US Lacrosse Chapters Newsletter

February 2010

Special Note: Please email Lindsay Comodore to confirm receipt of this newsletter. We want to be sure it is reaching all of the intended recipients. Thank you!

2010 Chapter Compliance

We encourage you to start gathering your 2009 Financial Reports. Please email Lindsay Comodore for a template to submit the report. **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. In addition, please mark your 2010 calendars for the following dates:

Feb. 15	2009 Financial Report (if completed)
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 as you see fit. Review the Chapter Operations Manual.

US Lacrosse Board Nominee Applications - Deadline March 12

As you have heard, the US Lacrosse Board of Directors unanimously approved significant changes in the US Lacrosse national volunteer and staff structures in order to better serve its members and the sport, as well as advance its mission. The new structure reduces the size of, but maintains the game balance on, the Board of Directors. Additionally, the current Division Board and Council structures will be replaced by nine Board Committees – **Executive, Men's Game,**

News & Resources

Lax Participation Up 8.4%

Thank you for completing your 2009 chapter participation survey! It is an essential factor in compiling the overall participation survey for US Lacrosse, which this year indicated an 8.4% rise in participation. A full copy of the report is available online.

Register for 2010 USL Youth Festivals

Your team will have the time of their lives representing their region and playing against other lacrosse teams from across the country in the 2010 U13 and U15 National Youth Festivals, sponsored by Warrior! Event highlights include: sportsmanship award to the most spirited team (one boy and one girl team), team building games, and evening socials! Both events are expected to fill quickly. Learn more about both events and register your team today!

Recruit More Officials in 2010

Download the:
Women's Officials Recruitment Brochure
Men's Officials Recruitment Brochure
Women's Officials Recruitment Poster
Men's Officials Recruitment Poster

US Lacrosse & AED Safety

US Lacrosse and Cardiac Science, a leading manufacturer of AEDs,

Women's Game, Finance, Human Resources, Sport Development, Board Development, Regional Chapters and Strategic Planning. The Men's and Women's Game Committees of the Board will oversee a constituent subcommittee structure. Learn more by checking out this webinar by Steve Stenersen, President & CEO of US Lacrosse.

2011 U.S. Women's U19 Team Tryouts

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 Women's Division National Tournament 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.

Five Chapters Support Safety and Sportsmanship Awareness Campaign

The Men's Division is happy to announce that five US Lacrosse chapters have endorsed and offered their support to the new Men's Division Safety and Sportsmanship Awareness Campaign. Thank you to:

1. South Florida Chapter - Michael Bolger and Jim Landon
2. Arizona Chapter - Maria Baca and Lou Kissling
3. Hampton Roads, Virginia Chapter - Chip Meade
4. Kentucky Chapter - Byron Miller, Shawn Hamill, and Ann Fleming
5. Utah Chapter - Lisa Schmidt

This is the first five of what we hope to be many more chapters and presidents who will support the Safety and Sportsmanship Awareness Campaign and encourage all lacrosse players, coaches, officials and spectators to "COMPETE WITH CLASS and HONOR THE GAME." Want to join the team? Express your interest in supporting the Safety and Sportsmanship campaign by emailing Stephen Berger directly.

Support Your Local Team USA Players!

together are providing greater educational resources, matching grants and special AED pricing for US Lacrosse members. Want to learn more about sudden cardiac arrest, AED usage and engage medical professionals? Mark your calendars: US Lacrosse/Cardiac Science are offering an informational webinar on Wednesday, March 24.

USL Store Item of the Month

Blue Print Tee - $14.99 ($13.49 USL)

The Blue Print Tee hits the core that is lacrosse. A great design located on the bottom left side of the shirt highlights the game field, both Champion and US Lacrosse logos and other unique aspects that really makes this shirt one of a kind.

Donate to USL While You Shop

GoodSearch has created a customized US Lacrosse toolbar. Once added to IE or Firefox, each time you shop at more than 1,300 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!) a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to US Lacrosse - at no cost to you (and you may even save money as the toolbar provides coupons and deals as well!). The toolbar also has a search box and each time you search the Internet, about a penny is donated to US Lacrosse. Download the toolbar.

Event Calendar

May 5-8: 2010 WDIA Championship - Scottsdale, Ariz.
May 29-30: 2010 Women's Division National Tournament - Bel

This summer, the 2010 U.S. men's national team will be heading to Manchester, England in pursuit of the 2010 FIL World Championship gold medal. US Lacrosse relies upon the contributions of individuals and organizations to help fund this team, and with this year's expenses over $300,000, we could use everyone's help! Each and every 2010 U.S. men's national team player and staff member got their start in lacrosse through their local US Lacrosse chapter. We hope that each US Lacrosse chapter takes the time to honor these great athletes as they represent the sport and country on the international level. To donate to Team USA, make a gift in honor of your local players on the Men's National Team General Fund page. For more information or if you have any questions about Team USA, please contact Sarah Frederick.

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 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.

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Air, Md.
June 11-13: U-13 National Youth Festival - Warren County, Ohio
June 18-20: U-15 National Youth Festival - 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: U-15 National Championships at the ESPN RISE Games - Orlando, Fla.

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