



2015 RMLL Discipline and Appeal Commissioner Report

Greetings fellow Laxer's,

Discipline for 2015 in the RMLL was pretty much the same as the past 5 years. Most of the hearings held dealt with abuse of officials, as per usual.

Overall, major penalties & game misconducts were down across the board. The instigator fighting penalty has helped decrease the number of fights from previous seasons & game misconducts were down marginally.

There is one sore spot; Coaches receiving game, gross or match penalties. That number is up, the biggest culprit is in the Jr.A division where 9 of the 16 game misconduct penalties for coaches, were from that division. That needs to be addressed by the division. It could be said that the competition in the division is more intense, with more at stake, but this must be controlled better than it is at the present time. These coaches are supposed to be leaders for their team, but if there is constant abuse of officials by these individuals, then they are sending the wrong message to their young players. You may not agree with the call, but the call is made. Live with it!

In summary, here is the breakdown of the major penalties this year:

Match Penalties-**28(down 1)** Gross Misconducts-**11(down 1)** Game Misconducts-**384(down 91)**

Fighting Majors- **200(down 3)** Aggressor Majors- **8(down 2)** Instigator Majors- **21(down 8)**

High Sticking Majors-**368(down 113)** Checking from behind-**34(down 25)**

Boarding Majors- **44(down 17)**

As you can see from last year, we are down in all the major infractions. It would be nice to see that continue downward.

This is my final season as discipline commissioner. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the volunteers who sat on discipline committees with me over the last 5-6 years. It was a pleasure working with you despite knowing that 50% of the people involved are not going to like the decision 100% of the time. That is the nature of the position, I make no apologies to anyone for any of the decisions. Every decision handed down was unanimous & as a group, felt that the right decision was made. Best of luck to everyone in their future lacrosse endeavors.

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