



## **Scheduler's Report**

For the 2013 Season, the RMLL again used the SportzSoft Scheduling Software to assist in generating the RMLL Division schedules.

In the 2013 Season 516 Regular Season games, 49 Playoff games and 30 Provincial games were scheduled in 44 arenas across the Province including , one in Saskatchewan and two in Winnipeg. Between Regular Season and Playoffs there were total of 13 defaults (9 in 2012), and 30 game change requests (7 less than 2012). However due to the flood in Southern Alberta, another 40 games were cancelled of which 12 were rescheduled. Referee "no shows" in 2013 were once again zero...fourth 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 2013, 44 teams provided time slots. GELC provided facility constraints for 7 teams using GELC contracted arenas and CDLA provided facility constraints for the 7 teams using CDLA contracted arenas. The RMLL provided the facility constraints for 5 RMLL teams using Stu Peppard.

The scheduling process needs to start at the beginning of January but again due Division issues, did not start until the end of January. The Tier I schedule took two weeks to complete due to the amount of travel involved this year, the lack of arena availability and some teams not able to start play on the agreed Division start date. March 8 is the target date to have all Division in-progress schedules posted by. This year the last Division in-progress schedule was posted on March 21. Sr. B was posted Feb. 15, Sr. C Feb. 18, Jr. A Feb. 11, Tier I Mar. 1, Tier II North Mar. 8, Tier II South Mar. 16, Tier III Mar.17 and Sr. and Jr. Ladies Mar. 21. The RMLL Schedule was marked final on April 7 and sent to the ALRA for assigning.

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 2013. For the first time, a second in-progress schedule had to be created for Tier III due to teams not entering all their playing constraints and the Division Constraints not stating weekday games could not start at 9:00 pm. The Jr. A schedule was late due to the change of Eclipse to Titans and home arena change. Additional setbacks included arena availability, unconfirmed schedule plan for Tier I and the withdrawal the Badlands Tier III team on April 9.

Historically in the Calgary area, there has been difficulty acquiring floor for the month of April July and August as the CDLA contracts floor for the length of the Minor Season. This year a decision was made to have one arena set aside for Major use. Stu Peppard was chosen and was contracted from the beginning of April through to August 15. Five Calgary Major Teams were assigned to Stu Peppard for both their practices and home games. There was a lot of confusion at the beginning as the CLDA applied for the original floor request but then there was a lot of discussion with the City about who should hold the contract, CDLA, teams or RMLL. At the end it was decided the RMLL should hold the contract. The whole process was not straightened out until the end of April. As a result, the RMLL did have to pay about \$1k for floor that was booked in April but not used by teams and not cancelled due to all the confusion over the contract.

In 2014, the RMLL will again hold a contract for one Calgary arena, hopefully Stu Peppard, and the 5 teams using Stu Peppard in 2013 will use again in 2014. Floor not used by these 5 teams will again be offered to other RMLL teams especially in April, July and August when there is a shortage of floor.

The City has revised their booking process and for 2014, floors need to be booked by October 15. 2013 opposed to February of the current year. This is a welcome change by the City as it definitely fits in better with the timing of RMLL schedules.

Detailed realistic Schedule Plans need to come out of the 2014 Division Planning Meetings in November as we need to adhere to the scheduling deadlines for the 2014 Season. In-progress schedules for all Divisions must be completed by March 8. 2014.

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#### 2013 Regular Season

Division	# of Teams (Final)	Season Games per Team	RMLL Original # of Games (April 4)	RMLL Final # of Games (April 23)	Game Change Requests	Defaults	Cancelled Flood & Not Rescheduled	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B	6	16	48	48	3; Flood 4	3	0	0
Senior C	6	14	42	42	2; Flood 3	3	0	0
Jr. A	4	18	36	36	2; Flood 4	0	4	0
Tier I	11	20	110	110	2; Flood 5	0	3	0
Tier II N	10	17	85	85	3	1	0	0
Tier II S	9	16 SC; 17 SW	74	74	Flood 8	2	5	0
Tier III	8	14	63	56	Flood 7 – 7 rescheduled and 7 cancelled re Badlands withdrawal	0	7	0
Sr. Ladies	3	15	22	22	1	0	0	0
Jr. A Ladies	1	14	7	7	0	1	0	0
Jr. B Ladies	5	15	36	36	3:Flood 5	3	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>		<b>525</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>30; 36 Flood</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>

**2013 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	2	2	0	0	0
Jr. A	10	6	0	0	0
Tier I N	9	8	0	0	0
Tier I S	9	6	0	0	0
Tier II N	6	6	0	0	0
Tier II S	6	6	0	0	0
Tier III	4	4	0	0	0
Sr. Ladies	4	0	4 Cancelled Flood	0	0
Jr. A Ladies	4	4	0	0	0
Jr. B Ladies	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**2013 RMLL Exhibition Games**

Division	# of Games	Game Change Requests	Cancelled	Defaults	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B	4	0	1	0	0
Senior C	2	0	0	0	0
Jr. A	6	0	1	0	0
Tier I	21	0	0	0	0
Tier II	0	0	0	0	0
Tier III	0	0	0	0	0
Sr. Ladies	0	0	0	0	0
Jr. Ladies	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Comparable**

	Exhibition	Regular Season	Playoff	Provincial	Total
<b>2009</b>		471	51	43	565
<b>2010</b>		455	63	15	533
<b>2011</b>	19	542	44	42	657
<b>2012</b>	23	506	45	27	600
<b>2013</b>	35	516	49	30	630