



2020 Executive Director Report

The function of the Executive Director is to carry out the administrative support of the RMLL on behalf of the Executive. Although a volunteer position, this role is a full-time job for all twelve months of the year.

2020 started out as a positive season for the RMLL. The season began with the Division Planning Meetings and AGM in November 2019 followed by Graduating Midget Communications in December, to Graduating Midget Info Sessions in January and Combines and Drafts in February. Franchises had updated their Franchise Certificates, Franchise invoices had been issued, Senior B, Junior A and Junior B Tier I had posted their Protected Lists, eight hundred and seventy (875) players had completed their RMLL Intent-to-Play and most of the 2020 Division schedules had been posted. Then on March 11, 2020 everything came to halt with the ALA announcement that due to COVID-19 all lacrosse activity was suspended until further notice. With the CLA announcing on May 28, that they were cancelling the 2020 National Championships, the RMLL finally cancelled their 2020 Season on June 2, 2020.

Promotion

The Graduating Midget “welcome” documents were posted to the RMLL website January 2. Copies of the documents were handed out to everyone attending the North and South Information Sessions.

We again held our North and South Graduating Midget Information Sessions. The South Session was held in Calgary on Friday, January 3 at the Acadia Recreation Centre. Although held during the Christmas Break, the South had their largest ever attendance, as over 150 players and parents attended. The North Session was held in Edmonton on Friday January 10 at the Central Lions Senior Rec. Centre and this year the Info Session was also live streamed.

Once again, the RMLL held our North and South Junior Combines. Online Registration was used again for both Combines. The North Combine was held on Saturday, January 25 at Servus Place in St. Albert. Fifty-one players registered of which ten were goalies. The South Combine was held on Saturday, February 8 at the Scotiabank Saddledome in Calgary. Eighty-five players attended of which included ten goalies.

Drafts and XX Man Protected Lists

Senior B – The North Draft was held on February 5 and the South Draft was held on Feb. 6. The Senior B 50 Man Protected List was last posted on February 19. Due to COVID-19 and lacrosse activities being suspended, the List was never dropped down to 40 at the April 15 deadline.

Junior A - The Drafts were held on February 10. The Junior A 60 Man Protected List was last posted on March 7. Due to COVID-19 and lacrosse activities being suspended, the List was never dropped down to 50 by the second Sunday in April deadline.

Junior B Tier I - The North Draft was held on February 8, the Lethbridge Draft was held on February 11 and the Central and South Drafts were held on February 12. The Junior B Tier I Protected 45 Man Protected Lists were last posted: North – March 5, South – February 12, Central – February 21 and East – February 17. Due to COVID-19 and lacrosse activities being suspended, the Lists were never dropped down to 35 at the April 11 deadline.

RMLL Intent-to-Play

As of March 30, eight hundred and seventy-five (875) players had completed the RMLL Intent-to-Play.

| | Registered to a 2019 Team End of Season | # of 2019 AB Teams | RAMP Registered 30-Mar-20 | # of 2020 AB Teams | Player Difference |
|-------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jr. Male | 814 | 34 | 563 | 33 | -251 |
| Jr. Ladies | 164 | 7 | 132 | 7 | -32 |
| Sr. Male | 438 | 14 | 153 | 14 | -285 |
| Sr. Women | 97 | 5 | 27 | 5 | -70 |
| Total | 1513 | 60 | 875 | 59 | -638 |

Junior Male Players – Of the 563 players, 251 were male Graduating Midgets (birth year 2003). Given there were 486 male Graduating Midgets from the 2019 Season, this would represent a retention of 52% which is our historical retention number for Graduating Midgets going back to 2009.

Junior Female Players – Of the 132 players, 45 were female Graduating Midgets (birth year 2003). Given there were 120 female Graduating Midgets from the 2019 Season, this would represent a retention of 38% which is close to our historical retention number for female Graduating Midgets.

2020 Schedules

On March 11 when all lacrosse activities were suspended, the Sr. B, Jr. A, Tier I, Tier II South, Jr. Ladies and Sr. Women’s schedules were posted. The Tier II North Schedule was completed but not yet posted. The Sr. C Schedule was the only schedule that had not yet been created.

RMLL Contracts

Contracts included Hartzler Enterprises for bookkeeping, SportzSoft for the RMLL System and website and the City of Calgary for the RMLL arena.

Planning For 2021 Season

The RMLL is still very much in limbo as currently although we hoping to have a 2021 Season, as of right now there is no guarantee. For things that are coming up shortly like the Info Sessions for 17-year-olds and Combines, we are having to try and structure the events under current Alberta Health Rules which means options may be less than ideal. With the 2020 Season being suspended in the first half of the Season, many things were just partially completed or not even started, like rosters. RMLL Regulations will need to be revised to include some specifics for the unfinished items from the 2020 Season as well as any adjustments required for just the 2021 Season.

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