

Report – Tier III Division 2012

Firstly, I would like to offer congratulations to our Provincial winners:

Gold – High River Heat

Silver – Brooks Drillers

Bronze – Lacoka Locos

This season brought with it again, a very successful Tier 3 Provincials. The Provincials were hosted by and held in High River. A big thank you to the organizers and support team for a job well done!

The Tier III Division had 10 teams this year. This represented a drop in numbers by 3 teams from last year. There was again, no North and South Divisions. Some teams applied to move up a division and were accepted

I felt that the RMLL had to tighten up the protocol for entering into the league, and they did. The Rules and Regulations are in place for a reason. They have been cultivated over a number of years based on situations and experience. This last season we still an unacceptable amount of forfeits. I think this will be a matter to be brought up at the planning meeting and then addressed again at the AGM break out meeting to see how the division feels it should be dealt with.

The learning curve still remains. It still appears to me that the learning curve is equally dispersed between player, coach and parent. I feel that the player adjusts to the transition better than the coach and parent. I firmly believe that honest open communication between everyone and the continued combined effort to keep these kids playing lacrosse is the solution to this transition problem. This year saw the continued co-operation and flow of information between the ALA and the RMLL to make sure the information pertaining to Major Lacrosse is available to all of the associations.

The AGM Meeting is critical for new teams wanting to enter the RMLL and to the newer teams for maintaining a flow of information. Attendance is equally important for established teams as their experience is valuable to share at the breakout sessions as well as being kept informed as to new rules etc.

This year saw another improvement from last year in decreasing the amount of major penalties.

2012 Season Major Penalties/ Junior B – 217 MP, Junior B II – 430 MP, Junior B III – 130 MP

Hopefully, we will stay on this track and remain working on skill development, work ethic and respect, for both coach and player

I again, have great hopes for this division. I look forward to its continued growth and development and hope for a better respect for the game. Thank you to all that share our vision for this Tier III division and to those who have been such a huge source of help and support this past season. We are seriously committed to enrolling and developing new players as well as keeping players who love and respect the game and all it stands for.

Yours in Lacrosse.

Linda Robertson

Tier III Commissioner