

# Duluth Lacrosse

ISD #709



# Why Do We Want to Sanction Lacrosse?

- **Growth of lacrosse**
- **Growth of program**
- **Competitiveness**
- **Timing**
- **Vision and Goals**



# **Growth of Lacrosse**

**Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the U.S.**

**34%**

**Boys**

**36%**

**Girls**

**Number of schools sponsoring  
the sport between  
2009 & 2013**

**Source: NFHS 2013 Survey**

# **Growth of Lacrosse**

**Among States in the Survey, Minnesota had THE greatest number of new lacrosse players in the country at:**

**73%**

**Growth between  
2009-2013**

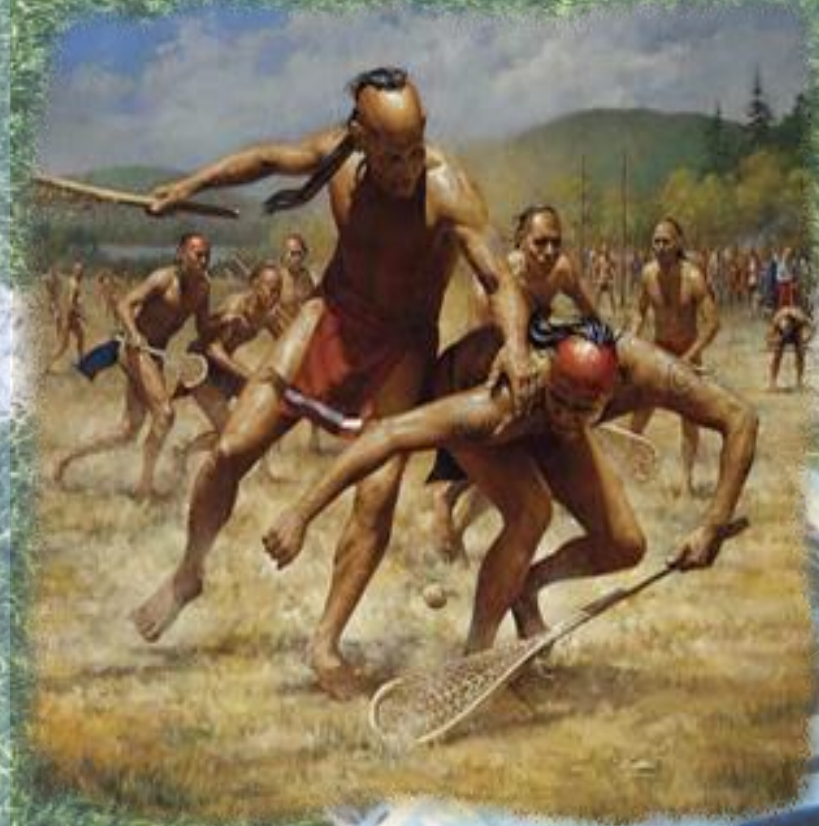
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# **What Makes Lacrosse Attractive?**

- ◎ **Similarities to other sports: Basketball, Hockey, Football, Soccer**
- ◎ **Action, scoring, multiple positions, place for everyone, new sport, fitness**
- ◎ **Another alternative for kids to get involved**
- ◎ **Attracts kids not playing other sports**
- ◎ **Gear is cool**

# Snapshot of Lacrosse

- ◎ Oldest sport in North America
- ◎ **10 players** on field at one time
- ◎ Teams of **20-25** players
- ◎ **110 yard X 60** yard field
- ◎ Primary equipment: stick, ball, 6 x 6 goals



# Growth of Program

● **171%** growth –  
number of boys  
lacrosse players in  
Duluth 2011-2015

● **126%** growth  
total number of boys  
and girls lacrosse  
players in Duluth  
2011-2015



# Growth of Program

- Duluth Chargers have grown from **3 teams** in 2011 to **10 teams** in 2015





# Growth of Program

Varsity
JV
7/8

2011 Chargers Teams

Varsity
JV
9/10
U15
U15
U13
U13
U11
U11
U9

2015 Chargers Teams

# Growth of Program

- Continued strong growth at youth levels
- Will provide feeder for High School teams
- Chargers will continue to support youth lacrosse in area



# Competitiveness

- Lacrosse has been a club sport in Duluth for over **10 years**
- Started organization in **1999** – one of 1<sup>st</sup> in State
- First year of competition in club league was **2003**



# Competitiveness

<u>2003 Results</u>					
<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Bloomington Jefferson	13	2	<i>St. Paul</i>	3	6
Eden Prairie	16	4	Bloomington Kennedy	5	4
Blake	11	4	Mounds View	3	6
Eagan	7	4	Totino-Grace	4	6
Shattuck-St. Mary's	6	2	Wayzata	4	5
Breck	6	4	Holy Angels	4	6
Minneapolis	9	3	Irondale	3	6
St. Cloud Tech-Cathedral	7	3	Lakeville	2	7
Roseville	8	9	Chaska-Chanhassen	4	6
Mahtomedi	8	2	<u>Duluth</u>	3	5
Minnetonka	6	3	Rochester	3	8
Robbinsdale Cooper	7	5	Prior Lake	3	6
Hastings	7	4	St. Thomas Academy	1	7
Hill-Murray	7	4	Mankato	0	5
Eastview	4	4	Buffalo	1	7
Edina	5	7	Osseo-Park Center	1	8
Benilde-St. Margaret's	5	5	Orono	1	8

# Competitiveness

- ⦿ As lacrosse has grown in Duluth, the club leagues have continued to decline
- ⦿ Duluth boys currently participate in the **Minnesota Boys Scholastic Lacrosse Association (MBSLA)** at the high school level
- ⦿ Duluth girls currently participate in the **Northcentral Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association (NSLA)** at the high school level

# Competitiveness

- There are presently **14 teams** in the MBSLA
- There are presently **7 teams** in the NSLA
- In 2015 there are **73 MSHSL boys** lacrosse teams and **74 MSHSL girls** teams
- Club leagues continue to decline

# Competitiveness

- ⦿ **MBSLA has become more of a developmental league**
- ⦿ **Duluth has developed a very successful program**
- ⦿ **With only 14 club teams it's difficult to find competitive teams to play**
- ⦿ **Many games aren't competitive leading to lopsided scores**
- ⦿ **Players are not able to develop in game situations**

# Competitiveness

## Current Section

Varsity

North

Duluth

## Related Pages

Brainerd

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Grand Rapids

Proctor

Red River

St. Cloud North

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Varsity

North

Duluth

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Duluth

Regular Season  
2015

Roster **Game Schedule** Player Stats Team Stats Standings Photos Videos Posts

APRIL	SUN 12 LOSS	SUN 12 WIN	SUN 19 WIN	SUN 19 WIN	THU 23 WIN	TUE 28 WIN	MAY	SAT 9	SUN 10	TUE 12	THU 14	THU 21	WED 27
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Complete

Box Scores

Date	Result	Opponent	Location	Status
Sun Apr 12	L 6-7	@ Hudson	Houlton--Houlton Elementary, Field #1	FINAL →
Sun Apr 12	W 20-5	@ Winona	Houlton--Houlton Elementary, Field #1	FINAL →
Sun Apr 19	W 17-3	St. Cloud North	Duluth--Public School Stadium (Denfeld), Stadium	FINAL →
Sun Apr 19	W 24-2	Waconia	Duluth--Public School Stadium (Denfeld), Stadium	FINAL →
Thu Apr 23	W 21-1	@ Brainerd	Brainerd HS, Field #1	FINAL →
Tue Apr 28	W 19-1	Proctor	Duluth East HS, Stadium	FINAL →
Sat May 9	-	@ Red River	Moorhead HS, Stadium	2:30 PM CDT
Sun May 10	-	@ Grand Cities	Grand Forks--Cushman Field, Stadium	11:00 AM CDT
Tue May 12	-	Becker	Duluth East HS, Stadium	6:00 PM CDT
Thu May 14	-	@ Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids Sports Complex, Field #1	6:00 PM CDT
Thu May 21	-	Grand Rapids	Duluth--Public School Stadium (Denfeld), Stadium	7:30 PM CDT



# Timing

- ⦿ **Chargers have grown to point where split between Duluth and other Twin Ports schools is needed**
- ⦿ **Maturation of club has led to need for increased competition**
- ⦿ **Hermantown actively working to develop MSHSL co-op program with Proctor, Cloquet, Esko and Carlton**
- ⦿ **Grand Rapids MSHSL team soon to transition**

# Timing

- Spring schedules usually developed in Fall, so time is right to sanction Duluth team
- Development of high school sanctioned teams will encourage growth in girls program – Equal footing with boys



# Vision and Goals

- ◎ **61%** of boys program from Duluth School District boundary
- ◎ **88%** of girls program from Duluth School district boundary
- ◎ Addition of lacrosse may bring kids back to Duluth School District
- ◎ Numbers at youth levels will support continued growth – lacrosse is not going away

# **Vision**

**Overall Vision for our program will be to:**

**Provide the opportunity for girls and boys to learn and enjoy the sport of lacrosse and to honor the game by instilling the values of sportsmanship, scholastic achievement, and individual development since student/athletes have been proven to do better in school & society**

# Goals

- ⊙ Lacrosse on equal footing with all of Duluth's sports programs
- ⊙ Self-funding for four years – then we revisit the situation with school board
  - > Strong history of funding our program
  - > Manage significant budget currently
  - > Will reduce expenses in some areas with high school team
    - i.e. field rental

# Goals

## ◎ Cost-Neutral Proposition

### > Revenue:

- Boys Varsity - \$295 – 23 players = \$6,785
- Boys JV - \$295 – 23 players = \$6,785
- Girls Varsity - \$295 – 23 players = \$6,785
- Girls JV - \$295 – 23 players = \$6,785

### > On-Going Expenses: (Boys/Girls V & JV)

- Ref Fees - \$4,000
- Coaches - \$11,000
- Busing – TBD
- League Fees - \$400
- Supplies - \$1,800
- Uniforms (1<sup>st</sup> yr expense) - \$9,200

Revenue: \$27,140

Expenses: \$26,400

+740

\*Expenses based on Buffalo's actual expenses except for uniform estimate

# Goals

## ◎ **Protections to Prevent Loss**

- > **Title IX Compliant – girls lacrosse program will grow with high school support. With decline of girls club league, girls lacrosse may cease to exist without school sanctioning**
- > **Volunteers for otherwise paid tasks to lower operating budget**
- > **Booster club will fund raise to supplement program needs**
- > **Pre-fund each following season – Make a deposit to fund lacrosse program into school's account on or before a specified date – no costs to the school**

# **Vision and Goals**

- **Duluth boys and girls teams will compete in Section 7**
- **Boys Section 7 teams: Andover, Blaine, Centennial, Champlin Park, Coon Rapids, Forest Lake, Spring Lake Park**
- **Girls Section 7 teams: Andover, Blaine, Centennial, Champlin Park, Coon Rapids, Forest Lake, Spring Lake Park, Osseo/Park Center**



# Vision and Goals

◎ **Desirable to seek conference affiliation**

- > **Guaranteed teams to play**
- > **Develop rivalries**
- > **Conference awards**



# Vision and Goals

## ◎ Possible conferences for Duluth teams:

### > Mississippi 8:



- Current teams: Buffalo, Monticello, Rogers, STMA
- Teams likely to be added soon: Big Lake, Chisago Lakes
- Will eventually include other Section 7 teams
- Includes teams similar to Duluth – newer MSHSL teams
- Duluth football teams currently in this conference

### > Northwest Suburban:



- Current teams: Andover, Anoka, Blaine, Centennial, Champlin Park, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Irondale, Maple Grove, Robbinsdale Armstrong, Spring Lake Park, Totino Grace
- Includes several Section 7 teams

# Successful Foundation

## ◎ Duluth lacrosse is built on a successful foundation

- > Years of growth
- > Over a decade of experience
- > Continued growth of the sport at all levels
- > Excellent coaching pipeline at UMD; Great supply of good coaches
- > Successful program where kids are moving on to play at the next level in college
- > Strong history of stable budgeting

# Questions?

