

Families of Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League,

Happy opening weekend to you all! I know we're expecting some unexpected weather which could put a damper on some of our games, but we can still celebrate the start of another great season of lacrosse. This is a special season as it is our 25th Anniversary season.

In this email, we'd like to share with you our free digital magazine called The Scoop: Magazine of Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League. We'd also like to tell you about our "Faceoff Foto Frenzy," which has been a fun tradition over the past few seasons. Finally, we'd like to outline our expectations for Mass Bay families, friends, and fans as it relates to enjoying a youth game from the sidelines.

The Scoop:

Please enjoy this digital publication of our league magazine which comes out a few times a year. We profile the people, towns, teams, and trends that make our league so special. This is the Spring '17 issue.

<https://joom.ag/fqTW>

Faceoff Foto Frenzy:

We'd love to make a collection of photos from the first face-off of the first games of the year. So get out your cameras and smartphones and capture that opening face-off. You can send us the photos via social media (we're on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube) or email them to thescoop@mbyll.org

Be sure to include the names of the two towns involved.

Enjoying this Game:

We certainly expect you to enjoy many youth lacrosse games this season. It is a GREAT sport for parents to watch: fast, fluid, exciting, and action-packed for 75 minutes. The players are certainly going to enjoy it, so should you.

But we do have behavioral expectations as well. These are child athletes playing in a game with little stakes other than their enjoyment and their personal progress with the sport. The coaches are volunteers—many are parents like yourself— who are giving a lot of time and energy to being a strong, positive influence on the athletes. And our officials are human beings who have the same goals we do: grow the game.

The officials WILL make mistakes. The coaches WILL make mistakes. The players WILL make mistakes. This would be a very boring undertaking if there was nothing for us to learn from and grow upon.

So we implore you to enjoy this game respectfully. Cheer positively for your team (and it doesn't hurt to cheer for the opponents when they do something well). Forgive and forget when the adults make the mistakes. Your support of them is paramount.

We're about to see over 7,000 lacrosse games in our league this year. Let's make all of them memorable for the right reasons.

Enjoy the magazine and your month of April and if you have a game this weekend, enjoy it. There's nothing like youth lacrosse. Especially in the spring!

On behalf of the all-volunteer board of directors,

Happy opening weekend!

Joey Picard, MBYLL VP of Communications

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