Headwaters Lacrosse 7th/8th Girls

Season: February 28th - June 12th

Philosophy: All skill levels are welcome with a concentration on improving skills, building confidence on and off the field, instilling the importance of team, integrity and community, and nurturing a passion for the game as a tiered competitive MYLA program.

The 24-Hour Rule: Concerns with playing time or any emotionally charged topic will not be discussed with a Coach within 24 hours of a game. Furthermore, at this age we expect that the player will address any concerns about playing time with the coach instead of the parent. Coaching Director/Program Director/President will be informed and potentially brought in for any conversations.

Format: 6v6 for MYLA, 12v12 for non-MYLA games

teams: 2 for MYLA, 1 for non-MYLA games

Coaches: Head Coach Lindsay Pittard Lindsay.pittard@gmail.com, Asst. Coach Allison Wilfling

PRELIMINARY GAME SCHEDULE

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4/8 Billings MYLA 4/15 Helena MYLA

4/22-23 Kalispell NW Lax Jamboree 4/29-4/30 Missoula Jamboree MYLA

5/6 Bozeman MYLA

5/13 Driggs 5/20 BYE

5/27 Off Memorial Weekend 6/3-4 Spokane Lax Fest*

6/10-11 Bozeman Headwaters Classic Jamboree

*Originally, we had planned to play in the Jackson Rad Spencer Tournament over Memorial Day weekend but now, we will have this weekend off. Now that we will not be playing Memorial Day weekend, we wanted to offer up to the 5/6 + 7/8 players to participate in the Spokane Lax Fest, June 2-4. In order to go to Lax Fest, we will need a min of 16 players at both the 5/6 + 7/8 teams to sign up. If your players are interested, please fill out their information in the google doc link below. Even if you already clicked yes to participate during registration, please also enter your player's name in the doc so we have the numbers all in one place. Once we have all the sign-ups, we will send out information about how to handle the additional registration fee of \$50 per player.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cDJuQjtnT_a3OHHdiIhvHEyVu_yFcMm86TXwAqLTJaI/edit?us_p=sharing

PRELIMINARY PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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Practice Schedule Starting 2/28:

Indoor (bring all equipment, except at CJ Gym, which will be conditioning only)

Location: Monforton + Fairgrounds + CJ Gym Monday, 2/27 : 5-6:30pm @ Monforton Thursday, 3/2: 5:30-6:30pm @ Fairgrounds Monday, 3/6: 5-6:30pm @ Monforton

Wednesday, 3/8 - 5:30-6:15pm @ CJ Gym (conditioning only)

No Practice over Spring Break

Outdoor Practices, Starting 3/20 - 3x a week

Location: 4 Points Park

Days: Monday, Tuesday + Thursday from 6-7:30pm

If the weather does not permit, we will be at the following locations the week of 3/20 (only)

Tuesday, 3/21: 6:15-7pm @ CJ Gym (conditioning)

Thursday, 3/23: 6:30-7:30pm @ Fairgrounds (sneakers, sticks/balls)

Saturday, 3/25: 3-5pm @ Gallatin Elite indoor. Mandatory practice, ALL 7 | 8 players must attend, 6th graders will be trying out for the team.

3/27 – **Ref Clinic** – *Mandatory for all 8th graders*, optional for 7th graders.

Tom Black, Head Trainer for the Montana Lacrosse Officials Association, will be conducting the inclassroom and on-field training on March 27th. This training is free of charge to the player and once they are officially officials, we will work closely to have them assigned to games. They will be officiating the 3|4 and possibly 5|6 games.

Please fill out your player's information in the google doc, link below. If any parents would also like to become a ref, please also sign up in the google doc, link below.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hOaROJA K-iFPWFagS HHg5gzma5c00gB0H9vsvpB4g/edit?usp=sharing

Learn more at https://mtloa.com/

Monday, 5/22 -Special High School and Youth Practice: All players at Oak Springs

Girl's Equipment

Required equipment – Girl's lacrosse stick, eyewear and mouthpiece.

Headwater Lacrosse does not require helmets for girl's lacrosse. We follow the MYLA and US Lacrosse girl's helmet policy. US Lacrosse women's rules allow for the **optional** use of headgear if it meets ASTM standard F3137. The purpose of this allowance is to acknowledge that while women's lacrosse is a relatively safe sport, the use of protective headgear is desired by some individuals. Headwaters will support you and your daughter if you decide to wear a helmet. It is our recommendation that if you choose to buy a helmet, the color is all white.