



2023 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.

The 2023 Season was our first season without being under any COVID constraints since the 2019 Season. With a successful 2021 Season after a very rushed modified Return-to-Activity and a successful 2022 Season which had a bumpy start, the 2023 Season should have been smooth sailing. Unfortunately, with many volunteers having more work commitments, a shortage of volunteers, rescheduling games due to a shortage of Officials, Franchises forgetting Regulations, continuing with more of a role in coach certification verification, LC Negotiation Lists, CCES and Major Nationals and with new ALA Staff in 2023, 2023 was a very bumpy season. Although we started the season off with 58 teams with Westlock again fielding a Tier II team, unfortunately, due to a reason beyond their control, the Calgary Cougars Senior Major Female team had to fold at the end of April. There were 1,433 players registered at the end of the season to the remaining 57 teams, which included 5 out-of-province teams. Only 111 fewer players than 2019 where we had 65 teams.

Promotion

The Graduating U17 “welcome” documents were posted to the RMLL website, and the links e-mailed out on December 22, 2022.

We held a North and a South in-person Graduating U17 Information Session:
GELC and Wheatland – Jan. 6
CDLA and SALA – Jan. 13

A virtual session was held for CALL on Jan. 10 but it was not well attended and some teams did not even attend.

Once again, the RMLL held our North and South Junior Combines. Online Registration was used again for both Combines. The North Combine was held on Saturday, January 21 at Servus Place in St. Albert. Twenty-eight players registered of which two were female and four were goalies. For the South Combine we were back at the Scotiabank Saddledome for the first time since the 2019 Combine. The combine was held on Saturday, January 28. Ninety players registered, of which 12 were goalies.

Development

Due to Easter being late, the RMLL Super Coaching Clinic was held on April 14, 15 and 16 at the Okotoks Recreation Centre. Fifty-five coaches registered for the Clinic of which twelve

attended for further information and PD Points and forty-three attended for their Competitive Introduction Course. This year the RMLL paid for the accommodations for sixteen coaches attending the Clinic who resided a hundred or more kms outside of Okotoks.

Drafts and XX Man Protected Lists

Senior B – The North Draft was held on February 15 and South Draft on February 16. Protected List 50 players dropping to 40 by April 15.

Junior A - The Drafts were held on February 13. Protected List 60 players dropping to 50 by the second Sunday in April.

Junior B Tier I – The Rampage and Mavericks Draft was held on Jan. 26, the North Draft was held on February 13, and the South Draft was held on February 16 and Lethbridge Draft was held on Feb. 18. Protected List 45/35 players dropping to 35 by April 11.

RMLL Intent-to-Play

AB Players

2023 Final - RAMP Registrations										
	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-19	RAMP Registered 30-Mar-20	RAMP Registered 16-Jul-21	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-22	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-23	# of 2023 AB Teams	Player Difference 2023 vs 2022	Player Difference 2023 vs 2019	Registered 2023 Team End of Season	Unassigned 2023 End of Season
Jr. Male	814	563	744	806	827	32	21	13	769	58
Major Jr. Female	164	132	131	178	189	7	11	25	163	26
Sr. Male	438	153	265	413	420	13	7	-18	392	28
Major Sr. Female	97	27	35	27	6	0	-21	-91	0	6
Total	1513	875	1175	1424	1442	52	18	-71	1324	118
95% of 2019 numbers										
		# of 2019 AB Teams	# of 2023 AB Teams	Registered 2019 Team End of Season	Registered 2023 Team End of Season	Player Difference 2023 vs 2019				
Jr. Male		34	32	767	769	2				
Major Jr. Female		6	7	156	163	7				
Sr. Male		14	13	408	392	-16				
Major Sr. Female		5	0	92	0	-92				
Total		59	52	1423	1324	-99				
93% of 2019 numbers										

AB Bench Personnel and Managers

On the 52 AB RMLL Teams:

Coaches – There were 212 coaches registered to the 52 AB teams of which 16 were listed to more than one team. 196 RMLL coaches.

Trainers – There were 54 trainers registered to the 52 AB teams of which 3 were registered to more than one team. 51 RMLL Trainers.

Managers – There were 63 managers registered to the 52 AB teams of which 2 were registered to more than one team. 61 RMLL Managers.

2023 Schedules

The RMLL 2023 schedule with 478 Regular Season games was posted on April 1, 2023.
23 Exhibition Games
478 Regular Season games (includes the games scheduled in SK & MB)
69 Playoff games (includes games in SK)
41 Provincial games
19 cancelled games (4 defaults, 4 due to Cougars withdrawing and 13 playoff games not required)

RMLL Contracts

Contracts included Hartzler Enterprises for bookkeeping, SportzSoft for the RMLL System and website and the City of Calgary for the RMLL arena.

Ongoing Administration

Ongoing administration included such activities as New Team Franchise Requests, scheduling constraints, rosters and bench Personnel, Division transactions, Sr. B Jr. A and Jr. B Tier XX Man Protected Lists, game changes, reports, invoicing and collections, monthly financial reporting, bond tracking, Regulation revisions, management reports, etc.

Planning For 2023 Season

Planning for the 2024 Season started with the two-and half-day Executive Planning Session in October. In 2024 we will be including programs for promotion, retention and development of coaches, players, and officials.

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