

HARCO SUNDAY EXPANSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12TH 2017

HISTORY OF HARCO LACROSSE

- The Saturday League has always been a league for teams and players with little playing experience. Typically it has been called an in-house league. It has grown to include, Harford, Baltimore, Cecil, and Southern Pennsylvania teams.
- The Sunday League has always been a league for teams and players with more experience. Typically it has been called a travel league. The teams that participate have players who are interested in playing games on Saturday and Sunday. The teams are from Harford and Baltimore Counties.

PURPOSE OF EXPANSION

- The HARCO Board of Directors and participating teams have recognized that players and teams are leaving the league to play in more competitive Sunday Leagues. Often times this means leaving one program to play for another, and traveling great distances every Sunday to play games in different counties.
 - The HARCO Board of Directors and participating teams wish to create a highly competitive option for Northern Maryland and Southern Pennsylvania teams playing on Sundays.
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WHAT IS GOING TO EXPAND?

- The Sunday League will include Rec based teams, as well as Rec Club teams, and Private Club Teams.
- Teams will play an eight game schedule with a two game playoff structure. Playoffs will consist of Semi-Finals and Finals, as well as a Consolation Bracket for those teams not qualifying for the Semi-Finals or Finals.
- All games will be held on Turf Fields and be manned with two officials.
- The cost paid to HARCO, which will now cover the assigner/scheduler, officials, and trophies for the finalists will be \$1000.
- The Divisions will align with each boy's graduation year 2021 through 2028. This includes traditional Tyker, Lightning, Midget, and Junior age groups. Teams that have players with two age groups would play up in the '22, '23, '25, and '27 division.
- An elite AA/A division would be available to interested programs.
- Playing rules with a modified NCAA/Youth basis. Rules will be put in place based on what is best for the age and skill level of the players.

WHAT IS GOING TO STAY IN PLACE?

- The schedule will be created with every effort to have equal Home and Away games for every team. If a program does not have a Home Turf Field then every effort will be made to schedule the particular team on a Turf Field as close to their home as possible.
- The length of the season, which will be from the first week of April to the last week of May. In order to meet the eight game schedule and playoffs, weeknight games may need to be scheduled.
- The fees will go towards officials, assigner/scheduler, trophies for finalists, website fees, and HARCO Board administrative costs.
- The HARCO League Website <http://harcolax.uslaxteams.com/>

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

- Register your program and teams for the 2018 season, by emailing harcolax@gmail.com.
- Begin building your team's roster of single age, or dual age boys.
- Secure a Turf Field for every Sunday from April-May, and one weeknight each week. Inform the HARCO Sunday Sub-committee if you do not have a Turf Field at harcolax@gmail.com.
- Volunteer to be a part of the Sub-committee to work with scheduling and league maintenance now through the season. Email us at harcolax@gmail.com
- Questions? If additional questions come up please email them to harcolax@gmail.com.