season, current budget and next year's projected budget to the treasurer no later than January 15, for reasons of preparing the gaming grant application. Teams failing to do so will be fined two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars.
18. Any team who does not submit a list of their league award nominees will be fined one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars.
19. Any team who does not submit selections for league awards after the nominee process will be fined one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars.

## **SECTION 20: RULES**

1. Any rule or By-Law not specifically covered in the WCSLA League Agreement must be referred to the BCLA Operating Policy and/or the BCLA Constitution and By-Laws.

2. Where conflicts exist, the BCLA Operating Policy and/or the BCLA Constitution and By-Laws supersedes the WCSLA League Agreement.

#### **SECTION 21: CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. All individuals affiliated with WCSLA shall abide by the BCLA Operating Policy General – 1. Code of Conduct 1.01. The WCSLA Commissioner can rule on issues that may arise as a tool to follow through. There will be a maximum fine of two thousand (\$2,000) dollars as well as suspension. Any member where the Code of Conduct is questioned may be required to attend a hearing with the BCLA Executive.
2. A Discipline Committee selected by the Commissioner will be made up of three (3) Governors of the WCSLA who are not involved in the incident

#### **SECTION 22: HARASSMENT**

1. All individuals affiliated with the WCSLA shall abide by the BCLA Operating Policy General – 14. Harassment.



Team (1) \_\_\_\_\_

Team (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Agree to the following:

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Team (1) Governor/Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Team (2) Governor/Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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Nov 14 2007  
Apr 09 2009  
July 16 2009  
Aug 05 2009  
Nov 02 2009  
Nov 05 2010  
Mar 16 2012  
Nov 23 2013  
Mar 03 2014  
Mar 31 2015  
Mar 04 2016  
Apr 19 2017  
Apr 23 2018  
Feb 05 2019  
Nov 17 2019