



2014 Season report Jr. and Sr. Ladies

For the 2014 season the junior ladies had 5 teams and the senior ladies had 3 teams. We had 168 players total for the 2 divisions, in 2013 we had 173 so we are down slightly but this was anticipated. There is a good contingent of midget players graduating up to Junior and graduating Juniors moving up to Senior and hope to retain a good percentage of them. We anticipate increases for the 2015 season and have had inquiries for new team applications.

We played a 15 game interlocking schedule for the 2014 season and plan on the same for the 2015 season.

The Edmonton Bandits won the Senior division tourney, the Sherwood Park Titans won the Junior A division and the St Albert Drillers won the Junior B division. All 3 teams along with the host Capital Region Saints competed in the RMLL Champions tourney with the Titans taking home the Christine Thielen trophy. There was some very exciting lacrosse at the tournament.

With Team Alberta in their second year and bringing home silver this year this has started to generate a lot of interest in the ladies game. Alberta will be hosting the Nationals for 2015 and word is there might be Senior Nationals, although still unconfirmed.

It seemed last year that the majority of the games were close in score making for some very exciting lacrosse. The standings at the end of the season reflected this with a few exceptions. With no Junior team to pull from and losing some players Red Deer might have a problem fielding a team for 2015, we as a division will do all we can to help.

So far as going forward we have listened to comments both good and bad from people from different sports on why ladies do or don't play lacrosse. One of the concerns was it was too rough. For the 2013 season we as a league brought in supplementary discipline for checking from behind as this seemed to be the biggest concern. This has had a positive impact for the ladies as those penalties have decreased significantly. We must as a division continue to try our best to retain players and have listened to the player's comments, again both good and bad and will be discussing this at the Breakout session this November. Our main goal remains whoever wants to play should be able to play. We as a division need to continue to make decisions that strengthen the divisions as a whole.