

## **Junior B Tier II 2019 Planning Meeting Minutes**

**November 10, 2018**

**Delta Edmonton South – Calgary Room**

- 1. Call to order at 9:08**
- 2. Attendance** – Justin Moltzahn – Sylvan Lake, Pat Hanson -Sylvan Lake/Chair, Brent McConkey – Sabrecats, Kent Proctor – Rage, Jason Cohoe, Jeff Dairon and Dave Matthews – Axemen, Laine Foshaug – Stingers, Larry Makortoff – High River Heat, Mike Spears & Rick Runions – Crude, Wayne Zadderey – Wranglers, Daryl Hodinsky & Dennis Hodinsky – Lakeland Heat, Ylva Samuelson – Cranbrook, Ameer Jaber – Wainwright, Suzanne Belanger – West Kootney, Mike Sim & Shawn Schmipf – Parkland Posse, Lucus Bobbitt – Strathmore, Chris Loran – Sun Devils, Graham Murray -Lloydminster, Robert Duncombe, Trevor Mark – Warriors, Stacy Howse – Westlock, Kim Murphy – Vermilion Roar – ABSENT – Red Deer

- 3. Motion to adopt 2018 planning meeting minutes.** Motion by Trevor – Seconded by Kim – Carried

- 4. Additions to 2019 planning meeting agenda.**

To add discussion regarding 30 second clock on penalty kill situations – Motion by Kim Seconded by Larry – carried and added to agenda

- 5. Motion to adopt 2019 planning meeting agenda.** Motion by Larry Seconded by Kim – carried

- 6. Expansion and potential number of teams for 2019 season.**

**All current teams indicated they will be able to field teams for the 2019 season.**

**Current teams:**

North Central division – Crude, Warriors, Wizards, Titans

North East division – Lakeland Heat, Lloydminster Xtreme, Vermillion Roar, Wainwright Wolfpack

South Central – Sabrecats, Axemen, High River Heat, Sun Devils, Strathmore

South West – Wranglers, Stingers, Renegades, Rage, Yeti

Tier III – Cranbrook, West Kootenay

**Westlock application was approved by division. Westlock will be added to North Central Division.**

**Edmonton Wizards sale to Parkland Posse was approved by division. Parkland Posse will remain in North Central Division to replace Wizards.**

7. **Equipment** – ensuring all nets are black mesh and in good order. Nets can be ordered from Big Hill Services in Cochrane 1 888 932 2729 (Yettis bought new mesh last season and was about \$320 per set including shipping.)
8. **Safety** – All teams should have an **Emergency Action Plan** updated for each season. Please forward these to the Division Commissioner and Executive Director. Home team to supply an EAP for each visiting team on game day with scoresheet.

## 9. **Scheduling – 2019 Season**

### **Provincials hosted in North for 2019 Season**

- a) ALA will no longer permit mini games so full 2.5-hour games (inclusive of warm-up) must be played for all exhibition, regular season and playoff games.

- b) **Regular Season – Starts Friday April 26 – Sunday, June 16**

Game days: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun

Regular season games – north conference 16 games (8 home/8away), south conference 14 games (home/7 away). The south division were okay with playing less games during the season if it would make the scheduling easier for the tier III cross over.

The south division will cross over with the Tier III teams. Currently it is understood that there is only West Kootenay and Cranbrook for Tier III teams. Unsure of the status of the Axemen who dropped out during the season on 2018. It was discussed that two Tier 2 teams would travel to a Tier 3 team and have a “series” Tier 3 vs Tier 2(1), Tier 3 vs Tier 2(2) and Tier 2(1) vs Tier 2(2) team during the two days. South teams were in agreement to do this if it worked into the schedule. **\*\* it was noted that the south division was concerned with there being “balanced” games versus the Tier 3 teams so that no one Tier 2 team had and advance of playing Tier 3 teams more often. South Division just would like to see balanced games against Tier 3 teams ex. That each Tier 2 south team plays a Tier 3 team only once\*\***

- c) **Playoffs** – Discussion on length of season and playoffs. **All teams agreed to have all playoffs completed on the July 19-21 weekend.**

- d) Dennis Hodinsky put forth motion Seconded by Kent to have only the top 4 teams advance to playoffs. This was okay with the north division teams, but the south division teams felt that the top six team were too close to cut off at only the top 4 teams advancing and this was the consensus of the south division teams. Christine was consulted as to weather the north and south could have different playoff formats and this was approved. Both the north and the south divisions agreed to have different format styles.
- e) **Provincials hosted in North for 2019**

**Tier II Provincials to be held July 19 to 21<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

**There will be no games the weekend of July 12-14, due to Minor Provincials**

**North playoff format.**

Highest seeded team will host playoff games.

**First round will take place weekend of July 5-7, 2019**

**1<sup>st</sup> vs 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Scenario 1** - If two teams within 250 kms

Friday, July 5 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, July 6 - 2:00 PM

Third game if needed Sunday, July 7 – 11 am

**Scenario 2** - If two teams over 250 kms

Saturday, July 6 - 1:00 PM

Sunday, July 7 - 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 7 at 3:00 PM - third game if needed

Times can be negotiated between both teams prior to the weekend dependent on floor time availability

The two winning teams will advance to Provincial tournament play

### **South playoff format**

Highest seeded team will host playoff games

#### **First round will take play weekend of June 21-23<sup>rd</sup>**

First round – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will have bye for first round  
3<sup>rd</sup> vs 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> vs 5<sup>th</sup>. Winners advancing to next round

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Sunday, July 7 – 11 am - third game if needed

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Saturday, July 6 - 1:00 PM

Sunday, July 21 - 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 21 at 3:00 PM - third game if needed

Times can be negotiated between both teams prior to the weekend dependent on floor time availability

#### **Second round will be played weekend of July 5-7, 2018**

1st ranked team plays winner of lowest ranking from 1st round and 2nd ranked team plays next highest rank winner from round

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Saturday, July 6 - 2:00 PM

Sunday, July 7 – 11 am - third game if needed

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The two winners of the second playoff series will represent their conference in provincial play down

**Playoff Provincials-** Tournament play same as 2018 season

Top 2 North and top 2 South teams advance to provincials

**Friday July 19 N1 vs N2 – 6:30 PM for North division champion**

**Friday July 19 S1 vs S2 – 9 PM for South division champion**

**Saturday July 20**

**S1 vs N2 – 11am**

**S2 vs N1 – 2pm**

**S1 vs N1- 6:30pm**

**S2 vs N2 – 9pm**

- **On Sunday the two teams with the least points from the Round Robin will play for the Bronze on Sunday July 21, 2019 with a start time of 11AM or agreed upon by both teams.**
- **On Sunday the two teams with the most points from the Round Robin will play for the Gold on Sunday July 21, 2019 with a start time of 2:00 PM or agreed upon by both teams.**
- **For the schedules the higher seeded team will be the Home team.**

If there is no travel, then playoff games can start on a Wednesday if both teams agree. All games must be completed by the end date and all teams must secure their floor time and arena before the END of the season.

#### **10. Tier II fines and Suspensions –**

- i. Have the coaches send in their outlook of the situation
- ii. **Default games \$1000 fine first game, \$1500 for the second game and along with the additional costs ie: floor, referee, transportation for the other team – these default costs have gone up by \$500 each**
- iii. If a team defaults three games in one season, then that team will default the rest of the season and lose their bond and must reapply to field a team for the next season. Teams who default the season is \$2,000 fine.
- iv. Minimum number of own roster players is 11 or subject to fine. Commissioner can allow more than 4 call ups for regular season game at their discretion. Playoffs are restricted to 4 call ups and 2 goalies per game due to injuries. Commissioner does not have discretion for playoff games.

11. **Discussion on 30 second clock rules during penalty kill situations.** – Kim from Vermillion brought forward proposal for Tier to discontinue the 30 second clock ruling in which the 30 second clock does not run during penalties. Discussion on this occurred and it was a unanimous decision by the Tier II division that a proposal be brought forward to the RMLL to present to the ALA/CLA to have this ruling taken out of the rule book to allow the 30 second clock to run throughout penalties. Pat to bring this proposal forward to the RMLL. (side note, this was discussed at the executive meeting post the RMLL AGM and other divisions are also interested in this rule change.) RMLL to bring forward to further discussion to the ALA/CLA for further discussion as it was mentioned that the CLA may be making this change in the next rule book update).

## 12. Coaches/Bench Personnel

- i. All bench personnel need to have proper certification (even trainers)
- ii. All Coaches need their NCCP certification entered into the system by the beginning of the season preferable and updated status by the end of the season before playoffs if enrolled in coaching clinics throughout season.
- iii. Referee evaluations MUST be submitted with the game sheets.
- iv. Games sheets must be scanned and sent in, not faxed. Turbo Scan or Tiny Scan app for phones works well.
- v. If visiting team does not hand in referee form to home team at end of game, then it is their responsibility to submit the form themselves.
- vi. Bench personnel who have not attended any clinics will not be permitted on bench (dates need to be supplied to commissioner of those scheduled to take clinics through season)
- vii. All bench personnel need to be responsible and respectful before/after and during game to referees, parents, off floor officials and players.
- viii. Coaches and clubs are responsible for their players and fans
- ix. Last year we talked of off-season coaching clinics- minor LGB's run clinics so only run as per ALA – RMLL holds their coaching clinic early April

## 13. Coach and player development

- i. Keep the respect in the game (team mates, opponents, officials and fans)
- ii. Use your affiliates within reason. **Call ups are not a right, need approval from your commissioner to play on a per game basis and not for the season. Midget affiliates need written approval from their parents, coach and Association president and in some cases LGB president. Please ensure these are submitted to commissioner.**
- iii. Getting players ready for higher tiers and encouraging players to play and/or try out for higher tiers
- iv. Communication with midget players to let them know there is lacrosse available after midget
- v. Junior Combines RMLL – sends out information to all LGB's and teams
- vi. Coaching clinics and Super Coaching Clinic – regular coaching clinics held by minor LGB's – **RMLL Super Clinic is April 6,7,9/219 in Okotoks** – hotels will be paid for those coaches who are travelling about 100 km to the clinic. Registration will start in December through the RMLL website.
- vii. Handshake after game signifies game is over and shows sign of respect and sportsmanship. If playing a series of games, handshakes are done only at conclusion of series

#### 14. Rosters

- i. 25 Person Tier II rosters in areas where there are Tier III teams. 25 player rosters plus 5 carded Tier III players in areas where there are no Tier III teams. Max of 5 Tier III
- ii. No over/underaged players. Do NOT add affiliates to your online rosters, only the game sheets
- iii. Player information needs to be completed and in the systems prior to your first game. If not, the player is considered an illegal player and the team/coach will be subjected to fines and a loss of the game. All player information must be complete, address, phone numbers, emails etc.

#### 15. Promotion:

- New coach acquisition – There will be no more community development challenges permitted. All coaches must attend a clinic.

#### 16. CLA/ALA/RMLL timelines

- i. All time lines need to be adhered to for game sheets, ref evaluations, player information in the systems etc.
- i. All info needs to be entered in before the season starts.
- ii. All players who need to be taken off your rosters must be done through Christine and let your Commissioner know as well. Teams can only remove players if they have played zero (0) games with that team. If they have played games, you will need to discuss this with Christine. Teams will still be billed by the ALA for all players who have played games.
- iii. Players who have been playing for a higher tier prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> and then going to a lower tier, do not need a release but need to notify the team they are leaving. Releases are required when in the same division and moving teams after May 1 – please see Regulations for more info
- iv. Players who are trying out for a higher division can be utilized by Tier II teams as long as they have not been signed to the higher team prior to the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

#### 17. Website

All stats will be posted as entered by teams, but changes to stats could take place once they are “verified” by our statistician if corrections to posted stats need to be made due to errors. All teams were made aware of the possible updates to stats and standings depending on verification by the Statistician.

**It was brought forward by division that if RAMP and Sportzsoft to update their systems to include the “mandatory” fields and that you cannot continue through the registration process online without completing those mandatory fields. This would help reduce the amount of “missed” fields and save time for both the RMLL and ALA for trying to ensure all fields are completed.**

#### 18. ALRA

- i. Ray McCarthy – ALRA President was in to present to group. Discussion on the coach referee evaluation form. Discussion to see the form updated with more pertinent information and the form to be perhaps put online. Three-man referee system will continue

in some areas as last season. Discussion on how it was difficult for coaches to know which referee was is which and it is indicated that referees should have jerseys with numbers on them to utilize those numbers on the referee evaluation sheet.

#### 19. Off floor officials

- i. Dedicated group of individuals.
- i. Must be in time box 20 minutes before game for start instructions. Please see referees in ref room 20 mins prior to game for any instructions.

#### 20. Costs for Major team (2019 fees)

- i. **Annual ALA fees** – invoiced usually in August - Players \$55.25 per player, \$27.75 per coach and \$19.25 per manager and trainer
- ii. **ALA Provincial fees** - \$650 per team qualifying for Provincials – this amount is split between all the teams in the division and is included in your RMLL annual franchise invoice.
- iii. **Tier II additional fees** – a playoff floor/referee fee of \$150 and a playoff/provincial travelling fee of \$250.
- iv. **Referee Game fees** – for regular season games \$73 per referee (2 referees per game) for regular season games which is paid prior to the start of the game. For playoff games, the 2 referees at \$73.00 per game and Shot clock official is paid \$36.50 per game.
- v. **ALRA Assigning Fees and Referee Travel/per Diem** – invoiced by the RMLL in late August each season. \$3.00 per home game (regular season and playoffs) and any referee travel/per diem costs associated with a home game Referee coming from outside your local area. ALRA travel rate is \$0.40 per km.
- vi. **RMLL Team Franchise fee (2015)** - \$800.00 per team invoiced in February each year
- vii. **Fines, Referee Accommodation and Airfare** – invoiced by RMLL throughout the season as they occur
- viii. **Annual RMLL Team Franchise fee** - \$800.00 which a new team must submit with their application, existing teams are invoiced in February each year.
- ix. **Team Performance Bond (\$1,000.00)** – submitted with new team application and kept with RMLL until team withdraws from RMLL
- x. **Refundable Application Bond (\$1000)** – submitted with new team application and kept by RMLL for two years.
- xi. **Floor rental for RMLL contract Arena** – invoiced by RMLL at the end of the season for a team
- xii. **The RMLL was awarded their Casino on April 23 and 24 in Calgary** – teams can volunteer to help work Casino and will share 10% of monies made...

Each team annual budget varies, depending on if a team includes travel in their budgets, a teams' floor rate, how many practices you have, if a team pays a Trainer, etc. as well as how detailed their budget is. A budget tool can be found at

<http://www.rockymountainlax.com/Team/teamWeb.dll/PageContent?ContentId=57667&SessionId=52751272295501&co=1>



**21. RMLL Regulations re: Invoices and Fines –**

**Regulation 4.13.** All RMLL invoices are due thirty day from invoice date except invoices for team finds which are due within ten (10) days of invoice date.

**Regulation 4.13.1.** A team (RMLL member) must pay fines assessed against them and/or their members within ten (10) days of invoice date or be liable to further fines as penalty for non-payment.

**22. Team Events – All team events must be entered into the RMLL system even in the off season.**

**23. Game Sheet App – 4 Teams have volunteered to trial this app - Westlock, Parkland, Medicine Hat and the Yetti. If the information could be sent to all teams as they will possible utilize as well.**

**24. Election of commissioner for Tier II**

**Two nominations were brought forward and both parties accepted nomination  
Dennis Hodinsky and Pat Hanson  
Pat Hanson was voted in as new Tier II/III Commissioner**

**25. Motion to adjourn by Larry Seconded by Kim – Carried, meeting adjourned at 14:25**