

**1/11/12**

## **Quix Stix Lacrosse – Spring 2012 – Parent’s Meeting – Blazers**

### **7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade player options**

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams will begin mid-March and end before Memorial Day – no change.

Teams will be approximately 18-22 players. Most games are on Saturdays.

Many players participate in both middle school lacrosse and Quix Stix. Each gives a different experience to improve the players’ game. Quix Stix is a very nice preparation for the club season.

#### **First Option –**

Play on one of the traditional Quix Stix 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teams. These teams will be selected based on a blind draft – no change from previous years. Players of all abilities will be a part of these teams!

Great for all players who want to improve stick skills, reinforce the fundamentals of lacrosse, and improve confidence. Coaches will reinforce game strategy on the field in a healthy, fun and positive environment.

#### **Second Option – Blazers**

In addition to the opportunities presented to the traditional teams, the Blazers presents an opportunity to play with committed lacrosse players who want to further advance their lacrosse skills and play in a more competitive environment during the Quix Stix season (3/12 to 5/19).

Players must be a registered 2012 Quix Stix player to try out for the Blazers.

If not selected to a Blazer team, player will be assigned to one of the two traditional teams.

Please note that there is an additional cost to play for the Blazers.

## **Why the change in 2012?**

Quix Stix is committed to providing a positive playing experience for all players at all levels.

The number of township organizations that level set their teams has increased. Over the past few years, it has been difficult for Quix Stix to present a competitive game to some surrounding township teams at the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade level.

Historically, Quix Stix has had issues fielding full teams due to conflicts with other activities. The Blazers will provide an opportunity to those players who desire a higher level of commitment to the spring lacrosse season.

## **Expectations of Blazer player -**

Players will attend all practices and games with the exceptions of illness and family emergencies/celebrations.

Playing time will be based on attendance and effort at practice.

## **Schedule –**

All four teams will continue to practice on Sunday afternoons at Valley Forge MS.

Blazers – 1:00 to 3:00 / Traditional Teams – 3:00 to 5:00

Play days:

Coventry Spring Fling – April 21

Abington Play Day – May 12

\*These events will be confirmed soon, as registration opens.

## **Coaches for Blazers**

Cara Filippelli and Allegra Gerhardt

## **Cost for Blazers**

Players will cover all incremental costs directly related to the Blazers, including coaches and play days. Incremental costs are expected to be \$100-\$110, depending on play days.

Quix Stix Registration fees covers US Lacrosse membership, field and equipment/storage expenses, referees expense, uniforms expense and misc exp.

## **Try-outs for Blazers**

We will hold tryouts for 7<sup>th</sup> graders and tryouts for 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We encourage players to attend both tryouts, but the first tryout is a priority.

We will be outside on turf. Dates and times are dependent on weather and the number of registrants.

YSC Sports Feb 25 (Saturday) 4:00-5:30pm (7<sup>th</sup>), 5:30-7:00pm (8<sup>th</sup>)

Feb 27 (Monday) 7:30-8:30pm (7<sup>th</sup>) and Feb 29 (Wednesday) 5:30-6:30pm (8<sup>th</sup>)

Evaluators will include the two Blazers coaches along with two others in the girls' lacrosse community.

An email will be sent on Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, asking you to register your daughter for the tryouts, at no cost. Registration is required. Simply respond to the email with the player's name, grade and preferred position.

## **Full Season Schedule**

March 12 – Beginning of season

March 24 – Scrimmage/First Game

March 31 – Spring Break (T/E School District) – no games scheduled

April 14 – Second Game

April 15 – QS Festival – Teamer Field – Third Game

April 20 – Fourth Game

April 28 – Fifth Game

May 5 – Sixth Game

May 12 – Seventh Game

May 19 – Eighth Game

May 28 – Memorial Day