

Junior B Tier II 2022 Planning Meeting Minutes

November 13 , 2021

Meeting 1 of 2

- 1. Call to order at 10:03 am**
- 2. Attendance – Graham – Xtreme, Larry – High River Heat, Paige & Barry – SunDevils, Kim – Wainwright, Rob- Titans, Rick & Greyson – Crude, Russ – Cranbrook, Laine – Stingers, Mike – Posse, Mike – Renegades, Charlene -Axemen, Suzanne – West Kootenay, Tony and Justin – Warriors, Kelly – Sabrecats, Lucas- Venon, Wayne – Wranglers, Darryl – Lakeland, Tanner – Rage, Stacey- Westlock, Rorie – Yetti , Pat Hanson – Commissioner**
- 3. Motion to adopt 2020 planning meeting minutes. Motion by Larry , seconded by Wayne – carried**
- 4. Additions to 2022 planning meeting agenda. – no addition but move Randy to talk about Western Championship to first on agenda**
- 5. Motion to adopt 2022 planning meeting agenda with changes. Motioned by Rorie , seconded by Paige , carried**
- 6. Jack Reilly Championship – Guest Randy Clough – discussed tournament – how would work – Volunteers to sit on committee are : Russ – Cranbrook, Wayne – Wranglers – Pat Hanson – Commissioner, Larry Markotoff – High River Heat**
- 7. Potential number of teams for 2020 season.**

20 teams last season -

(Parkland requesting to move to Tier 1) -

Westlock – not sure – need coach and work on recruiting players – will hopefully know by end of November

Sabrecats – unsure won't know till AGM in January – major board changes, need to find coach and board members – (discuss with Chris and deadline to withdraw is Dec 31 but their AGM not until mid January

Wainwright – 50/50 whether can field team will hopefully know by Dec 31 deadline

West Kootenay – unsure - may not know until mid to late January

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 Yetti

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

8. **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
9. **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.

10. Scheduling – 2022 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.

Yetti will still commit to host 2022 provincials – Aug 5 -7, 2022

Regular Season – Starts Wednesday April 27, 2022 – July 10, 2022 (10 weeks (excluding Canada Day and May long weekends))

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

Regular season games - north and south divisions will both play a 18 game (9 home/9away) season . (depending on number of teams in division as uncertain if all teams will be returning) want balance season

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 Games in BC to start at 5:30 pm**

There will be no games the weekend of July1-3 due to Canada Day tourney and no games May long weekend.

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- **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. **-AGREED TO STAY THE SAME**
- **First round will take play weekend of July 15-17, 2022**
- 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 15 - 9:00 PM
- Saturday, July 16 - 2:00 PM
- Sunday, July 17 – 11 am - third game if needed
- **Scenario 2** - If two teams over 250 kms
- Saturday, July 16 - 1:00 PM
- Sunday, July 17- 10:00 AM
- Sunday, July 17 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 22-24, 2022**
- 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 22- 9:00 PM
- Saturday, July 23 - 2:00 PM
- Sunday, July 24 – 11 am - third game if needed
- **Scenario 2** - If two teams over 250 kms

- Saturday, July 23 - 1:00 PM
- Sunday, July 24 - 10:00 AM
- Sunday, July 24 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 Aug 5-7, 2022th,0. Hosted by the Sylvan Lake Yeti

Playoff Provincials-

Top 2 North and top 2 South teams advance to provincials

Friday Aug 5 N1 vs N2 – 6:30 PM for North division champion

Friday Aug 5 S1 vs S2 – 9 PM for South division champion

Saturday Aug 6

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 Aug 7, 2022 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 Aug 7, 2022 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. Tier 2 Discipline chairs 1. Stacey Howse 2. Justin Huisman

13. RMLL Casino dates: Feb 24 & 25, 2022

14. 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
- ix.

15. 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 LGB president. Please ensure these are submitted to commissioner.**
- iii. **If you are going to be using the same call ups – use a “reply all” and email all 4 contacts, tell them that the LGB and association are giving approval for entire season for that player, coach and parent must give approval on a game to game basis. Copy me on that email and ask everyone to reply all to that email so I have record that the**

LGB and association approve the player to play all season. Then you just need to send me parent and coach approval for each game. Will make things much easier than trying to get all approvals for all games.

- iv. Getting players ready for higher tiers and encouraging players to play and/or try out for higher tiers
- v. Communication with midget players to let them know there is lacrosse available after midget
- vi. Junior Combines RMLL – sends out information to all LGB's and teams
- vii. Coaching clinics and Super Coaching Clinic – regular coaching clinics held by minor LGB's – **RMLL Super Clinic is April 2,3,2022 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.
- viii. 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

16. 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 2021. Can't start adding to your rosters until February 1, 2022. Coaching, bench staff and managers will be allowed to register on the ALA website now as of December 1, 2022, 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. July 1 is deadline for signing new players

17. Promotion:

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

18. 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

Discussion in regard to the RMLL sending out a letter to all 2004/2005 players as to what the proper process is for playing in Junior. EX. That they should register for their Tier 2 prior to trying out for Junior A or Tier 1. Discussion that a lot of the new parents to junior with the players being able to play in multiple divisions this past season, don't have a clear understanding as to how the try out process is suppose to work. Parents are thinking that if their child played in the Tier 1 or Junior A division this year due to the changes for COVID season, that they are expecting to play at that level for next seasons. Team had 30 players per team which will not be the case for 2022 and that clear understanding of the process should be explained to the 2004/2005 players and families. Pat to see if RMLL can send out a letter indicating the proper process for 2022 for tryouts etc so parents are having the wrong expectations.

19. 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.

20. ALRA - Will see if David can attend Nov 20 meeting

Russ Sheppard from Cranbrook asked about meeting to discuss use of qualified BC officials for games in BC. Pat will arrange meeting with Russ, Suzanne from WK, David – ALRA and commissioner to discuss same.

21. 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.

22. Costs for Major team (2022 fees)

- i. **Annual ALA fees** – invoiced usually in August for executive/bench - Players \$60.25 per player paid on completing Intent to Play, \$32.75 per coach and \$24.25 per manage, executive and trainer
- 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** - \$800.00 per team invoiced in February each year
- vii. **RMLL Contingency fee (new 2022) \$200 per team invoice in February each year – can we review at AGM what these funds will all be put towards?**
- viii. **Fines, Referee Accommodation and Airfare** – invoiced by RMLL throughout the season as they occur
- 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** – teams can volunteer to help work Casino and will share 10% of monies made...
- xiii. **Western Championship** – discussion on how to fund this – should teams each pay \$500 per team into a fund each year?? Some discussion on all these extra fees are going to impact the players ability to play – trying to keep funds as reasonable as possible. Discussion on fundraising for the Tier 2 division – ie Rafflebox – that Tier 2 would hold large online fundraiser and all funds go into a Tier 2 account which would help fund costs for Western Championship or other Tier 2 initiatives, **need to discuss this with RMLL for approval**. Set up committee to run the same. **Motion** – Larry – To create a committee to look in running “Rafflebox” 50/50 or other fundraising initiatives for the use of the Tier 2 division to offset costs of Western Championship expenses or other Tier 2 expenses approved by a committee. Seconded by Rorie – Carried . Committee members are Rorie Roberts – Yetti, Russ Sheppard – Cranbrook, Wayne Zadderey – Calgary Wranglers, Kim Murphy – Wainwright and Pat Hanson – Commissioner – **Pat to check with RMLL to ensure we can run this and that a Tier 2 account could be held by the RMLL as a constant year or year.**
Motion – Wayne – Seconded by Rick – The Tier 2 division create a fund to help offset the costs of teams attending Western Championship and other Tier 2 initiatives. These funds would be allocated based on application and approval by the Tier 2 committee. This committee to be set each year at the planning meetings for the following year. Committee must have a least one rep from the North and South as well as well the Tier 2 Commissioner.

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>

23. 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.

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

Jan 15 – timeslots and Franchise certificate info needs to be in RMLL system – make sure to email Christine when the information for the Franchise certificate is complete so she can approve them.

Feb 1 – first day you can add players to your online rosters – DO NOT add players prior to this date

Mar 1 – Franchise and Division fees due

25. Edmonton and area boundaries – to be reviewed at Nov 20 meeting, Posse, Crude, Warrior and Titans to bring to the meeting which teams currently flow into their associations and a list of all minor teams in the Edmonton area

26. Election of commissioner for Tier II- Pat Hanson was revoted in for 2022

27. Motion to adjourn - Rick and seconded by Kim – carried – Nov 20 all teams to attend first part of meeting then only Edmonton area teams to remain on call to discuss boundaries.

November 20, 2021 – Second meeting

Attendance – Rick – Crude, Mike- Posse, Rob- Titans, Tony- Warriors, Laine- Olds, Wayne- Wranglers, Tanner – Rage, Barry- Sun devils, Suzanne – West Kootenay, Charlene- Axemen, Stacey – Westlock, Pat- Commissioner

1. Meeting called order – 10:07 am

2. Review of minutes – only note to add games times in BC to start at 5:30 pm on the Saturday.

3. Discussion regarding boundaries for Edmonton Area – Titans, Posse, Crude, Warriors, - review of what times flow into Junior B tier 2 teams and who are free agents. Agreed to stay this same for this year, recognition that each team needs to recruit a lot this season to bring kids back to play junior. Suggestion for Warriors to talk to past players to see what concerns are on the team and what can be done to improve to attract more players to the organization.

4. Westlock looking for coach – Stacey to touch base with Christine to advertise on RMLL website – Pat to send email to all teams to see if any one knows of coaching staff available to forward names to Stacey. Pat suggested “coach mentoring” for those newer coaches who needed extra support when

moving up to Junior – Mike from Posse offered to Stacy that they would welcome coaches to their winter program to mentor. Coaches can also attend RMLL Super Clinic in April 2022.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am