Hi CMLA family,

I hope that you and your families are staying safe! I am happy to announce on behalf of the executive team that LACROSSE IS BACK in Cambridge – Finally! We couldn’t be more pleased to announce that we are weeks away from starting some summer programming. We are still not able to run traditional box lacrosse in the arena, but we have an exciting program beginning in a few weeks when we enter Step 2 of Ontario’s re-opening plan.

We are partnering with other neighbouring Zone 8 clubs from CW, Guelph, and KW to run an approximately 6-week hybrid Box/Field RTA program in July and August for age groups U9 (formerly Tyke) through U22 (formerly Intermediate), ages 7 – 21. The goal of the RTA league is to provide a fun environment where kids can get back to playing the game they love. All events will be run outdoors on the field. **Registration is now open.** Please go to our website to register by clicking [here](https://www.sportzsoft.com/regApp/Login?OrgId=4331).

We are also hoping to run paperweight programming. We are still working out details for the Paperweight program as we usually partner with an outside organization to run that program. We will communicate the details as soon as they are finalized.

**RTA Format Details**

* Small teams = more touches and more playing time
* Small field size = more passing/catching, less chasing the ball
* No face-offs = action-packed gaming
* No contact = skills work, game finesse, and LaxIQ development
* Required passes = no track meet shooting gallery

**Program timeline –** currently, the program is tentatively booked to begin the week of July 5 and run for at least six weeks with the potential for up to an additional two weeks. We are working to finalize the details on program duration and will communicate that as soon as they are available. The first week of the program will be practices with games taking place during the remaining weeks.

**When will we play –** We will be moving back to a more traditional schedule with activities scheduled Monday – Thursday nights approximately 6 pm – 9 pm. We are targeting 2 games per week, with some occasional practices added as required.

**Who will we be playing** – we will be playing teams from CW, Guelph and KW. Games will be played in Cambridge as well as in CW, Guelph and KW. The schedule will be finalized shortly after registration closes, and we know how many teams we can field at each age group.

**Equipment** - Without the full details of the provincial return to sport, we have opted to remain non-contact for this year. Helmets with facemask and gloves are required, slash guards are recommended. All other equipment is optional based on player preference but is recommended. Goalies will wear full box equipment.

**Other details**

We will have COVID protocols in place that will comply with the regulations to be released from the province for 2021 - Stage 2.

Registration spots are limited due to the number of players allowed on each team due to Covid restrictions, so please register early as registrations will be on a first-come, first-paid basis. If we max out in a specific age group, you will be added to a waitlist, and we will work with the other associations to do everything we can to ensure that we find a team for as many kids as possible to participate.

**2021 RTA - Registration is Now Open and will be from June 19 - 30th, 2021.**

 Hybrid Box/Field - ages 7-21:

* $100
* Monday - Thursday nights
* 6 - 9 pm
* At least six weeks starting July 5 with an option for up to an additional two weeks (scheduling details are still being finalized)
* Two games/week
* Additional team practices as needed

**Note:** If you registered and paid the $30 for the RTA program we were planning to run in April, you will still need to register and pay the full $100. We have your information and will process a $30 refund shortly after the season starts in July, and we take care of that as the main priority.

This is coming together very quickly, so details are evolving, and we will communicate information as soon as it becomes available.

Please click [here](https://www.sportzsoft.com/regApp/Login?OrgId=4331) to register ASAP so that we can start to plan the teams and schedule the games. Hurry because registration will close on June 30.

Thanks again for your patience and for hanging in there over the last year and a bit. Welcome back!

Thanks,

Jason