



2019 Scheduler Report

The RMLL uses the SportzSoft Scheduling Software to assist in generating the RMLL Division schedules.

The RMLL schedule is created using the Division parameters, team scheduling constraints, arena availability, arena parameters and ALRA requirements.

In the 2019 Season, the RMLL scheduled a total of 664 total games, 75 fewer games then scheduled in the 2018 Season. 529 Regular Season games (492 Regular Season Games assigned by the ALRA). 22 Exhibition games of which 20 were played. 81 Playoff games were scheduled of which 65 were played. 32 Provincial games were scheduled of which 29 were required. Regular Season, Playoff and Provincial games were scheduled in 36 arenas across the Province as well as, three arenas in Saskatchewan, three arenas in Winnipeg and three in B.C (up from 35 AB arenas in 2018). There were no defaults this year due to teams not having enough players and only one game cancelled to due weather which was not rescheduled. (18 defaults in 2018). There was a total of 53 game change requests during the Season. Many were due to the withdrawal of the Pioneers Sr. C team as well as the merger of the Axemen Jr. Ladies team with the Okotoks Raiders Jr. Ladies team after the schedule had been created and some were due to requests from the ALRA, so Referees could be assigned. (70 game change requests in 2018). Although there were 75 fewer games scheduled this year, it was a challenge for the two ALRA Assignors for the RMLL to cover all the scheduled RMLL games. All games were covered but it may have been difficult to cover all the games if we had the same number of games as in 2018. With 32 fewer AB Regular Season games in 2019, our Referee mileage charge for the 2019 Regular Season was approximately \$1,500 less that what was charged in 2018.

March 15 is the date we are supposed to have our schedule to the ALRA by. This year the ALRA received our schedule on March 21. The RMLL Schedule was late due to the Sr. B, Sr. C and Jr. A Divisions not being able to confirm the teams in their Divisions.

The RMLL Regular Season ran from April 24 to July 15. The Regular Season started two weeks later than 2018 which ran from April 13 to July 15. During the seventeen weeks of Season play, due to the staggered start and end dates of each Division, there were eight weeks where all the Divisions were playing Season (regular and playoff) games.

Week	Date	Number of Games
1	April 24 to April 28	37
2	April 29 to May 5	48
3	May 6 to May 12	54
4	May 13 to May 19	23
5	May 20 to May 26	66
6	May 27 to June 2	56
7	June 3 to June 9	56
8	June 10 to June 16	61
9	June 17 to June 23	53 (3 playoff)
10	June 24 to June 30	21
11	July 1 to July 7	52 (21 playoff)
12	July 8 to July 14	31 (6 playoff)
13	July 15 to July 21	34 (32 playoff)

14	July 22 to July 28	22 (all playoff)
15	July 29 to August 4	4 (all playoff)
16	August 5 to August 11	4 (all playoff)
17	August 12 to August 19	1 (all playoff)
		623 scheduled games

All Playoffs and Provincials were completed by the end of the August long weekend except for the Sr. B Division where their last Provincial game was scheduled on August 18.

Division schedules continue to be extremely customized. Customization now includes avoiding conflicts between teams in different Divisions due to many Senior players now coaching Junior teams. All the customization along with extremely short Seasons in some Divisions, reduced arena availability and increased dates a team cannot 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 2019, 48 teams provided time slots. GELC provided facility constraints for 5 teams using GELC contracted arenas and CDLA provided facility constraints for the 5 teams using CDLA contracted arenas. The RMLL provided the facility constraints for seven RMLL teams using Stu Peppard for games.

RMLL Contracted Arenas:

Calgary

2019 was the seventh year of having one arena in Calgary used specifically for Major. We acquired Stu Peppard from April 8 through to August 4. This year Max Bell was not available for bookings from August 7 through August 19. At the last minute, we were able to acquire Max Bell for a few hours on August 6, 7 and 8. The lack of floor in August impacted the Jr. A Provincials and the Sr. B Provincials. Five Major (seven in 2017) teams used this arena for practices and seven (nine in 2017) Major teams had their home games scheduled at Stu Peppard The RMLL will again contract a Calgary arena for Major in 2020. Floor for 2020 must be booked on Nov. 22, 2019 and a date early in January 2020 is the last day to cancel a floor booking.

The ALRA is anticipating a shortage of Sr. Referees again in 2020. To assist in being able to cover RMLL games with the appropriate Referees, the ALRA still requires the RMLL to schedule more game on weeknights, (local vs local only play weeknights), less games on Saturday and Sunday, and to not schedule games in the same Division at the same time in different arenas in the same local areas. This last request is not realistic as very difficult to implement as is in direct conflict with arena availability and arena parameters. At one time the ALRA wanted more back to back games in the same arena, which is an arena parameter but this is no longer an ALRA requirement as most Referees are only assigned to one game per day.

Weekday	2015 #	2015 %	2016 #	2016 %	2017 #	2017 %	2018 #	2018 %	2019 #	2019 %	ALRA Request %
Sun.	166	34%	156	33%	170	31%	179	31%	150	30%	30%
Mon.	0	0%	15	3%	10	2%	17	3%	25	5%	5%
Tues.	15	3%	19	4%	13	2%	7	1%	12	2%	5%
Wed.	49	10%	47	10%	73	13%	78	13%	54	11%	10%
Thurs.	20	4%	18	4%	22	4%	26	4%	20	4%	5%
Fri.	68	14%	64	14%	71	13%	74	13%	70	14%	15%
Sat.	171	35%	158	33%	185	34%	202	35%	161	33%	30%
	489		474		544		583		492		

2019 Regular Season

Division	# of Teams (Final)	Season Games per Team	RMLL Original # of Games	RMLL Final # of Games	Game Change Requests	Defaults	Cancelled	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B	6	16	48	48	1	0	0	0
Senior C	8	15 S & 16 N	65	62	22	0	0	0
Jr. A	4	15	30	30	1	0	0	0
Tier I	15	20	150	150	2	0	0	0
Tier II N	9	16	72	72	4	0	0	0
Tier II S	10	14	70	70	6	0	0	0
Tier III	2	14	14	14	1	0	0	0
Sr. Ladies	5	14	35	35	2	0	0	0
Jr. Ladies	6	16	56	48	14	0	0	0
Total	65		538	529	53	0	0	0

2019 RMLL Playoff Games

Division	# Games Scheduled	# of Games Required	Game Change Requests	Defaults	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B	10	8	0	0	0
Senior C	6	6	0	0	0
Jr. A	10	7	0	0	0
Tier I	32	27	0	0	0
Tier II N	6	5	0	0	0
Tier II S	12	9	0	0	0
Tier III	3	2	0	0	0
Sr. Ladies	2	2	0	0	0
Jr. Ladies	0	0	0	0	0
Total	81	65	0	0	0

2019 RMLL Exhibition Games

Division	# of Games	Game Change Requests	Cancelled	Defaults	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B		0	1	0	0
Senior C	1	0	1	0	0
Jr. A	3	0	1	0	0
Tier I	15	0	0	0	0
Tier II		0	0	0	0
Tier III		0	0	0	0
Sr. Ladies		0	0	0	0
Jr. Ladies		0	0	0	0
Total	19	0	0	0	0

Comparable

	Exhibition	Regular Season	Playoff Played	Provincial	Total
2009		471	51	43	565
2010		455	63	15	533
2011	19	542	44	42	657
2012	23	506	45	27	600
2013	35	516	49	30	630
2014	21	525	53	33	632
2015	27	508	55	41	631
2016	23	504	55	40	622
2017	31	544	63	35	673
2018	30	583	60	39	712
2019	19	529	65	29	642