



2014 Jr. B Tier II Commissioner

Growth and Recruitment

In the 2014 season there were 10 teams in the North and 9 teams from the South. There were 230 players in the North and 179 players in the South. There were 161 games played in the North that is taking out 1 defaulted game and the Posse's folding this season with and there was 146 games played in the South with 2 defaulted games. I strongly feel that the Tier II division is moving in the right direction at being very competitive. What I seen this season with most teams is that there clubs and coaches have started to hold their player accountable for their actions and have had some talks with their teams at becoming more competitive and becoming elite players.

One of the other MAJOR ISSUES I had this season and even as i write this it still makes me sick. This season I saw the worst come out regarding players, coaches and parents regarding BULLYING and Inappropriate comments being made. A couple of examples: parents swearing at players siblings, players and coaches making comments to each other regarding race and parents, players making comments regarding someone's handicap and parents swearing at the other team and making fun of players due to being big. I have had some heated arguments with some parents, Players and coaches and even sent out an e mail regarding the code of conduct. I truly believe that some people have forgotten the fundamentals when it comes to the game of lacrosse. A lot of people forget that this is a game and the people that are playing it love and enjoy the game. Yes I do understand that it does get heated on the floor but most times at the end of the game you will see players from both teams standing at centre talking about the game or other things. At this year's AGM with Tier II i am hoping that all the teams can help to come up to help stop this BULLYING and go back to enjoying the game we love so much.

Season Overview

The 2014 season was good there were 19 teams in total 9 in the south and 10 in the north. We welcomed back the Grande Prairie Thrashers to Tier II this year and I would like to say that there future looks good. The Tier II division ran a pilot project to help reduce the Penalties to teams and players. One of those was if a player gets more than 100pim in one season and 150: there were 6 players with over 100pim and out of those six players there was one who had over 150pim the other project

was if a player got a GM with less than 10min left in the third then they would be given an extra game suspension there were 19 players who got an extra game. There were also some Match and Gross suspensions handed out. My overall feeling regarding the pilot project I think it went very well and all the teams abided by these new rules. One of the other pilots that was in place was teams getting over 650pims in a season there were two teams who went over that but in all the teams were good.

Season Accomplishments

The Provincials were held in Lethbridge as the Cudas won the South Championship and the Fort Sask Rebels won the North Championship. The provincial games were good with the Cudas winning their first Provincial Championship.

Season Setbacks

The 2014 started with the Parkland Posse's folding their team due to the lack of players.

We had some defaulted games this season due to lack of players for the teams that defaulted.

One of the other big setbacks was at the beginning of the season there was an email that got sent out regarding the stats of the coaches on who has and needs the proper certificates to be on the bench some of the coaches sent in the proper info to the ALA but never heard back from them or they were told that they were good but then come play offs find out that they are not I also had some coaches trying to get certified before their first playoff game. Coming into the 2015 season all the teams and coaches need to have everything in place before the season starts. All the clubs and coaches need to hold themselves accountable at making sure that they are certified. I noticed this year was a little difficult regarding most Teams or players/coaches and Referee's it was they had issues with each other and I hope in the future that they can all get along and not live in past.

Future Goals

The 2015 season looks like it will be full of potential for the Tier II division. I look forward to seeing all the teams at the AGM this year and looking forward to the 2015 season. Looking at the teams that are currently in Tier II I am a little concern on how many clubs are going to be able to field teams for the 2015 season. I am hoping that all the clubs will be able to field teams as I think the Tier II division is moving in the right direction at being a competitive division.

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