



Greetings from Central Alberta Lacrosse League.

CALL currently has 9 Clubs in our League. Lacoka, Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Innisfail, Stettler, Blackfalds, Olds, Chargers, and Hanna all make up the nearly 44,000 km/sq that our 1,235 Athletes travel to attend their practices and games. Our clubs are made up of devoted volunteers, who coach, govern and manage our teams, while ensuring the players have a safe, fun and exciting season of Lacrosse. Whether it's during our busy season of over 400 league games (plus our U9 and U7 Festival days and our partnership with GELC for Female League play) in Box, our participation in Field with the River Dogs or the Gators, our Winter Camps for U11 to U17, or the many free Lacrosse Days that we offer to schools, youth and community organizations, we manage to keep busy by growing the game.

This past July we were happy to host the Alberta Lacrosse Association Minor Box Provincials in Red Deer and Sylvan Lake. Again, our Volunteers shone in both venues, with participation from all clubs from the beginning, from the early stages of planning the full event to clean up at the end! And to all the teams who participated, not only from CALL but province-wide, we could not have been more proud. What an amazing opportunity to watch such fast-paced games, from each and every division and discipline. We had stellar fans in the stands, honourable coaches and bench personnel, highly dedicated officials both on and off the floor, which all contributed to the success of the Provincial Tournament.

We consider ourselves quite lucky to be able to call on so many to help, and believe that the "all in" mentality comes from our mutual adoration gained through our frank discussions on rules and regulations, expectations for excellence in coaching, reliance on a fair code of conduct, and the understanding that we all want to provide as many opportunities to get sticks into hands as possible! We continue to recruit members as players, coaches, board members and officials, with the full understanding that mentorship and guidance through clinics, professional development and shared resources will build capacity. And understand that our expectations of our membership is to represent our League and communities to the best of our abilities.

We have planned an exciting schedule for the upcoming 2025 Box season, complete with competitions and activities that promise to showcase incredible talent and foster camaraderie among participants. We aim to build on our successes, learn from our mistakes, and to remember that our priority is in providing activity that is accessible to all youth wanting to participate in a safe, abuse-free sport. Our goal is to provide an exceptional experience for everyone involved, ensuring the growth of our athletes, the building of our communities, the love of the sport, and the true honour that comes from playing the Creator's Game.

Yours in the Spirit of Lacrosse,

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