



Annual Report of the RMLL President
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On June 1, 2020, the RMLL cancelled their 2020 Season due to COVID-19.. However, of the 40 Alberta Franchise Holders, approximately 14 ran some sort of programming in July-August as part of the ALA's Return to Activity Protocol. Some simply ran practices (such as JrA Mountaineers, JrB Mountaineers, Shamrocks, Sylvan Lake Yetti, and Lethbridge) and others ran 4v4 tournaments (such as JrA Raiders, Miners, and Rebels). It is likely that some Franchise Holders will re-start some sort of programming in Fall and Winter 2020-2021.

As of the beginning of September though, the RMLL is still in limbo. Given many lacrosse players play hockey and other sports, will Franchise Holders have enough players to run the ALA's Return to Activity Protocol in the Fall if a player is still only allowed to participate in one sport cohort? Although the actual games in the RMLL 2021 season do not start until the end of April, the 2021 Season actual starts the Monday after the 2020 AGM and 2021 Planning Meeting. Dr. Henshaw's announcement that a decision re returning to normal sports play will not being made until they have a chance to review a couple of months' worth of data re the COVID-19 impact of return to school means that we may not know by our AGM and Planning Meeting what a 2021 Season will potentially look like.

In addition to challenges around COVID-19, our 2021 Budget is also a huge challenge as the RMLL income comes from Franchise Fees and our Casino. What impact will cancelling the 2020 Season have on our historic RMLL attrition, especially Sr. B, Sr. C and Sr. Ladies? Traditionally, approximately 250 Graduating Midgets were registered annually on RMLL Franchises, 7 Jr. A representing 9% of Jr. A players, 84 Tier I representing 30% of Tier I players, 110 Tier II representing 27% of Tier II players and 49 Jr. Ladies representing 32% of Jr. Ladies players. Depending on the criteria for allowing 17U players to register in Major Lacrosse will Franchises have to fold due to a lack of players? If Tier II was not allowed register 3rd year Midgets, then our current 18 Alberta Tier II Franchises would potentially drop down to 9 Franchises leaving a number of 18 to 21-year olds with no Franchise to play on. Historically, 60% of the players on Jr. Ladies Franchises are 1st and 2nd year players, so if 30% of the 17-year olds did not want or meet the criteria to register in Jr. Ladies, the current 7 Jr. Ladies Franchises would also decrease. With Junior now 18 to 21, our future Casinos are at risk meaning we lose Casino revenue of \$70,000.00.

Our 2019 AB Team Payer Age Stats were:

2019 AB Team Player Ages															
Summary															
Sr. Divisions	Total			1997	1997%	1996	1996%	1995	1995%	1994	1994%	1993	1993%	1992<	1992 < %
Total AB Sr. B	160			19	12%	14	9%	18	11%	17	11%	14	9%	78	49%
Total AB Sr. C	248			23	9%	22	9%	21	8%	17	7%	14	6%	151	61%
TOTAL AB Sr. Players	408			42	10%	36	9%	39	10%	34	8%	28	7%	229	56%
Jr. Divisions	Total					2002	2002%	2001	2001%	2000	2000%	1999	1999%	1998	1998%
Total AB Jr. A	74					7	9%	17	23%	20	27%	15	20%	15	20%
Total AB Tier I	281					84	30%	59	21%	52	19%	49	17%	37	13%
Total AB Tier II	412					110	27%	100	24%	101	25%	54	13%	47	11%
Total AB Tier III	0														
TOTAL AB Jr. Players	767					201	26%	176	23%	173	23%	118	15%	99	13%
Sr. Ladies Division	Total	1997 >	1997 >%	1997	1997%	1996	1996%	1995	1995%	1994	1994%	1993	1993%	1992<	1992 < %
Total AB Sr. Ladies	97	5	5%	8	8%	8	8%	11	11%	10	10%	7	7%	48	49%
Jr. Ladies Division	Total					2002	2002%	2001	2001%	2000	2000%	1999	1999%	1998	1998%
Jr. B AB Ladies	151					49	32%	42	28%	22	15%	23	15%	15	10%
Total AB Jr. Ladies	151					49	32%	42	28%	22	15%	23	15%	15	10%

What will these stats look like at the end of the 2021 Season?

The RMLL still has our AGM and planning meeting scheduled for Nov 13-15, 2020. However, we have no idea how it will occur. Will it still be in-person (scheduled for Red Deer) or virtual? Although our Bylaws state: "A majority of the Members in Good Standing must be present in person to form a quorum at the AGM or any General or Special General Meeting." Does present virtually meet the "in-person" criteria? Will it be about wider RMLL issues (such as impact of 17U) or the traditional breakout meetings by division? At this moment, we expect to have a 2021 season, but there is no guarantee. Come November will gatherings of 100 even still be allowed?

We also need to look at revising our regulations based upon the 17U change. What impact will this have on drafts and protected lists?