



KELOWNA MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

BOX LACROSSE PROGRAM UPDATE

2012 Season

The Thompson Okanagan Minor Box Lacrosse Commission (TOMBLC) who governs league play in our zone has returned to a House / Representative Lacrosse Program (a position supported by the majority of the KMLA Membership). This program change applies to **all** minor lacrosse associations within our zone.

The House Program will result in **balanced house teams** and will commence in advance of the Representative Program. The House Program applies to all divisions (effectively no change Mini-Tyke, Tyke and Novice). PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Representative Teams will be formed following a tryout & commitment / availability verification process. It is critical to note that all players successful in making a representative team ***must*** according to the Operating Policy of TOMBLC continue to fulfill their house team commitments **in addition** to their representative team practices and games. In support of this obligation, team code of conduct & disciplinary policies in KMLA will also promote this "two teams" obligation for representative team players (e.g., players missing high percentage of house team practices and games may at the discretion of KMLA be suspended or removed from the representative team). KMLA is aggressively promoting to the governing TOMBLC Executive the running of House and Representative Programs side by side and conflict free (in terms of scheduling). It is anticipated house teams will see a minimum 12 game league schedule + (possibly) 1 tournament and the representative teams will see a minimum 4 game league schedule + 2 (away) tournaments. House teams will have two practices per week, Representative teams one. As explained in (great) detail to our members during the competition model survey distributed to all members in August 2011 and again at our September 2011 AGM, **this means more lacrosse for representative team players and families.**

Player Evaluations will commence in March 2012 - **all players must attend**. Representative team tryouts will follow in late April 2012 (exact date subject to change/T.B.D). Players electing to tryout for a representative team will be required to pay a \$20.00 tryout fee. Players *selected* to a representative team will be required to pay a \$150.00 surcharge in addition to posted registration fees to cover the additional floor time costs and pre-pay tournament fees. Representative team fees will be non-refundable except for legitimate medical reasons with supporting documentation.

Please refer to the KMLA website @ www.kelownalacrosse.ca for further information regarding our Lacrosse Program and registration details. Dates for our 2012 Player Evaluations and Representative Team Tryouts will be posted on the website as they become available.