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To: All Surrey Rebels Lacrosse Parents and Players

From: The Surrey Rebels Executive Team

Re: Making the Game Better for All

It is that time of the year when the box lacrosse season is starting to get under way. We are all excited about the prospects for 2010 for both returning players and those new to the game. It promises to be a fun season of lacrosse.

The purpose of this communication is to ask for your help in making the season even better. As with any sports organization, it takes a team of people to make it work. From players to coaches to referees to the Executive, we all want to make sure the players are having fun and learning about the game... from exercise and nutrition to sportsmanship and the rules of the game.

One of the key elements of any sports league where teams are involved are the officials. Without referees, the game can't be played. Without trained and effective referees, the game can be less than enjoyable for everyone. This is where we need YOU!

PLAYERS:

If you are a current or past player of the game, at least 13 years of age, consider giving something back to the game. Your knowledge of the game goes a long way to helping you become an official. The training being put together will help you use that knowledge to make the game fun for everyone. Not to mention, you get paid for your efforts. We will work with you to schedule games around your availability and travel requirements. Don't let not being able to drive stop you from becoming a referee!

PARENTS:

We have all sat on the sidelines watching the game being played and had comments about the officiating. Some good, some not! Well, now you have a chance to make a difference. Remember the saying "Be part of the solution, not the problem"?

We need to add mature candidates to the officiating roster to help make the game better for the players, parents and coaches. In the past, the training process has not leant itself to developing strong, knowledgeable referees for the game. We are working to change that and want you to be part of the new and improved system. The added benefit is that you too get paid for your efforts!

Instead of sitting on the sidelines, make a difference. Become a Surrey Rebels trained referee and help make the game about the kids having fun, not about complaining about the officiating. You can only do this by becoming involved with the program. If you have any questions, please ask. Don't let a lack of answers, stop you from getting involved.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

This is a new program being developed for the Surrey Rebels starting in 2010 and are looking for help from current referees, those considering becoming a referee, players and parents.

In the past, the training process was very basic. A short one day course from a BCLA course trainer, then off you go to the box. This may have included some mentoring, but the end result were referees, especially the younger ones, that were not as effective as they could have been and then not wanting to be involved in the sport any more. We are going to change that.

The new process is being developed, but we need people involved to make it work. Our plans include:

- Initial course from BCLA for certification
- Additional class time with Surrey Rebels head referee and training team
- Practical application of rules with demonstrations and the official calls to make
- At least 3 exhibition games for the sole purpose of referee training
 - Instruction to include:
 - Game Start
 - Flow of the game
 - Communicating with players
 - Communicating with coaches
- Assigned mentors for start of the season to work with new officials on the floor
- Written evaluations at the end of the training and throughout the season
- Referee Jersey and Whistle included in the program

This process will be followed for ALL new and current Surrey Rebel referees for 2010, with one caveat... WE NEED YOU! This success of this program will depend on the response from you. The more people we get, the better the program. Please consider joining the ranks and making the game better for everyone.

DO I GET PAID?

Every lacrosse official gets paid for their time. The amount depends on the level of the game and the level of the referee.

HOW DO YOU GET STARTED?

If you are interested in becoming a referee for Surrey Lacrosse, please send an email to Sandra Prance at sprancer@shaw.ca with your contact information including full name, email address, and phone number and we will get in touch with you regarding upcoming courses.

Make a difference.... Become a certified referee for Surrey Rebels Lacrosse and make the game better for everyone!

November 25, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Criminal Record Check for Surrey Lacrosse Volunteer Coaches

Surrey Lacrosse Association is a registered non-profit society. As a pre-requisite to individuals being permitted to volunteer coach under-18 lacrosse players in British Columbia, a criminal record check must be completed and provided to the community lacrosse association for its records.

Please allow the (volunteer) bearer of this document to fill in:

1. Consent for disclosure of criminal record information.
2. Consent for criminal record check for sexual offences for which a pardon has been granted or issued.

All information is to be sent to the above address for use in the Box Lacrosse season of 2009 (March-July inclusive). It is understood that a fee does not apply to this type of application – if this is not the case, please contact me at the above address. Thank you for your time and support.

Yours truly,

Dennis Ewen
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Surrey Lacrosse Association (2009)
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