

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN LACROSSE LEAGUE



**Play Off Format**  
**Jr. B - Tier I Division**  
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## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to describe the entire RMLL Jr. B Tier I playoff Structure, format, structure, rules, and guidelines for the Jr. B Tier I division operating policy. This document reflects what has been voted on as well as some additional information that will be used to guide the division in playoff planning. This document also takes into account that the winning team is generally the Alberta Founders cup representative. It is also acknowledged that there are two out of province teams, one from Saskatchewan, and one from Manitoba are the only teams in each of the aforementioned provinces playing at this level, and will therefore be representing their home provinces at the Founders cup. The playoff format has been developed to identify the league Champion and the Alberta Founders cup representative using the following guiding principles.

1. To make the playoffs as cost effective as possible for all teams, but in particular those from out of province.
2. To provide all teams with the ability to plan for playoff expenses.
3. Grow interest in the sport.
4. Turn a profit to offset the costs of attending the Founders Cup

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- **Note:** All these teams must provide a team roster, team photograph, and details to commissioner on July 1.
- For all other Playoff dates and constraints please reference the **RMLL Jr.B Tier I Scheduling Constraints** document.

### Quarter Finals - (Round 1)

- All Playoff games will be played in Alberta, therefore when an out of province team is playing in the quarter final (Round 1) they are expected to travel to the Alberta clubs location.
- The best of 3 series will be played at the home of the highest ranking Alberta team in either the North or South Division.

#### **North**

- 1 vs 4 winner goes to championship weekend
- 2 vs 3 winner goes to championship weekend

#### **South**

- 1 vs 4 winner goes to championship weekend
- 2 vs 3 winner goes to championship weekend

## Championship Weekend

- North & South Division finalist play for the division title. On Friday night
- Round Robin on Saturday (2 games), + 1 game on Sunday
- The 4 qualifying teams will begin the championship round robin play Saturday with each team playing 2 games.
- The Final championship games will be played on Monday with a start time of 12 - 1 pm.

## Which Alberta Team Goes to Founders Cup

- The basic premise is that the highest finishing team during the championship weekend will represent Alberta.
- If any one of the out of provinces teams wins the league championship when play an Alberta team, then the Alberta team will be sent to founders.
- In the event that out of province teams finish in the championship 1st & 2nd, then the next 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishing team will be sent to Founders.
- In the event that there are more than one team from either or both Saskatchewan, Manitoba that play in the RMLL this playoff format will be revisited to confirm it is still applicable or should be altered.

## Playoff Schedule

### Quarter Finals

#### Alberta Only Teams

- The series can begin any time after the regular season has concluded at the end of the second weekend in July.
- The series must be finished prior to the last weekend of July.
- *[Is there a method on how this is done 2 games in one place and then 2 games in the other location, and if a 5<sup>th</sup> game is necessary then the 5<sup>th</sup> game is played in the first location?]*

#### Out of Province Teams

- The series will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in July
- Two games played on Saturday, 1 game to be played on Sunday

## Championship Weekend

- The championship weekend tournament will be held each year on the August long weekend.
- The north and south division finals will be played Friday night.
- Round robin play begins Saturday
- Two finalists decided on Sunday
- Championship game Monday afternoon.

## Round Robin Format

- The teams that must travel from north to south or south to north will be afforded travel time and will play the second game of the Friday Night double header.
- Winners of both North quarter finals meet for the North champion game.
- Winners of both South quarter finals meet for the South champion game.

## Tournament Schedule:

### Friday Night

- 6:00 PM Game #1 (North or South) vs (North or South) this will be the (North or South) championship game.



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- 9:00 pm Game #2 (North or South) vs (North or South) this would be the (North or South) championship game.

### **Saturday**

- 9 am Game #3 south first place vs North second place
- 12 pm Game #4 north first place vs South Second place
- 6 pm Game #5 north second place vs South Second place
- 9 pm Game #6 North first place vs south first place

### **Sunday**

- 12noon - Game #7, 2<sup>nd</sup> place vs 3<sup>rd</sup> place
- Determines the right to play the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the Championship game

### **Monday**

- 1 pm - Gold Game RMLL Major League Championship
- Game #8 - First place team from r/r vs. Winner Game #7

## **Hosting**

- All current teams will be provided an opportunity to host the Championship weekend playoff tournament.
- The host team is entitled to 100% of any profits generated from weekend.

## **Host Team Accountabilities**

- May 15th is the deadline for the planned host team to give notice to the division to accept or decline there hosting opportunity.
- The third week of May the hosting team must confirm the hotel and floor time bookings with the division commissioner.
- The host team is expected to run / staff the championship weekend with volunteers. (See Volunteers below)
- (possible) live webcast crew.
- Must provide a program for the weekend
- Must provide apparel for purchase pre order sheet
- The host team will be required to provide reporting to the league for fall Planning Meetings.
- The report shall include but not limited to the following items:
  - General overview of how the Championship weekend went.
  - Provide an assessment on what was good (keep doing) and not so good (perhaps opportunity to change)
  - Basic financials to help understand if this format will contribute the financial guiding principle
  - So that there can be some distribution of profits with other teams if they were contributing as volunteers.

## **Decline to Host**

- Should the host team decline – they will be eligible to host the next time their team turn comes up in the ongoing schedule and not before, unless,
- Another team declines in future years at which they would be eligible to **Bid**(See Bid Process below) on the right to host.



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### Volunteers

- The host team does have the option to request that volunteers be supplied by the 4 participating teams.
- Should the host team decide to request volunteer assistance from the participating teams a schedule of volunteers times will be created and shared with the participants as soon as reasonably possible .
- The volunteer schedule will be constructed to allow for each team(s) volunteers to be able to watch their team's games.

### Tournament sales

- Advertising and sponsorship host committee
- Host committee will receive all the 50/50 sales
- Host committee will receive all the beer sales

### Participating Team Sales

- Teams are allowed sell apparel at event host must provide table.
- Teams must notify the host committee as soon as they qualify.

### Pricing

- \$10 game price
- \$15 for Championship Game
- \$20 for day pass
- \$50 weekend price
- Kids under 10 Free
- Senior Discount \$5

### Hosting Order

- All Playoff Games are played in Alberta
- The championship weekend will alternate between the North and the South each year.
- Order – is based on the order of finish in league standings in 2014
- Should new Alberta teams join the division, they will be placed in sequential order after the current 9 Alberta teams.
- Should additional out of province teams be accepted into the league, the division may reconsider how hosting of playoffs will be administered.

Championship Weekend Hosting Order			
South		North	
2014	Mounties	2015	Crude
2016	Chill	2017	Warriors
2018	Shamrocks	2019	Rampage
2020	Marauders	2021	Titans
2022	Silvertips		



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### **Bid Process**

- TBD

### **Officials**

#### **Game Referees**

- The teams have agreed that the 4 participating teams should be allowed to put forth to the ALRA for consideration to be assigned the championship weekend, up to two referees each.
- The teams have also agreed and ask the division commissioner to request that when referees are assigned for the championship games both referees must not be from the same locale, i.e. (Calgary & Calgary or Edmonton & Edmonton)
- It is believed by the division that good referees can be developed in part by having younger referees exposed to the higher level games before they are eligible to be assigned to referee the games.

#### **Use of Young Referees**

- In an effort to generate more interest in the higher levels of the games the division would like to make use of younger referees (paid positions) during the playoffs and in particular the championship weekend in the following capacities:
  - Assignment to be time keepers
  - Assignment to be shot clock operators
  - Assignment to be score keepers
- These assignments will provide learning opportunities and provide a different perspective from being on the floor. They will demonstrate the importance of off floor officials and will enforce the need for the on floor officials to be be very diligent in their work.