US Lacrosse Chapters Newsletter - *July 2010*

IMPORTANT: 2010 Chapter Compliance

At this time, every chapter should have submitted their 2009 Financial Reports and confirmation of filing with the IRS. If you haven't done so already, please forward that information directly to Lindsay Comodore. The confirmation email that you receive after filing is the only way she will know if a chapter filed. If you filed an extension with the IRS, she will need a copy of that extension.

If you have not filed with the IRS yet, you are in luck! The IRS is allowing small charities to still file. Please file at your earliest convenience and email Lindsay the confirmation, copy of the 990 form or copy of the extension.

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

Sept. 30: New Annual Board Report, Chapter Agreement and 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.

UPDATE: We are still missing some chapter bank information for the ACH accounts. We cannot establish a direct deposit option for chapter rebate checks if we do not receive this information. Please see below for the account information we are looking for:

- -The name of the bank in which you have the account
- -The official name on the chapter's bank account
- -The bank account number
- -The routing number

You can email Lindsay directly with this information (or call if you feel uncomfortable emailing).

USL News & Resources

Team USA vs. Philadelphia All-Stars

A big THANK YOU goes out to the Philadelphia Lacrosse Association (Philadelphia Chapter) for running a remarkable men's national team exhibition event at Lehigh University on June 18. The event attracted a crowd of over 1,000 people, provided Team USA with some great competition, and brought a smile to the face of many youth lacrosse fans in the area. Special shout-outs go to Dan Altschuler and Tim Udinski, as well as Travis Spencer and Kevin Cassese from Lehigh. Thank you again for hosting such an incredible event!

Follow Team USA in England

Be sure to check out Lacrosse Magazine's coverage of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) World Championships, and to tune in to ESPNU this Saturday, July 24 at 11 a.m. EST for the world championship final. All of Team USA's games will be video streamed live on the web. You can purchase an event pass for £6.50

U-19 and Senior Team Tryouts

Many national team players get their start through their local US Lacrosse chapter. US Lacrosse is gearing up for the final round of tryouts for the Women's U-19 and Senior Teams! Check out the lists below to find out who is trying out from your area.

U-19 Team

Regional first-round tryouts for the Women's U-19 Team began in spring 2010, held in conjunction with tryouts for the Women's Division National Tournament (WDNT), continued through WDNT in May, and will conclude at UMBC from August 2-4. View the U-19 Tryout List.

Senior Team

First-round tryouts for the Women's Senior Team were held at the Women's Division National Tournament from May 29-30, 2010. Those who advanced to the next stage have been invited to UMBC from July 30 to August 1. View the 2010 Tryout List.

Enrich Your Community

Are you considering the start of an inner-city youth lacrosse program? **The US Lacrosse Emerging Groups program** is one intended to help build and sustain a youth lacrosse program in inner city or disadvantaged communities. This program offers tangible start-up needs, including discounted USL membership, equipment grants and crucial discounted coaches and officials training. All applications to the Emerging Groups program, which are available online, are due **September 3**. Groups will be notified of their selection by **December 1**.

If you are already part of an effort that reaches out to children in your community through the vehicle of sports and enrichment programs, the **US Lacrosse BRIDGE program** may be of interest. The BRIDGE (Building Relationships to Initiate Diversity, Growth and Enrichment) program continues to support its Affiliates in providing integrated lacrosse instruction and life skills enrichment to youth from diverse and traditionally underserved populations. BRIDGE affiliates are established, self-sustaining programs and/or organizations, many of which have acquired their own non-profit (503c) status. The deadline to submit for all BRIDGE applications, which are available

(approximately $10) at http://247.tv/lacrosse/fil-world-lacrosse-championships-2010/. Fans can bid on exclusive autographed Team USA gear up for auction on Ebay though July 24.

Youth Award Nominations Due August 1

Each year at its annual national convention, US Lacrosse honors outstanding contributors to youth lacrosse programs. Every program has at least one deserving coach, program administrator or official that make it possible for your child to enjoy his or her playing experience to the fullest. Nominate your local youth lacrosse hero online. The deadline to submit nominations is August 1.

Chapter Network Blog

CHAPTER REPS! Don't forget we have a fully-functional chapter network forum available for you. Log on to the Chapter Network Blog.

Chapter Grant Program Up and Running

All of you should have received a copy of the electronic chapter grant program application. If you have any questions about the application process or prerequisites, please email Lindsay Comodore. View a list of the 2009 winners.

Event Calendar

July 15-24: 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.

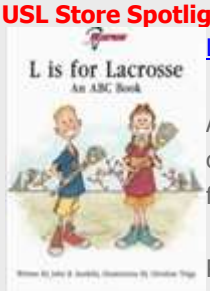
USL Links

online, is **August 6.** Groups will be notified of their selection by **December 1.**

Men's Division Thank You

The Men's Division at US Lacrosse would like to thank each chapter that took part in the Safety and Sportsmanship Campaign this season. We really appreciate your support!

USL Store Spotlight



L is for Lacrosse: An ABC Book

A colorful, fun alphabet book illustrating the terms of boy's and girl's lacrosse. One creative illustration for each letter of the alphabet.

Price: $9 for USL members, $10 for non-members

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