



Grand Cities Lacrosse Association Annual Report

2024-2025 Season Summary

A Message from the Board

The past year has been one of growth, energy, and accomplishment for our players and our association. We are proud of the hard work shown across all age groups—from first-time athletes picking up a stick to our competitive teams earning recognition at NPLL events and regional tournaments. The enthusiasm and resilience of our players inspire us every day.

As we continue to strengthen our programs, we are also looking toward the future. This annual report reflects not only the achievements of the past year but also the foundation we are building for long-term success. Your sponsorships, donations, and volunteer efforts help create opportunities that extend well beyond a single season. In the year ahead, the Board will launch a strategic planning process to guide our priorities, financial goals, and vision for the continued growth of lacrosse in our community.

We are grateful for your continued support and are excited for what's ahead.

Highlights of the Year

Total Players: 156

Tournaments & Competitions:

- NPLL Weekends: Grand Forks, Bismarck (cancelled), Watertown, Fargo (Championships)
- Additional Tournaments and Play Opportunities:
 - Fargo, ND - JV/Varsity Boys scrimmages against Fargo and Moorhead
 - Rosemount, MN - JV/Varsity Boys
 - Omaha, NE - JV/Varsity Boys played three Omaha high school teams
 - Sioux Falls, SD Tournament - Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls
 - Anoka, MN/Monticello, MN - 10U, 12U, 14U boys
 - Kirk Watson Memorial Shootout in Grand Rapids, MN - 10U, 12U, 14U boys
 - Under the Lights game at Cushman Field - JV/Varsity Boys

Championships or Standout Achievements:

- USA Lacrosse All-Academic Honorees
 - Sylvia Strasner
 - Asher Green
- NPLL Academic All State
 - Drew Olson

- Max Kvasager
- Asher Green
- Ray Dusek
- Jack Stevens
- All-State Award Winners
 - Klayton Carrol, Boys Coach of the Year
 - Grand Cities Predators, Boys Sportsmanship Award
 - Asher Green, NPLL All State, Attack
 - Ray Dusek, NPLL All State, Defense (honorable mention)
 - Hayley Stevens, NPLL All State, Defense
 - Cora Hardley, NPLL All State, Midfield (honorable mention)
- NPLL Place Finishers
 - Boys JV/Varsity - 2nd Place
 - Girls JV/Varsity - 3rd Place
 - 12U Green - 3rd Place
 - 12U Yellow - 4th Place
 - 10U Travel, Girls 12U, Girls JV - No brackets, but all teams went undefeated Championship Weekend.

Community Engagement:

- March - Try LAX Event at the Fritz Pollard Athletic Center

Financial Snapshot

Your registration fees, donations, and sponsorships directly support our players. Here's how funds were used this year.

GCLA Account

| Category | Description | Amount |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| INCOMING FUNDS | | |
| Player Registration Fees | Fees collected for player participation | \$58,080 |
| Sponsorships & Donations | Local business sponsors | \$14,500 |
| Fundraising & Gaming | | \$17,196.46 |
| Total Income | | \$89,776.46 |
| OUTGOING EXPENSES | | |

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| Overhead | Insurance, SportsEngine | \$3,094.33 |
| Registration Fees | NPLL dues, non-conference tournament registration | \$14,378 |
| Field Space | Indoor practice space, GF Parks | \$3,469 |
| Home Weekend | Rentals (tents, tables, port-a-potties, golf-carts) | \$2,756.84 |
| Coaches | Coach travel and training | \$14,987.36 |
| Referees | | \$4,040 |
| Equipment | | \$8,704.65 |
| Total Expenses | | \$51,430.18 |

GCLA Boosters Account

| Category | Description | Amount |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------|
| INCOMING FUNDS | | |
| Fundraising | Month of Money raffle tickets | \$21,840 |
| | Home Weekend raffle baskets | \$3,210 |
| | Qdoba/Deeks | \$202 |
| GFVB Grant | | \$1,200 |
| Total Income | | \$26,452 |
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| OUTGOING EXPENSES | | |
| Home Weekend | Drinks/ice, trainer, golfcards, donation, giftcards | \$2,927.50 |
| Raffle Expenses | Winner payouts, permits, top seller shirts | \$4,467.98 |
| Team Necklaces | | \$265 |
| Equipment | Helmets, decals | \$1,794.89 |

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| Sponsor plaques | | \$107.25 |
| VEO Subscription | | \$2,998 |
| Yard Signs | | \$375 |
| End of Year Parties | JV/Var Awards, Cushman Party | \$1,207.15 |
| Total Expenses | | \$14,142.77 |

We are committed to transparent stewardship and to keeping our programs affordable while investing in quality experiences. Our sponsorship and fundraising dollars have been carefully saved to build a strong foundation for the future. Instead of offsetting short-term costs, we're strategically investing in the long-term health of the association. Although these funds are not yet allocated to specific initiatives, the Board will spend the coming year developing a strategic plan that will define our financial priorities and identify the best use of these dollars.

Player fees are carefully calculated by estimating the costs per team taking into account general fees, the number of weekends, registration fees, and coaching costs. The costs will vary each year based on the playing opportunities. The Association saved money this year by not having any indoor space costs and a cancelled weekend in Bismarck. These expected costs would have brought our total expenses in line with the total revenue from registration.

Volunteer & Coaching Impact

Over 20 volunteer coaches and 40 team parents contributed over 2000 hours throughout the season. This included practices, games, score and time keeping, all of the work that goes in before, during and after our home weekend, fundraising, and so much more. We could not do this without our volunteers and we appreciate each and every one of you. Thank you for investing in our youth and our association.

Looking Ahead to 2026

We are excited for the 2026 season. We will work hard to improve and increase the play time for our teams at all levels. We have a number of new initiatives planned already and look forward to adding more throughout the year. We are working to continue growing the sport of Lacrosse in our community and hope you will help us do this.

We are always looking for ways to enhance the player experience and welcome your ideas! Please let us know if you have ideas to grow the sport or make our player experience better.

New Initiatives & Events

September 2025 - Potato Bowl Parade

September 2025 - Try LAX Event

November 2025 - National Celebrate Lacrosse Week on Social Media

January 2025 - Try LAX Event

March 2025 - Try LAX Event

Strategic Planning for the Association

Get Involved

Interested in volunteering, sponsoring a team, or joining a committee? Email us at grand.cities.lacrosse@gmail.com or visit us at <https://www.grandcitieslacrosse.org/> or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GCLAPredatorsLacrosse>).

Thank You!

Your trust and partnership make everything we do possible. Together, we're building not just athletes, but leaders, teammates, and confident young people.

See you on the field!

Nate Sheppard, 2025 Board President

Laura Look, 2026 Board President

On behalf of the

GCLA Board of Directors