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Hello Fellow RMLL Members,

I am extremely pleased to report that there was only one discipline hearing all season. This is unprecedented in my 10 year involvement in the RMLL. The division commissioners are to be commended for their overall handling of discipline, and all teams are to be congratulated for their control of players, coaches & management.

Overall, fighting has dropped across the board mostly due to the new CLA rules, but this has had a positive effect in our league & for the game in general.

There is one area that needs to be addressed, that is code of conduct, ie: abuse of officials. We are still seeing a fair number of these types of infractions from players, coaches, fans etc. This needs to stop. I realize that emotions can sometimes take control, but we need to remember these people are human after all, they are going to make mistakes. If an official is blatantly incompetent, record his/her name, report it to your division commissioner & they can report it to the ALRA. I agree that since they are the only ones getting paid for what they do on the floor, they should be held to certain standard. Realizing of course that they may be moving up a notch to a higher division or they are new. It is getting increasingly difficult to find referees for one reason or another, but the biggest reason we are losing them, is abuse.

Thus, I am very pleased with the discipline in the RMLL this year.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Mike Fynn

Discipline & Appeals Commissioner

