

Families of Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League,

With the MBYLL spring lacrosse season at the halfway point, we reflect on how much work goes into a relatively short season of organized town-based youth lacrosse. Countless coaches, town directors, and league volunteers have been working all summer, fall, and winter to prepare for a fun, exciting, educational, and rewarding spring for your athlete.

MBYLL coaches go through rigorous training and certification, including online courses and in-person training with a dual-focus on teaching the necessary skills and strategy of the game as well as being a positive role model and mentor for the athletes. That includes creating and maintaining a safe and healthy environment for the players to enjoy this sport with their friends but also one in which the players can hone their craft and come away with a top-notch preparatory education.

Town directors meet on a monthly basis to self-govern this league, including voting on new game rules and league policies, allocating resources, forming administrative committees, and outlining our mutually shared priorities. The league is positively brimming with passionate volunteers who LOVE this sport and dedicate a tremendous amount of time passing that along to the next generation of lacrosse enthusiasts.

And in a blink of an eye, the season is half over. But the ever-optimist in me says “the season is half full.” There is so much more to learn, to discover, to enjoy...

So as we say hello to May and warmer weather and a quickly approaching NCAA Lacrosse Championship weekend in our backyard on Memorial Day weekend, let's take a brief moment to recognize and thank all the coaches and town directors in Massachusetts who've been plugging away year-round so that we can all enjoy our time and adventures together over these next few glorious weeks.

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