

ULA Organizational Leaders Meeting- 12/17/24

Happy Holidays!

Present:

Agenda

1). 2024 Season review-

Positives- officiating was very good, doubleheaders are a good thing, continue and expand “Honor the Game”, orgs that could provide 2 fields was incredibly helpful in scheduling, website (Sports Engine) was very good and it will expand to provide more services to all, most teams had a solid number of players, first year with a social media presence was very effective, Erin and Brandon took leadership of the K-2 Coaches Contact list

Areas for further work- increase attendance at the Coaches Meeting, continue to promote and reinforce the mission of the ULA (improve sportsmanship), some hosting issues (lack of bathrooms, fields not lined), 9th grade boys playing at the 7/8 level presented some issues, improve the process for re-scheduling games when cancelled by weather, get all coaches registered with Sports Engine and using the Sports Engine app, complete background checks on those coaches who need one done, encourage early ULA registration ahead of baseball /soccer, review schedules earlier to address any travel concerns, need for team “photographers” to submit to our Facebook page, work with officials and coaches to understand that the game rules can be adjusted depending on weather conditions

2). Girls Conference- **Suzie Gray** (Central Square) will be assisting Meghan in 2025.

3). Organization Registration- **A new venture for 2025; Erin and Meggie are leading this endeavor. All organizations will complete and submit a registration page through the website. It will include contact info for the Organizational Leader/designee, number of teams at each level, coaches for each team, background check info, field availability, hosting dates, site**

coordinator, and special requests. These will all have specific due dates as reminders.

The goals are to have one central location of all the important information and to facilitate communication between all parties.

Please go to the ULA website (www.ulalacrosse.org) and check out the registration page and contact Meggie with any questions/concerns. We are building this and need your feedback to address issues.

4). Junior Officials-Another successful season. Noel and Kevin met with Joe P. and Rob C. to review the season and plan for 2025. We established a cap number of junior officials. Several 2nd year officials are continuing their training and are scheduled to officiate Modified games this spring.

5). ULA Social Media-Thanks to De Meeks for handling our Facebook page and Instagram. It was well received and very effective in communicating weather alerts. We will be looking to increase our presence in 2025.

6). USA Lacrosse- initiatives to get more parents involved; what would that look like for the ULA?

Noel was involved in a meeting with USA Lacrosse administrators. The ULA may be a part of an effort to increase parental involvement.

7). ULA League Fee for 2025-It will be a minimum of \$650 per team with the budget being under review. The final fee amount will be announced at the 2/11/25 meeting.

Noel presented a full review of ULA expenses for 2024.

8). Other Business-In regard to AED guidelines, please check with your school district if your organization uses school fields to host ULA games. It appears that this NYS ruling impacts all youth sports programs. There must be an AED on site as well as a person who has been trained to use an AED. The person does not need to be certified, just trained.

The 3/4 and 5/6 rules will be reviewed as it appears that the level of physical play is not in line with current ULA rules.

9). Upcoming Meeting dates: 1/21/25, 2/11/25, 3/4/25, 4/1/25, 5/6/25
All meetings will be at Trapper's Pizza in East Syracuse.

