



## **SURREY LACROSSE ASSOCIATION**

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## **REFUND Q & A's**

May 21, 2020

### **Q – Why did we only get 50% of our fees back when other associations and sports gave back 100%?**

A – First and foremost, Surrey Lacrosse is not a for profit association. We do not pay coaches and do not have a large stockpile of cash in the bank to operate with. We do not have senior teams that subsidize our program nor do we have alumnus benefactors that donate generously like many other lacrosse clubs. After a lengthy and extremely exhaustive discussion on our funds, our executive determined we would simply not have enough money in the bank to refund everyone the full amount, especially after the listed expenses we have already parted with in preparation for the pending season. We simply could not operate if we waited until day #1 of the season to buy the items we need for the season. Just for example; jerseys and shorts take 6 weeks to order and receive. We ordered those items in January shortly after Early bird registration brought in enough funds to do so. With that, we elected that every player deserved some funding returned with the opportunity to join next year at a substantially reduced rate.

### **Q – Why didn't the SLA rollover all registrations to next season?**

A – We did not prefer the option of simply holding any funds to rollover until next season as many players may move up which is a totally different scenario on what they paid this season. As well as with the 3 different pay rates we offer each year, early bird, regular and late, it's hard to determine who should pay what etc. This is where the 50% back to everyone came about. EVERYONE gets something back right now and EVERYONE who received the 50% reimbursement this season will be offered the same discount next season.

### **Q - What will the discount be next season?**

A - Next box lacrosse season, we intend to offer up to a 50% discount for all players receiving the refund this year, however, we cannot commit at this time to a specific amount. There may be other variables between now and next season which is why we didn't specify the exact discount. Our hope is to make it 50% off or as close to 50% off for all players that were reimbursed 50% this season.

### **Q – How does the refund apply to Sponsorship players?**

A – Any player who partially paid will be reimbursed 50% of the amount they are out of pocket. The sponsorship dollars are available directly to the organization that funded the athlete.

### **Q – Will the club have to buy more equipment next season?**

A – When we offer a discount next year to players that received a 50% refund this year, it will account for the fact that we do not need to buy new equipment, shorts, jerseys, supplies etc. There will be some costs that are unavoidable such as preseason indoor floor time, BCLA player insurance, and other costs such as insurance which is annual.



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**Q – Will there be any lacrosse offered this season at all?**

A – There are a few things that need to fall into place before we can run anything with the first being confirmation from the city of the outdoor facilities opening as they still have padlocks blocking entrance to these facilities. We are certain there will be coaches willing to put something together for players to come out to throw the ball around but we will need to have a structure in place that falls under Federal and Provincial health guidelines. We will need to have a limit on the number of players allowed to attend each session and clear guidelines for drills allowed. In short, we hope to have something in place but the truth is we are not sure yet. If we are able to have something and there is participation interest then we can put something together and we will post updates as they are available on our website.

**Q – Is there any issue with insurance for our players?**

A – No, as the BCLA has kept our player insurance for this season, we will still be covered fully until the end of summer so if lacrosse activities happen, we will be covered.

**Q – Will there be any fee for this if some form of outdoor lacrosse events happen?**

A – No, Surrey Lacrosse will not charge anything for these events (for registered players) if they are able to be put in place. We have equipment that can be used and will only require approval from the city to use the facilities and coaches to volunteer their time to instruct.

**Q – Why were the players playing their last season included in the hold back?**

A – Expenses incurred preseason were done so based on anticipated registration numbers, as such everyone is participating in the cost sharing. Although not confirmed yet there has been tremendous discussion and support towards allowing the 2004 born players to play one more year in minor due to this season's fiasco. Until it has been confirmed, we intend on creating the best outcome for all players.

**Q - Is there other revenue that was not accounted for?**

A - Nothing that wasn't accounted for at present. We did, however, lose out on partial proceeds from retail swag and revenue from our annual Rebel Roundup Tyke tournament which was slated to have 20 teams this season at the new North Surrey Sport and Leisure Centre. If we could guesstimate, we projected approximately \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 in lost revenue from these 2 areas.

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**As the executive are all volunteers,  
we greatly appreciate your patience and understanding  
during this unforeseen state of affairs!**