US Lacrosse Chapters Newsletter *- April 2010*

2010 Chapter Compliance Update

Please email Lindsay Comodore for a template to submit your 2009 Financial Report if you haven't already done so. **Both** the 2009 Financial Report along with the IRS filing confirmation are due to US Lacrosse by **May 31.** Please submit it to Lindsay Comodore at your earliest convenience. Chapters may submit their financials via QuickBooks, bank statements, the provided template from US Lacrosse, etc. **NEW:** Please see below for IRS filing information:

• If a chapter meets the initial filing deadline of May 15 for non-profit tax returns, all required documentation per the Chapter Agreement is due at US Lacrosse no later than May 31. If the initial tax return deadline is not met, a copy of the extension, timely filed with the IRS, is due at US Lacrosse by May 31.

• If the chapter meets the first extended filing deadline of August 15, all required documentation per the Chapter Agreement is due at US Lacrosse no later than August 31. If the August 15 extension date is not met, a copy of the second extension, timely filed with the IRS, is due at US Lacrosse by August 31.

• The chapter must meet the second extension deadline of November 15 as no further extensions are available. All required documentation per the Chapter Agreement is due at US Lacrosse by November 30.

In addition, please mark your 2010 calendars for the following dates:

May 31	Final deadline for 2009 Financial Report, IRS Filing Confirmation
Sept. 30	New Annual Board Report Chapter Agreement Conflict of Interest forms (for any new executive board members within the last 12 months)
Dec. 31	2010 Participation Survey

In adopting the new chapter board structure, please allocate the responsibilities of completing the above documents to board members

News & Resources

WDNT Needs Volunteers!

USL is looking for volunteers for the 2010 Women's Division National Tournament in Bel Air, Md. May 29-30. You may sign up to volunteer online. Feel free to share this information with your board members and any others you feel may want to volunteer. Specific volunteer roles include:

-Field Monitor/Scorer's Table: Flip score chart, record goals and penalties
-Parking Monitor: Direct traffic, monitor entry to specific areas

We'd prefer each volunteer to work 2-3 games if possible. Thanks again for helping us spread the word!

Youth Award Nomination Forms Available

Every program out there has at least one coach, program administrator or official who make it possible for your child to enjoy his or her lacrosse playing experience to the fullest. US Lacrosse is now accepting nominations for its annual Youth Excellence Awards, which honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the youth game. Know someone in your lacrosse community who fits the bill?

as you see fit. Review the Chapter Operations Manual.

Host a CEP Clinic During Fall 2010/Winter 2011!

The USL coaching education program (CEP) is getting a head start on developing the Fall 2010/Winter 2011 clinic schedule and would like to share how to host a clinic in case you know of an organization that is looking to do so. The earlier we get the information in, the better we can prepare and develop a comprehensive clinic season! You can view a timeline of deadlines and dates for CEP clinic hosting here. The Level 1 and Level 2 Hosting Handbooks can give you more information about how to host a CEP clinic. A 2010-2011 host application form is available online. If you know of an interested party, please pass on this information to them! Again, you can find all the information you need about hosting a CEP clinic on the US Lacrosse website.

2011 U.S. Women's U19 Team Tryouts

This is a reminder that the first round of the tryouts for the 2011 U.S. U19 women's team will be held in conjunction with your local sub regional tryouts for the 2010 USL Women's Division National Tournament. Eligible athletes must register to tryout for 2010 USL WDNT sub regional team in order to stand for selection. Waivers are available for special circumstances. Learn more about procedures, eligibility requirements and waivers. Questions about the U19 tryouts should be directed to Stacie Wentz, and any questions about sub regional tryouts may be emailed to Liz Piper.

The Rules of the Game

The 2010 NFHS rulebook states "to maintain the sound traditions of this sport **encourage sportsmanship** and **minimize the inherent risk to injury**..." There are two main points that stick out in this sentence. Whether you are a coach, official or parent, your efforts play a large role in your athletes' ability to embrace sportsmanship and safety in our game.

US Lacrosse and the Men's Division is encouraging the lacrosse community to "Compete with Class and Honor the Game" this season by focusing on the importance of sportsmanship while adhering to the spirit of the rules. We strongly encourage you to take that extra second at practice and review the

Nomination forms are available online. 2010 award winners will be recognized at the 2011 US Lacrosse Convention in Baltimore. It's one of the best ways out there to remind adults in the youth game how significant their contributions really are! Contact US Lacrosse's Sport Development department with any questions.

Fast Break Initiative Heads West

San Diego, Kansas City and Phoenix have been named 2010 sites of US Lacrosse Fast Break Initiative, in which USL infuses a city with lacrosse resources, training and events to help the sport to flourish in the region. Learn more.

Live on the west coast? US Lacrosse and the San Diego Chapter are working together with the PacificXPOSURE Lacrosse Tournament to host a Level 1 CEP clinic on June 25, 2010 at Del Norte High School. It's only $20 (normally $65!) and you do not have to be a current USL member to attend. The clinic is expected to fill quickly - register today.

Free Websites, Email from US Lacrosse Playbook™

US Lacrosse Playbook™ is a free email and website platform for teams. Patented technology adds compelling graphics, content, information and special offers to your emails! Teams can earn money for their program by using this system. Learn more or contact Patricia Starkey at pstarkey@massivecreativeinc.com or 732-223-3820.

USL Store Item of the Month

The US Lacrosse online store is running a special promotion for USL members - **from May 1 to 10,**

rules of the game, go over what is legal and illegal and emphasize the tradition of the game for your players. Learn more about the Safety and Sportsmanship Awareness campaign.

Send Us Examples of Good Sportsmanship

**The Safety and Sportsmanship Awareness campaign is looking for examples of good acts of sportsmanship this season. These acts could be between two teams, a player and an official, a coach and a player or even fans! If you have a story of good sportsmanship you'd like to share, please forward them to honorthegame@uslacrosse.org.

Support Your Local Team USA Players!

Thank you to all the chapters who have already donated to the 2010 U.S. men's national team! We would like to highlight the 11 chapters in which each of our 23 players started their careers as young, aspiring athletes.

Adirondack Chapter – Mike Leveille and Ryan Powell
Chesapeake Chapter – Paul Rabil
Greater Baltimore Chapter – Ryan Boyle, Kyle Dixon, Brendan Mundorf, Alex Smith and Drew Westervelt
Hampton Roads Chapter – Eric Martin
Hudson Valley Chapter – Ryan McClay
Long Island Metro Chapter – Kevin Cassese, Stephen Peyser, Max Seibald and Matt Zash
New Jersey North Chapter – Joe Cinosky and Ned Crotty
Philadelphia Chapter – Brian Dougherty, DJ Driscoll and Kyle Sweeney
Rochester Chapter – Shawn Nadelen and Chris Schiller
Upstate New York Chapter – Adam Fullerton
Western Massachusetts Chapter – Matt Streibel

We encourage every chapter to help support the Team USA program! Who knows, you may have a future U.S. national team player among your youth players today. Please consider making a gift to ensure a strong future for the Team USA program and to support the 2010 U.S. men's national team as they travel to the 2010 FIL World Championship in Manchester, England this July!

Tax Filing Notification from US Lacrosse

Please read the following important statement regarding the way you will file your 2009 tax return: When you file your chapter's tax return for 2009 and subsequent years, the first name in the name block must

members will receive a 20% discount (vs. the normal 10% discount). Mark your calendars today!

Shop LaxWorld, Support USL

For each purchase, LaxWorld donates money to US Lacrosse so that it can continue in its quest to offer people everywhere the chance to discover, learn, participate and enjoy the shared passion of the lacrosse experience. Start shopping today!

Event Calendar

May 5-8: 2010 WDIA Championship - Scottsdale, Ariz.
May 29-30: 2010 Women's Division National Tournament - Bel Air, Md.
June 11-13: U13 Lax Fest - Warren County, Ohio
June 18-20: U15 Lax Fest - Golden Goal Park, N.Y.
July 8: MLL All Stars vs. U.S. Men's Team - Boston, Mass.
July 14-24: FIL World Championships - Manchester, England
July 17-22: U15 National Championships at the ESPN RISE Games - Orlando, Fla.
July 17-22: Champion High School Showcase (Boys' and Girls') - Orlando, Fla.

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be the name of the parent organization, aka: US Lacrosse, Inc. The second line is the name of the subordinate filing, aka: the chapter. In speaking with the IRS, we know previously filed returns do not have to be corrected. However, this is the standard naming format you should use going forward. Please also make sure that you use the tax ID of the subordinate aka: the chapter, and not that of the parent, aka: US Lacrosse, Inc. (even though the parent's name is on the tax return). Read about more "tax tips."

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Erin Sturgis directly or 410-235-6882 x132. We appreciate your cooperation and diligence with all IRS matters.