



February 10, 2011

**Subject:** Appeal of the Alberta Lacrosse Association of the Bantam Girls National Championship Appeal Committee Decision regarding the Team Alberta vs. Team Atlantic Game held on August 5, 2010.

Teleconference

**In Attendance:** Sohen Gill (Chair), BCLA President  
Chad Fairfoull, CLA VP Administration  
Steve O'Shaughnessy, CLA VP Domestic Development

Lisa Smith, ALA Executive Director  
Guido Cattoni, Alberta Team Representative  
Kevin Macpherson, CLA Minor Nationals Appeal Committee Member

**Hearing Process:**

A hearing was held on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 to hear an appeal by the Alberta Lacrosse Association in relation to a decision that was made by an appeals committee at the 2010 Bantam Girls National Championships. The above were in attendance by telephone. The following agenda was followed:

1. Sohen Gill introduced everyone.
2. Agenda was reviewed.
3. The representatives of the ALA explained their case.
4. The committee asked questions of the ALA including why they submitted their appeal and for what purpose. There was confusion over what was to be gained from this appeal.

**The Allegation:**

The ALA was appealing the decision of the Bantam Girls National Championship Appeals Committee based on CLA Operation Policy:

- 7.2.2.2 failing to follow procedures as laid out in the bylaws or approved regulations of the CLA;
- 7.2.2.3 making a decision which was influenced by bias;
- 7.2.2.4 failing to consider relevant information or taking into account irrelevant information in making the decision;
- 7.2.2.5 exercising its discretion for an improper purpose; and/or making a decision that was unreasonable

A main question from the CLA Appeals Committee to the ALA was why and what the ALA was appealing. This was asked to clarify what the ALA hoped to gain from the appeal.

Alberta stated that they thought that the original appeal was not conducted fairly or properly. There was also a suggestion that there is a discrepancy between the CLA Conveners Guide and the CLA Operations Manual regarding appeals.

**Decision:**

The CLA Conveners Guide has a note at the end of the index that states:” Please note that should a conflict arise between the CLA Conveners Guide and the CLA Operations Manual, what is stated in the CLA Operations Manual will prevail”.

The CLA Operations Manual does not have any mention of “appealing the decision of an Appeal Hearing at a National Championship”. So it interprets that the CLA Conveners Guide should be followed when it states that: The Decision of an Appeal Hearing may be appealed to the Sector Chair as per the appeal process set out in the Operations Manual.

Therefore the committee can find nothing to rule on and is unable to make a decision and refers this to the Box Sector Chair as per policy.

Sohen Gill, Chair, CLA Appeals Committee  
Chad Fairfoull, Committee Member  
Steve O’Shaughnessy, Committee Member