

Frequently Asked Questions

My daughter has never played lacrosse, can she participate?

Absolutely! As an emerging sport, lacrosse is an excellent sport to pick up at the high school level; many of the Tribe players had never picked up a stick before joining the team. You do not need to be a freshman to join either - we've had many girls start playing for the first time their sophomore or junior years.

Where are practices held?

Practices are held at Metea. The school has been very generous and allows us to practice free of charge, allowing us to keep our registration fees as low as possible. Waubonsie does not have field availability for the team. Due to extremely inclement weather last year, several practices were held indoors at Indian Plains High School at the beginning of the season.

My daughter goes to Waubonsie – how can I get her practice?

Many girls carpool from Waubonsie to Metea for practice. At the beginning of the season, we will distribute a roster of players and you may be able to arrange for a carpool to practices.

What equipment is needed to play?

Mandatory - Stick, goggles, mouthguard (no clear ones, always keep an extra), solid black shorts or spandex to be worn under kilt

Optional – cleats (highly recommended – cannot be used on turf fields), solid black long sleeved Under Armour/Jetwear, etc. (only black can be worn under jersey); Solid black Under Armour/Jetwear leggings (very nice in cold weather – it can get cold out there!)

Where are games held?

Approximately half of the games are away games with the remainder held at the field behind the Metea stadium. Spectators should bring their own chairs. Parents are responsible for driving their daughters to local games (Naperville games, Benet, Commissioner's Park etc.). Buses will be provided for other games and will depart from Waubonsie.

How much does it cost?

As lacrosse is not a sanctioned sport, the Tribe does not receive ANY funding from the schools. Our costs are covered by the participation fee and fundraising. The

participation fee for the 2014 season is \$500. Each player will also be required to make a one-time payment of \$30 to purchase a practice jersey, which can be used in subsequent seasons and is hers to keep.

When do I need to pay?

Payments are due as follows:

- \$130 by November 15, 2013
- \$200 by December 15, 2013
- \$200 by January 15, 2014

Players have the option to pay the participation fee in full at the time of registration rather than utilize the payment schedule. All players must have paid the full participation fee by January 15, 2014 or will not be placed on a team.

Will my daughter receive a letter at the end of the season?

Yes, each player will receive a school letter or graduation year number, as applicable, as they would for a school sport.

What if my daughter decides she doesn't want to play?

The Tribe has adopted a no refund policy with regard to participation fees. When registration closes, The Tribe relies on the participation fee of each registered player and incurs financial obligations as a result.

What type of fundraising does the Tribe do?

The Tribe conducts a flower sale in the spring that helps to offset costs and allows us to keep the registration fee consistent with, or lower than, other lacrosse clubs in the area.

What are pasta parties?

Each team (JV and Varsity) holds three team building pasta parties throughout the season. The pasta parties allow the girls to get to know one another and have fun outside of the practice field. Each player is assigned an item to bring and the host merely provides the venue. The pasta parties have been a huge hit and the girls have had a lot of fun in the past.

Do I need to select a volunteer position on the registration form?

It takes a village to raise a lacrosse team and it cannot be done without the help and input of all of the players and parents. As a result, each family is required to select one volunteer position. We will do our best to accommodate your preference. If necessary, volunteer positions will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Are practices and games mandatory?

The coaches will distribute an expectations form at the beginning of the season. As with other high school sports, the only excused absence from practice is generally a conflict with a school activity (chorus concerts, etc.). Please note that two games are scheduled during spring break.

Are games ever cancelled?

As with other outdoor sports, games are occasionally cancelled due to poor field conditions or dangerous weather. The Tribe will notify players and parents upon learning of any such cancellations. If a game is rescheduled, a player may be excused from playing if she has a conflict with the rescheduled date.