



2025 RMLL Junior B Tier II Commissioner Report

The 2025 season delivered intensity, energy, skill and all 16 teams engaged in spirited competition in each game that was played.

This year's winner of the Jack Little Trophy, the RMLL Junior B Tier II Champions, Lloydminster Xtreme. Congratulations!

The Jim Andrews Division title winner, Lloydminster Xtreme. Congratulations!

The Cindy Garant Division title winner, Southern Alberta Chaos. Congratulations!

Our Junior B Tier II scoring titles were won by Brandon McNalley of Crude Jr. B Tier II for the Jim Andrews Division. While Austin Sheen of Southern Alberta Chaos won for the Cindy Garant Division.

Thank you to the Calgary Wranglers organization and their supporters for hosting the 2025 Provincial Championship.

The 2025 season saw the division remain at the same 16 teams as 2024. The 160 total games for 2025 include 8 Exhibition games, 128 Regular Season games and 24 Playoff & Provincial games. Included in the Regular season games was the retention of the Crossover weekend, first initiated in 2024. This allowed each team to play 16 Regular Season games (8 as the Home team and 8 as the Visitor). Thank you to Pat Ashamole and the entire Sylvan Lake Yeti organization for hosting.

During the Crossover weekend, the ALA performed a GAP Analysis on the Division. This report will be shared at the upcoming Planning & AGM weekend on November 14th. As with last season's report, the outcome of the analysis is geared toward development of Tier II players and coaches.

2025 saw the removal of the Tier III card for our division. 2025 Team rosters increased from a maximum of 25 players to a maximum of 30 players. For the season a total of 405 players were registered with Tier II teams. This represented a total decrease of 9 players from the 2024 season (385 rostered players and 29 players with Tier III cards).

Approvals for affiliation requests for U17 players to Tier II slightly increased over the 2024 season. Locating U17 affiliate players again proved difficult throughout the year, as all Divisions were looking to affiliate players. Tier II players were given the opportunity to play at a higher level in 2025, with the number of Tier II players affiliated to games with Tier I teams remaining similar to the 2024 affiliation numbers.

This season also saw 27 Tier II players approved to affiliate to Senior C teams.

Highlighting the growth and development of Tier II athletes to move up in the Junior lacrosse ranks remains a priority within the Division. I reiterate prior season's calls to develop strategies to encourage teams to affiliate from Tier II programs.

The Division demonstrated a commitment to team and individual on-floor discipline in 2025. Total penalty minutes decreased by 332 minutes for the season. Jim Andrews Division total penalty minutes decreased by 2 minutes from 2024 with Sherwood Park Titan Tier II decreasing their season penalties by 107 minutes from their 2024 total. Cindy Garant Division total penalty minutes decreased by 330 minutes in 2025. The Calgary Bandits decreased their season penalties by 264 minutes from their 2024 total.

Suspensions throughout the 2025 season decreased drastically. 8 player-games were lost from suspensions carried over from the 2024 season. The 2025 season resulted in 16 player-games lost to suspension, a reduction of over 50% from 2024's 34 player-games lost to suspension.

Of note, the overall reduction in both penalty minutes and suspension for Tier II players is an increase in suspensions for Tier II coaches. 2025 saw coaches in Tier II suspended for a total of 6 games, double the amount of the 2024 season.

This season also saw the introduction of new off-floor initiatives to increase awareness of the Tier II Division. Thank you to the coaches who took the time to cast their ballots for this year's 1st and 2nd Team All-stars in each Division. 24 players, comprised of Offence, Transition, Defenders and Goaltenders, received recognition for their skill and effort throughout the year.

Thank you to the players, coaches, managers and fans of all 16 teams for embracing the Tier II Instagram account. What started off as an experiment to gauge public interest in Tier II lacrosse turned out to be a social media success at attracting and retaining views of various Tier II game and player highlights. The Instagram account ended the season with 528 followers. Views of Tier II posts had 3987 views of April's 11 posted content, 31546 views of May's 50 posts, 26471 views of June's 46 posts, 36042 views of July's 44 posts and 64109 views of August's 18 posts. Instagram original and shared story's had a total of 36030 views. For the 2025 Tier II season, social media content reached 14501 unique accounts. 93.6% of the unique account views were from Canada, with 64.3% of those view from persons aged 18 to 34. Calgary, Red Deer, Lloydminster and Sylvan Lake comprised the top locations where these unique views occurred.

Finally, Thank you to Deputy Commissioner Josh Moore for all your assistance this season. The daunting task of approval of all the Affiliation requests throughout the season was extremely helpful.

Thank you to everyone involved in Junior B Tier II Lacrosse this season. Without volunteers such as yourselves, we would not be able to continually grow the game of Lacrosse.

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