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## United States of America Players Information Package

The Sault Ste Marie Lacrosse Association runs a box lacrosse Rep program under the authority of the Ontario Lacrosse Association and the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

This year, we are pleased to be able to accept young men or women from the United States of America to play for one of its Rep teams.

During the 2013 lacrosse season, the SSMLA will be fielding five Rep lacrosse teams that will compete in tournaments and at the Ontario Lacrosse Association Lacrosse Festival.

The five SSMLA Rep teams are as follows: Novice (Born 2003 - 2004), Pee Wee (Born 2001 - 2002), Bantam (Born 1999 - 2000), Midget (Born 1997 - 1998) and Intermediate (Born 1992 - 1996).

A Rep team will usually compete in 2 to 4 tournaments sometime during the months of May, June and July. Tournaments that are being considered for this year are in Thunder Bay, Sudbury and various cities in Southern Ontario. As well, there may be a mini-lacrosse tournament held in Marathon, Ontario between the Sault Ste Marie Lacrosse Association teams and the Thunder Bay Lacrosse Association teams. The Ontario Lacrosse Association Lacrosse Festival (a must for all players wanting to be part of a SSMLA Rep team) will be held in early August, in Whitby, Ontario.

Following is a list of requirements and expectations to be met for the proper organization & management of teams and the safety of players:

### A) **Initial Interest**

Any young man or woman from the United States of America having an interest in playing for one of the SSMLA Rep teams must provide an email to the Association with the following information:

Full Name	If under the age of 18, Full Name of Parent or Guardian
Current Age	Full Address
Telephone number and Email address	Team for which he/she would like to tryout. <i>If anyone would like to try out for the position of goalkeeper, please note it as additional information will need to be provided.</i>
Lacrosse Experience including number of years playing the sport (field or box lacrosse)	Any particular accomplishments in the sport of lacrosse or other relative information

Once received, the coach of the Rep team will review and you will receive an email response.

## **B) Equipment**

All equipment used during any and all of the SSMLA Rep team games must conform to the Canadian Lacrosse Association standards.

**Reference:** Ontario Lacrosse Association ([www.ontariolacrosse.com](http://www.ontariolacrosse.com)) – Go to “*Referee*” then to “*Box Lacrosse Rule Book*”.

**Review the following rules:** a) Rule 6 – The Lacrosse Stick, b) Rule 10 – Lacrosse Shoes, c) Rule 11 – Headwear and d) Rule 13 – Player’s Equipment.

If equipment is required, there is a source in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.

## **C) OLA Registration & Fees**

Each player must complete an OLA Registration and pay the required fees.

A copy of the player’s birth certificate is required and if the player is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian must sign the registration form.

## **D) Insurance**

American born players will be fully covered under the Ontario Lacrosse Association Insurance Policy provided that all claims of compensation and actions covered within the policy must take place in Canada. The policy will not cover any claims or actions initiated or taking place in the United States of America.

**Reference:** Ontario Lacrosse Association ([www.ontariolacrosse.com](http://www.ontariolacrosse.com)) – Go to “*Administration*” then to “*Insurance*”.

## **E) Team Costs and Activities**

Each team will set the fees to be paid for such things as floor time, travel, accommodations and other expenses as required for the different events.

Teams may organize fundraisers or other team activities during the season.

All specific team information will be provided by the Head Coach and his coaching staff.

## **F) Other Expectations**

Players will be available for team practices, tournament and Festival games and any other team activity.

Players must follow the Code of Conduct as set down by the Sault Ste Marie Lacrosse Association.

**Reference:** Soo Spartans ([www.soospartans.com](http://www.soospartans.com)) – Go to “*Administration*” then to “*Code of Conduct*”.

Responsible to attend practices and other team functions

## **G) House League Box Lacrosse**

The Soo Lacrosse Club offers a spring session of box lacrosse made up of teams from the Novice to Senior age groups. For anyone interested in playing in this house league please go to [www.soolacrosse.ca](http://www.soolacrosse.ca).

***It is also strongly suggested that United States players’ carry Travel Insurance from their country.***

For additional information please refer to the following websites:

Soo Spartans – [www.soospartans.com](http://www.soospartans.com)

Ontario Lacrosse Association – [www.ontariolacrosse.com](http://www.ontariolacrosse.com)

Canadian Lacrosse Association – [www.lacrosse.ca](http://www.lacrosse.ca)

Or contact us at 705.575.7171 or [ssmla@shaw.ca](mailto:ssmla@shaw.ca)