

Junior B Tier 1 report

2012 Tier I Games

- Exhibition Games - 3
- Regular Season - 94
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- Exhibition Games - 21
- Regular Season - 110 (due to 1 more team and Gryphons moving to 20 game season)
- Playoffs not including Provincials - 18 scheduled of which 14 were required.

Tier 1 season started off to a very rocky start with the resignation of the commissioner. It would have been close to impossible to try and appoint a new commissioner at such a late date so the decision was made to split the Tier 1 commissioner duties between Duane Bratt and Bill Sucha. While there was an increase in both our workloads, we feel that the remainder of the season went fairly well. Duane's experience with interpreting regulations coupled with Bill's experience with sending out copious amounts of emails resulted in a fairly smooth season. The first item of business for the Tier 1 teams before the 2014 season will be the selection of a new commissioner. A note to all teams advising them that this must be done before the start of their break out sessions at the RMLL AGM has already been sent.

One area that was not handled well was the game schedule. There were many problems in this schedule, but we were unable to resolve them, as the season was about to start. This resulted in some teams playing others too many times while other teams not at all. This will be job one for the new commissioner.

The other area that needs to be reviewed is travel to Saskatchewan and Manitoba. It seems that every year we change the format resulting in confusion for the teams. This travel is getting more expensive each year and needs to be addressed.

The 2013 season saw the addition of a new team – the expansion Okotoks Marauders. Although they missed the playoffs in their first year, they were competitive and provided an opportunity for another 25 players to play Tier I.

The new fighting rules seem to have worked as the number of fights were dramatically reduced in 2013.

Congratulations to the Calgary JrB Mountaineers for winning their seventh straight RMLL JrB Tier I title!

Overall the Tier 1 division ran well this year with only minimal issues.

Duane Bratt and Bill Sucha
Acting Co-Commissioners.