

Jan 4, 2008

To all EMLOA Members

Happy New Year! I get many phone calls and emails this time of year about different items and questions on the upcoming season. If I don't get back to you directly, please don't be offended. I try to answer the bulk of them with these mailings since others may have similar questions. If I don't answer your question, please get back to me.

REMINDER - 2008 APPLICATION FORM AND DUES

Application and Dues for 2008 season are due soon. Please **print Page 1 only** of this Email with the 2008 Application Form and forward it with your dues in the amount of \$80 (payable to EMLOA) to Dave Pinciario at the address below. Your dues and Application **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2008**. Mailings postmarked after Jan 31, 2008 will result in a fine of \$25 and your High School schedule will be withheld until dues and fines are paid in full.

2008 APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____

SS# _____

USLacrosse # _____

Year Joined EMLOA _____

Clinic Suggestions _____

Mail To:

EMLOA c/o David Pinciario CPA
8 Central St. Suite 101
Topsfield, M A 01983-1837

US LACROSSE NUMBERS and SS NUMBERS

Some have asked about US Lacrosse Numbers. If you have a membership with and pay dues to US Lacrosse, as a Player, a Coach, an Administrator or an Official, they assign a membership number to you. Officials who work College games or MBYLL (Youth League) games are required to be a member of US Lacrosse (membership levels may differ but both are members). We use the number to reduce our insurance policy premiums since US Lacrosse provides very similar insurance coverage as our EMLOA policy.

We need your SS # because many of the High Schools now require a list of names, addresses and SS #'s of officials working their games so that you can get paid and they can meet their IRS or other requirements. If you don't feel comfortable mailing your number to us, you can email me or call me with your number. No Number, No High School Games.

CANDIDATES CLASSES

We still need officials everywhere but the most critical area continues to be the Metro West area from the 495 belt in Hopkinton west towards Worcester, south to Blackstone, north to Marlboro, Northboro area. If you know of anyone who is an official in another sport or interested in becoming one, contact Matt Croteau. Contact info for Matt Croteau is 508-317-2273 cell, 508-833-0675 home or me_croteau@yahoo.com email. Also, the training email address is now emloatraining@yahoo.com.

The Candidates Classes start the last week in January. All 2nd and 3rd year officials or any other EMLOA member who is interested in sharpening up are encouraged to attend one or all of the sessions, FREE OF CHARGE!!

Go to www.EMLOA.org for more details on the Places, dates and times.

ARBITER

If you plan to officiate High School Lacrosse in 2008, we also need you to do the following:

- Log in to the Arbiter at www.theArbiter.net and confirm all of your personal information. Address and phone numbers should all be current. If you have a problem, call Darrell Benson at 508-454-3973 or email at dbenson1@comcast.net.
- While in the Arbiter, complete your Availability for March 17 thru June 6, 2008.

ANNUAL MANDATORY CLINIC

Clinic Date is Sunday, March 2, 2008. Registration will start at 8 am and the Clinic will run from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Notice that the length has been shortened so that we are done before noon. The Clinic format and Regular Season meeting agendas have been completely restructured. More information will follow. Clinic Site is Tufts Dental School Building on Harrison Ave. in downtown Boston. PARKING HAS NOT BEEN AN ISSUE based on last two year's experience. We will, again, overwhelm you with directions, times, carpooling, parking and public transportation information in the coming weeks. THIS IS A MANDATORY CLINIC FOR ALL EMLOA OFFICIALS TO OFFICIATE IN THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL SEASON. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, PLEASE NOTIFY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN WRITING NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS (Postmarked by February 1, 2008) PRIOR TO THE CLINIC. We will have a Clinic makeup date that will be announced soon

NCAA TICKETS

Tickets are still available in Section 111. You need to act soon since the remaining seats will be opened up for general consumption in about a month. USE THE TICKET FORM ON THE EMLOA WEBSITE!

CORI

EMLOA became a CORI certified organization in 2006. This will continue again this year. Many of you will get a separate email in a week or so with a CORI form and instructions for getting it back to Jim Rourke before Jan. 31, 2008.

More and more schools and Youth organizations are pushing for CORI certification of employees, volunteers, officials, etc. and, although it is a lot of work, it has not presented any problems to us (YET).

We have a link on the website with additional information and will, again, have a short presentation at the Clinic addressing the subject.