



Message from US Lacrosse Sport Development Department

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The Sport Development Department manages the administration and coordination of programs which fit into 2 buckets – start a new team or education & training.

Our start a new team programs encompass non-traditional youth to equipment grants. And our educational wing, manages educational opportunities for coaches and officials at all levels of the game.

BRIDGE Lacrosse (Building Relationships to Initiate Diversity, Growth and Enrichment) affiliated programs and the BRIDGE leadership committee in conjunction with US Lacrosse work collaboratively to introduce and expand the sport of lacrosse in nontraditional and underserved communities to embody diversity of players, coaches, officials and supporters. BRIDGE programs promote individual and collective growth of participants through instruction, opportunity and relationships consistent with the identities and needs of each community.
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/bridge/index.phtml>

The ***Camp Scholarship Program*** provides educational lacrosse opportunities for children between the ages of 10-14, made possible through generous tuition waivers by camp directors across the country. In 2005, US Lacrosse helped 80 children, 10-14 year olds; attend a summer lacrosse camp around the country. The application process for 2006 is currently underway and the application can be found at <http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs/camp.phtml>

US Lacrosse offers a ***New Start Program*** to US Lacrosse members to help start new teams. The New Start Kit that is available free to all members includes a wealth of helpful information. The New Start Manual, “This is Lacrosse” promotional video, and supplemental CD include information on starting a non-profit organization, recruiting officials and coaches, fundraising ideas, a power point presentation specially tailored for a school board and much more. A free rulebook and parent’s guide to lacrosse are also included in the kit. More information and an online application can be found on our website via <http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs/newstartprogram.phtml>.

US Lacrosse also offers a ***Grant Program*** to US Lacrosse members starting a first year program. Applications for the Grant Program are posted on our website in June. This program provides, headwear, protective gear and sticks to first year programs. The resources previously allocated to the Loan Kit Program have been reallocated to the Grant Program for 2006 and we will be expanding our offerings with a stick only package.
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs/youthequipmentgrant.phtml>

Continuing the initiative to provide a positive experience for youth lacrosse players, coaches, officials and fans, US Lacrosse offers financial support for PCA collaboration with the ***Partnership for Excellence Grant Program*** . This fee includes: 3 workshops, individual workbooks for up to 100 participants (leaders, coaches & parents) and any related travel/lodging costs to bring out-of-town PCA facilitators to town.
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/programs/partners.phtml>

The US Lacrosse ***Coaches Education Program*** has been established to create a multi-level, national, standardized education curriculum and additional resources that are accessible to all coaches at every level. The Level 1 Online Courses is the first step into the Coaches' Education Program. It is the intent of the curriculum that you complete the online course, then round out your experience with a Level 1 Instructional Clinic, which provides the hands-on, in-person interaction based on the knowledge you receive from the course.
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/cep/index.phtml>

Officials Training - US Lacrosse offers comprehensive training for both new and advancing men's and women's lacrosse officials in many locations throughout the country. Contact officials@uslacrosse.org to find out more about men's lacrosse officials' training in your area. If you want more information on getting certified for women's lacrosse in your area please contact your local board of the Women's Division Official Council (WDOC).
<http://sites.uslacrosse.org/wdoc/NUC%20INFO.htm#Local%20Board%20Region%20Chair>

Other initiatives which delve into sportsmanship & program operations (***US Lacrosse Best Practices***) and new growth in a non-traditional area (the ***Fast Break** Initiative***) are also managed by Sport Development.

For more information on these programs or any of the above programs, contact the Sport Development Department at sportdevelopment@uslacrosse.org