



2018 Season Report Junior Ladies

The 2018 season for the Junior Ladies had 7 teams. We did not add, nor received, any new team requests for the season. We did however pass a motion to allow graduating midgets from Red Deer to become free agents. Four players from Red Deer chose to play Jr Ladies. There continues to be 3 teams in the north and 4 teams in the south. We had 154 players registered in the 2018 season. In 2017 we had 132 players so our numbers are up by 22 players.

I did not receive many requests from players wanting to play an extra year of midget and not move up to juniors, which is a pleasant surprise from last year since Tom received numerous requests previously. We had 1 request from a Junior player to stay in Junior instead of moving up to senior for 1 more season and the ALA approved that.

The 2019 season will have 8 Junior players graduating from the north, 2 graduating from the south, as well as, 1 overage Junior player who was drafted last season. In 2017 there were 112 female graduating midgets. Of those, 53 registered into Juniors, a 47% retention rate. This is an increase from 2016 season where retention was 31% with 40 female graduating midgets registered on Junior ladies team in 2017. There were 3 players who were not registered as midget players in 2017 that either came back to the sport or start a new in 2018.

Going into 2019 we must concentrate on continuing and maintaining growth in the Junior ladies division.

There were many affiliated players used for the 2018 season by a number of teams. We are hoping that by giving the Midgets exposure to the Junior game it will make the transition easier and they will be comfortable moving from Midget to Junior. We still do not have the numbers from the Alberta Lacrosse association with how many midget players that will be graduating for 2019 season.

We did play a 16 game interlock schedule with the Senior ladies for the 2018 season. We need to discuss if we will continue that interlocking schedule in 2019. These games did count for the Junior ladies statistics.

Congratulations to The Edmonton Saints who won the junior ladies division in a mini tournament with the top three teams plus the host.

There was no team Alberta for Junior ladies in 2018 nor do we expect there will be for

2019.

The Junior ladies division did participate in the Edmonton and Calgary RMLL information session. It was the first time in many years that Junior ladies have been involved in the session and thought that it was a great way to get information out. We did have players attend both sessions. We will be looking to attend again this year.

We, as a division, must continue to try our best to retain players and listen to the player's comments, both good and bad. We will be discussing this at the breakout session in November. Our main goal remains whoever wants to play should be able to play. The division needs to continue to make decisions that strengthen the division as a whole.

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