

## Position Opening: Head Coach Corvallis Lacrosse Club

The Corvallis Lacrosse Club started in 2006 with a few players who had a passion for the sport. As interest grew, a board was formed and the Club formally incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with the mission to support high school boys lacrosse in Corvallis, Oregon. The Club is a combined effort between the two public high schools in town and includes boys from Corvallis High School and Crescent Valley High School. As a club sport, the team is administratively independent of the high schools and receives no school district support.

Team size varies from year to year. We had 26 players on the 2018/19 team, including 12 freshmen, a reflection of the growing interest in lacrosse in Corvallis. The Club welcomes all players with a commitment to developing their lacrosse skills and contributing to the team. We do not hold formal tryouts. For the last few years, we have fielded only a varsity team, but consideration will be given to forming a junior varsity team as numbers and scheduling allow.

The Corvallis Lacrosse Club competes in the Oregon High School Lacrosse Association's North Valley Conference against teams in Albany and Salem, with additional non-conference games against schools primarily in the Eugene and Portland areas. We have 12-14 games a season, followed by post-season play. Games are generally on weekdays, and the Club provides transportation to most away games. Team practices start at the end of February; games begin in mid-March. The team typically practices every weekday evening. Depending on tournament play, the season ends in late May.

To learn more about the Corvallis Lacrosse Club, visit our web site at <u>corvallislacrosse.com</u>. Please direct questions to board president Lara Gamelin at <u>president@corvallislacrosse.com</u>.

## Seeking a Head Coach for the 2019/20 Season

Reporting to the Corvallis Lacrosse Club Board, the Head Coach leads all aspects of high school boys lacrosse in Corvallis, Oregon. The head coach will be committed to the academic, personal, and athletic growth of all players, striving to develop young men of outstanding character while continuously developing their lacrosse skills. While planning and outreach activities occur throughout the academic year, the Head Coach's primary responsibilities are from mid-January through late May—the period for which the Head Coach receives a modest stipend.

**Primary Responsibilities** (for the varsity team and for junior varsity, in years when the Club is able to field two teams):

- Lead and build the team but developing the players' technical skills and knowledge of lacrosse strategy, while leveraging best practices from other programs.
- With the Board, lead the selection, management, and evaluation of all club coaches.
- Lead practices and manage a skills development program for the team.
- Coordinate informational practices, "tryouts," and position selection.
- Work with the Oregon High School Lacrosse Association (OHSLA) and other teams' coaches to schedule games.
- Work closely with the high schools' athletics directors to schedule field time for practices and home games.
- Communicate in a timely and effective way with the Board for program operations.
- Develop and manage a 6-week youth skills clinic for local 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders in the pre-season (mid-January February).
- Meet and stay current with all OHSLA coaching certification requirements, including background check.

## Secondary Responsibilities:

- Work with the Board to develop an annual calendar of in- and out-of-season events.
- Assist in outreach to the two high schools to generate interest from potential players.
- Develop a network of college lacrosse coaching contacts to create "next level" opportunities for players.
- Support community engagement and growth of lacrosse in Corvallis and around the state of Oregon.
- Work with the Corvallis Youth Lacrosse program to create a smooth transition for high school bound players.
- Support Club fundraising and community building efforts managed by the Board.

## To apply, please submit the following materials:

- 1) A cover letter indicating your qualifications for and interest in this position.
- 2) A resume that highlights your lacrosse experience and relevant preparation for mentoring young players on and off the field.
- 3) Names and contact information of at least three professional references.

Application materials should be sent via email to Lara Gamelin, Board President, at <a href="mailto:president@corvallislacrosse.com">president@corvallislacrosse.com</a>. The position will remain open until filled, with interviews beginning in August.