



Scheduler's Report

For the 2012 Season, the RMLL again used the SportzSoft Scheduling Software to assist in generating the RMLL Division schedules.

In the 2012 Season 506 Regular Season games, 44 Playoff games and 27 Provincial games were scheduled in 47 arenas across the Province including one arena in BC, one in Saskatchewan and one in Winnipeg. Between Regular Season and Playoffs there were total of 9 defaults (also 9 in 2011), and 37 game change requests (6 less than 2011). Referee "no shows" in 2012 were once again zero...third consecutive year.

Division schedules continue to be extremely customized. The customization along with shorter seasons, reduced arena availability and increased dates a team can not play is increasing the difficulty of creating our schedules. Ensuring all the teams have entered their time slots, entered enough time slots, have entered all their playing constraints and creating the map of who is playing who based on travel, etc. continues to be very time consuming. In addition, scheduling parameters agreed on at the Division Planning Meetings are unrealistic and require re-work before the scheduling process can even start. In 2012, 47 teams provided time slots. GELC provided facility constraints for 8 teams using GELC contracted arenas and CDLA provided facility constraints for the 12 teams using CDLA contracted arenas.

The scheduling process did not start until the end of January this year due to the interlock issue between Jr. A and Sr. . All Division schedules were posted on the website by March 8 but this year the last Division schedule was not posted until March 16th. Schedules went from "in progress" to final on March 30th.

Divisions need to ensure their scheduling parameters are realistic and teams must enter their playing constraints and home game arena information the RMLL System by the Division deadlines. Making date changes is almost impossible after the Division schedule has been created. Division "in-progress" schedules are posted to the website during the month of February and teams need to be vigilant in reviewing these schedules as soon as they are posted.

Teams withdrawing after a Division schedule has been generated, create a very difficult task in trying to re-schedule the Division games, so all remaining teams end up with a balanced schedule. This is an impossible task if the Division has an unbalanced schedule where all the teams do not play each other. Major scheduling is done before Minor scheduling, so another issue is floor not used by Major has been given to Minor.

There were a number of scheduling setbacks in 2012. The Sr. B and Jr. A Interlock, Divisions not having realistic scheduling parameters, reduced arena availability in Calgary for some teams, delay in City of Calgary confirming CDLA contracts and Rebels Tier I team folding on April 24, just to name a few.

For 2013, "in progress" schedules must be completed by March 8th.

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2012 Regular Season

| Division | # of Teams (Final) | Season Games per Team | RMLL Original # of Games (March 8) | RMLL Final # of Games (March 30) | Game Change Requests | Defaults | Referee "No Shows" |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------|--------------------|
| Senior B | 6 | 16 | 48 | 48 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior C | 6 | 14 | 42 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Jr. A | 4 | 18 | 36 | 36 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier I | 10 (lost 1) | 20 | 110 | 94 | 5 plus cancellation of 16 games due to the folding of the Rebels. (April 24) | 0 | 0 |
| Tier II N | 10 | 14 | 70 | 70 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Tier II S | 11 | 14 | 77 | 77 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Tier III | 10 | 14 | 70 | 70 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Sr. Ladies | 3 | 16 | 24 | 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jr. Ladies | 6 | 15 | 45 | 45 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 66 | | 522 | 506 | 34 | 9 | 0 |

2012 RMLL Playoff Games

| Division | # Games Scheduled | # of Games Needed | Game Change Requests | Defaults | Referee "No Shows" |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Senior B | 10 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior C | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jr. A | 8 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier I N | 9 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier I S | 9 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier II N | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier II S | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier III | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sr. Ladies | 4 | 4 | 0 | | 0 |
| Jr. Ladies | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 58 | 45 | 3 | 0 | 0 |

2011 RMLL Exhibition Games

| Division | # of Games | Game Change Requests | Cancelled | Defaults | Referee "No Shows" |
|--------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| Senior B | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jr. A | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier I | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier II | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tier III | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sr. Ladies | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jr. Ladies | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| | Regular Season | Playoff | Provincial | Total |
|-------------|----------------|---------|------------|-------|
| 2009 | 471 | 51 | 43 | 565 |
| 2010 | 455 | 63 | 15 | 533 |
| 2011 | 542 | 44 | 42 | 638 |
| 2012 | 506 | 45 | 27 | 577 |