

Families of Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League,

We are now at the quarter mark of our season with two exciting weeks of spring town lacrosse under our belt (but many more memories still to be made). Though it's been cold, wet, and windy (and even snowy), we've already experienced some major growth and development, team bonding, highly competitive games, and newly forged friendships through community-based youth lacrosse. So we hope you're enjoying it so far!

A few things to know about your league. We are one of the largest youth sports leagues in North America, the largest town-based boys youth lacrosse league of our kind. And while big is nice and has its benefits (see all the great promotions and unique experiences we're bringing to you in this newsletter alone), we strive to be a high quality league for all our participants: players, coaches, town directors, officials, spectators, families, and friends.

We are a confederation of 97 youth organizations coming from 140 cities and towns in Massachusetts. We have over 12,000 players (mostly boys) 1st – 8th grade. We have 1,500 certified coaches dedicated to teaching this game, preparing the athletes for the “next level” and growing our sport by mentoring these youth athletes in a fun, pressure-free environment.

MBYLL is a grade-based league because we believe our athletes should play this sport with the kids they have lunch with in school every day. Nationally, this sport is slowly eradicating big hits and preventable injuries. Lacrosse is becoming a “finesse” sport, and so players of various shapes and sizes can compete against one another seamlessly.

We love this sport. We believe this is a sport that all kids should have the opportunity to play and love and love to play for the rest of their lives. We're always looking for ways to enhance the experience, foster an inclusive, educational environment and promote the fun-factor – so our MBYLL players are just at the starting line of a life-long journey with lacrosse.

We're so pleased to be a part of that journey with all of you and look forward to telling our story, which is really your story! Let's just cross our fingers that our story involves more sunshine over these next few weeks. We deserve it!!!

On behalf of the all-volunteer board of directors,
Joey Picard, MBYLL Director of League Operations & Communications