



## 2014 New Letter Volume II



GLL is an approved US Lacrosse league honoring US Lacrosse Rules and Best Practices.



The GLL is excited to launch our new web site! Please visit us at [www.gwinnettlacrosseleague.com](http://www.gwinnettlacrosseleague.com). We will have more comprehensive scheduling and immediate change notification for coaches and association directors.

The GLL is hosting a mandatory coaches meeting to enhance the development of being a transformational coach as opposed to a transactional coach. The GLL has secured lacrosse legend Coach Richie Meade formerly of Navy and now at DI Furman University. See web site for Coach Meade's accolades. We will have other speakers as well concentrating on the development of culture, leadership and coaching of the person as opposed to the player.



Mandatory Coaches Meeting for Boys and Girls GLL Coaches

Save the date!

January 19<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm to 4:00pm

**Location:** Greater Atlanta Christian School

**Guest Speaker:** **Richie Meade**. Head Coach DI Furman  
& The 2014 USA FIL World Championships Team.



*A 35-year veteran of coaching at the collegiate level, Meade most recently served as head coach for the United States Naval Academy men's team from 1994-2011, where he led the Midshipmen to a 142-97 (.589) record in 17 years. In his 21-year career as a head coach, including four years at the University of Baltimore, Meade compiled a 162-120 (.585) record. During Meade's head coaching tenure at Navy, his teams claimed five Patriot League regular season and tournament titles, appeared in seven NCAA tournaments and earned 39 All-America selections. In 2004, Navy advanced to the national championship game and Meade was honored with the Morris Touchstone Memorial Award for the national coach of the year. He also was twice named Patriot League coach of the year (2004, 2007).*

*Coach Meade is now at Furman University as the new DI boys coach is also the current USA FIL National Championship team that will compete in the world games this July. <http://www.filacrosse.com/#>. Coach Meade is a former keynote speaker at the US Lacrosse national convention and we are very fortunate to have Bob Lombardo secure Coach Meade as a speaker for the GLL. Coach Meade is featured in the latest Lacrosse Magazine (inside back cover) and the USA team itself has a few more articles in the magazine as well. Coach Meade will be leaving us to head to Orlando FL for the nationally televised (ESPN) intra-squad game that will make the cuts for the final USA team roster. America's best male players will be competing.*

*Meade began his coaching career as an assistant at Duke University in 1977. Following a two-year stint at Duke, Meade made stops at the University of North Carolina (assistant, 1979-80), the University of Baltimore (head coach, 1980-83), Navy (assistant, 1984-88), North Carolina (assistant, 1989-90) and the United States Military Academy (assistant, 1990-94) before rejoining Navy as head coach in 1994.*

*While living in Chapel Hill, NC, Coach Meade formed the first recreation youth lacrosse association in the State of North Carolina.*

*The GLL's Vice President, Bob Lombardo, played Lacrosse on 'the island' in New York with Coach Meade and continues to remain close friends. A special thanks to Bob for bringing Coach Meade to the meeting.*

**The GLL is recommending that all coaches read "Inside Out Coaching" by John Ehrmann.** <http://www.amazon.com/InSideOut-Coaching-Sports-Transform-Lives/dp/1439182981>

**GLL participation is expected to reach 1600 players in 2014.**

**GLL Meeting Minutes are now posted on the web site to keep you abreast of decision making of the director's as it relates to rules, team formation and scheduling topics.**

## **2014 GLL Important Dates**

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| January 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | Practice & Player Evaluation Begins                  |
| January 18 <sup>th</sup>                    | Draft  |
| January 19 <sup>th</sup>                    | Mandatory Coaches Clinic with Coach Meade            |
| January 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | MLK Day  |
| January 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | Player book verification.                            |
| January 25 <sup>th</sup>                    | Jamboree Weekend (Non-league "play day")             |
| February 8 <sup>th</sup>                    | First Week of League Play                            |
| February 15 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> | Wesleyan and GAC Winter Break                        |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>   | Spring Break Wesleyan                                |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>    | No games scheduled for GCPS & GAC Spring Break       |
| April 19 <sup>th</sup>                      | Easter weekend (Director's will vote to play or not) |
| April 19 <sup>th</sup>                      | Playoffs should begin for certain divisions          |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup>                        | GLL Championship                                     |

**The GLL is excited to bring you the fastest growing lacrosse organization in the state. Our high quality of play and close proximity of parks make the GLL one of the most desirable lacrosse leagues in the city. The GLL and its associations are a proud extension of Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation. We appreciate your support!**

