



2021 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.

With the cancellation of the 2020 Season due to COVID-19, the RMLL Executive was extremely hopeful we would be able to have a somewhat normal 2021 Season. However, with COVID-19 restrictions still in place on May 26, 2021, the RMLL Executive made the difficult decision to cancel the formal 2021 Season. On May 27, 2021, a day after cancelling the formal 2021 Season, some COVID-19 restrictions were lifted that would allow Major lacrosse games to be played come mid-June. On May 28, the RMLL Executive decided their scheduled meeting on June 8 would be dedicated to a Return-to-Play for those Divisions and Franchises who wished to participate in some type of League Play. To keep costs to a minimum, the Executive decided all games would be as per RMLL Regulation 32 – Exhibition Games with some slight modifications around suspensions. Using the Exhibition Regulation meant rosters were not required. However, due to COVID, players were restricted to only playing with a maximum of two teams. On June 7, ten days from the Return-to-Play decision, we had a draft schedule with 252 games.

2021 Return-to-Play Schedule

We ended up scheduling 291 games. The first game was played on June 24 and the last game was played on August 18. Both games were Tier II games. Of the 291 games, 47 games were not played due to cancellations and defaults. All scheduling this year was manual. Franchises/Commissioners e-mailed their games as they were confirmed, games were then added to a Master spreadsheet, given to the RMLL RIC to confirm Referees could be assigned, then created manually, posted to the website, and then sent to the ALRA. Due to the very short timelines, RAMP was used instead of Arbiter. Although a very manual process, the RMLL RIC did a great job and all games had Officials.

	Played
Sr. B	18 games
Sr. C	15 games with 6 games played on one crossover weekend
Jr. A	28 games with 7 games played on one crossover weekend
Tier I	64 games with 14 games played on one crossover weekend
Tier II	95 games with 64 games played on six crossover weekends
Female	24 games with 8 games played on one crossover weekend

Franchises Participating in Return-to-Play

Of the sixty-five (65) RMLL Franchises, forty-six (46) participated in the Return-to-Play.

ASL 4 out of 5 teams
SR.C 6 out of 9 teams
Jr. A 4 out of 4 teams
Tier I 12 out of 15 teams
Tier II 14 out of 20 teams
Jr. L & Sr. W 6 out of 12 teams

RMLL Intent-to-Play

By the July 15 deadline, one thousand one hundred and seventy-five (1,175) players had completed the RMLL Intent-to-Play. Only three hundred and thirty-eight players (338) fewer than registered in 2019, our last formal season of Major Lacrosse.

	Registered to a 2019 Team End of Season	RAMP Registered 30-Mar-20	RAMP Registered 16-Jul-21	Player Difference 2021 vs 2019
Jr. Male	814	563	744	-70
Jr. Ladies	164	132	131	-33
Sr. Male	438	153	265	-173
Sr. Women	97	27	35	-62
Total	1513	875	1175	-338

Intent-to-Play Male Jr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
2004	203	425	Graduating 16U (2020 Season)
2003*	132	486	Graduating 16U (2019 Season)
2002	90	201	
2001	111	176	
2000	104	173	

Note * - In 2020, 251 players born in 2003 had registered in the RMLL Intent-to-Play

Intent-to-Play Female Jr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
2004	44	117	Graduating 16U (2020 Season)
2003	26	120	Graduating 16U (2019 Season)
2002	27	49	
2001	18	42	
2000	13	22	

Intent-to-Play Male Sr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
1999	22	118	Graduating Junior (2020 Season)
1998	30	94	Graduating Junior (2019 Season)
1997	26	42	
1996	24	36	
1995	21	39	
1994 & below	142	291	

Intent-to-Play Female Sr. Ages

Birth Year	2021 Registered	2019 Registered	
1999	7	23	Graduating Junior (2020 Season)
1998	6	20	Graduating Junior (2019 Season)
1997	0	8	
1996	1	8	
1995	1	11	
1994 & below	23	65	

Exemptions

We received 26 requests to play overage 16U. All 26 exemptions received were approved.

Wheatland – 3 request of which 2 were female.

GELC – 1 request

CALL – 11 requests

SALA – 11 requests

Promotion

The Graduating Male and Female 16U “welcome” documents were posted to the RMLL website January 8 and the ALA also sent out via e-mail. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions we were not able to hold our in-person Information Sessions or our Combines.

Drafts and XX Man Protected Lists

Senior B – The North Draft was held on February 5 and the South Draft was held on Feb. 6. Due to COVID-19 and lacrosse activities being suspended in 2020, the List was never dropped down to 40 at the April 15 deadline. Since Franchises were unable to hold tryouts in 2020, the 2021 Lists were increased to 60 and were to drop down to 40 seven days before the first scheduled Division game. Since we did not have a formal 2021 Season, the Sr. B Protected Lists are still at 60 have not been updated since March 12, 2021.

Junior A - The Drafts were held on February 10. Due to COVID-19 and lacrosse activities being suspended, the List was never dropped down to 50 by the second Sunday in April deadline. Since Franchises were unable to hold tryouts in 2020, the 2021 Lists were increased to 70 and were to drop down to 60 seven days before the first scheduled Division

game. Since we did not have a formal 2021 Season, the Jr. A Protected Lists are still at 70 have not been updated since March 21, 2021.

Junior B Tier I - The North Draft was held on February 8, the Lethbridge Draft was held on February 11 and the Central and South Drafts were held on February 12. Due to COVID-19 and lacrosse activities being suspended in 2020, the Lists were never dropped down to 35 at the April 11 deadline. Since Franchises were unable to hold tryouts in 2020, the 2021 Lists were increased to 50 and were to drop down to 40 seven days before the first scheduled Division game. Since we did not have a formal 2021 Season, the Junior B Tier I Protected Lists are still at 50. The Junior B Tier I Protected Lists were last posted: North – June 7, South – March 15, Central – March 15 and East – February 17, 2020.

Planning For 2022 Season

The RMLL is hoping to have a near normal 2022 Season, even though there may still be some COVID-19 restrictions. For things that are coming up shortly like the Info Sessions for 17-year-olds and Combines, we will have to work around current Alberta Health Rules like vaccination mandates which currently seem to differ by venue/facility. With the 2020 Season being suspended in the first half of the Season and with only a Return-to-Play in 2021, many things were just partially completed or not even started, like rosters. RMLL Regulations will need to be revised to include some specifics for the unfinished items from the 2020 and 2021 Seasons as well as any adjustments required for just the 2022 Season.

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