

# LAKERS

# 2025

## INAUGURAL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER





On behalf of the entire Executive Board, welcome to a brand-new season of Burnaby Lakers Minor Lacrosse! We're thrilled to open registration and share exciting updates as we gear up for what promises to be an outstanding year. With over 300 families in our club, we're committed to delivering

a positive, development-focused, and community-driven lacrosse experience for athletes of all ages and skill levels.

Behind the scenes, our board has been working tirelessly—coordinating floor times, strengthening community partnerships, managing insurance

and administration, refreshing our social media presence, organizing equipment inventories, launching new merchandise, and so much more. Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to grow our club together.

# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

MEET YOUR  
2026

**President:** Susan Kirkby

**Vice Presidents:** Joseph Marrello & Jen Podmore-Russell

**Operations Director:** Michelle McKinnon

**Technical Player Development Director:** Josh Majoor

**Governance Director:** Bill Patera

**Community Director:** Mark Luongo

**Marketing Director:** Lee Jackson

This team is dedicated to enhancing the player experience, supporting volunteers, and creating a strong, unified lacrosse community in Burnaby.



# WE NEED YOU



## A CALL FOR SUPPORT COORDINATORS

At our recent AGM, we emphasized the importance of Support Coordinator roles to assist each Director in delivering a successful season. These roles are essential to ensuring smooth operations, timely communication, shared workload, and sustained support for our directors as they manage the high volume of work required to run a club of our size. We're calling on our community to lean in, get involved, and contribute where you can—even a small amount of time makes a big impact.

### We're seeking volunteers to support:

- Operations & scheduling
- Equipment management
- Community engagement & events
- Tournament support
- Social media & communications
- Registration assistance
- Fundraising & sponsorship coordination

If you are able to volunteer in any capacity, please reach out via [EMAIL](#). Your involvement directly strengthens our association.

**We truly cannot do this without you.**

## FUN LACROSSE IS BACK FOR 2026

Boys and girls born 2016–2021 are invited to join us for a 3-week intro to lacrosse! Whether you're brand new to the game or returning for more fun, everyone's welcome! If you know families who might want to give box lacrosse a try, please pass this along.

### Location

Jack Crosby Sports Complex  
8605 Nelson Ave, Burnaby

Thursday or Sunday session packages available! Spots fill fast, register [HERE](#)

For more info, contact Susan [HERE](#)

### What's included:

- 3 sessions  
(once a week for 3 weeks)
- No equipment needed—just enthusiasm!
- Every player gets a dry-fit lacrosse shirt included in the fee
- A super fun, low-pressure way to try lacrosse, stay active, build confidence, and make new friends





**2026 BOX SEASON  
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

**SCAN**



**HERE**



# REGISTRATION



# IS NOW OPEN!

We're excited to welcome returning players and thrilled to meet new families joining our community. Please register early to take advantage of the Early Bird rate and help us prepare for the season! All registration information, rules, and regulations can be found right on the front page of the registration site, so please take a moment to review before completing your forms.

Register early to secure your spot, receive the early bird rate, and help us plan for another great season!

**Early bird rate ends January 21, 2026**

Register [HERE](#)

Have questions? We're here to help!

## COACHES & BENCH STAFF APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting applications for Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Team Managers.

Apply [HERE](#)

**Application Deadline:** December 28, 2025

## CALL FOR USED GEAR, DONATIONS, EXCHANGES

As we prepare for the new season, a reminder that Burnaby Lakers has always been such a generous community filled with families who support each other. If you or people you know have any used gear or any donations, please get in touch with [Michelle McKinnon](#). We are always looking to help put our resources to good use across our club. THANK YOU!

## CLUB GROWTH + POTENTIAL MERGERS

As we do each year, we're actively exploring potential mergers with neighboring lacrosse associations to strengthen programming, player pathways, and overall club sustainability.

These discussions are complex and require careful planning with many dependencies. Updates will be provided as registration numbers come in and conversations continue

## NEW CLOTHING, APPAREL DISTRIBUTOR + ONLINE STORE

We're excited to announce a new apparel partner for 2026! A refreshed online store will launch soon—and it will be open all year round!

What to expect:

- Customized Lakers gear
- New designs
- Enhanced quality
- Easier ordering
- Fast turnaround

More details coming soon!

## JACK CROSBY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT – UPDATE

Planning is underway, and we're anticipating another incredible tournament this year. Details on dates, volunteers, and team participation will be shared early in the new year.

## KEY DATES

- **Pre-Season Floor Times:** Coming soon
- **Official Season Start:** Games start April 7, 2026 - Opening Day festivities and fun for the entire community!
- **Club Picture Day:** May, 2026 (TBD)
- **Player Evaluation Schedule:** Updated guidelines coming soon
- **Provincial Championships:**  
July 2-5, 2026 (U15C, U13A2, U13B, U13C, U13A Female, U13B Female)  
Host: Shuswap Minor Lacrosse Association  
Arenas: Salmon Arm (2 rinks) and Enderby Arenas
- July 9-12, 2026 (U17A2, U17B, U15A2, U15B, U17B Female, U15B Female)  
Host: Prince George Minor Lacrosse Association  
Arenas: Kin Centre (3 rinks)
- July 16-19, 2026 (U17A1, U15A1, U13A1, U22 Female, U17A Female, U15A Female)  
Host: Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association  
Arenas: Port Coquitlam Rec Centre (3 rinks)
- **Jack Crosby Memorial Tournament:**  
July 9-12, 2026



# THANK YOU

## LAKERS COMMUNITY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Town Hall, AGM, and Executive nominations process. Your input helps guide our direction and strengthens our community.

As the holiday season approaches, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and engagement.

Happy Holidays to all our families!

We look forward to an incredible season ahead—much more to come in the new year.

Warm regards,

Burnaby Lakers Minor Lacrosse Association





