2014 U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM EVALUATION AND TRYOUT PROCEDURES

US Lacrosse will hold a series of evaluation games to culminate in tryouts for the U.S. Men's National Team that will compete in the FIL World Championship, to be held July 10-19, 2014 in Denver, Colo. The goal of these games is to ensure that those invited to try out for the U.S. Men's National team are truly the best of the best. Each game will provide players with the opportunity to be coached and evaluated by the entire coaching staff long before tryout invitations are extended.

The first of these games was the **Duel in Denver**, which was played at Dick's Sporting Goods Park (Commerce City, Colo.) on Sept. 8. Twenty-six players were selected to participate in the weekend's activities, which included practice, a clinic, and a game against Team Canada. Click here to view the roster for the Duel in Denver. Details on the next two evaluation opportunities are below.

1. **Capital Lacrosse Invitational**
    - Date and time: Oct. 7, 2012 – 3 p.m.
    - Location: Landon School (Bethesda, Md.)
    - Description: Approximately 50 players will be invited to participate in one intrasquad scrimmage versus other members of the evaluation pool. Players will be responsible for coordinating and funding their own travel to and from the event.
2. **Champion Challenge**
    - Date: Jan. 25-27, 2013
    - Location: ESPN Wide World of Sports (Lake Buena Vista, Fla.)
    - Description: Approximately 45 players will be invited to participate in practice, a clinic, and at least one game against a top collegiate team. US Lacrosse will cover the cost of players' travel, meals, and lodging for the event.

Players who are interested in attending these events should complete the online application found at http://bit.ly/U7ZslM by Wednesday, Sept. 19. The coaching staff will review the applicants and select players for each event by Monday, Sept. 24. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Tryouts for the 2014 U.S. Men's National Team will be held Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2013. Players who participate in these evaluation games are not guaranteed invitations to tryouts. Players who do not participate in these evaluation games will not be excluded from consideration for tryout invitations, but will be expected to explain their reason for not participating in writing. Not all applicants will be invited to participate in the evaluation games. And, players may be asked to participate in more than one game.

Immediately following tryouts in 2013, the 40-45 member U.S. Men's National Training Team will be selected. Members of the training team will be expected to commit to each of the following events:

- October 2013 – Team training weekend
- December 2013 – Team weekend
- January 2014 – US Lacrosse Convention
- January 2014 – Champion Challenge

Following Champion Challenge 2014, the 23-member U.S. Men's National Team will be named. This group, and alternates, will be expected to commit to all the following events:

- June 2014 – Exhibition game weekends (2-3)
- July 2014 – Training camp and FIL World Championship

If you have questions, please contact Nathaniel Badder, US Lacrosse Director of National Teams, at teamusa@uslacrosse.org.