

March 2009 Chapters Monthly Newsletter

US Lacrosse Announces Bid for 2014 World Championship!

US Lacrosse will place a bid to host the 2014 Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Men's Lacrosse World Championships and is looking for possible locations in the United States. Venues interested in hosting the largest international lacrosse competition in the world have until April 10 to submit **Intent to Bid** application to US Lacrosse. See full release via <http://www.uslacrosse.org/news/2009/2014worldbid.phtml>.

IMPORTANT! In our ever adjusting world, US Lacrosse is now making it easier for you to adhere to compliance guidelines. During 2009 we will request paperwork in appropriate timeframes throughout the entire year. Based on deadlines imposed by the IRS we request the following as the 1st part of compliance for 2009:

Chapters who fall into the appropriate tax threshold must file a Form 990 with the IRS for 2008. If you are unsure of your tax threshold refer to the Chapter Operations Manual page 15. If you fall below the threshold you must file an e-postcard 990-N (only if you have not filed a postcard in the past 12 months).

- ∞ The deadline to file, unless you request an extension is May 15th 2009. Therefore, US Lacrosse should have a copy of your return or the extension by May 31st.
- ∞ If you file for an extension your return is due on August 15th. Therefore, US Lacrosse should have a copy of your return or the extension by August 31st.
- ∞ If a 2nd extension is filed, the return is due no later than November 15th. Therefore, US Lacrosse should have a copy by November 30th with no additional extensions available.

Link to the Chapter Operations Manual Online:

<http://www.uslacrosse.org/chapters/chaptermanual09.pdf>

Should you have any questions at all about filing your 2008 990 Return with the IRS please contact Erin for assistance esturgis@uslacrosse.org. We have Chapters Advisory Council folks waiting to help you.

Additionally: USL will reach out to you with the chapter's federal tax identification number, address and contact information that USL currently has on file. It will be necessary to let us know the appropriate updates for this information according to what you have on file with the IRS. If we do not have accurate information the chapters' non-profit status under US Lacrosse could be at risk.

Chapter Recognition Program presents THE WESTERN MARYLAND CHAPTER with March Award!

The Western Maryland Chapter of US Lacrosse is one with a rural setting, but with a population explosion and significant recent lacrosse impact for being outside the reaches of Baltimore's lacrosse mecca. Founded by Bill Sardella and John Piper, Kim Lenta, current President, longtime board member and US Lacrosse volunteer and advocate gives this chapter a boost. Together and with a board of twelve, they have led this chapter to its comprehensive growth and service to its membership of around 1350. For the first time this past fall the chapter organized and offered a seven week youth fall ball program which increased their US Lacrosse membership by about 350, a 35% increase from that one event. This chapter is known for good communication with other chapters and with National Leadership and for chapter compliance.

Some of their recently sponsored events are:

- ∞ 3rd Level I coaches education clinic in four years - 80 coaches attended at the most recent
- ∞ 3rd year of PCA workshops
- ∞ Annual assistance at the HS Girls National Team tryouts for their region
- ∞ Boys High School All-star game
- ∞ Bull Roast & Silent Auction fundraiser
- ∞ U13 & U15 National Youth Festival Teams
- ∞ Awareness and support to 3 collegiate programs, multiple clubs, high school, and rec programs
- ∞ All-American and Academic All-American nominations
- ∞ Attendance at the Chapter Leadership Conference and US Lacrosse Convention

- ∞ Coming events for the chapter include its annual Bull & Oyster Roast & Silent Auction fundraiser, U13 & U15 Festival participation and new in 2009 – an Appreciation Event at a Washington Bayhawks game.

Learn more about this chapter which services Garrett, Alleghany, Washington, Frederick and Carroll Counties in Maryland at www.westernmduslax.org or by emailing wmduslax@yahoo.com.

Youth Festival Announcement!

Team Deadlines

May 1: If registered teams paid only \$300 deposit, then the remainder \$900 is due and Non-refundable.

May 15: Rosters Due Housing Payment due (\$250 regular arrival and \$300 early arrival)

May 31: Medical Waivers are due online by parents

**Directions to turn in team rosters and medical waivers will be posted after April 1st.*

Any questions about these dates or the Youth Festivals contact Shannon Minter eventassoc@uslacrosse.org

Looking for LOAs

The US Lacrosse MDOC Training Committee has embarked on an ambitious project which could greatly improve the quality of training and training materials we can deliver to our members and we need your help. In order to streamline communications and share information, we are working to compile a list of all of the Lacrosse Officials Associations (LOAs) in the country. For now, this is a men's game-only initiative. Please forward the following information for all of the known LOAs in your area to Nathaniel Badder, Officials Education & Training Manager, at nbadder@uslacrosse.org and we will take it from there. Thanks!

- LOA Name(s)
- LOA Website (if known)
- LOA Contact Person
- LOA Contact Person's email address and/or phone number

Camp Scholarships

Want to brush up on your game? Summertime means lacrosse camp time. The Camp Scholarship Program provides educational lacrosse opportunities for children between the ages of 6-18, made possible through generous tuition waivers by camp directors across the country. Since the inception of this program, over 900 children have attended camps through spots donated by camp directors nationwide.

<http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs/camp.phtml>.

2009 Camp Scholarship Timeline

February 15th - 2009 Scholarship Application Posted

April 22nd - Postmark deadline for submitting completed applications

May 25th – Notification Letters sent to all applicants

Contact Sarah Newman with questions snewman@uslacrosse.org.

Coaching Education Program Clinic Intent to Host Forms

Please go to <http://www.uslacrosse.org/cep/host.phtml> to access a Level 1 CEP Clinic Intent to Host Form for our fall 2009 and winter 2010 clinic cycles. There will be a bid to host process for regional CEP Level 2 Clinic's. Please see the website or email Tyler Puckett with questions regarding this process tpuckett@uslacrosse.org.

US Lacrosse Retail Store current Featured Products

CEP Coaching Men's Lacrosse: Level 1--Beginner's

http://www.uslacrosse.org/store/product_info.php?cPath=65_25_49&products_id=640

Watch the Level 1 Skills, see error detection and correction and watching drills performed and discussed by elite players.

CEP Coaching Men's Lacrosse: Level 2—Intermediate

http://www.uslacrosse.org/store/product_info.php?cPath=65_25_49&products_id=546

Level 2: Intermediate Skills, brings the world-class instruction and video from the US Lacrosse Coaches' Education Program into one comprehensive skill library for coaches of players who have mastered the basics.

CEP Coaching Women's Lacrosse: Level 1--Beginner

http://www.uslacrosse.org/store/product_info.php?cPath=65_25_85&products_id=641

Level 1: Beginner Skills and Drills brings the cutting edge instruction and video from the US Lacrosse Coaching Education Program into one comprehensive 11-Lesson skill library with supplementary drills for coaches of beginning lacrosse players.

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