

RMLL 2012 Senior B Season
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Overall, the 2012 season was successful for the Sr B Division, resulting in a proud Commissioner with very little to report.

The drafts saw 36 north and 34 south junior players entered into the Sr B system. Despite our very best efforts, one player was still drafted that had an incorrect birthdate. All Jr teams did respond to a request for confirmation of their graduating players, but 1 team manager made an error on 1 player. This player has been drafted and his rights will remain with the team that drafted him in 2012.

Each team held a 50 man protected list until April 1st and then trimmed this number to 40 for the remainder of the season. This system worked very well for the teams and they were able to maintain their protected veterans, while being able to perform a thorough evaluation of their new draftees.

The season consisted of 16 games and generally, it was very good lacrosse. Disciplinary infractions were minimal (3) and I had several referees indicate that they were really pleased with the Sr B division and their play this season. Fighting was minimal and not of issue.

Infractions requiring discipline consisted of :

Gross misconduct for disrespect of a referee and the game

Gross misconduct for disrespecting the game with threats – sent to discipline

Match penalty - aggravated high stick

There were 2 separate incidents in 1 weekend for players caught with tape on their hands. This is an ambiguous rule in the CLA rulebook, in my opinion, and we need to address it. My short term solution to discipline on these infractions was to have the players obtain a physician's certificate indicating the reasoning for the tape. Both players were pressed to get this documentation to me in time to play their next game and both complied. Not a terrific alternative to suspension but I feel that any discipline for suspension would quite possibly be appealed.

We experienced intense but healthy competition between the teams as they competed for the provincial title and the right to represent the RMLL/ALA at the Presidents' Cup. The Spruce Grove Slash were already assured an entry as the hosts, but still finished in 2nd place in the regular season. The provincial series were completed in 4 games with 2 overtime games. The Rockyview Knights were victors of the league championship over the St. Albert Miners, realizing a very long term goal of the Knights' franchise. Both the Knights and the Slash performed very well in the Presidents' Cup. Further details are addressed in the 2012 Presidents' Cup report.