



2016 Senior C Season Report

My role with this division started mid-May. Initially there were some hiccups as I have a different style than what the teams had become accustomed to. With the exception of one team I believe I ended season with a good working relationship with the division.

Eight teams, divided into north and south, played a 12 game balanced season. Roughly half of the teams seemed to have smaller than ideal rosters. Two games were rescheduled at the request of one team.

The North Championship was taken by the Blackfalds Silverbacks and the South went to the Airdrie Mohawks. In the end the provincial title went to the Mohawks.

Several teams have mentioned they would have greater satisfaction if they played the entire division rather than repeatedly playing the same three teams. The Silverbacks have applied to change divisions to Senior C and as of yet there have been no applications for a team looking to become part of the division. A schedule which allows for the teams to play each other may need to be carefully crafted for the 2017 season.

Interpretation of regulations and the scope of the commissioners role requires clarification at the planning meeting. Several regulations will be highlighted for the teams so we are all on the same page moving forward. An overview of the commissioners role and what regulations they have the authority to bend is warranted.

During the 2016 Season planning meeting the commissioner discussed the need for invoices to be paid on time. This did not happen this season.

On a personal note I'd like to thank the teams for their patience as I adjusted to the additional role. Play off and provincial rosters were submitted in writing to me well in advance of the games allowing me the necessary time to approve them. I don't believe the teams have submitted in writing before. I appreciate the time it took to complete them for me. This allowed me a less stressful lead into the provincial weekend – tier III and senior C occurred in the same weekend.

Thank you to Wayne Zadderey for attending provincials on my behalf. I was disappointed not being able to attend either of the games and even more so in not being able to hand out medals and the trophy to the division myself.

Sincerely,

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Interim Commissioner – Senior C