

Vice President of Technical

Area Report

October 11th, 2022

Scheduling

This season, we started off in a tough spot as the city was not planning while the last wave of covid was running rampant and shutdowns were in effect. We only received our permit just two weeks prior to tryouts commencing. We weren't the only ones as other municipalities across the zone were in the same boat. This ultimately caused delays in the zone schedule being released on time.

Also, my work and personal schedule became far too busy and as a result, the release of the HLA schedules became difficult to release in a timely manner. As I have taken on a new job with less access to a computer during the day, I feel that my performance will only get worse. If someone is willing to take on the role of scheduler, I will gladly see that they have a smooth transition into their new role.

Equipment

This year, we had a number of goalies who did not return to lacrosse. As a result, we had an influx of equipment returned. I believe we only had to purchase a few items for our taller goalies.

This season, we used Play it Again Sports to sanitize our equipment at the conclusion of the season. Our usual service provider's son did not play with us in 2022, so we decided to take our business to one of the league's sponsors.

An inventory needs to be done to assess the needs for our 2023 programming.

House League Program

This year, the HLA turned its focus towards the rebuilding of the House League program. With two years off, and no ability to recruit in person, our numbers were drastically down. Not only did we lose players, but we also lost a ton of coaches and referees. A call went out on social media to recruit some of our alumni back to help and thankfully it worked. We were able to recruit enough of both to get us through the season.

Due to the low numbers, the HLA made the difficult decision to make our U9 and U11 Bengal players play within the House League. Although this was not a popular decision amongst some of the retuning Bengal families, we felt it was the right thing to do to be able to sustain our HL program. Hopefully this off season we will be able to go into the arenas and recruit like we have in the past and numbers will be where they should be.

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