

Here is the Tier II season report

In the 2012 season we had 21 teams 11 in the South and 10 in the North (same amount of teams in 2011 the only difference was no Westlock and added Sherwood Park) most of the teams carried a full roster with the exception of a couple teams in the north who carded some Tier III players (roughly 525 players in Tier II). There was roughly 294 scheduled this season but there was only 289 games played with a couple of teams who defaulted. Out of the defaulted games we had one team who gave both teams notice and the referee's were notified and not assigned to show up at the games one team defaulted three games we were notified about two games but they had one game were the visiting team showed up and only 5 of their players were there. I want to say the Tier II teams did a great job showcasing their division and using midget players as call ups and showing the Minor teams that there is Lacrosse after Midget. The seasons accomplishments saw two teams face off in the Provincials and push each team to limit and provided three great games to close out the 2012 season. Other accomplishments this season: One team went Penalty free game, less penalties minutes this season than last, very competitive (every team) and overall it was a great season. Some of the setbacks this season were road trips (roster size was down), referee and game sheets (submitted) and some clubs personal issues with each other and we had more defaults this year compared to 2011. Looking towards the future if each team can grow and have great communication with their Minor clubs and promote and explain that there is Lacrosse after Midget then I can see that every team in the Tier II division will be competitive. Also if the Tier II division coaches/clubs can talk to the Tier I and Junior A clubs and find out what they might need to help with their player development to make their teams competitive in the future and to also help the players grow and advance to the next level in Lacrosse. The season over view: It was a good year other than a couple of bumps along the way I think the Tier II division went out and played hard and was very competitive and we be even better in the 2013 season. I also know that there are some teams who will be losing players (aged out) and who have used Tier III and Midget players this season to help them in the upcoming season to help them stay competitive in the years to come. Last but not least some upcoming goals for the 2013 season: The Tier II division has done a great job over the past while to show everyone that this is a competitive division and not a goon league. I would like to see each team maintain that attitude in 2013 and in the future, help players grow to the next level and most important is remember that this is a game Have Fun. If everybody remembers that this is a team sport and that these players are playing a game that they love and respect. If people remember that then I can see that there is no limit to what the Tier II division can accomplish.

Thank you

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