



2020 PARENT MEETING

P.L.A.Y. LACROSSE

March 17, 2020

Agenda



- PCA Parent Presentation
- Board Introductions
- Mission
- Communications
- Season Overview
- Volunteering
- Prior Lake Tournament
- Important Information/Dates
- Breakout Sessions



PCA Presentation



Barry Mayer PCA Presentation



Board Introduction & Mission

P.L.A.Y. Lacrosse Board



- **VP of Lacrosse** – Steve Sazama
- **Director of Boys** – Kristin DeBoer
- **Director of Girls** – Ryan Sandell
- **Treasurer** – Pamela Anderson
- **Boys Development Director** – Casey Mithun
- **Girls Development Director** – Heather Pierson

OTHER KEY POSITIONS

- **Equipment Managers** – Dan and Sarah Kallberg
- **Scheduling Coordinator** – Open
- **Tournament Directors** – Katie Bealieu

P.L.A.Y. Lacrosse Board



GIRLS



- 8U – OPEN
- 10U – Pam Dyer
- 12U – OPEN
- 14U – Angela Mattox

BOYS



- 6U – Stephanie Stevenson
- 8U – OPEN
- 10U – Kim & Ryan Hjelm
- 12U – Stacey Buckingham
- 14U – Chris Lake

Our Mission



Players:

- Have fun playing the game
- Feel like an important part of the team regardless of performance
- Learn the skills, tactics and strategies of the game and improves as a player

Coaches:

- Trained in PCA/IMPACT (I Make Positive Actions Count Today) and by Development Directors

Anti-Bullying Policy covers:

- A player who does not respect R.O.O.T.S.- (Rules, Officials, Opponents, Teammates or Self)

Consequences:

- 1st Offense - 1 game suspension
- 2nd Offense - 3 game suspension
- 3rd Offense - suspension for remainder of season



Communication

Communication



- Email
 - Unfortunately, this is is the KEY FORM of communication
 - Update P.L.A.Y. account with ALL email addresses
- SportsEngine App
 - Quick communication through SportsEngine App
 - SportsEngine App allows for push notifications on your team schedule changes
- Website
 - We try to keep website updated as best we can
 - This should be used for general and longer term information

Communication



- RainedOut Text Alerts
 - P.L.A.Y. no longer uses RainedOut
 - P.L.A.Y. is using a new scheduling program that administration uses to load schedules/calendars into SportsEngine. This new program has a communication capabilities that will push information through the SportsEngine app.

Communication - SportsEngine App



- Download the SportsEngine app
 - Log in the same way you do on the webpage when you register your player
 - Team that your child is rostered to should populate your app's list of teams
 - The email addresses you enter in registration will be populated via the app
- What it should be used for:
 - Roster
 - Game/Practice Schedule
 - Quick communications to & from team parents/coaches
 - Start using the RSVP function to let coach know if you are unable to attend a practice or game

Communication - P.L.A.Y. Website



General Information Main Lacrosse Page

Levels

Boys Travel

Links for Each Team will be located under Summer Lacrosse



Girls Travel

Links for Each Team will be located under Summer Season

In-House

Links for Each Team will be located under each level

Season Overview - Girls Lacrosse



Heather Pierson

P.L.A.Y. Girls Player Development Director
Prior Lake High School Girls Head Coach

Season Overview - Girls Lacrosse



- MSLAX
 - Governing organization for girls lacrosse in Minnesota.
 - All games are scheduled through MSLAX
 - MSLAX publish the rules that our girls teams play by.
- Equipment Needs
 - All players must provide:
 - Navy blue compression shorts
 - Stick
 - Goggles – MUST BE SEI RATED – WITH THE APPROPRIATE MARKING
 - Mouthguard
 - Cleats are optional, but highly recommended

Season Overview - Girls Lacrosse



- In-House (8U)
 - Practices begin May 19th and will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays running through PL Tournament
 - They will play in a jamboree at the Prior Lake Tournament.
 - Other scrimmages will be coordinated by 8U Coordinator (**NEED VOLUNTEER**)

Season Overview – Girls Schedule



- Travel Levels (10U, 12U, 14U)
 - Pre-evaluation/Pre-tryout sessions start April 7th
 - This is a separate registration from the season
 - These are optional practices intended to ready players for tryouts
 - Outside practices start May 4th, pending field conditions
 - Games start on or after June 1st. All games are weekdays and coordinated by MSLax. Games dates, times, and locations will be posted late May.
 - Tournaments:
 - Bloomington Bait Bucket Tournament: June 5-7
 - STX Tournament in Stillwater (12UA/14UA): July 17-19 – Additional \$ for “A” teams
 - Prior Lake Tournament: June 26-28
 - MSLAX State Tournament in Maple Grove: July 31 – August 2

Season Overview – Girls Tryouts



April 19 & 26: 10U - 3:00-4:00 PM, 12U - 4:00-5:30 PM, 14U - 5:30-7:00 PM @ Savage Dome

- Highly recommend attending both sessions
- High school coaches & players evaluate – P.L.A.Y. Admin only helps facilitate tryouts
- Development Director makes “A” team decisions
- No names - we use numbered pinnies which we provide for the tryouts
- Closed sessions (only players allowed in the dome)
- Running scrimmages and same drills players have practiced in Pre-Tryout Sessions
- 12U/14U will have “A” and “B” teams – there is a \$40 additional fee to play on “A” team and you must accept your spot within 24 hours of receiving invite email.
- At 10U, we balance our teams at every level by using player skill scores from evaluations, age, and years experience
- Teams will be announced night of April 28 on P.L.A.Y. website

Girls Lacrosse Equipment



- Girls Equipment Needs:
 - Stick, goggles, mouthguard, pinnie & navy blue compression shorts – must be provided by player
 - Practice pinnies can be purchased through P.L.A.Y. They will be handed out at practice in May by the respective team parent. Contact our Equipment Managers.
 - Uniform Handout
 - Will be able to try on a uniform at 4/19 tryout
 - Will be given uniform at 4/26 tryout
 - Uniforms will be turned in at the end of the season

Season Overview - Boys Lacrosse



Casey Mithun

P.L.A.Y. Boys Player Development Director
Prior Lake High School Boys Head Coach

Season Overview - Boys Lacrosse



- In-House (6U)
 - Practices begin May 10th and will be held Sunday evenings @ McCann Park, running through PL Tournament
 - They will play in a jamboree at the Prior Lake Tournament.

Season Overview – Boys Schedule



- YLM: Youth Lacrosse Minnesota, the governing organization for boys travel lacrosse. They schedule all games and publish the rules that our teams play by.
- Schedule:
 - Pre-tryout training sessions for 12U/14U on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning March 28th – check website for schedule, dates/times
 - 12U and 14U practice outside May 4st, pending field condition (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Hidden Oaks)
 - 8U will begin practicing outside on May 5th (Tuesdays and Thursdays @ McCann Park)
 - 10U will begin practicing outside on May 4th (Mondays and Wednesdays @ McCann Park)
 - 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U games starting on or after June 1st, all games are weekdays, coordinated by YLM, and will be posted late May. Season runs through the last weekend in July for 8U/10U and first weekend in August for 12U/14U.

Season Overview – Boys Schedule



- Tournaments (included in registration fee for all boys traveling teams): 10, 12U and 14U teams will all have two tournaments, including the Prior Lake Tournament, and the YLM Year End Jamboree/Tournament. 8U will play in the Prior Lake Tournament and YLM Year End Jamboree.
 - Shakopee River Valley Rumble (10U, 12B, 14B): June 12-14
 - Lax Geneva (12UA & 14UA): June 12-14 – Additional \$ for “A” teams
 - Woodbury Black & Blue Tournament (10U, 12B, 14B): July 10-12
 - YLM Jamborees (8U & 10U): July 18-18 – sites TBD
 - YLM State Tournament 12U or 14U (All Teams): July 25-26 – site TBD
 - YLM State Tournament 12U or 14U (All Teams): August 1-2 – site TBD

Season Overview - Boys Tryouts



April 19, 25 & 26 @ Savage Dome

12U: 4/19 & 4/26 – 11:00-12:30, 4/25 – 9:00-10:30

14U 4/19 & 4/26 – 1:00-2:30, 4/25 – 10:30-12:00

- Highly recommend attending all sessions
- High school coaches & players evaluate – P.L.A.Y. Admin only helps facilitate tryouts
- Development Director makes “A” team decisions
- No names - we use numbered pinnies which we provide at the tryouts
- Closed sessions (only players allowed in the dome)
- Running scrimmages and same drills players have practiced in Pre-Tryout Sessions
- 12U/14U will have “A” and “B” teams – there is a \$190 additional fee to play on “A” team and you must accept your spot within 24 hours of receiving invite email.
- Teams will be announced night of April 28

Season Overview - Boys Evaluations



May 4 & 5 @ McCann Park

8U: 5/4 - 6:00-7:00

10U: 5/5 - 6:00-7:00

- High school coaches & players evaluate – P.L.A.Y. Admin only helps facilitate tryouts
- No names - we use numbered pinnies which we provide at the tryouts
- There are no "A" or "B" team designation at 8U and 10U. The players are evaluated in order to create as balanced teams as possible
- Teams will be announced by weekend of May 9

Boys Lacrosse Equipment



- Boys Equipment Needs:
 - Helmet, chest pad, elbow pads, gloves – can be rented through P.L.A.Y. or provided by player. Rental sign up is part of the season registration.
 - Mouthguard, protective cup, pinnie and stick – must be provided by player
- Boys Rental Equipment Handout
 - Monday, April 6th @ 5:00-8:00pm at TOMS Cafeteria
- Shorts and Practice Pinnie Handout – by team parent (once one is secured) at practice in May (these are yours to keep)
- Uniform jersey will be handed out at the 4/26 tryout
- Jersey & rental equipment will be turned at the end of the season washed.



Volunteering

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REGULAR SEASON

- **Coaches** – tell us now if you have an **interest** (WE WILL TRAIN YOU)
- **Team Manager** – assigning game volunteers, assisting coach with communications, updating team page on website (Training scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30pm (PLHS Double Classroom))
- **Coordinators** – ensure communication and registrations are completed for your grade level
- **Chill Managers** – “sideline parents” (FYI - boys chill managers must register on-line with YLM ahead of time)
- **Time Keepers** – running the clocks at home games
- **Score Keepers** – keeping track of penalties and scores at home games

VOLUNTEER
NOW

VOLUNTEER
through TEAM
PARENTS



Prior Lake Tournament

Tournament Volunteering



PRIOR LAKE TOURNAMENT June 26-28 (Boys & Girls)

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (NOW)

- **Field Coordinator** – We need someone to take this role. Help organize tables, chairs, & score tables, waste disposal prior to/during event etc. **(OPEN)**
- **DIBS Coordinator** - help organize volunteers for the event (Angela Mattox)
- **Sponsor/Vendor** - help team get sponsors/vendors (Tami Baldzicki)
- **IT/Tech Support** – built tournament and registration using Tourney Machine (Jen Everson)

Questions - email pllax.tournament@gmail.com or see Katie Beaulieu

Tournament Volunteering



PRIOR LAKE TOURNAMENT June 26-28 (Boys & Girls)

AT THE TOURNAMENT – 2 shift (4 hours) **MINIMUM** for **EACH FAMILY**

- **Concessions** – selling food
- **Set-up & Tear Down** – tables, tents, chairs, clocks, field markers, etc.
- **Time Keepers** – running the clocks
- **Score Keepers** – keeping track of penalties and scores
- **Floater** - those incredibly valuable people willing to fill any gaps/needs as they arise

Questions - email pllax.tournament@gmail.com or see Katie Beaulieu

Tournament Volunteering



PRIOR LAKE TOURNAMENT June 26-28 (Boys & Girls)

**Changes to tournament for 2020 due to construction at Twin Oaks
Middle School and Hidden Oaks Middle School**

Going back to the 2018 layout – TOMS & HOMMS!

Questions - email pllax.tournament@gmail.com or see Katie Beaulieu



Important Information/Dates

Eat Wings. Raise Funds!



- Eat Wings. Raise Funds!
 - May 21, 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM
 - Savage Buffalo Wild Wings
 - Show the “ticket” to your server and 10% of your bill will go to P.L.A.Y. lacrosse. Tell your non-lacrosse friends too!



EAT WINGS. RAISE FUNDS.

On the day listed below, present this ticket to your server and Buffalo Wild Wings® will donate 10%* of your total bill (not including tax, gratuity or promotional discounts) to our organization.

Buffalo Wild Wings strives to support our community and the organizations and sports teams within it. Together we can make a positive impact and help keep our community working and playing together.

(Show this ticket to your server on the date & time listed below.)

PRIOR LAKE ATHLETICS FOR YOUTH (P.L.A.Y.) LACROSSE
May 21, 2020 • 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
7551 Egan Dr. • Savage, MN • 952-226-1600

*The 10% donation is contingent on the organization raising at least \$300 of pre-tax sales during the promotion (subject to change in our discretion). Other restrictions may apply. Please see participating location for details. ©2019 Buffalo Wild Wings, Inc.

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Other Important Stuff



Lacrosse Spirit Wear:

- Check out our web site (Playinfo.org) for some great lacrosse items. The online stores are open and close March 29th. Delivery will be early to mid May.

P.L.A.Y. Night:

- April 30 vs Burnsville @ PLHS
- Girls @ 5:30
- Boys @ 7:00
- Kids wear some Prior Lake lacrosse gear/pinnie/jersey to get in free (if your child doesn't have any lax gear yet – just wear some PL gear and tell them at the gate you're in lacrosse).

Other Important Stuff



Ekim Orthodontics – Mouth Guard Fitting:

- Changing from past years
- No set day, just schedule an appointment with Ekim Orthodontics
- Water Bottle with Flier will be handed out later

Other Important Stuff



Coronavirus:

- P.L.A.Y. Executive and Lacrosse Boards are regularly reviewing situation at local, state, and national levels, with a variety of youth organizations.
- When we have a plan for the start of the season, we will pass it along to all of you.
- If your child is ill, please DO NOT send them to tryout, practice or game.

This holds true for parents, coaches, evaluators, & administration – please stay away from facilities if you are ill.

Breakout Sessions



Girls:

- 10U: Room B106
- 12U: Room B104
- 14U: Room B107

Boys:

- 8U: Room B103
- 10U: Room B105
- 12U & 14U: Auditorium