

Dear LAX Families,

I apologize ahead of time for the length of this week's email, but at the beginning of the season there is a lot to get done. I appreciate you taking the time to read through everything and making sure you understand what is coming up in the near future.

### **ITEM #1 - Paperwork and Payments**

Attached to this email are two versions (.PDF and Excel) of our current status in regards to paperwork and payments. PLEASE open up one of these documents and see if you are caught up with these items. Please keep in mind the following things as you look it over....

1. The payment column might not be exact because some payments may have gone to Shawn Palicke. Shawn will look this over and update the list if you have paid him directly.
2. If there is not an "X" in the email column, that means I don't have your "Contact Information" page and I am handing that to those four boys at Monday's practice.
3. The "Physicals" column has not been matched up with what the athletic department has. We will do that Monday or Tuesday and get back with those we need to.
4. All other empty boxes represent missing information and I need to remind everyone that one of our club rules is that no one is supposed to be practicing without all paperwork turned in. The entire packet is attached to this email and will be handed to the boys tomorrow.
5. Payments are not officially due until the first game, but we are just over a week from this happening so we need to get them in. Please remember to make your checks out to the "Utica Lacrosse Club" for \$300.00

### **ITEM #2 - Apparel Orders**

This year's apparel order is also attached. Although it is not written on the form, these are due back a week from this coming Wednesday - March 28th. The goal is to get them turned in before spring break so we can have our items waiting for us when we

return. This apparel order does not include the one free item the team decides on and it does not include the black game shorts that we will continue to provide. These apparel order will also be passed out at Monday's practice.

### **ITEM #3 - Banners**

Player banners are a new effort this year to highlight our players. These are the same type of banners that you have seen at football and basketball games, swim meets, and probably other sports I don't know about. This does come with a "Catch 22" though. When we lowered the registration cost, we didn't take this project into account. We also want to keep the promise of not asking for any other monies after you have paid your registration. To accomplish both, the players have agreed sell fan shirts to help cover the cost of the banners. The boys will be asked to try and sell at least five shirts and that will cover the cost. There is no requirement to sell the five shirts, but that will be the goal in order to make the cost a "wash". These fan shirts order forms have not been generated yet, but will be passed out as soon as they are done. The cost will be \$12 per shirt with the team keeping \$5 to help pay for the banners.

The pictures, for the banners, are going to be taken this Wednesday at practice. The woman taking the pictures is going to start at 3:30 so that practice isn't interrupted too much. We need to make sure the players are there and ready to go by 3:30. On Tuesday I will pass out jerseys to players who have paid their registration and have a jersey to borrow for those who have not. Players need their full equipment and sticks ready to go for these pictures.

### **ITEM #4 - The Week(s) Ahead**

The players are looking at a full (cold) week of practice. This is the last full week before games start the following week. Confirmed with the Bishop Foley web site, we play there on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 and confirmed with the Utica "Big Teams" web site, we will play at Stevenson High School on Thursday, March 29th at 6:00. Directions

and field locations will be posted on the web site and included in next week's Sunday update. I'm thankful our first three games are away. It give our parents a chance to witness a lacrosse game, maybe for the first time, before I ask you to start volunteering to help run our home games.

Looking ahead, we are always looking for younger siblings that are willing to watch the game from down on the field and help with game balls. It's a great way to get younger kids involved and it gives them something to do during the two hour game. If you have a younger child at home that would be willing to help out at home games, please let me know.

Thanks for making it this far,  
Ed