

RMLL JR A COMMISSIONERS REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SEASON REPORT

1. Growth and Recruitment

i *As here was no season this year there were no league initiatives surrounding growth & recruitment.*

2. Season Overview

i *There was no season this year. However, individual teams ran ALA & AHS compliant cohort programs this summer and fall.*

The Raiders and Miners ran cohort leagues this summer that garnered a good amount of attention.

3. Accomplishments

i *This September, the NLL draft really emphasized the progress The JrA division is making in developing high level lacrosse players.*

Laine Hruska (Swat), was drafted 13th overall in the 1st round, immediately followed by Harrison Matsuoka (Raiders) taken at 14th by Calgary.

Brett McIntyre (Raiders) was selected in the 2nd round (22) along with Tyler Sceviour (Raiders) at 33.

Rounding out this year's draft were Isaac Bot (Mounties) at 55, Cody Arseneault (Mounties) at 69 and Wyatt Haux (SWAT) at 92

4. Setbacks

i COVID19 presented a substantial headwind this season to say the least.

The announcement of the extension to minor for 17U by the CLA and subsequent announcement from the OJALL to move to a 22U format has presented challenges for the division. While 17U doesn't have a large impact at the JrA level, the move by the OJA has presented conflict between the leagues and the CLA. (expended commentary in Observations)

5. Upcoming Season Goal/Objectives

i 2021 Objectives

- *Planning for a regular unimpeded season. (with contingency plans being developed)*
- *New league operating policy (in Committee). CLA regulation changes present headwinds*
- *Game streaming for all clubs*
- *Increase number of regular season games from 15 to 18*
- *League Sponsorship and marketing program*
- *Expanded social media presence*

6. Observations

i *With the OJALL announcement moving to 22U the JrA Division needed to discuss and formulate a position. While the majority consensus of the Governors was to support a 5-year Major lacrosse program. The Majority also support the 22U age group but differ in how that should be delivered. Finally, the Majority also support respecting the CLA process with the LTAD committee. It would have been preferable that the 17U decision was tabled or suspended until the committee could complete its work.*

This season has demonstrated that decisions being made at the National Governing and MA level are not necessarily being made with the appropriate levels of notice and consultation. It's imperative that we ensure our decisions are fully informed and the impacts known before moving forward.