



2018 Scheduler Report

The RMLL uses the SportzSoft Scheduling Software to assist in generating the RMLL Division schedules.

The RMLL schedule is created using the Division parameters, team scheduling constraints, arena availability, arena parameters and ALRA requirements.

In the 2018 Season, the RMLL scheduled a total of 712 games. 583 Regular Season games (531 in Alberta). 84 Playoff games were scheduled of which 60 were played. 42 Provincial games were scheduled of which 39 were required. Regular Season, Playoff and Provincial games were scheduled in 35 arenas across the Province as well as, two arenas in Saskatchewan, one arena in Winnipeg and four in B.C (down from 37 AB arenas in 2017). Between Regular Season and Playoffs there were total of 18 defaults (14 in 2017), and 70 game change requests. (Between both In-Progress and Final Schedules). The three ALRA Assignors for the RMLL covered all the scheduled RMLL games.

In 2018 the RMLL Schedule was late due to the Jr. A and Tier III Divisions not being able to confirm the teams in their Divisions, which impacted which teams were then to be in Tier I and Tier II. In addition, many teams had difficulty in getting their floor from their arenas. Given it was also no longer a requirement for all LGBs to enter their schedules into the same scheduling system, an old problem surfaced again, where overlaps occurred and were not discovered until games were imported into the Referee Assigning System, Arbiter.

The RMLL Regular Season ran from April 13 to July 15. During the nineteen weeks of Season play, due to the staggered start and end dates of each Division, there were seven weeks where all the Divisions were playing Season games.

Week	Date	Number of Games
1	April 9 to April 15	10
2	April 16 to April 22	15
3	April 23 to April 29	46
4	April 30 to May 6	49
5	May 7 to May 13	58
6	May 14 to May 20	20
7	May 21 to May 27	53
8	May 28 to June 3	60
9	June 4 to June 10	68
10	June 11 to June 17	61
11	June 18 to June 24	65
12	June 25 to July 1	16
13	July 2 to July 8	56
14	July 9 to July 15	32
15	July 16 to July 22	30
16	July 23 to July 29	23
17	July 30 to August 5	15
18	August 6 to August 12	6
19	August 13 to August 19	1

All Playoffs and Provincials were completed by the end of the August long weekend except for the Sr. B Division where their last Provincial game was scheduled on August 19.

Division schedules continue to be extremely customized. Customization now includes avoiding conflicts between teams in different Divisions due to a shortage of coaches. All the customization along with extremely short Seasons in some Divisions, reduced arena availability and increased dates a team can not play, is increasing the difficulty of creating our schedules. Ensuring all the teams have entered their time slots, entered enough time slots, have entered all their playing constraints and creating the map of who is playing who based on travel, etc. continues to be very time consuming. In 2018, 49 teams provided time slots. GELC provided facility constraints for 6 teams using GELC contracted arenas and CDLA provided facility constraints for the 4 teams using CDLA contracted arenas. The RMLL provided the facility constraints for eight RMLL teams using Stu Peppard for games.

RMLL Contracted Arenas:

Calgary

2018 was the sixth year of having one arena in Calgary used specifically for Major. We acquired Stu Peppard from April 9 through to August 5 and Max Bell from August 7 to 15. Six Major (seven in 2017) teams used this arena for practices and eight (nine in 2017) Major teams had their home games scheduled at Stu Peppard The RMLL will again contract a Calgary arena for Major in 2019. Floor for 2019 must be booked by Nov. 13, 2018 and Jan. 14, 2019 is the last day to cancel a floor booking.

The ALRA is anticipating a shortage of Sr. Referees again in 2019. To assist in being able to cover RMLL games with the appropriate Referees, the ALRA still requires the RMLL to schedule more game on weeknights, (local vs local only play weeknights), less games on Saturday and Sunday, more back to back games in the same arena and to not schedule games in the same Division at the same time in different arenas in the same local areas.

Weekday	2015 #	2015 %	2016 #	2016 %	2017 #	2017 %	2018 #	2018 %	ALRA Request %
Sun.	166	34%	156	33%	170	31%	179	31%	30%
Mon.	0	0%	15	3%	10	2%	17	3%	5%
Tues.	15	3%	19	4%	13	2%	7	1%	5%
Wed.	49	10%	47	10%	73	13%	78	13%	10%
Thurs.	20	4%	18	4%	22	4%	26	4%	5%
Fri.	68	14%	64	14%	71	13%	74	13%	15%
Sat.	171	35%	158	33%	185	34%	202	35%	30%
	489		474		544		583		

Christine Thielen
Executive Director, RMLL

2018 Regular Season

Division	# of Teams (Final)	Season Games per Team	RMLL Original # of Games	RMLL Final # of Games	Game Change Requests	Defaults	Cancelled	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B	7	18	63	63	9	2	0	0
Senior C	8	15	60	60	5	2	0	0
Jr. A	5	16	40	50	2	1	0	0
Tier I	15	20	150	120	14	0	0	0
Tier II N	8	17	68	42	12	0	0	0
Tier II S	10	18	90	90	4	0	0	0
Tier III	2	14	21	21	8	10	0	0
Sr. Ladies	5	14	35	35	5	2	0	0
Jr. Ladies	7	16	56	56	13	1	0	0
Total	67		583	583	70	18	0	0

2018 RMLL Playoff Games

Division	# Games Scheduled	# of Games Required	Game Change Requests	Defaults	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B	10	7	0	0	0
Senior C	6	4	0	0	0
Jr. A	14	10	0	0	0
Tier I	24	19	0	0	0
Tier II N	12	8	0	0	0
Tier II S	12	9	0	0	0
Tier III	3	3	0	0	0
Sr. Ladies	3	0	0	3	0
Jr. Ladies	0	0	0	0	0
Total	84	60	0	3	0

2018 RMLL Exhibition Games

Division	# of Games	Game Change Requests	Cancelled	Defaults	Referee "No Shows"
Senior B	2	0	0	0	0
Senior C	3	0	0	0	0
Jr. A	11	0	0	0	0
Tier I	12	0	0	0	0
Tier II	2	0	0	0	0
Tier III	0	0	0	0	0
Sr. Ladies	0	0	0	0	0
Jr. Ladies	0	0	0	0	0
Total	30	0	0	0	0

Comparable

	Exhibition	Regular Season	Playoff Played	Provincial	Total
2009		471	51	43	565
2010		455	63	15	533
2011	19	542	44	42	657
2012	23	506	45	27	600
2013	35	516	49	30	630
2014	21	525	53	33	632
2015	27	508	55	41	631
2016	23	504	55	40	622
2017	31	544	63	35	673
2018	30	583	60	39	712