

BRITISH COLUMBIA INTERMEDIATE LACROSSE LEAGUE

2011 LEAGUE AGREEMENT

Ratified by BCLA Executive March 29, 2011

A. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League.

B. AFFILIATION

This League shall operate in cooperation with the terms and conditions imposed by the Constitution, By-Laws and Operating Policy of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association and the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

C. PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to govern, operate and administer the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League, as sanctioned under the Senior Directorate Regulation 7 s.s. 7.03.

D. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the organization shall be:

1. To provide an opportunity for young men to play lacrosse in an Intermediate aged Senior League.
2. To promote and improve the image of lacrosse in general and the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League in particular.
3. To foster and promote good sportsmanship and sense of fair play in team sport.

E. MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the organization shall consist of each currently registered and approved team playing in the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League and the Chairman's Office.

F. LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING

The League Annual Meeting shall be scheduled on a date no later than seven (7) days prior to the scheduled Annual B.C.L.A. meeting each year. It is the Chairman's responsibility to set the date each year for the League Annual Meeting and to notify the member clubs of the date for the meeting fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

G. AMENDMENTS

This document may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the voting members present at a League Annual Meeting or an extraordinary meeting. Such proposed amendments must

be circulated to the member clubs at least ten (10) days prior to the League Annual Meeting or the extraordinary meeting.

H. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year for the Intermediate League shall be from January 1st to December 31st. A financial statement shall be prepared by the Treasurer for the fiscal year and distributed to each league member in advance of the League Annual Meeting if possible, but in any event, at the Annual Meeting for approval by the League Members.

ITEM I EXECUTIVE

The Executive of the organization shall consist of the Officers and one representative from each member club (League Governors.) The Executive members shall each have one vote at the league meetings.

ITEM II OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall be elected for a two year team with the Chairman elected in the odd years and the Secretary, Treasurer, League Commissioners and Statistician elected in the even years:

1. League Chairman
The League Chairman shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the member clubs. This election shall be made at a special meeting of the organization prior to the B.C.L.A. Annual Meeting. Failure to elect a Chairman at this special meeting means that the B.C.L.A. will appoint a Chairman.

2. Secretary
The Secretary shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the member clubs. This election shall be held at the league Annual General Meeting. The Chairman will appoint a secretary in the event that this position is not filled at the AGM.

3. Treasurer
The Treasurer shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the member clubs. This election shall be held at the league Annual General Meeting. The Chairman will appoint a treasurer in the event that this position is not filled at the AGM.

4. League Commissioners
The League Commissioners shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the member clubs. This election shall be held at the league Annual General Meeting. The Chairman will appoint Commissioners in the event that this position is not filled at the AGM.

5. League Statistician
The League Statistician shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the member clubs. This election shall be held at the league Annual General Meeting. The Chairman will appoint a statistician in the event that this position is not filled at the AGM.

ITEM III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

1. Chairman

- i. The League Chairman shall administer league affairs according to this Agreement and as directed by the League Governors and/or Executive. He shall represent this organization on the Senior Directorate of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association and shall carry the league votes.
- ii. He shall call and chair all league meetings, and cause to be circulated the minutes of such meetings to all member clubs. He shall give seven (7) days notice of each meeting.
- iii. He shall be responsible for the financial records of the league and shall have the records audited prior to the League Annual Meeting.
- iv. He shall be responsible for ensuring that all players are properly registered forty-eight (48) hours before appearing in any game, either exhibition or league, and that all teams are properly registered with the B.C.L.A. and C.L.A. according to the Constitution and By-Laws of those organizations.
- v. He shall bill, or cause to be billed, each member club for performance bonds, team registration, player registration, and any sums necessary to cover league expenses.
- vi. He shall annually prepare and circulate for approval the League Agreement to the member clubs. Such agreement shall incorporate parts of these By-Laws and other requirements as indicated by the Executive or the B.C.L.A. or the C.L.A. Constitution and By-Laws.
- vii. He shall represent the league in all discussions with the British Columbia Lacrosse Officials Association and shall be responsible for negotiating with that organization any fee structure (outside of the BCLA operating policy fee schedule) or grievances between them and this organization.
- viii. He shall ensure that B.C.L.O.A. Officials are assigned to all league games.

2. Secretary

- i. The Secretary shall be responsible for assisting the Chairman in keeping the records of the organization.

3. Treasurer

- i. The Treasurer shall handle the financial affairs of the organization as directed by the Chairman.

4. League Commissioner

- i. A League Commissioner shall perform all or any of the above duties as directed by the Chairman.

5. League Governors

- i. The League Governors will assist in the administration of league affairs when called upon, and if the Chairman is unable to complete his term of office, the Governors will carry on the affairs of the league until such time as a Chairman is appointed.

ITEM IV MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the organization shall consist of each currently registered and approved team playing in the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League and the Chairman's Office.

ITEM V APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Application for membership by any group wishing to enter a team in the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League shall be in writing prior to January 1 of the current playing year. Applications shall indicate financial stability, access to player personnel, adequate arena facilities, and must be accompanied by a performance bond in the amount to be set annually by the Executive.
2. Representatives from the applying organization may be called to appear at a regular or special meeting at the discretion of the Executive.
3. Approval of applications for membership shall be with a two-thirds vote of the League Executive.
4. Returning member applications may be subject to review and potentially revoked by the league executive for any of the following reasons:
 - i. The member is deemed to be not in good standing.
 - ii. The member does not uphold the league objectives.

ITEM VI INTERMEDIATE "B" DRAFT PROCEDURE

Draft procedure to cover two or more clubs in a single city, town, municipality, or boundaries set out in ratified league agreement.

1. Where an Existing Club Operates:
 - i. The existing club shall retain the playing rights of returning players.
 - ii. The new club shall be entitled to draft any unprotected second year player and graduating Midget player up to the same number as the existing club has returning players.

- iii. The existing club and new club must submit their lists of the above referenced players to the League Chairperson on or before February 1st of the playing year.
- iv. The remaining unprotected players shall be placed into a pool for these two clubs to draft from with the existing club having first selection. The draft choice will alternate between the two clubs until each club has reached the maximum number of 25 players.
- v. In the event a new player moves into the area prior to the selection process he shall be placed into the pool of players that are graduating. If he moves into the area after the selection process he shall go to the club with the next existing pick if that club's maximum 25 player roster is not full.
- vi. Once both clubs have full rosters any remaining players become free agents and may sign with any other club in the Intermediate 'B' League.

2. Where an Existing Club Operates and Two New Clubs are Formed:

- i. A draft out of the graduating Midgets and unprotected second year players shall occur with the new clubs each selecting as many players as the existing club has returning in that playing year. First pick will be determined by the flip of a coin.
- ii. The remaining unprotected or drafted players shall be put into a pool for the three clubs to draft players from. The existing club shall have first selection and the new club which selected first from the coin flip shall select third and the new club that selected second shall select second.

3. Where Two Existing Clubs Operate and no New Clubs are Formed:

- i. In the event that there are no new clubs joining, both of the existing clubs may protect their respective second year players plus up to a total of three players who are immediate family members of the coach, manager or other team personal.
- ii. The club that ended up with the least points in the previous playing year will draft first from the list of graduating midgets and unprotected players. The draft picks will then alternate between the two clubs until they have reached the maximum number of 25 players.

ITEM VII RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

Each member club shall be responsible for the following:

1. Designating in writing, its delegate and alternate, to the Chairman by February 1 of each year;
2. Attending meetings called by the Chairman, provided that By-Law III, 1. ii. is adhered to;
3. Providing a list of Officers with their addresses and telephone numbers to the Chairman by February 1;

4. Filing a schedule of dates for arenas with the Chairman by March 1;
5. All teams will submit a copy of the Form 100B to their League Commissioner before sending the original to the BCLA office.
6. Filing registration or pre-registration forms with the Chairman forty-eight (48) hours prior to such players participating in any exhibition games, and filing player registration forms with the Chairman forty-eight (48) hours prior to such players participating in any league game;
7. Posting a performance bond with the Chairman. The amount of such annual bond shall be determined by the Executive annually. When a team's bond drops below \$50.00 the team, upon notification, must bring the amount up to the required amount within forty-eight (48) hours;
8. The winning team, immediately following each game, will fax the original (white) copy of the score sheet and stat sheet to the League Statistician and Commissioner. The white score sheet and stat sheet (to the Statistician) and the canary score sheet (to Commissioner) will be mailed weekly;
9. The home team must have at least two (2) dozen, clean, white or orange balls for each game;
10. Each club must supply two reliable adults who will serve as time box officials for each home game;
11. Complying with requested submissions by the Chairman, consistent with these By-Laws;
12. Reimbursing, for a defaulted game, the non-offending team's legitimate expenses as per Regulation 16 of the Operating Policy of the Senior Directorate, unless forty-eight (48) hours, or in the case of Vancouver Island five (5) days, notice of postponement has been given the Chairman and opposing team management;
 - i. For "A" teams only. In cases where a team has incurred travel costs for a defaulted game through no fault of their own it is the league responsibility to make restitution for the team's expenses;
13. Forfeited games that result in points being awarded to a team, those forfeited games will also count towards a game played for in calculation for suspensions to players/coaches on non-offending team;
14. Teams may only cancel games due to missing players when they are short 6 or more players which are registered with the team;
15. Rescheduling canceled games through the Commissioner within ten (10) days of the canceled game date. If a mutually agreed upon date, time or location cannot be found the Commissioner will determine same.

ITEM VIII PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Refer to the B.C.L.A. Operating Policy. Particular note should be made of Regulations Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten and Eleven.
2. An Intermediate player may play up in a higher league with the permission of the Intermediate player's coach. There is no limit to the number of games an Intermediate aged player can play up. The Intermediate coach or governor must ensure that the player's Intermediate obligations to the team they are registered with are fulfilled before a one game permit can be signed. The permit is to be with the score sheet at the game and a copy sent to the Intermediate A or B Commissioner.
3. A team is allowed to bring up, using one game permits, a maximum of four (4) players per game. For Intermediate "B" teams, no more than two (2) may be of Midget A calibre.

ITEM IX PLAYER ROSTERS, REGISTRATION AND LEAGUE FEES

1. All matters relevant to player movement, eligibility, compliance dates, age, etc. shall be in accordance with the Operating Policy.
2. All teams must pay an annual League fee, in the amount set annually by the Executive, to the League not later than June 1st of each playing year. Failure to do so by a member will force the league to remove voting rights at league meetings until the team is deemed to be in good standing.
3. Teams with unpaid league fees will be notified within 24 hours (with written copy to follow) that they are ineligible to play in Provincials for the current playing year and will not be permitted to compete. The team will default to their opponent.
4. All players (including those playing under a one game permit) are required to have played three (3) league games and one (1) round robin game to qualify for Provincials. Qualifying games must be played with that team.

ITEM X TAMPERING

1. Any lacrosse team or club judged to be tampering with a player from another club shall be fined a maximum of \$500.00. This fine is payable to the League and is in addition to that amount assessed by the Senior Directorate should an appeal to the Senior Directorate be lost by the offending team.
2. A tampering charge may be lodged by either a team or the Chairman and/or Commissioner.

ITEM XI DISCIPLINE

1. The Commissioner shall be responsible for settling all League disputes under this agreement or as directed by the Chairman.
2. The Chairman and/or Commissioner shall bring to the attention of the individual club management actions that he/she considers not acceptable to the League or the public, and may cause said club or player to post an additional performance bond. Such posting of bonds to follow discussion with the club and/or player(s) involved.
3. When a club feels a protest is in order, the following procedures must be adhered to:
 - i. The Chairman and/or Commissioner is to be advised in person or by telephone within twenty-four (24) hours following the incident or event being protested;
 - ii. The Chairman and/or Commissioner is to be advised by letter, signed by the club MANAGER of the protesting team, postmarked not more than forty-eight (48) hours following the incident or event;
 - iii. The Chairman and/or Commissioner will rule on the protest. Appeal proceedings if required, may proceed to the Senior Directorate as per the B.C.L.A. Operating Policy.

ITEM XII RACIAL HARRASSMENT

RACIAL SLURS, JOKES, OR NAME CALLING BASED ON RACE, ANCESTRY, PLACE OF ORIGIN, COLOR, ETHNIC ORIGIN, AND CREED (OR RELIGION) USE OF TERMINOLOGY WHICH INFORCES STEREOTYPES, DEROGATORY NICKNAMES.

The Intermediate league believes that Racial Harassment is a serious offence. It is also a serious offence to falsely accuse someone of this harassment.

Any player, coach, bench personnel, club management, club executive, or any other club or team member who is in violation of this rule, will be suspended immediately.

This incident will be reported to the League Commissioner immediately or within 24 hrs.

All written reports faxed to the Commissioner within 24 hrs. (witness statements).

Any person suspended under this regulation shall be order by the Commissioner to appear before a Committee of the Chair, the other Commissioner and three Governors.

A player may attend with his representative (coach, manager, or Governor)

This meeting shall be held within 7 days from the time the Commissioner receives the pertinent data relating to this issue from all parties involved.

ITEM XIII PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. The league, as defined in the Senior Directorate Regulation 1.04, will be responsible for the format of, the number of teams participating in and the operating cost of the Intermediate Provincial Championships whether the final is a best of three (3) or a tournament format.
2. Any and all teams wishing to enter and compete in the Intermediate League Provincial Championship tournament shall be responsible for an equal amount of the cost of operating the tournament. This fee shall be set at the beginning of the playing year.

ITEM XIV OVERTIME

1. Overtime will be played in both the “A” and “B” divisions during regular league play.
2. The format will be:
 - i. 10 minutes maximum
 - ii. stop time
 - iii. sudden death/victory

ITEM XV CLUB JURISDICTION AND PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

1. Club Jurisdiction
Each currently registered and approved team playing in the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League as of January 1st of that year has first jurisdiction over all graduating Midget age players as defined in the Operating Policy – Senior sections 9.05 and 9.06.
2. Player Eligibility
All graduating Midget age players must follow the process as defined in the Operating Policy – Senior section 9.
3. Development or Recreational Divisions
Intermediate age players who elect to play within any developmental or recreational minor division team are still first under the club jurisdiction and player eligibility rules as outlined in the Operating Policy – Senior Regulation 9.
 - i. Intermediate age players cannot play within the development or recreational minor division unless they have been released by the club of jurisdiction, as outlined in the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League Agreement.
 - ii. Should an Intermediate age player refuse to report to the club of jurisdiction, as outlined in the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League Agreement, then that player must sit out a year, as outlined in the Operating Policy – Senior section 9.05, prior to

being eligible to participate in any developmental or recreational minor division.

- iii. Any Intermediate age player who plays a full season in any developmental or recreational minor division and then desires to play the next season within the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse League is not declared a free agent, and must return to the Intermediate team of jurisdiction within their area.

ITEM XVI LEAGUE TROPHIES

1. Sportsmanship Award
The Sportsmanship Award should not be given to a team who defaults on any games.

PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

LEAGUE PAYS ALL EXPENSES.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST CLUB

1. Hospitality room.
2. Balls (about 4 dozen)
3. T-shirts are at the option of the host club. The host club is responsible for all costs, receives all profits and absorbs any losses from the sale of T-shirts. The design will be approved by the League.
4. 50/50 Tickets
5. Beverages for teams
6. Assigning volunteers for:
 - 30 second clock
 - Scorekeepers
 - Security
 - Gate and booster table
 - 50/50 draw and raffle
 - Ball boys - optional
 - Hospitality room
7. Programs – with information provided by the statistician to be included. Programs will include team photos of all teams in the Intermediate League.
8. Signage
9. The host club has the option to have guests at the awards ceremonies.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LEAGUE EXECUTIVE AND OFFICERS

1. Each club is to supply 2 or more people to work at the Provincials, for each day. Names will be forwarded to the host club.
2. Passes made up – admission to be determined annually
3. Tournament schedule
4. Cash envelopes made up for each day, as follows:
 - Gate/Program
 - 50/50
 - Raffle (if having one)
5. Trophies and medals will be provided by the League. Trophies must be collected and returned to the Commissioner at the end of the Provincial weekend. Each Club should be doing this themselves.

6. Referees Fees – Current league game rates x 2
7. All bills and monies to be turned in to the Treasurer after the Tournament. If any money has been taken out MUST be marked on the envelope.

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FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

1. Any player or member of team personnel suspected to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or found drinking alcohol or using drugs before or during a game.
\$100 maximum fine plus 5 games maximum suspension
2. For striking, pushing and/or throwing material at a game official by any player or team management during or after a game.
\$100 minimum fine plus 5 games maximum suspension
3. For verbal abuse or obscene gestures by any player or team personnel to a referee or any game official (includes timekeepers, etc.) before, during or after a game.
\$100 maximum fine plus 3 games maximum suspension
4. Verbal abuse or otherwise towards any member of league executive.
\$100 maximum fine
5. For leaving the bench or penalty box during an altercation.
\$50 player fine and \$50 team fine plus 3 games maximum suspension
6. For attempt to injure.
5 games maximum suspension plus Disciplinary Committee review
7. Butt ending or spearing.
4 games maximum suspension
8. Those players not proceeding to their respective bench during an altercation.
\$10 maximum fine plus 3 games maximum suspension
9. Any team personnel member who enters the playing surface during a game without the referee's permission.
\$15 maximum fine
10. Any team member who receives a match misconduct penalty.
3 games maximum suspension
11. Any player receiving a game misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of the game may be suspended for the next game at the Commissioner's discretion.
1 game maximum suspension

Any player receiving three (3) game misconduct penalties during playing season.
2 games maximum suspension
12. Any team member who receives a gross misconduct penalty.
3 games maximum suspension
13. Any team using an illegal player.
\$100 fine per illegal player plus forfeiture of the points earned for the games played by the illegal player(s)

14. Failure of team personnel to control its team fans after being requested by the Commissioner or referee to do so.
\$25 fine
15. Failure to wear either a helmet, mask or gloves during practices, games or warm-up.
\$10 fine
16. In the event of not fulfilling or defaulting a season game the fine will be \$500.00 paid to the league.
17. Failure to forward game sheets within forty-eight (48) hours.
\$10 fine
18. Failure to attend league meeting without clearance from the Chairman.
\$25 fine

ALL UNPAID FINES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM TEAM BONDS. THESE FINES AND SUSPENSIONS ARE GUIDELINES ONLY AND DO NOT RESTRICT THE COMMISSIONER FROM ISSUING FINES AND SUSPENSIONS FOR THE UNLISTED INCIDENTS.