

ULA Org Leaders Meeting- January 17, 2024

AGENDA

- 1). The 2024 ULA season will start on Monday, June 10th.
- 2). Girls games will now be scheduled at: 5:30, 6:30, and 7:30.
- 3). The ULA will schedule games on Monday, July 1st and Tuesday, July 2nd. There will need to be a make up date (TBD) for Wednesday, July 3rd.
- 4). There was a favorable response to the scheduling of doubleheaders for 2 weeks of the season. It will probably happen again this season but it may not be the first 2 weeks of the season.
- 5). The ULA will pursue the hiring of a Social Media Coordinator-**completed**
- 6). The ULA will continue the Junior Officials program.
- 7). Two areas that need improvement: a). Host/games sites need 2 timekeepers per field, and b) spectators need to clean up after themselves before leaving the field.
- 8). Areas that need continued review and discussion:
 - a). Consider the elimination of time stoppage for the 3/4 level-**We will continue to discuss this issue.**
 - b). Develop a new contract with CNYLOA- **in progress**
 - c). The ULA will be incorporating the “Honor the Game” format for 2024; **discussion at which levels we will incorporate this new endeavor will continue**
 - d). Increase attendance at the Coaches Meeting prior to the start of the season- **ideas suggested were; return of the ULA Coaches shirts, a raffle, a guest presenter/s, specific coaching clinics, other ideas??**
 - e). ULA website update

SquadLocker- Through SportsEngine, our new website, on line stores can be set up for individual ULA organizations

Background Checks- will now be through NCIS and not PYS. The ULA will still cover the cost of each background check.

f). Review of ULA rules at each level- we will work on this as the rules need a thorough review.

g). ULA registration forms- which ones are currently being used by the orgs?

- 1). Binder Certification
- 2). Minor Waiver and Release of Liability
- 3). Authorization for Medical Treatment
- 4). ULA Player and Parent Agreement
- 5). ULA and Coach Agreement
- 6). ULA Photo Release- for the new ULA Facebook page and**

Instagram

h). Dates for upcoming Org Leaders Meetings:

Thursday, February, 15th- Please note this day change for the February meeting

Wednesday, March 13th

Wednesday, April 10th

Wednesday, May 8th

i). USA Lacrosse members in ULA- Please let us know if your organization requires USA Lacrosse membership

Other Business:

a). The ULA wants to participate in the “Celebrate Lacrosse” event hosted by USA Lacrosse. Lafayette, Marcellus Girls, FM, Chittenango, ES-M, Fulton, and Valley have already indicated interest in being involved. Walt is working with USA Lacrosse on the specific details and Sarah Forrest and/or Robyn Clary will be at our February 15th meeting to discuss further. Please let us know if your organization would like to participate.

b). We need to develop a clearer plan regarding 9th graders playing in the ULA. Declining school enrollment, fewer scholastic players, and the effects of Covid, have all impacted our organizations even to the elimination of freshman/JV teams. Many teams are needing to cast a wider net to get enough players to field teams.