



**June 14, 2020**

## **Gentlemen / Parents**

Below is an update on summer lacrosse practices and tournaments.

### **Practice**

As promised we have re-evaluated the practice schedule. Starting this week the MS and Youth players will only practice 3 days a week. Starting next week the HS players will drop from 4 to 3 practices a week. The updated calendar reflects this change. For the most part we will take Wednesdays off. Should a practice get rained out we will move it to Wednesday so that we can still have 3 practices that week. For the week of June 29 to July 3, we will take Thursday off so that families can use the extra day for their vacation / July 4<sup>th</sup> plans. The calendar reflects the changes with removed dates saying **NO Practice** in red. We will continue to monitor the situation and make further adjustments if needed.

### **Tournaments**

There have been several changes and updates to the tournament schedule. We will walk you through the changes and our reasoning for the adjustments we made below:

#### **High School Changes**

##### ***Inside Lacrosse – High School Only – July 14-16***

- The tournament directors have moved the tournament to The Delaware Turf Sports Complex in Milford, Delaware. This is the same location as Baltimore Summer Kickoff.
- The dates have also changed by one day to July 14-16 from July 13-15.
- We have a call in to the tournament director asking if the tournament will still be a championship format or if they are going to straight play. If it is straight play we have requested to play our games on 2 days versus 3 days. We did this to reduce the number of travel / vacation days parents needed to use.
- Expect that the games will be in a block format with 30-60 minutes between games (e.g. 9 and 10:30 am)
- The tournament directors indicated that they needed to move to Delaware because Maryland was not opening up on a timeline that gave them confidence that they would be able to hold the event on those dates.

##### ***Baltimore Summer Kickoff – High School Only – July 20-21***

- We have moved to session 1 on Monday July 20 and Tuesday July 21
- We made this move. The tournament has not changed location or dates.
- Originally we chose Session 2 (Wednesday July 22 and Thursday July 23) because it helped with logistics for coaches' travel to a second tournament for the Middle School / Youth players.
- With Inside Lacrosse moving later in the week, we felt it was better for the parents to move to the earlier sessions. There were 3 reasons behind this decision. First, it would allow for parents / players to travel on a Sunday to get to the event. Thereby, saving a vacation day. Second, because Inside Lacrosse moved later in July and was at the same venue as Baltimore Summer Kickoff, moving to the earlier session would allow parents / families to stay in Delaware and make a week long vacation of the two events. (Tuesday July 14 to Tuesday July 21). We are not sure how many families will do that but the change should allow those who want to do so. Third, it will allow our players to try out for the Under Armor team on Friday July 24 in Indiana. By finishing up on Tuesday our players / families will have time to get back to Cleveland, rest and then go to Indiana on Friday to attend those tryouts.

#### **MS and Youth Changes**

##### ***Summer Sizzle / Pipe City – MS and Youth Only – July 10-12***

- We have changed the first tournament from Summer Sizzle in Maryland to Pipe City in South Bend, Indiana.
- We moved because we are concerned that Summer Sizzle will not happen on July 10-12 in Maryland. Both Inside Lacrosse and the National Lacrosse Showcase were scheduled to happen in Maryland the week of July 13-18. Both of

those events have moved out of Maryland because they did not believe, based on Maryland's current return to play timeline, that they could hold their events in Maryland during that week. Those are two of the biggest and best known events. If the Inside Lacrosse Showcase, with all the resources / sponsors / logistic help of the magazine, could not figure out how to run an event we did not see how Summer Sizzle could run their event. Based on that, we decided to attend a different event.

- We chose Pipe City in Indiana for several reasons.
  - It is the same weekend as Summer Sizzle so you will not have to change your vacation days/summer schedule
  - It is run by Lacrosse America, who is one of the largest providers of lacrosse tournaments. We have attended at least 1 of their events for each of the last 7+ years. We know how they run their tournaments, their level of professionalism and the effort they put in to these events.
  - It is being held in Indiana. Indiana is hosting tournaments starting June 19. This means that this will be their fourth weekend of events which should allow them to have all the 'kinks' worked out by the time our event rolls around.
  - Pipe City has historically been a very competitive tournament for our teams. They have 4 categories at each age bracket which allows us to move our teams around so that we face quality teams. For example, two years ago our 8<sup>th</sup> grade team won the top 8<sup>th</sup> grade division, our 7<sup>th</sup> graders played up in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade 'silver' division and went 4-2 and our 5/6<sup>th</sup> team played in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade 'Bronze' division and won the championship with a 5-4 win over a team they had lost 6-4 to on Saturday.
    - For those interested, the reason we stopped attending Pipe City is because it was held north of Chicago which made for an 8 hour drive and it was in a different time zone. This meant the players competing in the championship games on Sunday (3 or 4 pm) were not getting home until 2 am. It had nothing to do with the quality of the event or the competition. Given that the event is now in South Bend, Indiana those concerns were no longer an issue.

Hopefully, this all makes sense to you and you understand the logic behind our changes. If you have any questions or concerns about the changes to practice or the tournaments please contact me at 216.373.5684. Please know that everyone at BR is doing our best to make sure you have a successful summer. Hopefully, you are seeing that in our practices and the effort we are making to make sure we are on top of things with the tournaments.

### **Medical Forms**

We will continue to send out the medical forms each day. We appreciate your efforts to get them completed by 2 PM. We know this is difficult for some families, so we have attached a blank medical form that you can print, complete, sign and send with your son to practice should you not be able to get to the Google Medical Form Sheet in time. Just have them bring the completed and signed form to the check in.

- Both the online and hard copy of the form is now available online at <https://www.brlax.net/summer-tournaments-practice/> under practice info.
- We ask that you use the printed form only as a last resort. Please complete the online google form if possible.

### **Update on Arriving at the fields (Map)** [broadview hts field map.jpg](#)

When dropping off in the parking lot, please remember the following:

- You can NOT park on the left by the trees. If you have to park it has to be on the right facing the fields.
- You can NOT park by the white Covid testing tent.
- You must drive on the left and past the white van to drop off. Please remember to pull behind the tent. Do NOT stop by the porta potty. Not only does it smell bad, but it backs up traffic trying to get in.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### **Check In**

As per the trainers

- You need to have a mask on in the check in.
- No exceptions. No mask = no check-in = no practice.

Please help us enforce this rule.