



# 2018 LEAGUE AGREEMENT

Ratified by BCLA Executive: 23 April 2018

**Article 1: Name**

The name of the organization is the WEST COAST SENIOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION, hereafter noted 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 noted as "BCLA", and the Canadian Lacrosse Association, "CLA".

**Article 3: Purpose**

The purpose of the organization shall be to administer the WEST COAST SENIOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION.

**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 purpose. This provision shall be 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 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 clubs.
4. To institute and regulate competition into various series.

**Article 6: Membership**

Membership in the organization shall consist of each team playing in the WCSLA.

1. Any member, who is currently registered with a team in good standing within the WCSLA and with fees paid in full, shall have voting privileges at all Annual General Meetings and Special Sessions of the WCSLA.

**Article 7: Amendments**

This document may be amended by a majority vote of the members at the League Annual General Meeting ("AGM"). 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 clubs 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 8: Bonds**

1. Each new club wishing to participate in the playing schedule of the WCSLA is required to post with the Commissioner a Franchise Fee in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), on or before January 1<sup>st</sup>. This fee will be retained by the current members of the WCSLA at the time of the application.
2. Each team moving from their current city/municipality, wishing to participate in the playing schedule of the WCSLA is required to post with the Commissioner, an additional fifteen hundred dollar (\$1,500.00) performance bond. This performance bond with the exception of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), which will be held by the League, which will be refunded after completing a two (2) year obligation to the Association.

3. Any club who presents an NSF cheque will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00), and suspended if the cheque is not made up within seven (7) days. If during League play the suspended club forfeits all games until the cheque is made up.
4. The WCSLA is entitled to the accrued interest of all above-mentioned sums.
5. The Commissioner may authorize the Treasurer to make withdrawals from the Bonds on deposit for fines assessed to any member club and charge that withdrawal to the specific club fined. Any deficit to a club's bond must be balanced before their next scheduled game. If after the playing season deficits must be balanced before the next scheduled meeting. The Chair of the Board must be informed prior to any withdrawals from the bonds.

### **Article 9: Sponsorship**

Any team that is a member of the WCSLA can obtain sponsorships within the Lower Mainland as long as those interests do not conflict with any other club of the WCSLA or BCLA. The rights regarding sponsorship in the WCSLA are defined as follows:

1. Sponsorship does not constitute ownership.
2. All clubs have the right to sponsors or to be self-sponsored.

### **Article 10: Team Representatives**

At the start of each playing season every team in the WCSLA will forward to the Commissioner, in writing the names of two (2) Executives who are responsible for their clubs. The Representatives will be responsible for the following:

1. All finances and debts of their clubs.
2. It is not WCSLA's responsibility to take on any team debts.

### **Article 11: By-Laws**

#### **Section 1: Association Fees (Teams)**

1. An Association Fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) will be assessed each member club.

#### **Section 2: Expulsion of Members**

1. Refer to By-law #3 (subsection 1 & 2) of the BCLA Constitution.

#### **Section 3: League Officers (elected)**

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| 1. Chair of the Board of Governors             | 1 Year Term |
| 2. Board of Governors                          | 1 Year Term |
| 3. League Commissioner (Ex-Officio Non-Voting) | 1 Year Term |
| 4. Secretary                                   | 1 Year Term |
| 5. Treasurer                                   | 1 Year Term |
| 6. Statistician                                | 1 Year Term |
| 7. Webmaster (Ex-Officio Non-Voting)           | 1 Year Term |
| 8. League Scheduler                            | 1 Year Term |

#### **Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors is comprised of one member representative from each team in the West Coast Senior Lacrosse Association. Each member representative shall be the respective Team Governor or Designate, who has been elected or appointed by his/her 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.

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**Section 4: Duties of the Officers****1. CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**Elected

The Chair of the Board of Governors is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the League Annual General Meeting, for a term of 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 is responsible for the following duties:

1. To chair all meetings 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.
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.

**2. BOARD OF GOVERNORS**Elected

This board will consist of one (1) person from each member club in good standing. Each club will notify the Commissioner, in writing, the name of the clubs' Governors prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. In case of an emergency, and alternative can be appointed and take full part in the meeting at the consent of the other Governors.

Function

The Board of Governors will oversee League Policy. Each Governor, including the Chairman 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 clubs' representative.
4. To determine possible League expansion and set League Fees.
5. To select League Executive and set their Annual Remuneration.
6. To assist the Chair of the Board in preparing and distributing an Annual Budget.
7. To appoint Signing Officers for the League. Signing Officers to be the Treasurer & 2 League Governors.
8. To amend or alter 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 club's interests.

### 3. LEAGUE COMMISSIONER

#### Elected

The Commissioner is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the Annual General League Meeting, 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 governing body.
  - b) To represent the League on the Senior Directorate of the BCLA 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 Cards to teams.
  - b) To ensure that all players are properly registered before appearing in any League sanctioned game.
  - c) To issue Player and Executive Passes to teams.
4. Exhibition, Regular Season and Tournament Games
  - a) To prepare a Schedule of all League and Playoff Games.
  - b) To represent the League at all sanctioned games, or arrange for a Game Convenor to report back to the Commissioner.
  - c) To examine the data of Game 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.
  - c) To prosecute any party for an incident that is considered to be detrimental to the interests of box lacrosse or of the WCSLA.
  - d) To deal with any player, active club member or Member of the Executive comprising the WCSLA for actions or statements that are detrimental to the welfare of lacrosse.
  - e) The Commissioner is empowered to levy a fine on any club as it pertains to the current League Agreement.
6. Meetings
  - a) To chair all League Meetings.

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.
8. The League Scheduler will only be responsible to do the Regular Season/Playoff Games Schedule ONLY if the Commissioner is unable or unwilling to schedule the Regular Season/Playoff Games.

#### 4. SECRETARY

##### Elected

The Secretary is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the Annual General League Meeting, 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 Robert's Rules of Order, current edition and apply at all meetings.
2. League Personnel
  - a) To provide administrative support as directed by the Commissioner.
3. Players
  - a) To arrange for the Executive Passes to be printed and distributed. The Commissioner will distribute Player Passes.
4. Exhibition, Regular Season and Tournament Games
  - a) To arrange for travel, including hotels and transportation, to the President's Cup.
  - b) To deal with the CLA, through the BCLA in all changes to the President's Cup.
5. Correspondence
  - a) To carry out, organize and file all League correspondence.
6. 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 clubs and league officials no longer than five (5) working days after the held meeting.
7. Agenda and order:
  - a) Call meeting to order
  - b) Minutes of previous meeting
  - c) Business arising from minutes
  - d) Treasurer's report
  - e) Committee chairman's report
  - f) Unfinished business
  - g) New business
  - h) Adjournment

8. Trophies and Awards
  - a) To maintain a registry of all League Awards, trophies and personnel recognition under the direction of the Commissioner.
9. League Members
  - a) To notify all members of meeting schedules and make appropriate arrangement.

## 5. TREASURER

### Elected

The Treasurer is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the Annual General League Meeting, 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 manage and record the financial transactions of the League, including collecting all fines, Registration Fees and extra card money.
3. To maintain the League's Financial Records and provide monthly Financial Statements **when meetings held and end of year and commencement of season Financial Reports.**
4. To have the Financial Records of the League independently audited thirty (30) days before each Annual General League Meeting.
5. 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, **which are General and Gaming Accounts.**
6. Act as a Signing Officer of the League Finances.

## 6. STATISTICIAN

### Appointed

The Statistician is accountable to and appointed by the Board of Governors at the Annual General League Meeting, 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 joint 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 the League Webmaster with updated standings, every Sunday evening before 9:00PM.
2. To update League records, at the conclusion of the season, no later than one week prior to the league AGM.

## 7. WEBMASTER

### Appointed

The Webmaster is accountable to and appointed by the Board of Governors at the Annual General League Meeting, 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

The Webmaster is responsible for the following duties:

1. To update the website with statistics and standings as supplied by the Statistician.
2. To update League Records and maintain the Web Site as directed by the Board of Governors.

## 8. LEAGUE SCHEDULER

### Elected

The League Scheduler is accountable to and elected by the Board of Governors at the League Annual General Meeting for a term of one (1) year.

### Function

The function of the League Scheduler is to assist the Commissioner in preparing a schedule of all League and Playoff Games.

### Responsibilities

1. To work with all teams to schedule regular season and playoff schedules.
2. To submit each team and the Webmaster with a League Schedule, as well as singular Team Schedules.
3. To make adjustments to the League and Playoff Schedules as needed.
4. This position will only be required if the Commissioner is unable/unwilling to schedule Regular Season/Playoff Games as outlined in the Commissioner Responsibilities

### **NO MONETARY VALUE**

## Section 5: Meetings

1. League General Meeting
  - a) 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. Annual General League Meeting
  - a) An Annual General League Meeting shall 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's Chair.
  - b) Each club must be represented in person at the Annual WCSLA AGM or will be fined.

## Section 6: Procedure of Voting

1. Each team executive may, at their own discretion, send two (2) accredited members to any Annual or General Meeting. These representatives must present their credentials at the Annual General League Meeting and may attend all General Meetings thereafter. Each team will be given one (1) vote on any given question regardless of the representatives.



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**Section 7: Non-attendance at Meetings**

1. Fines will be assessed to members of the WCSLA for non-attendance of a General Meeting. A fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be levied against any such club or clubs. Teams missing two (2) consecutive League General Meetings will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and fifty dollars (\$50.00) for every meeting after. One person will not represent more than one club, 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.
2. Fines will be assessed to members of the WCSLA for non-attendance of the Annual General League Meeting. A fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) plus twenty-five (25) per cent of the existing bond and possible loss of team will be levied against any such club, with the exception of unforeseen circumstances, **as agreed to be majority vote by the Board of Governors.**

**Section 8: Quorum**

1. To open the Annual General League Meeting no less than fifty-one (51) percent (one more than half) of the Officers must be present.

**Section 9: Protests**

1. A League Protest must be submitted, in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the incident, and include a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) fee. No team can withdraw a protest. If a team wins their protest the submitted fee will be returned.

**Section 10: Nomination Procedure**

1. Nominations for the position of WCSLA Commissioner must be forwarded, in writing, with a seconder, to the Secretary no later than forty (40) days prior the Annual General League Meeting.
2. Nominations for the remaining Executive Positions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General League Meeting.
3. Nominations will only be accepted from those in good standing with the BCLA, WCSLA and member clubs admitted for the current year, or members of the present Executive.
4. Persons being nominated must be in good standing with both the WCSLA and the BCLA before accepting nominations for any office. The Secretary is empowered to delete those who are not in good standing with both associations and after notifying all concerned.

**Section 11: Past Commissioners**

1. Past commissioners may attend League meetings in an advisory capacity.

**Section 12: Managers, Coaches and Trainers**

1. Each coach, manager and trainer, as an official of the club, is responsible for the proper observance of this Agreement and the By-Laws of the WCSLA set out herein.
2. Each team is responsible for submitting to the League Commissioner a Coaches Form 100B and Associated Fees two (2) weeks before the designated deadline set by the BCLA Office, 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 Manger is responsible for the completion of Game **Day Rosters. Two (2) Game Day Rosters must be submitted to the Scorekeeper 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.**

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**Section 13: Rosters**

1. Each team's roster is frozen at 12:00AM on their game day during the regular playing season.
2. After the final rosters have been handed into the Commissioner on July 15th, 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.
3. Players who have signed a Registration Card for the current season with a member club and later wish to move, in a lateral direction, within the WCSLA, must be in possession of a Signed Release from the last Manager before being allowed to play with the new club.
4. 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.**
5. 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
  - b) Eight (8) players registered in the WCSLA plus four (4) players registered pick up from another League.
  - c) **Pick-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.** Including a properly signed One Game Permit.
  - d) Failure to comply with minimum player qualifications will result in a minimum fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
6. All players must be listed on the Game Sheet and participate in two (2) scheduled regular season games to qualify for participation in the entire WCSLA Playoffs and Provincial Championships. This includes registered players, Out-Of-Province players and pick-ups.
7. Any player, who played out of Province in the previous year, must play a minimum of 2 regular season games to be eligible for Playoffs.
8. Each team may place up to **four (4)** players on the Injured Reserve List. The Injured Reserve List is to be kept and updated by the Commissioner. **The teams that have four (4) players on the Injured List have up until 11:59 PM July 1st and then go down to two (2) which will then need to be released.**
  - a) Players placed on the Injured Reserve must remain there for a minimum of ten (10) days or three (3) games whichever comes first.
  - b) The ten (10) days or three (3) games will start from the date of notification to the Commissioner. The game in which the player was injured does not count.
  - c) This includes movement between the Active Roster and IR between July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> deadlines.
  - d) **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 is not considered releasing a player.**
  - e) No movement between the Active Roster and IR will be allowed during the playoffs in the event that the playoffs start before the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - f) **A player on the Injured Reserve List after July 15th, can be activated for play in the President's Cup as per BCLA/CLA rules**
9. Players on the Injured Reserve List after the July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline remain the property of the team they signed for in the WCSLA, but prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> of the following playing season must be signed, released or put on the Hold Out List.
10. 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 for and will not be permitted to play for any team of the WCSLA for the remainder of the current season (including Playoffs).

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11. During League Playoffs and Provincial Championships BCLA Senior Directorate Operating Policies will apply. During President's Cup National Championships CLA Operating Policies will apply.
  12. Each team may carry a Hold Out List with no greater than ten (10) players on it whom were registered members of said team.
    - a) Hold Out Lists comprise of former signed players opting not to play, and also include players currently signed by a WLA team.
    - b) Players placed on the Hold Out List must also have a date assigned to them.
    - c) Players can remain on the Hold Out List for up to two (2) years from the date they were placed on the Hold Out List, after which they become Free Agents.
    - d) Players placed on the Hold Out List after signing a card in the current year, do not count against a teams' possible carded players (Active Roster 25+2 Injured Reserve (eg. as per Section 13.8). 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 Hold Out List once in a season. If a team decides to activate a player from the Hold Out List, the player cannot be placed back on the Hold Out List at a later date.
    - f) Once a player is placed on the Hold Out 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 club.
  13. Teams may also submit a "WLA Hold Out" 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 clubs 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 as per Section 20 Point 8. There is no player limit to the number of names on this list.

#### Section 14: 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. Create a two (2) Way Player Trade Form to be signed by both Team Governors and Commissioner. See WCSLA League Agreement Appendix A - Two (2) Way Player Trade Form.
2. The final signing date for players is July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59PM. Players signed and released prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:59PM may be added to a team's roster until July 15 at 11:59PM.
3. No player may be released after July 1<sup>st</sup> 11:59PM.
4. Players traded within the WCSLA must be released by Protected List prior to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:59PM.
5. If the WCSLA decides to hold a Team Dispersal Draft the guidelines are as follows in regards to team absolutions:
  - a) Member clubs 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 league at the time of drafting the player.
  - d) Teams may trade dispersal picks for players and/or selection, 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 15: 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. The home team is responsible for paying referees before each game.

**Section 16: 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 dollar (\$50.00) 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 17: Helmets and Masks**

1. Helmets and Masks must meet CLA standards. All players must wear a helmet of the designated colour of his team. Failure to have all players in same coloured helmets will result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fine. Players on up cards will be exempt.

**Section 18: 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 games only. Games ending in a tie: there will be a two (2) minute stoppage in play, then five (5) minute stop time - Sudden Death overtime, 4 on 4 play, plus goalies. Two (2) points for the winner, one (1) point for 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 clubs.
5. Defaulted or Rescheduled 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) Offending team shall be fined a minimum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), (as determined by the Commissioner) this shall include all costs associated with the game. Arena costs, referees fees, travel costs where applicable. The League Commissioner will be notified of the situation as soon as possible and is required to report the incident to the Senior Directorate for further action if necessary. To be reimbursed to the team who did NOT default.  
For teams that default a game that would have resulted in them travelling on the ferry, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) shall be issued plus all costs associated with the game. To be reimbursed to the team who did NOT default. This refers to teams that just decide not to go. Defaulting is not showing up, has nothing to do with rescheduling.

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- b) Any club that does not pay their fines and costs from a defaulted game(s) 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 and Canadian National Championships, all BCLA and CLA sanctioned events/tournaments.
- c) Any club 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/tournaments. 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), the game will be attempted to be rescheduled by both teams. This does not include "missing the ferry" as this would be considered the fault of the defaulting team. It would be the responsibility of the defaulting team to pay for any associated costs of the missed game.
- d) Any team wishing to reschedule a game must contact their opponent and the League 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.
- e) A game or games that both clubs and the Commissioner have agreed to must be changed from its 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 clubs, both clubs must then supply a date and time to their League Commissioner and he or she will arbitrate the disagreement and fix a game date and time. The League Commissioner has the authority to award points and fines or suspensions to one **or** both clubs if **they** fail to appear for the date and time set out by the Commissioner under this circumstance.
- The League Commissioner will attend games whenever possible and must be updated on all rescheduled games.
7. 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.
- In the event that two (2) or more teams are still tied after using Regulation 14.07 the team with the better Goal Average Formula based on games against the teams advancing to the League Playoffs shall be placed ahead in the final League standings.
8. President's Cup hosting would not be an option during the first five (5) years in the League. This **has been** added to WCSLA League Agreement for all new teams entering the League.
9. 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 must be:
1. A submitted League approved Protected List (in jersey number order), signed and dated by the Representative of each team and crossing out on the Player List that are not dressed. If there are any Call-Ups, players must be listed by Jersey Number that the player is wearing for that specific game.
  2. The hand recorded date sheet, (Stat Sheet), (supplied by the **Statistician or** Webmaster).
  3. **A sixty (\$60.00) dollar fine will be assessed if only a photo of the Game Sheet is set in and needs to be converted into an e-game sheet. The Webmaster will notify the Commissioner when this happens for the fine collection. The team that does not do an e-game sheet will be responsible for payment at the discretion of the Webmaster.**

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10. 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
    - e) 7 teams = 18 game schedule
    - f) 6 teams = 15 game schedule
    - g) 5 teams = 16 game schedule
    - h) 4 teams = TBD by league vote

### Section 19: League Playoffs

1. Teams finishing in the top four of League standings at the end of the regular season will enter into League Playoffs.
2. The winner of the WCSLA Playoffs shall be declared Provincial Champions and represent BC at the CLA Championship.
3. 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 Championships that season.
4. If a team enters into the Playoffs and becomes the Provincial Champions and does not participate in the CLA Championships without declaring prior to the Playoffs 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 not limited to any fines imposed by non-representation, airfare and tournament entry fees.
5. 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 – 3vs6 – 4vs5) (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 – 3vs6 – 4vs5) (Rounds = 3 games – 5 games – 5 games)
  - e) 6 teams = Top 4 teams make playoffs (1vs4 – 2vs5) (Rounds = 5 games – 7 games)
  - f) 5 teams = Top 4 teams make playoffs (1vs4 – 2vs5) (Rounds = 5 games – 7 games)
  - g) 4 teams = TBD by league vote
  - h) 3 teams = TBD by league vote

### Section 20: Expansion

1. Applications for new team 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 member clubs.
2. See BCLA Operating Policy: Senior, Appendix One.

### Section 21: 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> and any other time there is a roster change by either phone or email. Failure to do this will result in a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) 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 to all Governors immediately by the Commissioner, 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 club, and will remain so until released or traded.

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3. Until the submission of this list, players by virtue of a previously signed card or by virtue of a trade are protected.
  4. Any player selected in the current year's Dispersal Draft remains the property of the team that selected him.
  5. A player selected at the 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 that goes directly to the WLA and signs for a team, playing 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 WCSLA and can sign for a 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 and 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 League.
  10. Any player indebted to any club may be suspended by the WCSLA, until resolved.
  11. A suspended player can only be reinstated once per season by the team that suspended him.

## **Section 22: Player Suspensions**

1. Any player, coach or manager who uses profane language, obscene gestures or threats will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) 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 player who receives a gross misconduct penalty will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) 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 dollars (\$50.00) and receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
8. Anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) 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 dollars (\$25.00).
11. Any player who does not wear team coloured helmets and team shorts will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) 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 dollars (\$50.00) 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 Game Commissioner and the on-floor officials, will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and receive a minimum two (2) game suspension.
14. Any player who fights in the penalty box will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and receive a minimum three (3) game suspension.

### **Section 23: Team Suspensions & Fines**

All suspensions and fines are effective immediately following the end of the game in which player or other team personnel receive the suspension or fine. In addition to the penalties for infractions described throughout this Agreement suspensions 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 dollars (\$250.00).
2. Any team found to be playing an illegal player will be fined a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) and be penalized the number of points gained by any wins attained.
3. Any team found to have a player listed on the Game Sheet who is not dressed for the game will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00). Players may be added to the Game Sheet at any time.
4. Any officer, manager, coach, player or volunteer in the Association who enters into acrimonious discussions with the Commissioner, at anytime will be fined between fifty dollars (\$50.00) and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and may receive a suspension.
5. Any Manager who fails to forward Game Sheets to the Commissioner and League Statistician the day following the game will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
6. Any club that fails to make an effort to control their fans will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00).
7. Any club that has a player who strikes an official will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and may receive a suspension.
8. Any club that fails to supply proper nets or game balls will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
9. Any club that fails to pay officials will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus the game fee.
10. Any club that fails to dress two (2) goaltenders will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
11. Any club that enter a bench-clearing brawl will be fined fifty dollars (\$50.00) and coaches will receive a minimum two (2) game suspension
12. Any team that does not forward a Stat Sheet to the League Statistician will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). An additional twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be assessed if Goaltender Statistics are not completed.
13. Any team that does not supply the visiting team with a copy of the Stat Sheet will be fined twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). The Commissioner will not convey suspensions on the same day the incident occurred. This must be done the day following the incident.
14. Any team that removes themselves from floor and refuses to play will be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00), unless the Commissioner sees a valid reason for pulling the team from play.
15. Teams failing to participate in League, exhibition, tournament, or All-Star Games will be fined a portion of the costs incurred.



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16. Any team that tampers with another player or club will be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00). See BCLA Operating Policy: Senior; Regulation 20: Tampering 20.02.
  17. 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 dollars (\$50.00).
  18. Any officer, manager, coach, player or member of a club who enters into any acrimonious discussions with the referees or game officials will receive a minimum one (1) game suspension.
  19. 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 all League and AGM Meetings until all League Fees have been paid in full. Also, their Bond shall be used towards payment of the League Fees. Such Bond must be renewed before the start of the new season for the team to become a member in good standing.
  20. Teams must submit current and next year's Projected Budgets to the League Treasurer no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> following that year's AGM, for reasons of doing the Casino Application. Teams failing to do so will be fined two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00).
  21. Any team who does not submit a list of their League Award Nominees will be fined one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).
  22. Any team who does not submit selections for League Awards after the nominee process will be fined one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)

**Section 24: 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 supersedes the WCSLA League Agreement.

**Section 25: Code of Conduct**

1. All individuals affiliated with WCSLA shall abide by the BCLA Operating Policy General – 1.01.  
In regards to the Code of Conduct, the WCSLA Commissioner can rule on issues that may arise as a tool to follow through. It was agreed that there will be a maximum fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) as well as suspension. Any member where the Code of Conduct is questioned, there can be a hearing with the BCLA Executive.

A Discipline Committee will be made up of three (3) Governors of the WCSLA who are not involved in the incident.

**Section 26: Harassment**

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

## PLAYER TRADE AGREEMENT



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

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

Agree to the following:

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

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Date Signed

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Team (2) Governor/Manger

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Date Signed

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Commissioner

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Date Signed

## WCSLA League Agreement

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### **Amended**

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