

RAMOA 2022 Ruby Alberta AGM Report

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2022 was a year where we Rugby return in larger numbers in all of the leagues we are associated with. Although number of games might not quite have been back to 2019 numbers it was a substantial increase from 2021. Number of Match Officials in the province is still down.

Total Registrations	84 (+3)
ERURS	28 (+3)
CRURS	53

Compared to 2021 with is a ~77% increase in registered Match Officials and compared with 2019 when there was 103 registered this is a ~25% reduction. Registration numbers can always be sliced and diced a little so here are a couple of facts.

- 84 (+3) was year end registration numbers
 - +3 is new referees who did not dual register correctly with RAMOA but rather picked club options in SportLomo for Referee insurance
 - This should not have been published by the clubs and can be addressed in 2023
- 24 2022 course participants registered as match officials
- We lost at least 2 registered officials throughout the year where they asked not to be allocated
- 1 Coach registered but did not officiate any games and 1 player in Edmonton registered to allow a game in Grande Prairie to be played.

Looking at this it means most of the 2022 season was handled by a total of 81 Match Officials. Which resulted in 10% of the registered Match Officials doing ~27% of the matches. Below are numbers of games refereed in 2022 excluding HS Tournaments, Stampede 7s, ASAA's 15s and 7s, and ARC

High School	327
Junior Club	423
University	43
Club 10s	57
Senior Club	250
Total	1100

There were several challenges encountered during the season:

- Getting games in to SportLomo was more of a challenge this year
 - Worked with Rugby Alberta we adjusted permission to be more appropriate
 - It took a long time to confirm High School Insurance eligibility with Rugby Alberta
 - First attempt at leagues needed to be deleted and replaced since we could not allocate them. SportLomo would not send out notifications

- There was churn in the schedules with Edmonton and Calgary not playing in the same leagues
 - AWP Club Withdrawal in May
 - E2 schedule changes
 - Confusion around what provincial finals were being played in 2022
- Felt like there was an up tick in exhibition matches in 2022 and this added overhead to manage
 - Resulted in RAMOA implementing a pay before we allocate model for exhibition matches starting in August 2022.
 - 15 exhibition games
- Several new people in roles in CRU, ERU, RAMOA, Rugby Alberta all learning SportLomo at same time
 - Southern Alberta Allocator quit end of May and turned out touch much knowledge was only with that person
 - Edmonton Allocator was in second year but just did not have enough numbers to work with, so we often had to support Alberta matches from Calgary. Downside was Edmonton Officials never came to Calgary.
 - SportLomo was not used consistently across the province. Comments, cancelling games, changes etc.
 - SportLomo had some changes and issues that had to be dealt with
 - Availability not displaying correctly all the time
 - Changing allocation after a score was entered was difficult, games disappeared from screens they had been on in past seasons (might be related to setup issues)

Learnings for 2022 were as follows:

- Having knowledge silo'd into just a single source is a risk we should look to address
 - Allocations
 - Scheduling
 - Pulling reports
 - Potentially other processes we use for the society and Rugby Alberta
- Sportlomo helps centralized some information but it still can be used in multiple ways
 - Common process for moving/canceling games would be helpful
 - Does not appear to have audibility built in
 - Better division naming so we are not trying to determine game rates based on "time slot lengths"
- Relationships are key
 - Our relationship with Rugby Alberta was stronger this year
 - ERU relationship should be strengthened
 - CRU relationship did get better this past year
 - ERURS and CRURS relationships need to be kept in mind
 - Club relationships can be further strengthened
- Working with Rugby Canada around courses for 2023
 - Loss of educator of Educator in Alberta
 - Will try to set dates after discussions with Rugby Canada and other educators