

## SCHEDULERS REPORT

This year the task of scheduling was a very difficult one with the growth in the number of teams and the limited number of arenas. Generally most people understood the need to cooperate and did their best to help me get the job done. However we will have to do things differently in the future to deal with the growth of the league.

Even though we started early to try and get the schedule out in plenty of time it did not get done until just before the league started. There are a number of reasons for this. The first is that each team has certain problems with their arenas and they can not confirm their schedule until the minor leagues are set. Further we had a few problems with a couple of teams that were unhappy with the set up of the schedule either with dates or teams playing. I also had hoped that each of the teams would be more aware of the rationale of the way we did up the schedule. Some teams were not aware of the why there were an uneven number of games against all teams. We need better communication with each of the teams.

### TIER 1

The scheduling of this league went fairly well. We did have a problem fitting all the games as many of the games had to be played on the weekend either because of travel or because teams could not play in their arena during the week. We did not have too many changes during the year and I believe we had referees for all of the games. Next year if we make some changes in the league it may be easier to make a schedule that is more even in the number of games that each team will play each other.

### TIER 2

This year the Tier 2 scheduling was also more difficult because of the number of teams. It was very difficult to find a schedule which would keep everyone happy however for the most part we were able to make everyone comfortable. A big disappointment was the number of games that did not have referees especially in Calgary. Something must be done about this. We can not afford to have this kind of problem. Perhaps we need better communication however it was my understanding that there was no issue of when the games were but rather with the assigning of the games.

### TIER 3

As this league was put together rather quickly and late in the season I believe it went relatively well with a number of games being done in a tournament format, which worked fairly well.

We need to look at alternative for scheduling to deal with the number of teams that is expected for next year.. I have a couple of ideas.

- 1) Designate a certain night or nights as being the night the games will be played for each league.
- 2) Each league would be responsible to come up with a schedule for their teams. Thus we would have number of schedulers who would report the main scheduler who would have the responsibility of making sure that each league coordinates with the other.
- 3) We might consider having a draft which would allow teams to have a say when they would play their games and to some extent travel.

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