

Major Lacrosse Directorate

The Unanimous Recommendation for 2010 league structure

The MLD should focus on establishing 5-6 competitive Junior B teams and 3-4 Senior teams and provide a presence on the National Stage at the Founders Cup and Presidents Cup.

It is felt the influx of Midget's into the Junior age category should be capitalized on this year with the following approach:

- 1) All Junior eligible players are shall remain the property of the club team as described in the RRLA boundaries
- 2) Players in the Junior age group have the option of trying out for the Junior club.
- 3) If they is not enough room on the home club team or they are unsuccessful they can be given a one year release by the club to the MLD who will direct the player to the club in the most need of players by a majority vote. The MLD shall make every effort to place the player in an adjacent club team to reduce driving when ever possible. This shall be done until 6 Junior B teams are filled.
- 4) If the total of players in the Junior age group exceeds 6 junior teams and there is at least 45 + players, the RRLA should institute a Junior C development league. This league would be located in the core of the city and would work on a house league player development strategy to help facilitate minor players to reach the Junior B level. The league would utilize both players who are not able to make a Junior B club or do not have the time commitment to this level. The Junior B rights for the player remain with the host club and the players are revisited yearly.
- 5) If there is players left after this they have two options, if they are a 17 year old player who might not fit into the junior program, or is just not ready to play junior yet they have an option to remain with a midget B club in the territory, providing the Junior B team does not feel they can make their team. The player has a right to appeal to the MLD though.
- 6) Any players between the ages of 18-21 can be released for one year from the Junior B or C leagues by MLD can play for a Seniors if there is not enough room on the 6 Junior B teams or there is not enough players to make a Junior C division.

It was also agreed that once the season has started teams would be evaluated to try an institute interlocking schedule between the senior teams and the top /willing junior teams for development and exhibition.

All Leagues (Senior, Junior B & C) CANNOT afford to enter in teams that have short rosters and poor commitment levels because as history dictates these teams do not remain competitive

throughout the season and will hurt the credibility of what we're trying to accomplish.

The consensus is that some clubs have invested a lot of time in organizing and building their programs and not willing to give up players just to form another team that is going to fold half way through the season, HOWEVER everyone agreed to provide support to help create another sustainable team through releasing some of our players on a one year release.

The MLD will need data weekly on number of players registered at these age. Coaches are trying to contact as many players as possible to capture this opportunity to expand this age group in 2010.

This document was tabled to the RRLA Board on March 9, 2010 and was accepted by a motion unanimously by the RRLA Board.

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