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RMLL Discipline Report 2012

The 2012 season started off very quiet. Unfortunately we had to deal with 11 different situations for supplemental discipline in about 3 weeks. The biggest difference was the input of video recordings of numerous incidents. With the use of this venue, we were able to sort thru a couple of contentious issues. What we discovered, was that relying strictly on the ref report was not necessarily justified. Many times the video evidence refuted what was recorded by the referee. I can only imagine how many suspensions & ejections were enforced based on a flawed report. The use of video allowed us to get a better grip on what actually happened. It is my view that too many times the referee wrote a report that was erroneous & did not reflect what actually happened. This issue should be addressed by the RMLL & the ALRA. Referees are the only individuals who are compensated for their efforts & as a result, should be held accountable for their actions, as well as to be congratulated for doing a difficult job. The game of lacrosse is a fast, physical, emotional game where things happen in the heat of the moment. Transgressions will occur, our responsibility as a league, is to make sure all the facts are presented correctly so that the appropriate action is taken. This can only be achieved by having all sides of the issue examined closely.

I would like to personally thank all the committee volunteers who contributed above & beyond their usual duties & helped the discipline process for whatever hearing they were involved in. Your participation was invaluable.

Congratulations to all the division champions & props to the Rockyview Knights & the Tier 1 Mounties for their medals in the nationals.

Special congratulations to Spruce Grove Slash who put on a great show for the Presidents Cup & represented the RMLL with class & honor.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Mike Fynn

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