

## **2015 Jr. B Tier II Commissioner**

### **Growth and Recruitment**

In the 2015 season there were 10 teams in the North and 8 teams from the South. There were 230 players in the North and 181 players in the South. There were a total of 411 players registered for Tier II and there were a total of 533 that played Tier II. A total of 122 players from lower divisions were used as call ups. There were 171 games played in the North that is taking out 9 defaulted game and there was 145 games played in the South with 1 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 as well as introducing the lower levels to Major Lacrosse.

### **Season Overview**

The 2015 season was good there were 18 teams in total 8 in the south and 10 in the north. The Tier II division ran a pilot project at the start of the 2014 season and all the Tier II teams decided to make it part of the regs for Tier II to help reduce the Penalties to teams and players. One of those was if a player gets more than 100pim in one season: there were 6 players with over 100pim and out of those six players there was no player who exceeded 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. This total went down from the previous year the teams are starting to hold the player responsible for their actions. There were also some Match and Gross suspensions hanged out. My overall feeling regarding the regs that are there are helping with the teams to hold players and coaches responsible. 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 four teams who went over that but in all the teams were good.

### **Season Accomplishments**

The Provincials were held in Fort Sask as the Sun Devils won the South Championship and the Fort Sask Rebels won the North Championship. The Rebels are the 2015 Provincial champions.

### **Season Setbacks**

The 2015 started with some teams in the North trying to find players. We had some defaulted games this season due to lack of players for the teams. The Edmonton Blues defaulted 8 games this season and will need to reapply to come back into Tier II. 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

2016 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. There has also been talks with Saskatchewan about either joining the RMLL in Tier II or creating a Western Championship like Founders. There has also been an e mail sent out regarding the Tier III's joining the Tier II division.

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