



Annual Report of the RMLL President  
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This was the RMLL's first "real" season since 2019. Overall our completed Intent-to-Play registrations retention was really high from 2019 (the last full season) with 94% overall retention from 2019 and End of Season Registration to a team at 90% of 2019. The lowest levels were the Sr Women's divisions. We also lost 11 teams from 2019, 10 AB teams and one out-of-province but did acquire 2 new teams in 2020 and one in 2022.

	2019 RAMP Registered	2022 RAMP Registered	# of 2019 AB Teams	# of 2022 AB Teams	Player Difference 2022 vs 2019
Jr. Male	814	806	34	31	-8
Jr. Ladies	164	178	6	7	14
Sr. Male	438	413	14	13	-25
Sr. Women	97	27	5	1	-70
<b>Total</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>-89</b>
		<b>94% of 2019 numbers</b>			

	Registered 2019 Team End of Season	Registered 2022 Team End of Season	Player Difference 2022 vs 2019
Jr. Male	767	716	-51
Jr. Ladies	156	161	5
Sr. Male	408	385	-23
Sr. Ladies	92	19	-73
<b>Total</b>	<b>1423</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>-142</b>
		<b>90% of 2019 numbers</b>	

There were some hiccups as teams returned to the floor. After two years of partial lacrosse, it was a relearning experience about RMLL regulations. There were also some challenges in the roles/responsibilities between the ALA and RMLL over monitoring coach certifications and arranging travel for national championships. These are items that need to be clarified during the off-season.

Other events of 2022 included. The use of new Jr. A rules which were standardized across all three leagues across the country. This included the use of a 3 ref-mechanic which was also used in ASL (Sr. B) and JrB Tier I. When the Medicine Sun Devils JrB Tier 2 team folded, there was a late addition of the Southern Alberta Chaos in the same division. The Chaos will have to reapply for a permanent position within the RMLL. Given the loss of back to back seasons, the RMLL received a much higher than

usual requests for overage exemptions to play U16. These were all granted for players born in 2005.

2022 RMLL champions:  
SrB: Edmonton Miners  
SrC: Airdrie Mohawks  
JrA: Edmonton Miners  
JrB Tier 1: Edmonton Warriors  
JrB Tier 2: Cranbrook Outlaws  
JrLadies: Sherwood Park Lady Titans

National championships also occurred for the first time since 2019. At the Minto Cup (Brampton, ON), the Edmonton Miners made history by becoming the first ALA/RMLL team to advance the finals. They went 1-2 during the roundrobin and then beat the Toronto Beaches in the semi-finals. In the best of three final vs Whitby Warriors, the Miners lost game one 12-8, but rebounded with a 9-8 overtime victory in game three, but, sadly, lost game three 6-5. Mathieu Gautier led the tournament in scoring and was awarded the Jim Bishop trophy, a first for an Alberta. The Miners, who were in the Minto Cup for the first time since 2008, helped changed the narrative of Alberta lacrosse at a national level. As one of the Miners' players said during an intermission interview, "we are playing for us, our province, and all the guys who went before us." Congratulations to GM Jamie Bowen, Head Coach John Lintz, and all the players, coaches, and volunteers with the Miners.

At the Founders Cup (Brampton, ON), the Edmonton Warriors won a bronze medal.

The President's Cup was hosted by the Edmonton Miners and played at Bill Hunter arena in Edmonton. There were two RMLL teams: Miners (finished 4<sup>th</sup>) and Calgary Mountaineers (finished 5<sup>th</sup>).

Going forward, the RMLL Executive is holding an in-person retreat October 15-16. The AGM and division-planning meetings will be held in-person (either Red Deer or Calgary) on November 25-27.