



Junior B Tier 1 Commissioner Report - 2024

The 2024 season was another exciting one in the Junior B Tier 1 division. There was a total of 201 games played this season (26 exhibition, 150 regular season, 14 divisional Playoff & 11 Larry Bishop). The competition on the floor was excellent with most of the final standings in each division coming down to the final couple of weeks. This was especially true in the Central division as the placing of all 4 teams were not decided until the last day of the regular season.

A total of 12 suspensions were handed out this season compared to the 15 that were handed out the year prior. Nine out of the fifteen teams had their total penalty minutes drop from the 2023 season, and as a league we showed an improvement too. Our regular season divisional winners were the Fort Saskatchewan Rebels (North), Rocky View Silvertips (Central), Calgary Shamrocks (South) and Regina Queen City Kings (East). The divisional scoring champions were Joshua Fodchuk (Crude/Warriors), Isaac Tisdale (Rampage), Zane Fletcher (Shamrocks), and Ryan McDonald (Kings). Congratulations on an outstanding season to these 4 individuals!

The Rockyview Silvertips hosted the Larry Bishop Tournament this season. Special thanks to Darren Deitz, Bonnie De Groot and all their volunteers who made the weekend another memorable showcase for the Tier 1 division. Every team battled extremely hard all weekend with many of the games being decided by a differential of 4 goals or less. In the end, the Larry Bishop Champions were the Winnipeg Blizzard who defeated the Mountain View Mavericks in the final. By reaching the final the Mavericks earned the right to go to Nationals as the Alberta Provincial Champions. Seth De La Ronde was selected as the Jayden Sommerfeld MVP for the weekend.

Overall, this was another successful season for the Tier 1 division. The biggest challenge faced was a change in the rules of play, moving from the traditional Lacrosse Canada rules to the new Modified rules that was previously being played at the Junior A division. This was decided by the Executive shortly before the start of the season and I want to thank all our teams who put in the extra work to make the necessary changes and adapt quickly to this. I think I am safe in saying that this was a good change for our game and the product on the floor speaks to this.

Finally, at the end of the 2024 season, we have 48 players from our Alberta teams who have played their final game in Juniors. Congratulations on your careers and thank you for your contributions to the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse league and the Junior B Tier 1 Division.

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