

2017 JR B Tier 1 Season Commissioner Report

Growth and Recruitment

The 2017 Season was full of action.

To start the season the North and South Division were stronger.

Do to the veteran players that the teams maintained from the 2016 season.

Our Division has become more than what it was and that is due to our Great Coaches and Quality players.

There is 12 teams in our Division 6 teams in the North and 6 teams in the South.

Teams will play 20 games 10 at Home and 10 Away.

The Division is up to 297 players playing in 3 Provinces Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

There is talk about possible expansion franchises within our division with 2 teams.

With the players coming up from Midget it looks like a real good Draft year for the teams.

The JR Division will hold an Information night and also will do the JR Combine as well.

We see each year the players want more.

Season Overview

Schedule for the 2017 season worked well for teams as the number of games stayed the same.

Good number of players were retained by teams so the play was very good on the floor.

The teams were well prepared and there seemed to be a lot of close games.

Electronic Game Sheet was used well there were updates.

We did see a minor increase from prior years in Suspensions.

However I must say the Referees called it a little closer.

Season Accomplishments

The Manitoba Blizzard win the 2017 Larry Bishop Memorial Cup RMLL JR B Tier 1 Championship for the Second Consecutive year.

Congratulations to their Coaches, Manager, and Players.

The Red Deer Rampage took home the Silver Medal.

The Calgary Chill took home the Bronze Medal.

Red Deer Rampage went on to Represent Alberta at the 2017 Founders Cup in Saskatoon Saskatchewan.

The Rampage took home the Silver Medal from the 2017 Founders Cup against a strong Northmen team from Ontario.

Would like to thank the volunteers from the Edmonton Warriors JR B team who hosted the Championship weekend.

Went off with not many problems all four teams left everything on the floor.

Season Set Backs

The teams still need to keep working on our Retention for players.

Our teams can work closer with the Minor Divisions.

Teams need to make sure all coaches are certified for Playoffs.

Looking to the Future

Maintain our current teams.

Possible Expansion Franchises for the 2018 Season

Work closer with our Minor Groups.

Specifically explain to the parents and players coming up more clearly how Junior works

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