

Junior B Tier II 2020 Planning Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2019

Cambridge Hotel, Red Deer

- 1. Call to order at 0910**
- 2. Attendance –Mike Clark – Red Deer, Rick Runion- Crude, Wayne Zadderey – Wranglers, Chris Loran – Sundevils, Jeff Dairon- Axemen, Ylva Samuelson – Cranbrook, Cal Thudium – Yetti, Graeme Copland – High River, Larry Makortoff – High River, Lucas Bobbitt – Venom, Kelly Mantei – Sabrecats, Kim Murphy – Roar, Robert Carey – Titans, Kevin Floyd – West Kootenay, Suzanne Belanger – West Kootenay, Laine Foshaug – Stingers, Cole Smith – ALRA Rep, Kent Proctor – Rage, Dennis Hodinsky – Lakeland, Daryl Hodinsky – Lakeland, Graham Murray – Xtreme, Justin Huisman – Warriors, Robert Duncombe – Warriors, Stacy Howse – Westlock, Mike Sim – Posse, Robbie Perneel – Posse , Pat Hanson – Tier II Commissioner
Absent – Wainwright Wolfpack**
- 3. Motion to adopt 2019 planning meeting minutes. Motion by Kim, seconded by Dennis – carried**
- 4. Additions to 2020 planning meeting agenda.**
 - Add in Cole from ALRA
 - Add Division Discipline
 - Motioned by Mike and seconded by Rick – carried
- 5. Motion to adopt 2020 planning meeting agenda. Motioned by Mike, seconded by Wayne, carried**
- 6. Expansion and potential number of teams for 2020 season.**

Cranbrook and West Kootenay will move from Tier III into Tier II South Division.

Vermillion will not be able to field a team for the 2020 season.

Discussion on how divisions should be divided.

Motion by Darryl to move Red Deer Renegades and Sylvan Lake Yetti to the north division.

Seconded by Wayne – carried

Unanimous decision of the division to move from two divisions in each of the north and south to just one division in the north and one division south.

Current teams:

North Division – St. Albert Crude, Edmonton Warriors, Sherwood Park Titans, Westlock Rock, Parkland Posse, Lakeland Heat, Lloydminster Xtreme, Wainwright Wolfpack, Red Deer Renegades and Sylvan Lake Yeti

South Division – Calgary Sabrecats, Calgary Axemen, High River Heat, Medicine Hat Sun Devils, Strathmore Venom, Calgary Wranglers, Olds Stingers, Rockyview Rage, Cranbrook Outlaws and West Kootenay Timberwolves

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 (Yeti bought new nets about 3 years ago and were about \$350 a set)
8. **Safety** – All teams should have an **Emergency Action Plan** updated for each season. New EAP form was emailed and was on the website 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. **Discipline chair for Tier 2 is Wayne Zadderey from the Wranglers and second will be Dennis Hodinsky from Lakeland Heat**

10. Scheduling – 2020 Season

Teams are asked to try and keep their “blackout” dates to a minimum as our season is short and some of the teams can play weekend games only.

Motion by Larry for Sylvan Lake Yeti to host 2020 provincials. Seconded by Mike S. carried

Motion by Rick For 2021 provincials and forward, teams will put forward an application to host provincials at the Planning meetings for that upcoming season. Applications will be reviewed by the members of the Tier II division and voted on by the members. Seconded by Mike – carried

To clarify – teams will submit applications beginning with the 2021 provincials to host provincials for the upcoming season. All teams in the Tier II division will review the applications and select a host team. The host team will be responsible for following the set out minimum standards for hosting the Tier II provincials which will be set out by the division and division commissioner. **Applications should be emailed to the Tier II commissioner a week prior to the planning meetings so that the applications can be circulated to the teams for review prior to the planning meetings.** This will just speed up the selection process at the planning meetings if teams have reviewed the proposals.

Stacy to forward Pat a template that she use to assist in developing a formal provincial playoff guideline. Christine Thielen to also forward a provincial planning guideline from prior years to use to develop new format. This format will be circulated to the members of the Tier II division to review and get input of things that can be added.

Regular Season – Starts Wednesday April 22, 2020 – June 21, 2020

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

Regular season games - north and south divisions will both play a 16 game (8 home/8 away) season (unbalanced).

**** motion by Daryl and seconded by Rick – based on going to a 16 game (8 home/8 away) schedule that if needed regular season will end the week of June 22, 2020 with provincials being held July 24-26, 2020. – carried**

Motioned by Chris and seconded by Jeff - For the south division – when one team (ex Axemen) travel to West Kootenay they will play a two game series against each other (one game Sat and one game Sunday) in which WK will be home team for both games. The Axemen then will not travel to play Cranbrook that season. – Carried

There will be no games the weekend of June 26-29 due to Canada Day tourney and July 9-12, due to Minor Provincials and no games May long weekend.

- **Playoffs –**
- **Motion** by Dennis and seconded by Rick – both the north and south will run the same playoff format. Top 6 teams after regular season play in each of the north and south divisions will advance to playoffs.
- **First round will take play weekend of July 3-5, 2020**
- First round – 1st and 2nd will have bye for first round
- 3rd vs 6th and 4th vs 5th. Winners advancing to next round
- 3rd and 4th placed teams to host all games this this round.
- **Scenario 1** - If two teams within 250 kms
- Friday, July 3 - 9:00 PM
- Saturday, July 4 - 2:00 PM
- Sunday, July 5 – 11 am - third game if needed
- **Scenario 2** - If two teams over 250 kms
- Saturday, July 4 - 1:00 PM

- Sunday, July 5- 10:00 AM
- Sunday, July 5 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 17-19, 2018

- 1st ranked team plays winner of lowest ranking from 1st round and 2nd ranked team plays next highest rank winner from round
- First and second placed teams to host this round of playoffs
- **Scenario 1** - If two teams within 250 kms
- Friday, July 17- 9:00 PM
- Saturday, July 18 - 2:00 PM
- Sunday, July 19 – 11 am - third game if needed
- **Scenario 2** - If two teams over 250 kms
- Saturday, July 18 - 1:00 PM
- Sunday, July 19 - 10:00 AM
- Sunday, July 19 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 winners of the second playoff series will represent their conference in provincial play down

a) **Provincials**

Tier II Provincials to be held July 24,25,26th, 2020. Hosted by the Sylvan Lake Yeti

Playoff Provincials-

Top 2 North and top 2 South teams advance to provincials

Friday July 24 N1 vs N2 – 6:30 PM for North division champion

Friday July 24 S1 vs S2 – 9 PM for South division champion

Saturday July 25

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 26, 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 26, 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.

11. 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 16 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.

12. Discussion on 30 second clock rules during penalty kill situations. – Teams really liked this and felt that the penalties against teams not ragging the ball were greatly decreased so a positive outcome and appreciated the fact that all divisions adopted the same principle

13. 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
Minor LGB's run clinics so only run as per ALA – RMLL holds their coaching clinic early April 4-5, 2020
- ix. Discussion that there is no more challenging of community development. Coaches must physically take the course. Can only take one course per year. Reviewed with teams the coaching PD guidelines. Coaches who are Certified must do PD points. **Question arose as to what happened if you didn't? Do you drop back to "trained". Pat to look into.**

14. Coach and player development

- i. Keep the respect in the game (teammates, 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 3,4,5/2020 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

15. 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. Teams in area must be full before you can card Tier III players.
- ii. No over/underaged players. Do NOT add affiliates to your online rosters, only the game sheets – Amanda will enter in AP's
- 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.

- iv. Intent to play with ALA opens in December 2019. Can't start adding to your rosters until February 1, 2020. Coaching, bench staff and managers will be allowed to register on the ALA website now as of December 1, 2019 as well, so we aren't running in to last minute registrations. ALL must be registered before the first game of your season.
- v. All rosters are due by May 1st unless your first game is before May 1st, then your roster is due in the system (players, coaches, bench staff, etc.) no later than 4 days before your first scheduled league game.

16. Promotion:

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

17. CLA/ALA/RMLL timelines

- i. All timelines 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 1st 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 1st deadline.
- v. Teams reminded of the constraints deadline of Jan 15

18. 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. Pat to check on this

19. ALRA

Cole Smith was in to discuss with division. Good discussion. Teams would like to see some closed communication in regard to comments on evaluations. Suggestions for teams to have some input into changes for the referee evaluation for to make it more practical, Cole took lots of notes and comments that he will take forward to Dave Westwood. **Can graduating junior names be given to the ALRA for recruitment?**

20. 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.

21. Costs for Major team (2020 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 ** if passed at the ALA AGM rates could increase \$5.00 per player. **
- 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...

Teams were wondering if invoicing for ALRA fees could be done sooner than the end of August when teams have closed up their seasons (harder to get a hold of people and get things paid) would like to maybe see if referee additional costs could be invoiced monthly versus end of season??

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>

22. 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.

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

24. Election of commissioner for Tier II- Pat Hanson will remain as commissioner for 2020 season.

25. Motion to adjourn - Larry seconded by Jeff – carried meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm