

RMLL Jr B Tier III Breakout Meeting Agenda

RMLL Planning Meeting and AGM

Nov. 3 , 2012 Minutes

Attendees: Jamie Buchan (Calgary Wranglers), Larry Makartoff (High River Heat), Joey Ambrosi (Crowsnest Pass) half day, Teresa Pastoor (Lethbridge Barracudas) , Doug Dalton and Bryan Dalton (Medicine Hat) , Terry Schroeder (Brooks)

1. Call to Order, Agenda and Approval of 2010 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Introductions

Please see the listing of attendees above.

3. Commissioner – Election

Linda Robertson resigned. (Tracey Haining stepped up to me the new Commissioner after this meeting)

4. Review of the 2012 Season

a) Successes

- Positive experiences; Refereeing has improved
- Continuing lower penalties on the whole;
- Continuing improving the skills at this level;
- This Tier should be used as a training level for players to move to higher levels;
- Calibre of the skill level of players increased;
- Sportsmanship between coaches and teams were demonstrated when teams were short players and the opposing team would provide players to ensure a game could be played.

b) Opportunities for Improvement

- Lower level of enrolments, need to proactive in recruiting players to come out and play;
- Coaching clinics to recruit skilled coaches;
- Consistency in refereeing;
- Has been improvement on changing the mindset of how Tier III is perceived;
- Making more of an effort to reach out to the graduating midgets;
- Mentorship for coaches.

c) Expansion

- There is possibly two new teams [Badlands](#) and [Kneehills](#) for the 2013 season, but no proposal has been seen and they were not represented at the planning meeting..
- Need for the teams to keep track of the numbers registering
- Calgary needs to communicate better to ensure all kids can find a place to play.
- The schedule needs to be reviewed once it has been distributed so that any scheduling issues can be dealt with in a timely manner. Possibly 2 weeks?
- Defaulting teams created issues around scheduling last year.

Scheduling Options for 2013 Season

1. It was agreed to run a balanced schedule if we have 8 teams and unbalanced schedule if we have 9 teams.

2. Season should finish prior to the July long weekend, start date April 23, 2013 ending on the weekend of June 23, 2013 with no games to be played on the Victoria Day or Canada Day long weekend.
3. Agreed **NOT** to extend the regular season.
4. Top eight teams to make playoffs and will play a single elimination game this will help encourage players to make a commitment to the game and team.
5. Top 4 remaining teams will play 1 vs 4, 2 vs 3. Then the winners of each of these games will play for the Provincial title and second place and for the losers for third and fourth place.

5. Safety and Equipment

- Mask and helmet safety is the same as last year.
- Emergency Accident Plan (EAP) should be but up to date and kept in the penalty box of the home team.
- ZEP is used on some floors and helps prevents slips. This is a wish list for all concrete floors
- Keep injury report forms on file for the end of the year to ensure record keeping is up to date.

6. Coaches/Bench Personnel

- All bench personnel need certification, Respect in Sport (RIS) and First Aid;
- Need coaches certificate numbers to be entered into RMLL database.

7. Coach and Player Development

- No players are held back from trying to go up to other levels and should be encouraged.
- For a Midget player to go up permissions are needed from a) parents; b) club; c) coach and d) applicable RMLL division coordinator. If the call up is denied it is usually denied by the midget coach of the player.
- Needs to be more communication to the midgets about the junior program.

8. Rosters

- Rosters to stay as is.
- Review next season as need be.

9. Game Protocols

- home team supplies warm up balls

- music should not be used to distract visiting team (turned up and inappropriate times)

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2013 Jr. B Tier III Schedule

Regular Season Start Date: April 23, 2013

Regular Season End Date: June 23, 2013 (8 weekends excluding Victoria Day Weekend)

Playoff Start Date: July 5, 2013

Playoff End Date: July 7, 2013 – Knockout round

Playoff Format: Top 8 teams -- 8 versus 1, 7 versus 2, 6 versus 3, 5 versus 4.

Provincials July 12, 13, 14th 2013 -- Start Date: July 12th: Round 1 1st vs 4th and 2nd vs 3rd

Winners play for Gold & Silver – Losers Bronze and 4th

Provincials End Date: July 14th