

MAPLE GROVE BOYS LACROSSE PARENT MEETING

January 16, 2024



AGENDA

- INTRODUCTIONS
- HEAD COACH – Coach Kyle Ficken
 - INTRODUCTION
 - TEAM PLACEMENT/TRYOUTS
- FINANCIALS, FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS
- SEASON OVERVIEW
- APPAREL

BOARD MEMBERS

- HIGH SCHOOL DIRECTOR – Nate Lieser - Matt Thompson
- TREASURER – Ryan Schulzetenberg
- SECRETARY – Patrick Lewis
- DIRECTOR OF LAX OPS/EQUIPMENT MGR – Brett Meline - Kelley Parker
- PRESIDENT – Tim Kuebelbeck
- WEBMASTER/SOCIAL MEDIA – Colleen Kuznik
- CONCESSION STAND MGR – Dan Bennett & Lisa Jost
- REGISTAR & DIBS – Jeani Bakke
- FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS – Melissa Soukup & Leslie Rask
- SOCIAL MEDIA - Kim Conrad

*Indicates Board Members Rolling Off or Open

HEAD COACH – KYLE FICKEN

- Introduction of Coaches
- Tryout Expectations - Start April 1
- Team Formation
- Team/Player/Parent Expectations
- Schedule & Practice Outlook



Coaches for 2024!!

Kyle Ficken

- Program Head Coach- Osseo '06, Lees-McRae College, North Carolina (NCAA DII)

Jake Willson

- Associate Head Coach- Maple Grove '15, Monmouth University, New Jersey (NCAA DI)

Austin Bartell

- Defensive Coordinator- Sun Prairie High '18, University of Indianapolis, Indiana (NCAA DII)



Grant Herschberger

- Head JV Coach- Lake Mills '10, Bethel University (MCLA DII)

Kyle Ramsey

- Offensive Specialist- Spring Lake Park '15, Missouri Valley University (NAIA), Bethel University (MCLA DII)

David Bauer

- Defensive Specialist- Rogers '18, Concordia University of Wisconsin (NCAA DIII)

Tryouts 2024

1. Politics are NOT involved on this team...PERIOD
2. The best player according to coaching staff will play, plain and simple.
3. We make the decision as a **group** (COACHES)!

April 1-3, 2024, Maple Grove HS Stadium

What to expect as a player?

- Individual positional, odd man and even situations, 1v1's, Scrimmage
- Mile run test, 400M Test
- Team announced Wednesday night after tryouts and coaches meeting..
- 15-20 full time Varsity Players
- 5-10 Swing Players
- 18+ JV players

Team Formation/Scrimmages

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6 quarters each player is able to play

Saturday, April 6th
Maple Grove HS

2023: 14-5, Section 2 Champion, State Participant, 4th place finish.

Another TBD

Teams considered: Eagan, Eastview/Apple Valley, Moorhead, Eden Prairie



Expectations

- Put in the work, NOW...
- Those who put in the work, its apparent
- No ties to previous years
- Control the things you can control
- Positivity, encouragement
- Golden rule



June 15, 2024

-Conference Champs

-Section Champs

-STATE Champs



Respect!!!

There will be a ZERO tolerance rule on this team for disrespecting your fellow teammate. Any hazing, harassing, teasing, racism, physical altercations, stealing, degrading or any form of discrimination...PERIOD.

This goes for any action against an opposing player/coach/referee as well.



Parent Expectation

- Let the coaches do the coaching.
- We will take care of the refs.
- If you have an issue, please give it 24 hours before addressing with coaches.
- Let's enjoy EVERY second of this season!

One last thing, please do not yell "Shoot!!" from the stands!

Practice

6:30pm-8:30pm M-F, MGHS Stadium

- Practice starts at 6:30pm, warm ups at 6:15pm
- Maple Grove Lacrosse Apparel
- White cleat, white elbow pads

10am-11:30am Saturdays

Game Schedule 2024

4/15- @ Osseo-Park Center

4/17- Armstrong

4/20- @ Edina

4/24- Totino-Grace

4/27- Lakeville North

4/29-@ Elk River

5/3- @ Chanhassen

5/6- Rogers (Senior Night)

5/9- @ St. Thomas Academy

5/13- @ NWSC Game

5/15- Mahtomedi

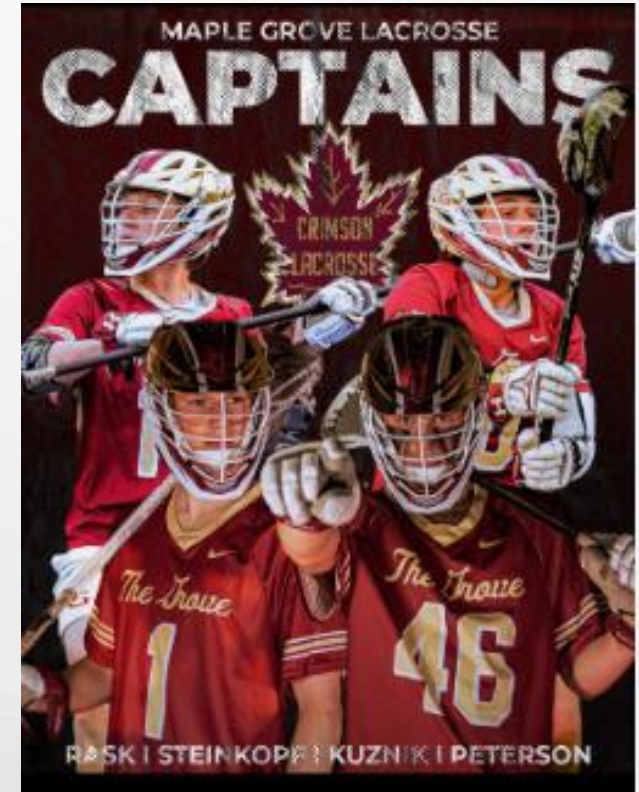
5/20- NWSC Game

5/22- @ TBD (NWSC Championship)

Captains 2024

Current Captains

- Jackson Kuznik
- Shane Rask
- Tyler Steinkopf
- Ricky Peterson

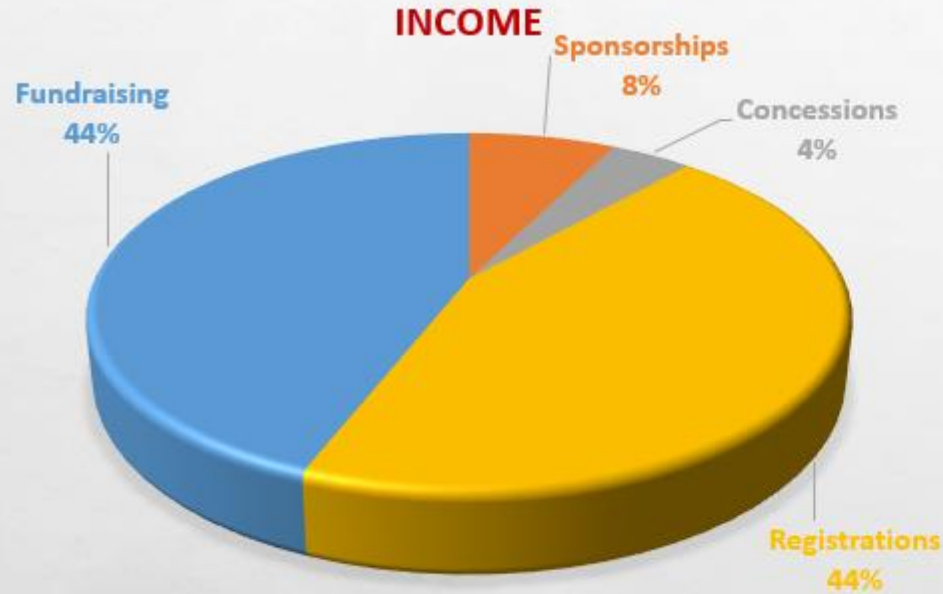


Additions

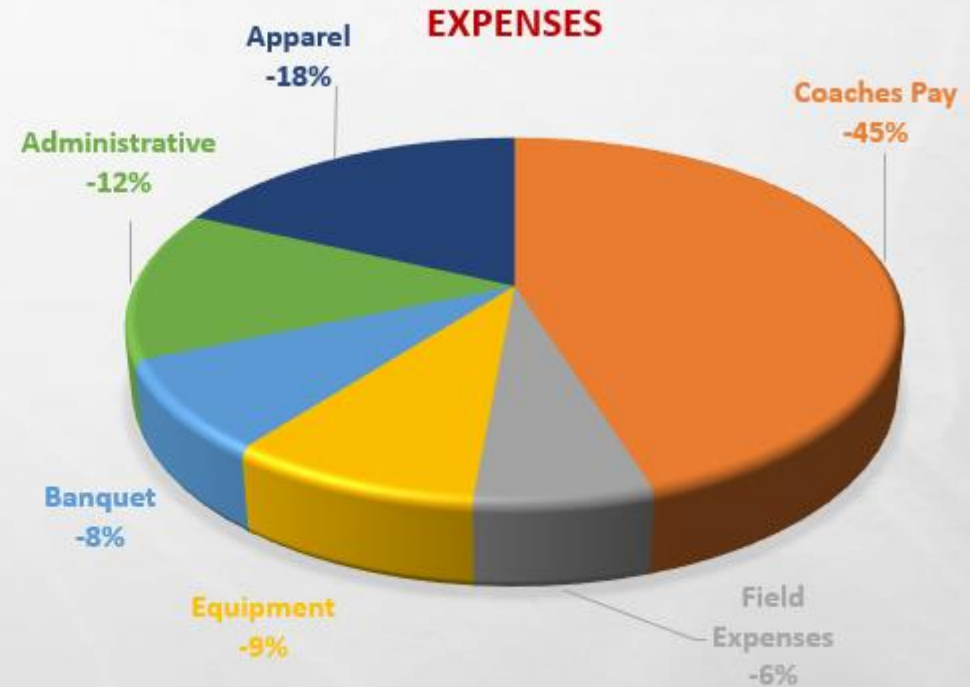
- In Season Junior Assistant
- Additions (1 or 2)- TBD

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

PROGRAM INCOME & EXPENSE



- **Unfunded high school sport**



- **Total Program Cost = Approx. \$60k per year**
- **Approx Cost Per Player = \$1,000**

FUNDRAISING

- WATER SOFTENER SALT SALE – Fall 2024
\$300 Fundraiser Requirement
- CUB FOODS BAGGING – Feb 24th
- MALONE'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Feb 25th
- RESTAURANT NIGHTS – during season

**Expectation is that all players participate in fundraisers.

SPONSORSHIPS

- LEVELS OFFERED

- WHITE: Name on MGLAX website
- BLACK: Link to business from MGLAX website, business name in season program
- CRIMSON: Season only vinyl sign
- GOLD: Year-round stadium sign

2024 SEASON OVERVIEW

REGISTRATION

- MG LAX REGISTRATION: OPEN February 1st (hs.mglax.net)
 - Registration Fee = \$375
 - \$50 Late Fee after Feb 25th for RETURNING players
- ISD 279 REGISTRATION – Completed in SmartSchoolK12: OPEN March 1st
 - Fee = \$190
 - Updated physical must be on file with ISD 279 every 3 years, Account will be locked if not current
 - SMARTSCHOOLK12 >ACTIVITIES AND FEES>CRIMSON LEAF>LOG IN>BOYS LAX

COMMUNICATIONS

- EMAIL:
 - Verify & update your Sport Engine email addresses – YOU CAN HAVE MULTIPLE EMAILS
 - Do NOT reply to emails generated by Sport Engine, they do NOT go back to anyone
 - If a response is needed, contact information will be provided in the message
- PLAYER GROUP CHAT - new players submit cell phone to captains
- SOCIAL MEDIA:
 - High School Boys LAX website - HS.MGLAX.NET
 - Follow Maple Grove Boys Lacrosse on Twitter (@MGCRIMSONLAX), Facebook and YouTube (home game streaming)
- NORTHWEST SUBURBAN CONFERENCE:
 - Game reminders & changes can be received directly. Go to NWSCONFERENCE.ORG & sign up for “NOTIFY ME” - App available in App store called Activity Scheduler

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS/OPPORTUNITIES

- 8 DIBS Hours required if 1 player, 12 hours if multiple players
- \$300 Deposit Check - Cashed only if DIBS not completed (and we do cash them)
- Field Opportunities for Varsity & JV Home Games (Satisfies 100% of DIBS requirement)
 - ALL GAMES
 - Photographer – Take pictures of Varsity game from the field with own camera
 - HOME GAMES:
 - Timekeeper – Maintain time function of penalties at field table
 - Field Supervisor – Maintain game balls on field, set up & take down of field equipment (cones, tables, chairs)
 - Announcer – Use PA system to announce, play music & national anthem in press box
 - Press Box Scoreboard/Clock – Run scoreboard from press box
 - Concession Stand
 - Special Events



Potential:
Live
Stream

EQUIPMENT

- ASSOCIATION PROVIDES: Uniforms, Off Season Game Pinnies, Bags, Gloves & Team Apparel
- ALL ITEMS (EXCEPT TEAM APPAREL) ARE RECYCLED
 - Must be returned at season end
 - **\$500** DEPOSIT – Not cashed unless items are missing
 - Covers the total package (Bag, 2 sets of uniforms, gloves & off season game pinnie)
 - Lost items that can not be replaced renders the entire package useless due to custom numbering
 - Uniforms are on a 3 to 4-year cycle, dependent of wear - both teams will now match uniforms
- HELMETS:
 - New helmets for 2024 season for new players
 - Final cost is TBD based on meeting or exceeding sponsorship & fundraising goals (More earned in fundraising activities, less players pay for helmet. Goal is zero cost to player, max cost is \$200 per player)

APPAREL

- SPIRIT WEAR/APPAREL WINDOW

- Open the week of January TBD - Closes February TBD, ships by end of February

- PLAYER APPAREL PACKAGE

- 1 short sleeve shooter t-shirt, 1 long sleeve shooter t-shirt, & shorts

Apparel Window will offer same clothing for those that want to buy extra items

Will issue apparel package at time of equipment/uniform disbursement

- New players: Practice pinnies (must retain and reuse in future years)

DEPOSIT & FORMS COLLECTION

- DATE: First week after tryouts, times and location TBD
- ITEMS TO BRING:
 - 2 Separate Checks made out to MGLAX (1 - equipment \$500, 2 - DIBS \$300)
 - Equipment form
 - Player Contract (if not already submitted)

QUESTIONS?