

# Memorandum

**Date:** 3/6/2009  
**To:** Prospective Host Cities – 2014 Men’s Lacrosse World Championships  
**From:** Sarah Oglesby, Director of Special Events  
**RE:** 2014 Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) World Championships – Hosting Opportunities



US Lacrosse (USL), the National Governing Body of the sport of lacrosse, has established April 10, 2009 as the deadline to identify potential host cities for the 2014 FIL Men’s Lacrosse World Championships.

The 2014 World Championships will be held in July, 2014, specific dates to be determined in conjunction with the city and facility selected.

Background: The World Championships have grown from eleven (11) countries competing in 1998 to a proposed thirty-eight (38) countries competing in 2014. The World Championships is traditionally held in the middle of July over a span of 10 days of competition.

US Lacrosse had the privilege of hosting the 1998 World Lacrosse Championships in Baltimore, MD, and it remains the most successful FIL (formerly ILF) event in history and remains one of the largest events in the history of the sport, hosting over 55,000 fans over the course of ten (10) days and broadcast on multiple local and national media outlets. The game of lacrosse is now the fastest growing team sport in the country and in the last ten (10) years has grown exponentially.

US Lacrosse’s objective is to select sites that will provide maximum attendance and visibility using the following criteria:

## **1. COMPETITION FACILITIES**

Thirty-eight (38) teams are expected to compete for the 2014 World Championship Title. Therefore, morning and afternoon sessions will be played simultaneously, creating a need for multiple playing facilities to host upwards of seventy (70) games over the course of ten days.

### **Preliminary Round Facilities (Venue #1 and #2):**

Preferably this portion of the event would consist of two (2) small stadium settings side-by-side, where the morning and afternoon rounds will be played. It is preferred that these facilities are located within walking distance of one another and can each hold up to 3,000 attendees.

**Highlight Facility:**

A Highlight Facility is preferred for preliminary round evening games that will attract larger crowds. This facility can also be one of the stadiums used in the preliminary rounds. It is preferred that this facility hold up to 5,000 attendees. Expo Area is preferred onsite.\*

**Championship Facility:**

The Championship Facility will host the Semi-Final and Championship Rounds. This facility can also be the stadium used for the Highlight Facility. It is preferred that this facility hold up to 20,000 attendees. Expo Area is required onsite.\*

**Festival Facility:**

Traditionally a Masters Tournament and a Youth Festival have been held in conjunction with the World Championships. It is preferred that these ancillary events be held on the same site as the World Championships competition. A minimum of eight (8) fields is required.

**2. TEAM ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS****World Championships Team Accommodations**

The preferred setting is a campus atmosphere with separate team-living quarters, walking distance from dining, practice and competition facilities. Thirty-eight (38) teams will be expected with traveling parties of up to thirty (30) members each.

**World Championships Meal Arrangements**

Dining arrangements for the participating teams must be arranged at an easily accessible facility.

**Masters and Youth Festival Accommodations**

Hotel room blocks must be able to accommodate the traveling teams in the Masters and Youth Tournaments. Fifty (50) teams will be competing in the Masters Tournament and fifty (50) teams will be competing in the Youth Tournament. All teams will be traveling with families.

**Final Banquet Facility**

A final awards banquet is held the final evening of the Championship game. This facility must be able to fit all teams and staff with the ability for everyone to view the award stage and video presentation. Estimated Attendance: 1500

**3. FAN ACCOMMODATIONS**

Affordable blocks must be set up for the fans. These blocks will include a room rebate back to the Event and will not include an attrition clause.

#### **4. TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation is not required to be provided by the Host, but affordable options and services for teams and fans are preferred. If any of the proposed facilities require transportation for teams, staff or attendees, arrangements must be made from: the airport to the living quarters, the living quarters to the practice fields, competition and dining facilities, and back to the airport.

#### **5. EXPO AREA**

An Expo Area will be showcased at the World Games containing over fifty (50) retailers, manufacturers, and member nations. It is preferred that this site is protected or under cover, but accessible to at least the Highlight and Championship Facilities.

#### **INTENT TO BID**

Prospective cities/venues should refer to this document when completing the online bid form, and must submit the form electronically by April 10, 2009. Click the following link for the Intent to Bid. Questions or clarification can be submitted via email only to: **events@uslacrosse.org**.

[https://www.formrouter.net/forms01@USLAX/2014\\_World\\_Games\\_Intent\\_to\\_Bid.html](https://www.formrouter.net/forms01@USLAX/2014_World_Games_Intent_to_Bid.html)