



**Tier II Planning Meeting – Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024
Called to Order - 10:15am**

1. Roll Call
 - i. Axemen – Charlene and Darrel
 - ii. Bandits – Josh and Rob
 - iii. Chaos – Mike Ma. and Jared
 - iv. Crude – Rick and Greyson
 - v. HR Heat – Charmaine and Graham
 - vi. Lakeland Heat – Julie
 - vii. Posse – Tyrone
 - viii. Rage – Angela and Reese
 - ix. Renegades – Mike
 - x. Stingers – Laine
 - xi. Titans - Nathan
 - xii. Venom – Lucas and John
 - xiii. Warriors – Craig
 - xiv. Wranglers - Nolan
 - xv. Xtreme – Graham
 - xvi. Yeti – Pat and Zach
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - i. Motion – Pat (Yeti)
 - ii. 2nd – Rick (Crude)
 - iii. Additions -
 - iv. Decision - Carried
3. Approval of the 2024 Planning Meeting Minutes
 - i. Motion – Pat (Yeti)
 - ii. 2nd – Mike (Chaos)
 - iii. Errors and/or Omissions - None
 - iv. Decision - Carried
4. Commissioner Report
 - a. As presented for information
 - b. Questions - None

5. Highlights from the RMLL Planning Meeting – No significant conversation
6. New Team Applications, Tier Change and Transfer Requests
 - a. Wranglers Franchise Holder Change Request
 1. Motion – Division accepts the Wranglers proposed transfer in principle pending proper documentation submission to the RMLL. Rick (Crude)
 2. 2nd – Mike – (Renegades)
 3. Discussion – Josh spoke to the Hornet relationship, Rick also ok with the change and that it puts focus to the major club
 4. Decision - Carried
7. Deadline for Existing Team to Withdraw from 2025 Season
8. 3 Person Referee Crews in Tier II – Review of 2024
 - i. If we can't get 3 then we have to have 2 quality officials
 - ii. Better consistency required, understand standards will be different but be better.
9. Alignment to Jr. A Rules – Review of 2024
 - i. Clarify contact of goalie on the dive
 - ii. Be clear in communicating the penalty stacking to minor officials
10. Junior B Tier II Playing Rights
 - a. Roster Size
 1. 28. Regulation 28: Rosters
 - a. 28.1 no more than 30 players (25 Tier II players a maximum of five (5) Tier III players) on Junior B Tier II teams
 2. Regulation 31: Roster Exception for Junior B Tier II Teams
 - a. 31.1. The Tier II Division will utilize a Tier III playing card. This is a mechanism to allow for Tier II Franchises to call-up Tier III players when their team is short players in addition to U17 players.
 - b. 31.2. The purpose of a Tier III playing card is to keep players in lacrosse in areas where Tier II Franchises have a full roster of 25 players. The Tier III playing card allows these "extra" players to practice with a team and to play a few games.
 - c. 31.3. Players sign a RMLL Tier III card, as opposed to a specific team card. This will allow

designated Tier III carded players to be called up to all Tier II Franchises.

- d. 31.4. Tier III carded players are entitled to play for any Tier II Franchise. There are not any Franchise affiliations or territorial restrictions.
- e. 31.5. Any Tier III carded player is considered a Tier II Free Agent and can be added to the Tier II roster of any Tier II Franchise.
- f. 31.6. A Tier III carded player is eligible for RMLL Playoffs and Provincials if they have played four (4) Regular Season Tier II games.
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- g. 31.7. A Tier III carded player can play for more than one (1) team in the Playoffs & Provincials but cannot play against a team that the player had played for in a previous round of Playoffs or Provincials. For example, in a playoff series, he cannot play for Team A in game 1 and Team B in game 2. He can play for Team A in the series, and if A is eliminated, he can play for Team B in the subsequent round.
- h. 31.8. The Tier II Commissioner will provide each Tier II Franchise with the list (including contact information) of all the Tier III carded players.
- i. 31.9. The Tier II Commissioner will approve a call-up of these Tier III carded players to a Tier II Franchise.

3. RMLL Executive has recommended that the Tier II Roster size be 30 Players and Tier III Cards no longer exist to the ALA.

- a. ALA has approved the Regulation Change

b. Player Rights

1. 21.18. Junior B Tier II Playing Rights

- a. 21.18.1. When a player is released by a Tier II Franchise and becomes a Member with another Tier II Franchise, the player becomes the property of the other Tier II Franchise and is no longer the property of the former Tier II Franchise.
- b. 21.18.2. If a player is not rostered to a Tier II Franchise, then the player becomes a Tier II Free Agent and may try out for any other Tier II Franchise. If the player is successful in making the roster of another Tier II Franchise

the player is now the property of such Tier II Franchise.

2. Proposal for RMLL Jr B Tier II Entry Draft presented by the Commissioner.
 - i. Discussion
 1. Parkland Posse would like to see this be specific to teams by Minor LGB. Ex Major Teams supported by the GELC could opt to stay status quo.
 2. Parkland would also like the “protected” portion of the draft be relevant to the number of U17 Grads from their Minor Club, or until a team picks from a club not protected by them. (ex. 9 grads – first 9 rounds are protected, unless the team chooses from a non-protected minor club or from a protected club whose junior aligned team has picked from outside of their minor affiliate).
 - ii. Decision –
 1. Calgary – engage RMLL and ALA to have a better PR campaign to play in any level of Jr. RMLL Tier 2 Reps to attend U17 practices and inform the players of the tiers and options.
 2. Southern Alberta – No Change
 3. Wheatland – No Change
 4. Central Alberta – No Change
 5. Edmonton – No Change

11. ALA Increase for Individual and Provincial Fee:

i. **Provincial Fee**

1. Major is now \$1,500.00 per team (2023 - \$1,000 per team)
2. Divisions with Tournament Style game tend to have more games, then Divisions with Series Provincials.

3. Although the ALA Provincial Fee to the RMLL is per team participating in Provincials, should the RMLL have a separate fee for a Series Provincial and separate fee for Tournament Style Provincials based on the number of games a Division Tournament Style has?

ii. 2025 ALA Registration Fees

1. **Player** - \$72 plus admin fee (was \$60.25)
2. **Coaches** - \$47 (was \$32.75)
3. **Trainers/Managers/Board/Executive** - \$39 (was \$24.25)
4. Each Franchise Holder will be invoiced for everyone on their Board/Executive regardless of an individual holding other roles on the Franchises of the Franchise Holder.
5. Each Franchise Holder is invoiced for each of their teams' coaches, trainers & managers except:
 - if an individual has more than one role on one of their teams as a coach, trainer, or manager. In this case the team is just invoiced for the role with the higher rate.
 - In Sr. B, Sr. C and Major Sr. Female, a coach can also be a player on the same team. In this case, the team is not invoiced for the Coach role as the individual has already paid the player fee.

12. Pre-Season Activities

- Deadline for Regulation submissions prior to the start of the new season.
- Tier II Reps for RMLL Discipline Committee
 - Josh Moore
 - Mike Clark
 - Replacements if required
- U17 Information Nights
 - North - Fri. January 3, 2025
 - South - Fri. January 10, 2025
 - Who is presenting - Commissioner
- RMLL North and South Combines – open to non-protected Tier 2 players to register and attend.
 - North – Sat. January 25, 2025 – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Servus Place – Orion Plastics Field

- South – Sat. Jan. 18 – Scotiabank Saddledome.
- RMLL Drafts
 - All completed by Feb. 13, 2025
 - Jr. A prior to Thurs. Feb 6, 2025 – Proposed Mon. Feb. 3
 - Tier I between Feb. 6 and Feb. 12, 2025
 - South Draft – Feb.6 – Marauders Host
 - North Draft – Feb. 7 – Rebels Host
 - Sr. B prior to Feb. 13, 2025
 - Major Female prior to Feb. 13, 2025
- RMLL Coach Certification
 - At the beginning of June, the list of RMLL coaches is sent to the ALA requesting their coaching certification and status.
 - Depending on ALA workload, the verification is returned prior to the end of June.
 - Once the List is received, then each coach is checked to determine status for Playoffs, Provincials and Nationals. Missing requirements are identified.
 - List is then sent to Commissioners to send a team's specific info just to that team.
 - RMLL Coaching Program Requirements – as submitted in Meeting Package
- 2025 Super Clinic
 - The 2025 Super Clinic will be held at the Okotoks Recreation Centre on the weekend of April 11, 12, & 13
- North vs South Crossover Weekend
 - May 3 and 4 at Sylvan Lake
 - Most teams are in favor of continuing in some form
 - Concern of the added cost for the 3 teams travelling to the event
 - The 3 extreme distance teams want later Saturday games.
- EAP and Franchise Certificate update Deadlines
 - EAP
 - Franchise Certificate Updates
 - teams to file their Annual Return and to send the Annual Return – Proof of Filing to the RMLL Executive Director as per RMLL Regulation 4.1.
 - 4.1. Each Franchise Holder must file with the RMLL Executive Director on an annual basis proof

of filings of their annual return and Schedule 5.

13. Regular Season and Playoffs formats and dates

- RMLL Blackout Dates
 - April 11, 12 & 13, 2025 – RMLL Super Coaching Clinic and Uber Clinic Weekend.
 - Fri. May 30 and Sat. May 31, 2025 – May Long Weekend and Team Alberta U22 Ladies Tryouts.
- Deadline for teams to enter home floor and team constraints.
 - **Division Constraints** including Playoff and Provincials required by Monday, December 9, 2024.
 - **Teams** must have their team home game timeslots and team constraints entered in the system by Jan. 15, 2025.
- Game Sheet App usage
- Revised Game Sheets

14. Provincials

- a. Format
 - i. Top 4 teams of each division per division play 3 rounds of best of 3
 - ii. Keep current format and add host
 - iii. Keep current format
 - iv. Return to previous format
- b. Motion - Top 4 teams of each division per division play 3 rounds of best of 3 – Graham (Xtreme)
- c. 2nd – Nathan (Titans)
- d. Decision – Defeated
- e. Motion – Extend the tournament to Monday and each team only plays 1 per day – Graham (Xtreme)
- f. 2nd – Jared (Chaos)
- g. Discussion – Carried
- h. Motion – Furthest travelling team plays the first game on Monday – Chaos
- i. 2nd – Venom
- j. Decision – Carried
- k. Host Selection:
 - i. Bids from:
 - 1. Calgary Wranglers
 - 2. Southern Alberta Chaos
 - ii. Decision – Calgary Wranglers

15. MacDonald Cup

- a. Status of the future of the tournament?

- b. How does the Division want to proceed for future tournaments
- c. Do we want to host again in 2025
 - 1. No desire to have the tournament until BC commits to attending in all Provinces.

16. Tier II Gap Analysis

- i. Initial Findings From a Few Key Areas:
 - 1. Emotional Control – Seems to be much less consideration for not wanting to hurt the team, as players seem to act on instinct and don't seem to care about penalizing the team in any way. i.e. considered selfish penalties are penalties like a slash in the legs, cross check in the back, etc.
 - 2. Fundamentals - There is a real gap in the fundamentals between Tier II and Tier 1. Too many missed loose balls. Under any type of pressure, overall loose balls were scooped first try under 40% which is not what we want. Also so many of those were one-handed attempts.
 - 3. Team Defense – Expectation was team defense to be better than team offence. However, there was very little help on defense when players got beat, compared to offences who actually did a good job hitting cutters, and swinging ball side to side.
 - 4. Situational Lacrosse - This is a gap in all levels but appears there is not an effective use of timeouts, or a ton of coaching adjustments being made in game. Most teams ended games doing the same thing they did to start the game. However, some teams did adjust game to game at least which is nice to see.
 - 5. Comments:
 - a. Would like to see the Gap spread out over a couple times in the season.
 - b. Teams will continue to get better but the true growth will come as the Minor Clubs increase their capabilities.
 - c. 1 weekend early in the year is only a snap shot of where we are at in development.
 - d. Can the evaluators attempt to get to games later in the season.
 - e. If the Crossover weekend could be later would be good

- f. Can Jason and Richard increase the number of evaluators.
- g. Need assistant from ALA and Minor Clubs to assist in developing goalies. Need more resources to train goalies.

17. Tier II North and South Allstar Team Proposal

- i. Motion – Chaos
- ii. 2nd – Xtreme
- iii. Decision – Carried
 - 1. Mike M to write out the selection process, All Stars to be noted annually on the RMLL Website under the Tier II Divisions.

18. Election of new Commissioner

- Nominations for new Commissioner
 - Mike Medhurst
 - Nominations Cease
 - Elected – Mike Medhurst - acclaimed
- Nominations for Deputy
 - Josh Moore
 - Nominations Cease
 - Elected – Josh Moore - acclaimed