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Frequently Asked Questions for 2018

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1. When is practice? What if practices change?

All practice dates, times and locations are available on the team website site at www.evilleteams.com. We recommend downloading the app, Sports Engine. This is the best place to find up to date information and to ensure you receive notifications. As long as your email is associated with the player account (setup at registration), you can find the team through the search and add it to your favorites. Additionally, last minute changes or cancellations will be communicated via Twitter @evillestorm.

Routine practices are planned for Sunday from 3-5PM and Tuesday/Thursday from 6-8PM at Goebel Soccer Complex. Field assignments can vary.

Players should be at practice 15 min prior to start to put on equipment, start warm ups, etc....

2. What is our tournament schedule? What time are the games? Where are the games?

Thunderbolt Lacrosse Shootout	June	9-10	Goebel Soccer & Lacrosse Complex North Greenriver Road Evansville, IN
Luck O'The Draw	June	23-24	Jr. Irish Fields 5200 Nimitz Parkway South Bend, IN 46628
King of Queens	June / July	30-1	Heritage Oak Park 4601 US-41 Mason, OH 45040

Games schedules are published 3 to 5 days prior to the tournament. It is best for parents to utilize the tournament websites to determine game times and field locations as these are subject to change throughout the event. All 2018 tournaments are being hosted by Lacrosse America. You can access their information at the following site: www.lacrosseamerica.com

Generally, we will play 3 games on Saturday and 1 or 2 on Sunday. Games start at 8 AM and run to 4 PM at most sites.

Players need to report to the field one (1) hour prior to their first game.

3. Do we need to volunteer or bring food to tournaments?

Yes, all club members are required to participate in tournament hospitality. Lea Jochum, Director of Hospitality, will be publishing a list of needs a few weeks prior to the 1st tournament. Please let us know if you have any contacts for potential donations or can commit to bringing tents, coolers, tables, etc....

4. Are there designated hotels for each tournament?

Our Travel Director, Kathy Hartz, has provided information concerning team room. If you haven't received, please send an email to EvilleStorm@gmail.com. Often, tournaments require us to book rooms through their providers. We understand that sometimes it is more convenient to stay with family or friends but if you need to book a hotel please try to utilize the team block.

5. What standards are the organization, coaches, players and parents held accountable to?

ALL SISL stakeholders are governed by the US Lacrosse Code of Conduct as shown below:



US LACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches, spectators and parents are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials and spectators. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to youth sports in the United States and around the world. US Lacrosse and its Youth Council support the following behaviors for those participating or involved in any way with US Lacrosse and youth lacrosse in general:

- The essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be adhered to.
- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game, and must be taught and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The emphasis on winning should never be placed above the value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, or the skills of the game.
- Derogatory comments are unacceptable. Use positive reinforcement with players and adults alike. It should be remembered that criticism, once made, can never be retracted.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as with adults.
- Officials are expected to conduct themselves as professionals and in a manner that demonstrates courtesy and fairness to all parties while exercising their authority on the field.
- Adults involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass, or threaten an official.
- Knowledge of the Rules of Lacrosse must be respected and adhered to by all who participate in the game of lacrosse, both in the letter and the spirit of the game. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, such as age and previous level of participation, must be followed. They have been established to encourage and maximize participation, as well as promote safety.

Beyond this, members of SISL, must adhere to the corporate by-laws. These are available for review from the team website, www.evilletteams.com or by sending an inquiry to southernindianaselectlacrosse@gmail.com. Finally, the board at its discretion can create standard operating procedures and policies to aid in the governance of Southern Indiana Select Lacrosse.

6. Who can I speak to if I have an issue with coaching including starting positions, playing time, general teaching practices, sportsmanship, etc....

We always recommend that players speak with their coaches directly for any questions about positions or playing time. Coaches can provide guidance on areas of weakness and opportunities for improvement.

If players are unable to resolve issues or gain insight from speaking with their coach, parents are welcome to address concerns with the Director of Coaching, Brian Hartz. If Brian is unable to address concerns, please escalate to the club president, Christine Barnhart.

Please keep in mind that the clubs goals are focused on developing responsible, committed and dedicated lacrosse players. We work hard to ensure that players are positioned to not only support a competitive team, but also to grow as individuals. Ultimately our coaches and technical director make decisions on rosters, positions and playing time based on skill and demonstrated determination and dedication. Players are expected to be good sports on and off the field, participate in all team events and practices, and work diligently to improve their lacrosse skills and leadership proficiency. Any deviation from these requirements can result in loss of playing time.

We understand that family obligations and summer employment is often a competing priority with lacrosse practice. However, we cannot plan for tournaments and field a competitive team without everyone's consistent engagement and enthusiasm. We must all work together!

7. How are coaches selected? How can I become a coach?

One of the primary duties of our Director of Coaching, Brian Hartz, is the selection of coaches, establishment of coaching roles and responsibilities and on-going review of performance and feedback, as required. From time to time, the Director of Coaching or other board member, may ask the board overall for an opinion or feedback on coaching selections to ensure we are choosing the best possible candidates. However, a vote by the board is not required to approve or remove coaches.

Coaching candidates are asked to submit a request to be considered for open positions, along with their qualifications to EvilleStorm@gmail.com. If selected, a letter outlining the coaches' responsibilities and commitment, along with any benefits provided by SISL or Eville Storm, is provided and requires acceptance in writing.

As a general rule, Eville Storm parents are not permitted to coach or be on the sidelines during games. Exceptions are made at the discretion of the Director of Coaching with concurrence from the President.

8. Are Eville Storm coaches paid?

Eville Storm coaches are unpaid but they are provided with uniforms and travel expenses. At the discretion of the board, a bonus can be provided to head coaches, assistants and interns, if funds are available.

9. What is the attendance policy?

Attendance is critical to the success of the Eville Storm program and teams. For this reason, the SISL board approved an overall attendance policy in June of 2016, which states that any player that misses fifty percent (50%) or more of Eville Storm planned activities (camps, volunteer service, practices, games/tournaments, fundraisers), etc....unless due to injury are automatically suspending from tournament play through the remainder of the season.

Suspended players can be reinstated through an appeal to the SISL board, which must be presented in writing, or through attendance at future activities, which results in compliance to policy, i.e. 50% attendance is achieved.

Furthermore due to excessive absences, the Storm coaches have added the following, as a team guideline:

Unexcused absences will result in automatic loss of one quarter (1/4) of a game in playing time.

Excused absences include injury, illness, pre-approved family vacations and school trips, college visits, camps (sports, religious or other), educational testing, etc....

As the Storm schedule is published well in advance of the season kick off (For 2018, schedule was published in November 2017), conflicts with other sports practices/conditioning, work, etc....will NOT be considered an excused absence.

Beyond the SISL policy and Storm team guidelines, coaches may further reduce playing time, if absences (excused or unexcused) are not communicated in advance or for players, who are deemed to not be fully participating, even when present.

10. Can I get a refund if my son is unable to participate?

Storm teams commit and pay for summer tournaments 3 to 6 months in advance. As many of our expenses are fixed, i.e. they are not reduced with less players, and we do make cuts based on ability, it is difficult for us to offer refunds, regardless of the circumstance. With that said, SISL adopted the following refund policy in June of 2016:

Player withdraw or injury prior to April 1, will result in a ninety-five percent (95%) refund of Storm club fees for summer travel. Player withdraw or season ending injury prior to May 1, will result in a fifty percent (50%) refund. After May 1, player withdraw will not result in a refund with exceptions due to a season ending injuries, as described below:

Player season ending injury prior to June 1, refund twenty percent (20%) or a forty percent (40%) credit toward fall or the following summer Storm fees. Player season ending injury after June will be eligible to receive a forty percent (40%) credit toward fall or the following summer Storm fees. Credits may be applied to siblings or players residing in the same household.

If you feel that you have an extenuating circumstance, a written appeal to the board can be submitted.

11. I've heard that travel sports is super expensive. Are there programs available to help with fees?

Research shows that active kids are healthier, do better in school, and stay out of trouble. As such, one goal of Southern Indiana Select Lacrosse is to engage as many kids as possible in a summer sport. Another benefit of our program is that it brings together folks from throughout the greater Evansville community to teach teamwork and leadership. Kids that play sports are more confident and physically fit. Therefore, we believe it is important to provide a program where participation is not contingent upon financial means, but rather on determination, commitment, and dedication.

Scholarships

Southern Indiana Select Lacrosse established need-based scholarships for our participants at the inception of our program. To be eligible for Storm scholarships, players must be in good standing with

the club, i.e. cannot be suspended due to attendance/participation, attitude, etc. Additionally, players must participate in Storm "Individual" fundraisers. These are fundraisers where players can earn their fees back directly.

Eligible players are then invited to submit essays, which include the following key points:

- 1) Why you require financial assistance or historical context as to your need.
- 2) How being part of Eville Storm will benefit you as a player, student, and community leader.
- 3) Ideas and suggestions on how you can give back to the community and thus pay-it forward.

An independent board reviews essays and makes prioritized recommendations on how to distribute available Storm scholarship funds.

Individual Fundraisers

Prior to our summer season, Storm offers an individual fundraiser. 100% of the profit from this event is applied to player club fees. If you have already paid your fee, we issue a refund prior to the 1st tournament.

50/50 Sponsorship Program

For every dollar in sponsorship that a player procures, fifty-percent (50%) is applied to club fees. Sponsorships can include corporations or individuals. Please see our sponsorship brochure located on our website, www.evilleteams.com, for specific sponsor benefits.

12. Can I be added to team communications?

Sports Engine, our communication and website provider, does not allow administrators to add emails to player profiles. Unfortunately, security measures and custody arrangements are such that we are unable to add additional contacts once a player is registered. However, the player profile owner can make changes at their discretion. We recommend that parents/guardians work together to ensure all parties are listed on the Sports Engine player profile to ensure communication is received in a timely manner.