

2007 Junior B Tier I

Last year at the request of some individuals I took on the roll of the Jr. B Commissioner thinking this was going to be an easy process of getting a schedule together and handing out some suspensions. Boy did Rhonda sell me!

We had numerous tampering charges both north and south. Schedule inconsistencies and floor time problems. The Founders Cup debate with CLA floundering over teams and who and how many teams would be accepted. In 2007, the Jr.B division expanded outside of Alberta, with the introduction of the Saskatchewan Swat.

Consistency throughout the province has been a concern for years, plus the issues of tampering and call-ups. The fallout resulted with the North Division going to a draft system for the 2008 season laid out in the draft of the Teir 1 Operating Policy.

Once we entered the season things took off and rolled along quite well with no incidents till the last couple of weeks. Competition was great!

We had last place teams beating first place teams and every game was not a given. I'd like to thank the managers of all the teams for getting in the game sheets and scores to me as we used the forum to update the standings and playoff format.

The north was a tight race and came down to the last few games to determine where teams would place for the playoffs.

In a one game sudden death game the Warriors defeated the Swat to earn the 4th place position and took on the Titans. Red Deer and the Crude continued their playoff rivalry from last year. Titans and Red Deer advanced with the young Red Deer team winning the North Division. In the South, the Mountaineers defeated the Silvertips and the Shamrocks defeated the Chill. This set up a great south final with the arena's packed with only standing room for each game with the Mountaineers prevailing.

The finals saw the Calgary Mountaineers sweep the Red Deer Rampage to win the RMLL title.

At the Founder's Cup, the RMLL was represented by four teams (Calgary Mountaineers, Calgary Shamrocks, Sherwood Park Titans, and SK Swat) and, in a rematch of their southern division final series; the Shamrocks beat the Mountaineers to claim the bronze medal.

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