

RMLL 2022 Jr B Tier 1 Commissioner Report

The 2022 season was a massive success for Tier 1 lacrosse coming off of the restricted '21 season, and no season in '20. Every team in the division returned to action in 2022, and we had more players registered in 2022 than we did in 2019.

The 2019 season saw 30 suspensions across the division, and the 2022 season saw only 14. That is a massive improvement, and indicative of the competitiveness of the division. The division champions for '22 were the Edmonton Warriors (North), Manitoba Blizz (East), Rockyview Silvertips (Central), and Calgary Shamrocks (South). Division scoring champions were: Joe Royer (Warriors), Nolan Oakey (Silvertips), Jackson Klewchuk (Blizz), Jaxson Geddes (Cudas & Shamrocks).

The Larry Bishop Memorial Cup was hosted by the Okotoks Marauders, and was a fantastic weekend of lacrosse, that showcases the division in a positive way. Thanks to the Marauders, and specifically Steve Harlow, Amanda and Christine Thielen for putting on a great event. On the floor, the weekend saw the Edmonton Warriors come out the victors, impressively going undefeated through the weekend, with a +33 goal differential to crown them RMLL and ALA champions, sending them to the Founders Cup. Congratulations to Joe Royer who was named the Jayden Sommerfeld Memorial MVP of the weekend.

The Warriors had a very competitive week at the Founders Cup in Brampton, Ontario, and they won the bronze medal defeating the Host Brampton Excelsiors 12-11 on the final Sunday. See Founders Cup report for more detail.

Outside of some early season issues with communication, rules and regulations that were used for the return to play season versus a regular season and their interpretations and applications, I would say the 2022 season was a great one for the Tier 1 division. We had very few if any serious issues, and I want to thank and congratulate every club in the division for this.

I look forward to seeing the Tier 1 division continue to thrive moving forward. The '23 Larry Bishop Memorial Cup will be hosted by the Beaumont Outlaws, and I believe they will do a fantastic job hosting one of the top events in the RMLL. Some goals for the division would be to increase our exposure as a league, and expand upon the number of teams that offer webcasting, as well as social media updates, and other marketing opportunities.

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