

TEAM HISTORY

The Timberwolves program is for athletes 17 to 21 years old as of December 31 of the playing year. Our vision is to grow local talent and offer an opportunity for all athletes to enjoy lacrosse locally.

We recruit players new to the sport as well as minor lacrosse graduates. We want to offer a program that leads to long term participation in the sport at competitive or recreational levels.

The West Kootenay Timberwolves were established in 2018 and the program has been growing in player numbers & skills, as well as in popularity and community support.



LEAGUE FORMAT AND TIMELINES

We play in Alberta's Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League (RMLL) from the end of April until early July with practices starting in March.

In 2018 and 2019, we played in an interlocking T2/T3 league, with 12-14 games. In 2020, the season was cancelled because of Covid-19. For 2021, we are planning for an 18-game T2 schedule (9 home and 9 away, all double headers). The details of the draw are released in January.

Because of this, we need an outlook of player interest early January 1.

If there are return-to-play restrictions in the spring because of Covid-19, the RMLL is looking at bubble options (for example, 2 weeks on & 2 weeks off).

The schedule is published in March on rockymountainlax.com.

TIER 2 IS THE ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM FOR THE RMLL. THE MAJORITY OF THE TIER 2 PLAYERS IN THE RMLL ARE 17 TO 19 YEARS OLD. IN 2019, ONLY 11% OF RMLL T2 PLAYERS WERE 21 YRS OLD.

TIME COMMITMENT

We practice twice a week from mid-March until the end of season. We only play weekends, will have May long weekend off, and try to work around grad.

We understand that balancing student, athlete, and work life can be difficult. We are flexible and work around players' schedules. We know that some players can only commit to part time play and some may have so start practicing later in the season. All we ask is that players to let us know about scheduling constraints when they register, and to give us 100% for the practices and games that they attend.



THE TIME COMMITMENT FOR OUR PROGRAM IS SIMILAR TO MIDGET HOUSE HOCKEY AND MIDGET LACROSSE.

OUR COACHES

Our coaches have been with us since 2018. Head Coach **PETER YOUNGBLUT** will be assisted by Defensive Coordinator **ROB VAN BEEK**, Offensive Coordinator **KEVIN FLOYD**, and Goalie Coach **TYLOR LANDRY**.

Together, they have decades of playing experience at the Junior, Senior, and National Lacrosse League levels. **KEVIN** is a seasoned lacrosse official. **KEVIN** and **PETER** have experience in program governance.



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ROAD TRIPS!

We love road trips! Transportation, meals, and accommodations are included in your total fees.

Meals: We plan for players' dietary needs, intolerances & preferences. We offer more than one option per meal and occasionally eat out.



Accommodations: We stay in hotels or in college dorms. Chaperones travel with the team and help with oversight and logistics.



Transportation: We typically travel in minivans or large vehicles with volunteer drivers.

Volunteer screening: Drivers and team chaperones are screened in accordance with BC Lacrosse Regulations and Policies.

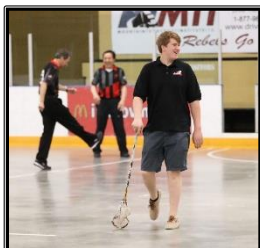
Players can choose to opt out of part of the travel & meal plan (talk to us about it). Parents/guardians are welcome to travel to away games, but it's optional.

GAME DAY & PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We need 10-12 helpers per game to help host home games (admission, snack bar, game sheet, timekeeping, beer gardens hosting, security, national anthem signing, etc).

Parents and guardians are asked to volunteer on a rotating basis to help us host home games and supplement community volunteers.

Other options for parents to help include meal preparation on road trips and fundraisers.



REGISTRATION PROCESS

We need an outlook of player numbers by January 1. Starting in February, players complete a Timberwolves registration form and pay a \$100 deposit to confirm their intent to play. They can then be formally registered with BCLA/RMLL. The remaining player fee payment is typically due by end of March.

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP

The Board of Directors seeks grants and sponsorship to minimize the cost to play.

Player sponsorship and fundraising offset travel costs. Players can seek sponsorships and/or participate in fundraisers. Players may choose to pay for travel rather than fundraise for it. We typically have more fundraising opportunities than player interest.



PLAYER FEES AND FINANCIAL AID

Player fees are about \$500. Players fundraise or seek sponsorship for another \$500 to cover travel costs. Players can choose to pay for travel and reduce their fundraising requirement. In 2020, players who participated in fundraisers raised an average of \$300 before the season was cancelled. Fees may be prorated for part time players if we know at the time of registration.

Player fees help offset team and league costs and includes the loan of game jerseys and shorts, and team helmet/gloves (while supplies last). You keep sponsor-funded game day polo shirt and warm up T-shirt.

We don't want anyone left out for financial reasons. Players can request alternate payment arrangements, a reduction in player fees or equipment loans. We can help you apply for KidSport or JumpStart funding. For financial support, contact Suzanne at 250-231-2287.

PLAYERS 18 YEARS AND UNDER ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID FROM KIDSPORT AND JUMPSTART. WE CAN HELP WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

COST COMPARISON

Minor hockey: 5 months, 25 league/tournament/playoffs games. Est \$380 registration, \$120 tournament fees, \$300 hotels and meals on the road for 2 overnight trips (2 nights/trip, shared rooms). **Total: \$800**

Minor lacrosse: 4 months, 16-20 league/tournament/provincial games. Est \$180 registration, \$100-\$150 tournament fees, \$450-\$600 for hotels and meals on the road for 3-4 away trips (2 nights/trip, shared rooms). **Total: \$730-930**

Junior lacrosse: 4 months, 18 league games, 4 overnight trips (1 night/trip, shared rooms). **Total: \$550** after fundraising. Playoffs would be an extra week (we would fundraise for it).