

BOYS' TEAMS - 2021 FALL LOVEJOY LACROSSE SEASON INFORMATION

Below is some information to help answer the frequently asked questions about the Fall 2021 season.

When does the fall season start? How long is the fall season? Who are the coaches?

Practices for our fall season will begin on the dates listed below, and the fall season will end in November.

K / 2nd Grade Team(s): begin Thursday, September 9th; coaches: Jake and Nolen Morrow

3rd / 4th Grade Team(s): begin Thursday, September 9th; coach: Korey Manley

5th / 6th Grade Team(s): begin Wednesday, September 8th; coach: Tyler Smith and TBD

7th / 8th Grade Team(s): begin Wednesday, September 8th; coach: Craig Friesland, Tyler Smith, and TBD

High School Team: begin Tuesday, September 7th; coach: TBD

On what days do the teams practice in the fall? How long are practices?

K / 2nd Grade Team(s): **Monday & Thursday evenings** from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm on the grass by the tennis courts at Willow Springs Middle School

3rd / 4th Grade Team(s): **Monday & Thursday evenings** from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm on the grass by the tennis courts at Willow Springs Middle School

5th / 6th Grade Team(s): **Wednesday evenings** from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm on the grass by the tennis courts at Willow Springs Middle School AND **Saturday mornings** from 9:00 am – 10:30 am on the Willow Springs turf

7th / 8th Grade Team(s): **Wednesday evenings** from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm on the grass by the tennis courts at Willow Springs Middle School AND **Saturday mornings** from 9:00 am – 10:30 am on the Willow Springs turf

High School Team: **Tuesday evenings** from 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm on the Willow Springs turf; **Wednesday evenings** from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm on the grass by the tennis courts at Willow Springs Middle School; AND **Saturday mornings** from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm on the Willow Springs turf

Where do practices take place?

Please see locations listed above. From time-to-time, there may be a conflict with the field at Willow Springs as LISD events have priority. If there is a conflict, you will be notified via the Sports Engine app that practice is being cancelled or moved to a different location. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE SPORTS ENGINE APP, PLEASE DOWNLOAD IT NOW.

Where are the games played? What tournaments will we play this fall?

Lovejoy home games are played at Willow Springs Middle School or Sloan Creek Intermediate School. Away games can be played at several places in the Dallas / North Texas area.

In the fall, we typically play 2-4 play days and 2 tournaments. Please mark your calendars now for the tournaments that the Bantam (up to 4th grade) and Junior (5th through 8th grade) teams plan to play which are the McKinney Turlaxin on October 16 - 17 and Frisco Pink Out on October 23 - 24. The high school team will most likely play in the McKinney Turlaxin on October 30 – 31 and the Cowboy Cup on November 6 - 7.

On what days do the teams play games in the fall?

Games in the fall are on Saturdays and Sundays. Other than the tournament schedule, Sunday games do not start before noon.

Will my son be able to borrow lacrosse equipment for the season?

Yes, we do have player loaner equipment available for beginning players to borrow. The Lovejoy Lacrosse program has a total of 40 sets of boys' loaner equipment, in various sizes. The equipment is loaned out on a first come, first serve basis. The loaner equipment requires a deposit of \$200. \$150 of the deposit is refunded at the end of the season, when the equipment is returned and is in good condition and not damaged. The loaner equipment package includes: helmet, shoulder pads, elbow/arm pads, gloves, and a stick. It does not include: mouthpiece (required), athletic cup (required), rib pads (optional), shoes with cleats (required - football, soccer, or lacrosse shoes are all fine), and a reversible team practice pinnie (required).

IF YOUR SON NEEDS LOANER EQUIPMENT, PLEASE EMAIL MISTI FRIESLAND TODAY TO WORK OUT A DATE TO PICK UP EQUIPMENT – MISTI@FRIESLANDLAW.COM

Bantam & Youth Team Uniforms & Jersey Number Assignments

For the fall, **BANTAM & YOUTH** players are required to purchase a Lovejoy practice pinnie, but they are not required to purchase a Lovejoy Lacrosse uniform. In the spring, all **BANTAM & YOUTH** players will be required to get a uniform if they don't have one already. Lovejoy Lacrosse uniforms and practice pinnies are purchased through Team LAX in Frisco. The price for the uniform is ~\$75, which includes a reversible black and white jersey and shorts. The practice pinnie is ~\$25 and is also reversible.

When ordering your uniform and practice pinnie – **DO NOT INCLUDE** a jersey number. **LEAVE THAT BOX BLANK.** The club will assign the jersey numbers. Every effort will be made to give new players one of their three preferred jersey numbers. However, we need to make sure there are no conflicts with any of the returning players on the same team or a grade below or below the new player. We will let you know your son's jersey number within the next week.

We recommend that you try on the sample jerseys, so you can make sure to get the correct size. Team LAX is located at: 9201 Warren Parkway, Frisco, Texas 75035; (469) 362-8529.

Lovejoy has adopted a red and black custom *Cascade S* helmet as the official LJ Youth Lax helmet. You can purchase the helmet directly from Team Lax as they plan to stock a few of these helmets in their store. The helmet is completely optional and is **NOT** mandatory to play for Lovejoy. However, when you purchase a new helmet for your son in the future, we would strongly recommend that you consider purchasing the official LJ helmet as it not only looks great, it is a top of the line helmet, and you can get it for a great price.

High School Uniforms

If your son is a High School player, you do not have to order a uniform. The club will provide uniforms to each high school player. You will be required to purchase a specific helmet which can be purchased at Team Lax in Frisco. Please make sure they know you are purchasing the HIGH SCHOOL helmet.

My son – and I – are new to lacrosse, what can we expect?

Expect to have fun and expect to become hooked on lacrosse. There's a reason why lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the United States (and in North Texas). It's a fun, exciting, and fast paced sport and every player on the field is involved and active throughout the game. It's been said many times, once someone picks up a lacrosse stick and plays the game, they are hooked! Parents love it because the action is non-stop and exciting to watch.

Don't worry if you do not have any lacrosse experience. Lacrosse is an easy game to learn. Make sure to check out our "Lacrosse 101" webpage on our website (www.lovejoylacrosse.com). You will find a lot of information on the game of lacrosse, such as the rules, the lingo, player positions, the field, and penalties.