

2014 Sr C Commissioners Report

Growth and Recruitment

The fourth season of Sr C saw an increase in teams and players. Numbers grew from 172 in 2013 to 274 registered players in 2014. Expansion in the South division saw a new team added in Airdrie. Four teams in the South played 15 games each; an increase of 1 game per team and registered players was 151. North teams stayed at 14 game season with 123 registered players. Since the inaugural season in 2011 the Sr C division has seen an increase of 174 registered players. Player call ups to Sr B continued this year and have seen a great success especially in Edmonton where all Sr B teams worked together, signing many of their players to the Sr C Tomahawks so they could help the numbers for the Tomahawks as well as being called up for their respective Sr B teams.

Season Overview

With the increase of teams in the South the south had to play an unbalanced schedule with 15 games whereas the North with 3 teams stayed with the 14 game season. Changes this year saw the Provincial finals moving from a 5 game playoff to a 3 game playoff eliminating alot of travel for the teams. Winners of the South division was Okotoks Erratic for the second consecutive year and the Winners of the North and also RMLL Sr C Provincial champions for the 3rd times in 4 years was the Blackfalds Silverbacks.

Accomplishments

High quality of lacrosse continues to be enjoyed in the Sr C division, with a large number of players being called up to Sr B on a regular basis. Spruce Groove Tomahawks moved to Edmonton as Edmonton Tomahawks playing out of Edmonton which saw a great increase in players signing up to play for the Tomahawks. Tomahawks also saw their wins increase from 0 in 2013 to 3 in 2014, a great start. Only 2 suspensions this season and no players reached the 5 Game Misconduct limit.

Season Setbacks

Even with the increase in the Tomahawks roster they continue to struggle with recruiting players to travel to out of town games. Their only trip to Lethbridge this year saw them come with 5 runners and a goalie. Again this issue will be on the agenda for the 2015 Break out session at the AGM with teams looking to problem solve with the Tomahawks to see if theres something they can do to entice players to travel. Blackfalds Silverbacks were picked to put on the All Star game, however this was not done. Discussion and vote in Break out session will be on agenda to decide if we will continue with this.

Future goals

Sr C has been growing at a very fast pace with the addition of 102 registered players in 2014. Looking to the future we would like to see more team applications in both South and North as well as more Sr C players taking an initiative in coaching/mentoring the Minor programs in their areas.

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