

2012 Sr C Commissioners Report

Growth and Recruitment

The second season of Sr C saw the division grow from 5 to 6 teams with the addition of the Vermillion Rage. With 6 teams a North and a South division was created. Numbers grew from 100 registered players in 2011 to 123 in 2012. Calgary and Okotoks saw the most significant increase in registered players with Calgary going from 19 to 34 and Okotoks going from 17 to 25. Due to high numbers in Calgary the division moved to change the maximum roster from 30 to 40 for 2012 season.

Player call ups to Sr B happened thru out the season with at least 3 out of the 6 teams having players call up on a consistent basis. When necessary, some of the smaller centers were able to call up Masters and Junior B players.

Season Overview

Each team played a 14 game season, an increase of 2 games from 2011 schedule. This season saw a North and a South Division, playing each division team 4 x's and a home and home with the other division. This reduced travel for all teams. Playoffs saw a North division championship and South division Championship. Calgary Irish came out of the South and Red Deer Silverbacks out of the North to play for the Provincial Championship. Calgary Irish took the gold in 4 games. Scoring titles went to players from the Lethbridge Pioneers and the Red Deer Silverbacks.

Two teams attended the Treasure Cove Cup in Port Moody BC, the Calgary Irish and the Red Deer Silverbacks. Red Deer took the Silver Medal at the tournament.

Accomplishments

The most impressive accomplishment the Sr C teams can boost about is the high quality of lacrosse they are producing; extremely competitive, fast paced and exciting.

The Spruce Groove Slash hosted a Sr. C All Star game during the Presidents Cup, with the South defeating the North, allowing fans to see the high quality of players playing Sr C. The Lethbridge Pioneers held their first annual Cindy Garant Memorial Lacrosse Game vs. Red Deer Silverbacks, raising \$1405.00 for Breast Cancer.

Season Setbacks

With a new commissioner the teams were fairly patient with the commissioner learning the role. Playoff scheduling was difficult in the North division due to the distance of travel for teams. Changes will be looked at for the 2013 season for playoffs. High sticking and Aggravated high sticking penalties were inconsistent in each center. Major penalties increased from 33 in 2011 to 67 in 2012. Bear in mind each team played 2 extra games and a 6th team was added. One team struggled getting even a partial roster out to games, especially away games. This team has committed to looking at new ways to recruit and retain players.

Future Goals

Sr. C hopes to continue to grow, adding teams to both divisions. Plans to have the larger centers add an additional team and having smaller centers such as Medicine Hat join in the future. RMLL Sr C will continue to send their Provincial Champions to the Treasure Cove Cup in British Columbia.

I would like to take this time to thank all the Sr C players, coaches and management that showed great patience with me as I learned the role of Commissioner. Mistakes were made, but we can only learn and grow with each mistake. Overall we had a very successful season, here's to 2013 being just as successful!

Connie Hamilton
Sr C Commissioner