



2022 Executive Director Report

One of the roles 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.

The 2022 Season began with us still being under COVID restrictions. We were hopeful though that after one season of no play and another season of a modified Return-to-Activity that we would be able to have a traditional 2022 season. To this end, we did our planning based on a having a traditional season. After a bumpy start and having to move activities planned as in-person to online and the delay in creating schedules as unsure if we could proceed with creating traditional schedules, we did end up having a successful season. We ended up with 57 teams, of which 5 are out-of-province teams and had 1,396 players registered to these teams at the end of the season. Only 148 fewer players than 2019 where we had 65 teams. At the last minute when the Medicine Hat Sun Devils were unable to field a 2022 team, we were fortunate to have the Southern Alberta Chaos offer to join the Tier II Division keeping a Tier II team in the SALA area. Unfortunately, though due to a lack of players, the Sherwood Park Titans Senior Women's team had to fold at the beginning of May. The 2022 Season also had us re-learning our Regulations and with the change of staff at the ALA Office, take a more of a role with coach certification verification, LC Transfers, CCES and Major Nationals.

Promotion

The Graduating U17 "welcome" document was posted to the RMLL website, and the link e-mailed out on January 17. Usually, we like to send out in mid-December but unfortunately did not yet know what we were doing at that time.

Although we planned to hold in-person Graduating U17 Information Sessions at the last minute we had to change to online sessions. We held 3 Zoom sessions:

CALL – Jan. 14

GELC and Wheatland – Jan. 13

CDLA and SALA – Jan.

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 22 at Servus Place in St. Albert. Twenty-six players registered of which three were goalies. The South Combine was held on Saturday, January 29. Due to COVID we could not hold at the Scotiabank Saddledome, so the South Combine was held at the Cavalry RC Regional Field House. Sixty-nine players attended of which included ten goalies.

Development

The RMLL Super Coaching Clinic was held on April 2 and 3 at the Okotoks Recreation Centre. Unfortunately, due to an uncertainty of how coaches should register for a Clinic, through NCCP or the Locker, registration for the Clinic was not open until March 8 when usually registration opens at the end of December beginning of January. Thirty coaches registered for the Clinic of which nine attended for further information and twenty-one attended for their Competitive Introduction Course. This year the RMLL paid for the accommodations for ten coaches attending the Clinic who resided a hundred or more kms outside of Okotoks.

Drafts and XX Man Protected Lists

Senior B – The North and South Drafts were held in February. Due to two years of drafts but where teams were unable to hold tryouts, the Senior B Protected List started off with seventy players which had to be reduced to forty players by April 19.

Junior A - The Drafts were held on January 31. Due to two years of drafts but where teams were unable to hold tryouts, the Junior A Protected List started off at seventy players which had to be reduced to fifty players by the second Sunday in April.

Junior B Tier I – The Rampage and Mavericks Draft was held on Feb. 9, the North Draft was held on February 11, and the Lethbridge and South Drafts were held on February 12. Due to two years of drafts but where teams were unable to hold tryouts, the Tier I Protected Lists started off at sixty which had to be reduced to thirty-five by April 11.

RMLL Intent-to-Play

AB Players

	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-19	RAMP Registered 30-Mar-20	RAMP Registered 16-Jul-21	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-22	# of 2022 AB Teams	Player Difference 2022 vs 2021	Player Difference 2022 vs 2019	Registered 2022 Team End of Season	Unassigned 2022 End of Season
Jr. Male	814	563	744	806	31	62	-8	717	89
Jr. Ladies	164	132	131	178	7	47	14	159	18
Sr. Male	438	153	265	413	13	148	-25	386	27
Sr. Women	97	27	35	27	1	-8	-70	19	8
Total	1513	875	1175	1424	52	249	-89	1281	142
94% of 2019 numbers									
		# of 2019 AB Teams	# of 2022 AB Teams	Registered 2019 Team End of Season	Registered 2022 Team End of Season	Player Difference 2022 vs 2019			
Jr. Male		34	31	767	716	-51			
Jr. Ladies		6	7	156	161	5			
Sr. Male		14	13	408	385	-23			
Sr. Women		5	1	92	19	-73			
Total		59	52	1423	1281	-142			
90% of 2019 numbers									

AB Bench Personnel and Managers
Coaches – 180 registered

Trainers – 63 registered
Managers – 63 registered

2022 Schedules

Schedules were very late this year as the RMLL schedule was not final until April 17. Four hundred and fifty Regular Season games were scheduled of which fourteen were defaulted (twelve due to the Titans Sr. Women Franchise folding and two Sr. B games).

RMLL Contracts

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

Ongoing Administration

Ongoing administration included such activities as New Team Franchise Requests, scheduling constraints, rosters and bench Personnel, Division transactions, Sr. B Jr. A and Jr. B Tier XX Man Protected Lists, game changes, reports, invoicing and collections, monthly financial reporting, bond tracking, Regulation revisions, management reports, etc.

Planning For 2023 Season

Planning for the 2023 Season started with the two-and half-day Executive Planning Session in October. As we move forward, there are some obstacles will need to overcome, like finding volunteers, concerns like the lower numbers in Minor Box Lacrosse. In 2023 we will be looking at ways to retain our Major players, market our league and make more use of social media while also trying not to put more costs on our Franchises.

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