



USL Chapters Newsletter: *January 2011*

USL 2010 Participation Survey - *PAST DUE!*

We still have some chapters that have not turned in the Participation Survey. Please submit the survey to [Lindsay Comodore](#) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

[DOWNLOAD THE PARTICIPATION SURVEY TEMPLATE \(XLS\)](#)

**Review the [Chapter Operations Manual online](#).

Champion Challenge on ESPNU Sunday Night!

Set your DVRs! Games from the sixth annual [Champion Challenge](#) in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. will air beginning at 10

p.m. EST on Sunday, Jan. 30. Tune in to check out the U.S. men's and women's national teams take on Notre Dame and Maryland. Want to watch in person? [Anthony Travel](#) is offering [discounted hotel accommodations](#) near the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex starting at just \$79 per night. [Learn more.](#)

[Game Schedule](#) | [Coaching Clinic](#)

[SIGN UP FOR THE PLAYERS CLINIC TODAY!](#)

A big THANK YOU goes out to those that hosted U.S. Women's National Team clinics in the following chapter areas: New Hampshire, Michigan, Georgia, Pittsburgh, and Orlando!

US Lacrosse Grants Illinois the December Chapter Recognition Program Award

The Illinois Chapter of US Lacrosse is led by President Angelo Calvello with help from 15 other board members with various areas of

USL News & Resources

US Lacrosse & PCA Sportsmanship Grant Program

US Lacrosse and the Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) have partnered in a nationwide endeavor to make lacrosse a positive, character building experience for every athlete. The US Lacrosse Sportsmanship Grant, in conjunction with the PCA, is designed to help organizations educate their coaches, officials, athletes and fans on honoring the game. In 2010, US Lacrosse awarded 46 lacrosse organizations in 20 states a Sportsmanship Grant. [View a full list of Sportsmanship Grant recipients here.](#)

US Lacrosse & Cardiac Science AED Matching Grant Program

US Lacrosse is playing a leading role in ongoing research and is committed to educating the national lacrosse community about the life-saving value of having Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) available during lacrosse games and practices. In order to achieve that goal, US Lacrosse and Cardiac Science, a leading manufacturer of cardiology products, are offering an AED matching grant program which provides an AED and comprehensive management of AED and CPR training to lacrosse leagues or US Lacrosse chapters. In 2010, US Lacrosse awarded 13 lacrosse organizations in 12 states



influence in the Illinois lacrosse community. Their chapter is one of eight in the "Great Lakes Region" and holds to its mission to promote the development of lacrosse in Illinois by maximizing their resources, dedication and leadership.

While they serve the entire state, they keep a strong focus on those underserved areas that would benefit from USL's resources. Since the game is growing rapidly at the youth and high school levels, they are also working hard to promote safety and sportsmanship by supporting coaches and officials training. Their goal is to provide the necessary education and support for all stakeholders so lacrosse is recognized as a high school varsity sport by the IHSA (Illinois High School Association).



[Read the rest of this article online.](#) For more information about the Illinois chapter, please visit www.illinoislax.org or contact Chapter President Angelo Calvello at acalvello@yahoo.com.

New Resources for Parents

As a leader of the US Lacrosse Chapter in your area, you know how important it is for the parents to see the exhilaration and smiles of their children as they play lacrosse. It is even more important for the parents to know that when it says US Lacrosse, they understand that their child is playing in a program that provides a safe, fun, informative and well coached environment. Parents need to understand that as a non-profit organization, we invest membership fees in a range of programs designed to maintain the sport's safety and fun.

Part of our job here at US Lacrosse is to understand what information parents are looking for to make their experience better as they support their children. Through membership research, we heard loud and clear that better understanding the rules of lacrosse and officials hand signals was a big need, so we have developed a handbook specifically for parents that provides guiding principles for the game, a game overview, a diagram of the field and required equipment, and finally an overview of the minor and major fouls along with their hand signals. While this Parent Handbook will be shipped to every parent/player in your area as their membership renews, along with a new bag tag membership card, take a look at it now by clicking on the following:

[Youth Boys' Handbook \(PDF\)](#)

an AED Grant. [View a full list of 2010 AED Grant recipients.](#)

Up to 30% Off all Instructional DVDs

To help you prepare for the



upcoming season, US Lacrosse and the US Lacrosse store are offering up to 30% off on all instructional DVDs in addition to the 10% you already receive off for being a member. Visit www.uslacrosse.org/store to browse the selection! Hurry - this offer ends Feb. 28.

Event Calendar

[2011 Champion Challenge](#)

Jan. 29-30, 2011
Baltimore, Md.

[2011 Lacrosse Sports Medicine Conference](#)

March 11, 2011
Baltimore, Md.

[2011 US Lacrosse Lax Fests & U15 Regional Qualifiers](#)

May 13-15, 2011: Phoenix, Ariz.
May 20-22, 2011: Amherst, Mass.
June 10-12, 2011: Arlington, Texas
June 17-19, 2011: Raleigh, N.C.

USL Links

[Lacrosse Magazine](#)

[USL on YouTube](#)

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[Youth Girls' Handbook \(PDF\)](#)

In addition, US Lacrosse has developed [a video](#) that gives parents more information about the programs that US Lacrosse delivers to make sure that their child is playing in an environment with the highest commitment to safety, fun and professionalism! Please send this video to the membership in your Chapter area to help spread the news about how US Lacrosse helps raise the game of lacrosse!