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TO: All Alberta Players Born in 2009

WELCOME to Major Lacrosse!

Major Lacrosse is for those players aging out of Minor Lacrosse who still wish to play competitive lacrosse. The growth in Major Lacrosse and sustainability of Major Lacrosse teams is totally dependent on the number of players coming up from Minor Lacrosse.

Please plan to attend one of the RMLL Junior Lacrosse Information Sessions being held in Edmonton and Calgary. The Session in Edmonton will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026, at the Central Lions Senior Rec. Centre – Large Auditorium, 11113-113 Street, and will start at 7:00 p.m. The Session in Calgary will be held on Friday, January 16, 2026, at the Acadia Recreation Centre - Rose Hall, 240 90 Ave SE, and will start at 7:00 p.m. Members of the RMLL Executive and Junior Team Representatives will attend both Sessions to provide information on our Junior Programs.

Governance

Governance rules in Major Lacrosse differ from Minor Lacrosse and rules may change from Division to Division depending on if a Division has their own Operating Policy.

Major Lacrosse encompasses all players who turn 17 as of December 31, 2026 (birth year 2009). We have two age groups: Junior and Senior. Junior Lacrosse is for players between 17 and 21 years old as of December 31, 2026, and Senior Lacrosse is for players who are over the age of 21, who still wish to play competitive lacrosse. The governing body for Major Lacrosse in Alberta is the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League (RMLL).

There are 7 Divisions and 63 teams in the RMLL:

Alberta Series Lacrosse (Senior B) – 5 teams

Senior C – 13 teams

Junior A – 5 teams (includes a team from Saskatoon and a team from Winnipeg)

Junior B Tier I – 13 teams (includes a team from Regina and a team from Saskatoon)

Junior B Tier II – 18 teams

Alberta Sr. Major Female – 2 teams

Alberta Jr. Major Female – 7 teams

Each RMLL Division has a Commissioner who is appointed annually by the Franchises in a Division. The Commissioner is a Member of the RMLL Executive, represents their Franchises on the Executive and is responsible for administering their Division. All RMLL Divisions must meet the same standards and are treated equally. All games are 3 twenty-minute stop time periods, with 10-minute intermissions and minimum 30-minute warmup.

Some significant differences between Minor and Junior Lacrosse are:

- all games are 3 twenty-minute stop time periods, with 10-minute intermissions with a minimum 30-minute warmup.
- Season is usually longer, depending upon how deep you go in the playoffs.
- Nets are bigger (4'X4'6" instead of 4'X4').
- Provincial travel (and in some Divisions, inter-provincial travel).
- 3-Person-Mechanic (Officials) for Jr.A and when available Sr. B, Tier I, and Tier II.
- RMLL modified rules of play making for a faster game.
- Home and away uniforms.
- New teams to play.
- Five-year age category.
- Different tactics are introduced and developed.

Junior Tiers

Excluding the Alberta Major Female Division, we have three (3) tiers of Junior Lacrosse: Junior B Tier II, Junior B Tier I and Junior A. The main difference between each tier is the increased level of play. For example: as players develop their skills, the game becomes faster, harder hitting and with each level game strategy becomes even more of an integral part of a team's success.

A player's commitment also increases with each level as a Junior B Tier II player is most likely on the floor 2 to 3 times a week whereas a Junior A player is on the floor 4 to 5 times a week.

The Junior B Tier II Franchises are the entry level teams for most first-year Juniors. In 2025, of the 170 first year Juniors who played in the RMLL, 4 played on a Junior A Franchise, 58 played on a Junior B Tier I Franchise and 108 played on a Tier II Franchise. During the five-year span of Junior Lacrosse, players are encouraged to move up through the Junior Tiers as their skill level develops. The two Tiers of Junior B are responsible for player development and provide players with the tools to further their playing skills.

Boundaries

Boundaries for the initial registration of a first-year Junior is with your Minor Club if your Club offers a Tier II Franchise. If your Minor Club does not offer a Tier II Franchise, then you may be a Tier II Free Agent and may register with any Tier II Franchise.

If a player, in the last year of U17, was given a one-year release from their Minor Club to play in another Minor Club, then the player's rights are held by the Club giving the release.

If a player, in the last year of U17, was given a permanent release from their Minor Club to play in another Minor Club, then the player's rights are held by the last Club they played for.

Registration

In addition to a player registering directly with a RMLL Alberta Franchise, the player must also complete a RMLL Intent-to-Play. The RMLL Intent-to-Play also aligns with the ALA Registration System and Lacrosse Canada's Transfer System.

To align the RMLL and ALA systems with Lacrosse Canada's interprovincial transfer system, we are anticipating opening registration for Intent-to-Play for the 2026 Box Lacrosse Season by February 1, 2026.

A communication will be sent out once the 2026 Box Season registration is open. The Intent-to-Play information is also posted at this link: <https://rockymountainlax.com/intent-to-play/>

Junior Entry Drafts

To assist with keeping the competitiveness of Franchises in a Division consistent, the Junior A Division and the Junior B Tier I Division hold annual Drafts in February.

Graduating U17 Player Draft – At the end of each playing season, the ALA provides the RMLL with a list of all the U17 players graduating from the season just completed. This list is the Graduating U17 Player List. All male players on this list are eligible for the Junior A and Tier I Graduating U17 Player Drafts.

Each of the Alberta Junior A Franchises draft ten (10) players from this list and each of the Alberta Junior B Tier I Franchises may draft up to twenty (20) from the list. For complete details re the Junior A and Junior B Tier I Graduating U17 Player Drafts, please refer to the section “Junior A and Junior B Tier I Draft Detail” found at the end of this document.

Players drafted by both a Jr. A Franchise and Jr. B Tier I Franchise must attend the tryouts of both the Jr. A Franchise and the Jr. B Tier I Franchise.

Rosters

In Major, each Franchise can have a maximum roster of 25 players. The exception to this is Alberta Series Lacrosse (Sr. B), Junior B Tier II and Alberta Major Female who may have a maximum roster of 30 and the Senior Major Female Franchise and Senior C who may have a maximum roster of 40 players. However, for all Franchises in all Divisions, you can only dress 20 players for each game. i.e. max 18 runners and 2 goalies.

Travel

All Franchises in Major lacrosse, regardless of the Division they are in, must travel. It's up to the policies of the individual Franchises whether buses are used for travel games.

Schedules

We try to have all Division schedules posted on the RMLL website by mid March. This gives players a six-week notice period in case they must arrange/re-arrange work schedules, etc. Depending on arena availability, we try to schedule weekday games against two teams in the same local area, leaving Saturday and Sunday for travel games. i.e. team travels or team plays a traveling team.

Player Development

Call-ups are an important piece of player development. The number of times a player can be a call-up during a season is unlimited. To encourage call-ups, each Tier has a set night for weekday games. Tier II Monday and Wednesday, Tier I Tuesday and Thursday and Junior A Wednesday. This allows a Tier II player to be a call-up for a Tier I team on a Tuesday and Thursday and for a Tier I player to be a call-up for a Junior A team on a Wednesday.

To help provide you with a little more specific information regarding each of the Junior Divisions, below are links to the RMLL website for the detailed Division and Season Info for each Tier II, Tier I, and the Junior A Division.

Below the above links of all the Junior Divisions and following these links is further detail regarding the Junior A and Junior B Tier I Drafts.

Please be sure to visit the RMLL website on a regular basis for league and Franchise news, announcements, floor times, tryouts, and updates. <http://www.rockymountainlax.com>

Also, follow the RMLL on X **@RMLaxL** and on Instagram **@rocky.mountainlax**

For further information, team contact information or any additional questions about Junior Lacrosse, the RMLL Junior Divisions, drafts, player rights, etc, please feel free to contact myself or:

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We sincerely hope you register for the 2026 Season and look forward to assisting you in any way we can as you continue playing *“the fastest game on two feet”*.

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PS - If you have an interest in playing Junior A, and/or Junior B Tier I, please plan to attend the RMLL South or North Combine. Attending a combine allows you the opportunity to highlight your skills to the coaching staff of the Junior A and Junior B Tier I Franchises prior to the Junior A and Junior B Tier I Drafts.

North Junior Combine

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Servus Credit Union Place – Orion Plastics S Field House – Field House SP, St. Albert

Cost: \$40.00

Who: Graduating U17 players from GELC, Wheatland, and Grande Prairie Minor Lacrosse Clubs as well as Tier II players from Tier II teams located in Grande Prairie, GELC and Wheatland areas.

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 19, 2026.

North Combine Registration Link: <https://www.sportzsoft.com/regApp/Login?OrgId=4023>

South Junior Combine

Date: Sunday, February 15, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM PM to 2:30 PM

Location: Scotiabank Saddledome, Calgary

Cost: \$70 and includes a ticket to the Roughnecks/Georgia Swarm game at 6:00 PM.

Who: CALL, CDLA, and SALA Graduating U17 and Tier II Players.

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 9, 2026

South Combine Registration Link: <https://www.sportzsoft.com/regApp/Login?OrgId=4023>

South Combine Waiver: Once you have registered, please go to this link, and complete the online

waiver. The waiver must be completed to go on the floor at the Saddledome.

<https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/e/bdNUd5vgHg3XWFhH688DE6/web/>

Note: Registration for the South Combine is limited to 72 players and 12 goalies, so please register early.

Junior B Tier II Division

North Info

Division Info: <https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-b-t2-ja-division-info/>

Season Info: <https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-b-t2-ja-season-info/>

South Info

Division Info: <https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-b-t2-cg-division-info/>

Season Info: <https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-b-t2-cg-season-info/>

Junior B Tier I Division

Division Info

<https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-b-t1-division-info/>

Season Info

<https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-b-t1-season-info/>

Junior A Division

Division Info

<https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-a-division-info/>

Season Info

<https://rockymountainlax.com/jr-a-season-info/>

Junior A and Junior B Tier I Draft Detail & 2026 Drafts

Junior A Graduating U17 Player Draft

2026 Draft Eligible – Alberta Jr. A Teams: All U17 Players born in 2009 and on the ALA Male Graduating U17 Player List.

Up until the draft date, all Graduating U17 Players on the Graduating U17 Player List from CALL, CDLA and SALA Minor Lacrosse Clubs may attend any/all open floor sessions of the Jr. A Mounties and/or Jr. A Raiders.

Junior A Franchise Protected List: Drafted players are automatically added to the Junior A Franchise's Protected List and the Junior A Franchise holds the player's Junior A playing rights for all five (5) years of the player's Junior eligibility until the player is released or traded. A non-drafted

player can be added to a Jr. A Franchise's Protected List, if the player gives written permission, agreeing to be added.

Jr. A Free Agent: A player not on a Junior A Protected List is a Jr. A Free Agent. Jr. A Free Agents who reside north of the CALL boundary may try out for the Jr. A Miners. Jr. A Free Agents who reside in CALL, CDLA and SALA areas may try out for the Jr. A Mounties and/or the Jr. A Raiders. (A drafted/protected player can only attend the tryouts of the Jr. A team which drafted/protected them).

The **Calgary Junior A Mountaineers** and the **Calgary Junior A Raiders** each draft ten Graduating U17 Players from the CALL, CDLA and SALA Minor Lacrosse Clubs.

The **Edmonton Junior A Miners** draft ten Graduating U17 Players from the GELC and Wheatland Minor Lacrosse Clubs as well as from the Grande Prairie Lacrosse Association.

The **Saskatchewan SWAT** draft ten players from the Province of Saskatchewan.

The **Winnipeg Blizzard** draft ten players from the Province of Manitoba.

2026 Junior A Graduating U17 Player Draft

Date: Monday, February 16, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Acadia Recreation Centre – Rose Hall – 240 90 Ave S.E., Calgary

The Jr. A Miners, Saskatchewan Swat and Winnipeg Blizzard will be attending the Draft virtually.

All Graduating U17 players and their families are welcome to attend.

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2026 Draft Order:

1 – Jr. A Blizzard

2 – Jr. A Swat

3 – Jr. A Miners

4- Jr. A Mounties

5- Jr. A Raiders

And by the trade transactions where trades include draft picks.

Junior B Tier I ENTRY Draft

Up until the draft dates, all Graduating U17 Players on the Graduating U17 Player List may attend any Junior B Tier I floor time.

Up until the draft dates, all Tier II players not currently listed on a Junior B Tier I Franchise's Protected List may attend any Junior B Tier I floor time.

The drafts help to keep the competitiveness of Franchises in a local area consistent.

The drafts must be held each year in February and the Junior B Tier I drafts will take place after the Junior A Drafts.

Junior B Tier I Franchise Protected List: Drafted players are automatically added to the Junior B Tier I Franchise's Protected List. A player can remain on a Jr. B Tier I team's Protected List for all five (5) years of their Junior eligibility unless released, traded, or not registered to the team's roster for two (2) consecutive playing seasons. An exception to the two consecutive playing seasons, is a Jr. B Tier I drafted player on a Junior A roster. This player can remain on the Tier I Protected List for all five (5) years of their Junior eligibility unless released or traded. A non-drafted player can be added to a Junior B Tier I Franchise's Protected List, if the player gives written permission, agreeing to be added.

Junior B Tier I Free Agents

All Graduating U17 Players on the Graduating U17 Player List for the Season who are not drafted will become Junior B Tier I Free Agents.

All Tier II players who are not on a team's Protected List are Junior B Tier I Free Agents.

2025 Junior B Tier I Graduating U17 Player Drafts

Draft Eligible: All Alberta U17 Players born in 2009 and on the ALA Male Graduating U17 Player List.

Junior B Tier I Central Graduating U17 Player Draft

(Rampage and Mavericks)

Rounds 1 through 8 – Rampage will draft Alberta Graduating U17 players on the ALA Male Graduating U17 List with Red Deer addresses from the Red Deer Minor Lacrosse Association.

Round 1 through 8 – Mavericks will draft Alberta Graduating U17 players on the ALA Male Graduating U17 List from Olds Minor Lacrosse Association and Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association.

Rounds 9 through 20 – Rampage and Mavericks will draft Alberta Graduating U17 players on the ALA Male Graduating U17 List from Blackfalds, Innisfail, Chargers, Kneehills, Lacoka, Olds, Red Deer, Stettler and Sylvan Lake Minor Lacrosse Associations.

Date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Innisfail Legion - 5108 49 Ave #1, Innisfail

All Graduating U17 players and their families are welcome to attend.

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Streamed Live – Mavericks TV YouTube channel

Draft Order:

1. Rampage
2. Mavericks

And by trade transactions where trades include draft picks.

Junior B Tier I South Graduating U17 Player Draft ***(Silvertips, Chill, Shamrocks, Mounties & Marauders)***

Rounds 1 through 20 – All 5 teams will draft Graduating U17 Players from the Rockyview Rage, Foothills Spurs, Okotoks Raiders, Strathmore Venom, Calgary Hornets, Calgary Knights, Calgary Axemen, and Calgary Sabrecats Minor Lacrosse Clubs.

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

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Draft Order:

1. Calgary Mounties
2. Okotoks Marauders
3. Calgary Chill
4. Rockyview Silvertips
5. Calgary Shamrocks

And by the trade transactions where trades include draft picks.

Junior B Tier I North Graduating U17 Player Draft ***(Warriors, Outlaws, Crude & Rebels)***

The draft is 20 rounds of 4 selections, where each North Division team will draft Graduating U17 players from Blues, Beaumont, Fort Saskatchewan, Leduc, Parkland, Rams, Titans, Warriors, Westlock, Wizards, Grande Prairie, Flagstaff, Lakeland, Lloydminster, Vermilion, Wainwright, and Wood Buffalo Minor Lacrosse Associations.

Date: Friday, February 20, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St. Albert Community Hall 17 Perron St. St. Albert

All Graduating U17 players and their families are welcome to attend.

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Draft Order:

1. Edmonton Warriors
2. Beaumont Outlaws
3. St. Albert Crude
4. Fort Saskatchewan Rebels

And by trade transactions where trades included draft picks.