

BC Masters Box Lacrosse Report

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There are a number of new initiatives under way for the 2008 season. First, is the launch of a new web site www.bcmasterslacrosse.com. This is a comprehensive tool providing information on tournaments and rules; a section where teams can post their newsletters; a bulletin board section for news and views; listing of team contact information and information on available floor time. Special thanks and commendation has to be extended to Paul sparrow for developing and maintaining the site.

The league is also looking at allowing players 30 years and older to participate. Many players would like to play recreational lacrosse with limited contact and the only option is Senior C which is still full contact and competitive. A meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2008 to discuss the matter.

In 2007 the concept of regional mini-tournaments was established in the Lower Mainland. This is a tournament involving 4 to 6 teams over a Friday evening and Saturday. Each team gets three mini games each with two 15 minute periods and final regulation game the next day. Participation was excellent.

This has been expanded to three or more tournaments in the Lower Mainland in 2008. Island teams are planning to participate.

The mini tournaments scheduled in 2008 are as follows:

April 10,11,12	North Shore Cowboys	North Vancouver Harry Jarome Arena	Two divisions. Mini games Thurs/Fri with full games Sat.
May 9th / 10th (tentative)	South Fraser Stickmen	Semiahmoo Arena	4 - 6 teams. Mini games Friday and Saturday with full final games on Saturday Afternoon.
May 30th / 31st	Port Moody Masters	Port Moody	

The annual provincial tournament held over the July 1st weekend has not been confirmed. The host group cannot secure arena dates for that time. Alternate venues are being sought.

Player registration (a chronic problem) will be changed to be similar to the way it was done in the past where each team will pay a flat fee and receive 20 cards. Any master's player who steps onto the floor in any municipal run facility will have to sign a card before they play to insure everyone is covered against injury and liability. Additional cards can be obtained for a per card fee.

Masters Lacrosse continues to attract people to the sport who have not played in the past or who have not played since their youth. Often fathers who have kids playing lacrosse want to try to play the game. Another benefit of Masters Lacrosse is that adults who continue to play are great ambassadors and promoters of the sport. Anything that lacrosse community can do to promote Masters Lacrosse is a benefit to everyone.

Respectfully submitted

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