



2022 President's Cup Report

The 2022 President's Cup was hosted by the Miners Sr B at Bill Hunter Arena, Edmonton, AB.

The tournament featured 8 teams: Host Miners, Ladner Pioneers (BC), Mountaineers (RMLL), Snake Island Muskies (TNSLL), Six Nations Rivermen (OLA), Akwesasne Bucks (Can-AM), Capital Region Axemen (QSLL). The Saskatchewan Brewers dropped out less than a week before the start of the tournament, which caused a schedule change at the last second from 2 pools of 4 to a round robin format. The format was a full round robin. The Miners Finished first in round robin with a 5-1 record and faced Akwesasne Bucks in the 1 v 4 game, losing to them 10-9. The Miners then went on to lose the bronze medal game 12-8 to Six Nations. The Ladner Pioneers defeated Six Nations Rivermen in the 2 v 3 game, then went on to defeat Akwesasne 8-6 to capture the ~~2020 2021~~ 2022 Presidents Cup National Championship.

As in 2019, due to the speed, and aggressiveness of Senior B lacrosse, a decision was made by myself, the Tournament Convenor and the Referee in Chief to use 3-man mechanic for all playoff games as well as the championship game. The cost of an extra official pales in the insurance costs of player injuries, lost time at work due to injuries. There will be a push to make 3-man mechanic a standard in Sr B lacrosse nationally after this Presidents Cup.

Due to the affiliations of Ladner Pioneers and a couple of incidents during the week, a quiet arrangement was made with Edmonton Police Services and their gang unit to be on stand-by in case or further problems during the championship game. This was a solid move, as they were required to respond to an incident in the stands and were on site in less than 60 seconds after the situation broke out. Although EPS officers are available to hire for special events, we were able to obtain their services by outlining the situation, and it was fortunate that the West Division Station is just a few blocks from the arena. They were willing to make our building a "high priority" response situation and it did not cost us hundreds of dollars in added expenses.

Norm Shaw
Senior B Commissioner