

RMLL JRA COMMISSIONERS REPORT 2022 SEASON

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EXECUTIVE SEASON REPORT

1. Growth & Recruitment

i The 2022 season had 4 teams with 2 in Calgary, 1 in Edmonton & 1 in Saskatoon. There are no plans to expand the number of teams in the division.

The use of affiliations from the Teir 1 division was utilized well this season. There was a greater level of cooperation between clubs with respect to the use of protected players. Diminishing historical complaints of the contrary.

2. Season Overview

i The 2022 season was strong with the use of the new rules in JrA that closely resemble FIL or NLL rules. These rules increased the tempo of play. Helped reduce penalty minutes and overall created a better product for the fans.

Competition was close all season and playoffs were extremely exciting to watch. The rivalry between the Mountaineers and Raiders remained as strong as ever.

Access to facilities and scheduling presented challenges, with teams needing to find alternative facilities during playoffs. The Division would like to thank RMLL Executive Director Christine Theilen for her efforts and work in ensuring the playoff schedule was executed and accommodating the Division's needs.

3. Accomplishments

i The greatest accomplishment this season was the recognition of the RMLL JrA division Nationally. The Edmonton Miners strong performance demonstrated to the BCJALL & OJLL that the RMLL is a Minto Cup contender. Their performance continued to demonstrate the level of improvement of sport in Alberta.

Strong showing of Players drafted in the NLL.

The modified rules from the 2021 season were adopted by LC from the work and contributions of the RMLL JrA division representatives of the Box Sector Rules committee set out by Ron McQuarrie.

All of the games in the 2022 season were streamed on HN Live for the Alberta Teams and Play Full Screen in Saskatchewan.

The Framework for Officials continuous improvement has started, and work needs to continue.

The April rookie tournament was a great tool for player development and allowed coaching staff to evaluate players in game environments. Play was held in Saskatoon in 2022 and moves to Calgary in 2023.

4. Headwinds

i *Facilities continued to be an issue related to playoffs. Work needs to be continued with clubs and facilities to ensure a sufficient floor is available in August.*

Sponsorship challenges coming out of a pandemic and uncertain economic climate

Need for year-round development opportunities for players to be expanded. Whether this initiative is driven from the LGB or Club level.

The JrA provincial trophy is missing, and a decision needs to be conveyed to the ALA next steps.

The JrA rookie tournament belt needs to be returned by the Miners

5. Upcoming Season Goals/Objectives

i *Successful execution of hosting the 2023 Minto Cup by the Miners to increase exposure of Lacrosse in Alberta*

Execution of the continuous improvement project for officials

Work with the Minto Cup committee on Marketing initiatives of national streaming platform and centralized website and statistics tracking via LC website.

Appointment of New JrA Commissioner

6. Minto Cup Report

i *The OJLL did a tremendous job in hosting the Minto Cup at the CAA Center in Brampton Ontario. Mark Grimes and his hosting committee, led by Bob Clevely and Colleen Grimes elevated the exposure of the game internationally. The production and commentating by JVI sports assisted in getting games streamed on TSN.ca.*

The level of parity with competitors made for an overly exciting tournament. This created a national buzz in the lacrosse community and internationally in the sport.

Jerry Van Beek did an exceptional job as Convenor. Jerry was organized and very professional in all his dealings with teams. There were only a few minor incidents in which were handled timely.

There has been no financials provided to the Minto Committee as of yet.

