



2024 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 2024 Season was a busy season. In 2024 we added three new teams, the Lethbridge Pioneers (Sr. C) and the Calgary Cougars and Sr. Drillers (Sr. Major Female) but unfortunately lost two Tier II teams the Cranbrook Blackwolves and the Westlock Rock. With the addition of 3 teams and the loss of two teams, we ended up with 58 teams which was an increase of one team over 2023. Of the 58 RMLL teams, 4 teams are from outside of Alberta. There were 1,513 players registered at the end of the season to the 58 teams, which included 4 out-of-province teams. Only 31 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 21, 2023.

We held a North and a South in-person Graduating U17 Information Session:

GELC and Wheatland – Jan. 5 – 34 players and 50 parents attended.

CDLA and SALA – Jan. 12 – Extremely cold evening about minus 50 with wind chill but still had 42 players and parents attend, less than half of historic attendance.

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 20 at Servus Place in St. Albert. Sixty-two players registered, of which six were goalies. This was the largest turnout for the North Combine to date. In 2023 we only had 28 players register. The South Combine was once again held at the Scotiabank Saddledome on February 3. Ninety-three players registered, of which nine were goalies.

Development

The RMLL Super Coaching Clinic was held on April 5, 6, and 7 at the Okotoks Recreation Centre. Fifty-three coaches registered for the Clinic, of which twelve attended for further information and PD Points and forty-one for their Competitive Introduction Course. Coaches attending for PD Points received 11 points. The RMLL paid for the accommodations for twenty coaches attending the Clinic who resided a hundred or more kms outside of Okotoks.

Junior B Tier II Develop Program (GAP Analysis)

In keeping with one of the RMLL objectives to develop the skills of Junior players, so if they wish, they can move from Tier II, to Tier I to Jr. A over their 5 years in Junior, in 2024 we implemented a Tier II Develop Program like the U13 GAP Analysis. The Tier II Division Crossover weekend where all 16 teams played two games at the same arena was ideal for this program. The program was a success and will continue in 2025.

Referee Mentorship/Evaluation

The sixteen (16) games in the Tier II Crossover Weekend were also used to for the RMLL Mentorship/Evaluation Program.

Referee Acquisition Incentive

Unfortunately, there were no applications.

Drafts and XX Man Protected Lists

Senior B – The North Draft was held on February 15 and South Draft on February 13. Protected List 50 players dropping to 40 by April 15.

Junior A - The Drafts were held on February 5. 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 Feb. 7, the North Draft was held on February 9, and the South Draft was held on February 8 and Lethbridge Draft was held on Feb. 11. Protected List 45 players dropping to 35 by April 11.

RMLL Intent-to-Play

AB Players

2024 Final - RAMP Registrations

	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-19	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-23	RAMP Registered 15-Jul-24	# of 2024 AB Teams	Player Difference 2024 vs 2023	Player Difference 2024 vs 2019	Registered 2024 Team End of Season	Unassigned 2024 End of Season
Jr. Male	814	827	858	31	31	44	770	91
Major Jr. Female	164	189	180	7	-9	16	168	12
Sr. Male	438	420	458	14	38	20	431	28
Major Sr. Female	97	6	55	2	49	-42	53	2
Total	1513	1442	1551	54	109	38	1422	133

# of 2019 AB Teams	# of 2024 AB Teams	Registered 2019 Team End of Season	Registered 2024 Team End of Season	Player Difference 2024 vs 2019
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Jr. Male	34	31	767	770	3
Major Jr. Female	6	7	156	168	12
Sr. Male	14	14	408	431	23
Major Sr. Female	5	2	92	53	-39
Total	59	54	1423	1422	-1

AB Bench Personnel and Managers

On the 54 AB RMLL Teams:

Coaches – There were 243 coaches registered to the 54 AB teams of which 22 were listed to more than one team. 221 RMLL coaches.

Trainers – There were 65 trainers registered to the 54 AB teams of which 6 were registered to more than one team. 59 RMLL Trainers.

Managers – There were 62 managers registered to the 54 AB teams of which 3 were registered to more than one team. 59 RMLL Managers.

2024 Schedules

The 2024 RMLL schedule with 465 Regular Season games was posted on April 2, 2024.

26 Exhibition Games

465 Regular Season games (includes the games scheduled in SK & MB)

63 Playoff games (includes games in SK & MB)

46 Provincial games

19 cancelled games (1 rescheduled, and 18 playoff games not required)

RMLL Annual 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 Overage Exemption Requests, New Team Franchise Requests, Tier Change Requests, Franchise Transfer Requests, scheduling constraints, rosters and bench personnel, Division transactions, Sr. B Jr. A and Jr. B Tier XX Player Protected Lists, game changes, reports, invoicing and collections, monthly financial reporting, annual budgets, bond tracking, Regulation and Bylaw revisions, management reports, coach certification verification, LC Negotiation Lists, CCES, Major Nationals forms, etc.

Website & Stats

This year it became mandatory to capture and enter goalie stats.

Completed an enhancement to allow a game double default.

Completed an enhancement to allow player photos to be rolled over.

Planning For 2025 Season

Planning for the 2025 Season started with the two-day Executive Planning Session in October. In 2025 we will be continuing with programs for promotion, retention and development of coaches, players, and officials.

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