



## 2019 Senior B Commissioner's Report

The 2019 season started off with on the wrong foot with Blackfalds folding their Sr B team in January. We held a dispersal draft in February on a conference call.

Our total registrations were 160 in 2019, only a loss of 10 players overall over 2018, as we had voted to increase roster sizes to 30 for this season, which is the ALA maximum allowed. This helped us achieve a default free season for the first time since 2014. It was pleasant having every game proceed as scheduled with fairly healthy rosters. With the larger roster sizes, the number of Affiliation requests were way down as well over 2018.

We only had 2 suspensions this season. There was a formal complaint and counter complaint that was eventually withdrawn before going to a hearing.

We saw some teams improving over their previous season, yet we still have two teams struggling financially to clear past debts. This is one area that must be cleaned up with the Sr B division.

The St. Albert Miners once again had a very successful season, dropping only 1 regular season game, their first game of the season. The league was fairly close with 3<sup>rd</sup> place through 5<sup>th</sup> place all being decided on the last weekend of regular season play. Playoffs saw the Miners sweep the Outlaws 3-0 and the Mounties eliminated the Knights 3-1. The Miners won the Provincial Championship series 3 games-0. They placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the Presidents Cup in Kahnawake, Quebec.

Our division ran a pilot project using the 3 man referee mechanic for 2 home games for each team. The initial plan was to have this occur with weekday games. Due to scheduling and referee availability, we had to use some weekend games in the south to get the games in. We are still assessing the over-all success of the program. In the north we fast-tracked 2 officials using the 3 man system and these officials will be regular officials in Sr B for the 2020 season. In the south, the referee pool is very shallow, and the results were more mixed. David Westwood and I will be discussing this in much further detail to prepare for the 2020 season.

The President's Cup was held in Kahnawake, I attended as Commissioner and have a report on the event attached.

Yours truly,

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Senior B Commissioner