

Planning continues for our upcoming lacrosse season. We would like help answer possible questions regarding player expectations as we approach the season:

CCLC is our township's competitive travel lacrosse program that serves Upper Dublin and surrounding towns that do not have their own lacrosse programs. The club offers various competitive levels depending on player's skills and interest in the game. We understand that there will be players who have other commitments that may conflict with their participation in our program. This can include playoffs for winter sports that are winding down, middle school sports and other important extra-curricular, family and religious activities. The club has found that these rarely obligations rarely impact their participation in our lacrosse program. Many players play both middle school lacrosse and CCLC. Other than being tired, they are able to manage well and experience virtually no conflicts.

We are aware of the desire for some participate in other travel lacrosse teams in addition to CCLC. What was once a summer lacrosse program with ancillary activities throughout the year, has now developed into a competing model to SEPYLA and our township's program. The board collectively feels that CCLC offers a compelling program and I would like to summarize those benefits below:

- Our program engages boys as early as 1st grade and progressively advances players' skills and offers increasingly more competitive play thru the 8th grade
- We have an excellent coaching staff, many whom were former players or have been coaching for CCLC for many years or both!
- Spark is one of the best facilities in the area, allowing our players to be on the field almost 6 weeks ahead of our competitors.
- The club organizes a program that develops player units that stick together all the way to high school – some play with the same kids for 12 years!
- The club is proud to have Dave Sowers from the high school as part of the club's coaching support and to act as our liaison to the high school. This helps adds continuity as players matriculate to the high school.
- SEPYLA has changed their competition model with the goal of improving better balance amongst teams in the league. Overall, this has been heavily supported by the clubs throughout the league as a step in the right direction.

- CCLC's price value is excellent. At the 5th-8th grade levels, we offer a 10 week season with 10 games, 20 practices and 2 tournaments for less than \$200. Additionally, there are some winter practices and opportunities for some additional games, practices and scrimmages through the season.

For the above reasons, we do ask that the CCLC Lacrosse program be your son's primary club lacrosse program during the spring season. If conflicts develop with other, outside lacrosse programs that force your son to frequently miss practices and games, we feel that this can be a detriment to the team as a whole. It is challenging for the coaches to manage practices and games with players on the team whom cannot be counted on in attending all team functions. *Playing time on any competitive team is commensurate with player commitment.* Please consider this as you sign up your son for our program. Some of these outside programs are supportive of the township programs while others will directly compete with CCLC. We'd like all of our teams to be made up of players whom are committed to the CCLC Spring Lacrosse season.

I have spoken to fellow coaches and leadership in other programs in our division and all are dealing with this in the same way. Each is explaining the benefits of their program, asking for theirs to be the primary lacrosse program and asking folks to use that in their decision making.

In the event you decide that your son will not be a returning player (for whatever reason), we would very much appreciate if you can respond to the club. Feel free to respond to this note. It is important we anticipate roster numbers as we approach the season, especially at the higher levels (5th thru 8th).

Thanks again for your support of the program – to all – Less than 9 weeks to LAX season!!!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself (kentzambelli@hotmail.com). If I cannot answer your question, I will either track it down or find someone that can help you.

CCLC – Your Upper Dublin Lacrosse Club