

2018 Season End Report – Senior C

The division remained steady with 8 teams and 219 registered players. An increase of 20 players from 2017.

The division ended the planning meeting with 9 teams, the new team being the St Albert Miners. By the end of January the Grande Prairie Chiefs had withdrawn their team due to lack of player registration.

Regular season playing format remained the same as in years past – four North teams and four South teams.

The Senior C regular season was April 21 to July 15 with play offs and provincial's on July 21/22 and July 28/29. The playing season consisted of two divisions, north and south; with 12 games being played between them - two home and two away games.

The highlight of the season continues to be the north and south crossover weekend that is played mid-way through the season. During this weekend three games were played increasing the number of games played from 12 to 15. Upon my request the Stingers and the Mavericks hosted a skills competition for us on the Saturday. It was well received by the players. We did not plan for prizes so the teams each contributed a case of beer and I made 22 ½ dozen cookies for the players to win. A social was planned for the Saturday night at the local pub.

My biggest concern with the division lies in the North. They continue to have defaulted games. The Miners defaulted a game against the Rage on the Father's day weekend. The Rage defaulted a game against the Miners the following weekend. Teams should be reminding their players that commitment to their team is key to their success. Teams commit to the division based on their player commitment. Once player commitment falter's the team is less committed to the division. History has shown this is not acceptable within the division.

2018 was the inaugural season for the Miners and it showed. Lack of communication with myself resulted in a season of fines for missed deadlines and a significant fine for defaulting a game a couple of hours before the start. I am hopeful this changes for the coming years.

The South division does not seem to have issues with default games, however, I did notice that bench size shrunk for the Pioneers as they headed into the final stretch. They did not have as strong a showing in the standings as they had in previous seasons and I am guessing this is what caused their game day roster to decrease.

Congratulations to the Airdrie Mohawks for their third undefeated season and provincial champions. The Mohawks brought silver home from the ALCAN in August. This may be giving them momentum to snag gold in 2019. A huge congratulations also goes out to the Edmonton Warriors for their first North division championship.

This is the first year the division wanted to recognize outstanding players: Richard McLeod (Okotoks Erratic) won for defensive player of the season, Shawn Wilhelm (Edmonton Warriors) offensive player and our division, and perhaps the RMLL's most experienced player, Rod Quinn (Airdrie Mohawks) nabbed goalie of the season.

Thank you for a fantastic season!

Yours in lacrosse,
Tracey Haining - Senior C Commissioner