



SPENCER JUNIOR LACROSSE 2011/12



Events Programme - Autumn 2011

There's also an outline of our programme from Christmas to Easter 2012 below/overleaf - details will be published in early December

Age Groups

Our Association's formal, competition age groups are Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 - measured from the start of the season/UK school year i.e. 1st September. A player who is 11 years old on the 1st September is 'Under 12' - and will remain 'Under 12' until the following 1st September - irrespective of the passing of the player's 12th birthday - and so on...

The Programme is colour coded - we hope this makes things as clear as possible and is especially helpful to parents with players involved in more than one age group and where there is more than one player in a particular family.

Venue

All events take place at Spencer except where noted.

PopLax and Pinball Lacrosse

Our Sunday morning Pop Lacrosse programme will restart on Sunday 18th September 10.30 - 11.30am. As the year progresses, we'll give these players the chance to play PinBall Lacrosse - field lacrosse but rule and age restricted to u10s. Separate information will be posted about our Pop Lacrosse & PinBall Programmes

Facilities

The Clubhouse Refurbishment has started - at long last! The Works are due for completion at the beginning of December. There are bound to be some practical issues as the Works progress - but we'll overcome these as they arise.

Explanations?

Some further explanation about each event can be found below/overleaf (depending on format).

2011		times		Under 12 Group		Under 14 Group		Under 16 Group	
		U10/11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16		
September									
Mon	5	7.30 - 9.00pm				First Mid-Week Practice			
Sun	11	9.30 - 11.30am	Practice/Registration		Practice/Registration		Practice/Registration		
Wed	14	6.30 - 8.00pm	First Mid-Week Practice		First Mid-Week Practice				
Sun	18	9.30 - 11.30am	Practice/Registration		Practice/Registration				
Sun	25	10.00 - 12.00	Practice		Practice				
October									
Sun	2	see times	v Pythons (away: 9am - 2pm)		England Academy (9am - 4pm)		England Academy [9am - 4pm]		
Sun	9	10.00 - 12.00	Practice		Practice		v Pythons (away: 9am - 4pm)		
		13.00 - 15.00	Schools PopLax Launch Tourney						
Sun	16	11am - 3pm	Holder Trophy		Holder Trophy		Holder Trophy		
UK Schools 'Half-Term'/mid term break									
Sat/Sun	22/23		free	free	1st USA Prep Northern Tour				
Mon	24	10am - 3.30pm	skills clinic/activity day				Mid-Week Practice continues		
Tue	25	10am - 3.30pm	skills clinic/activity day						
Wed	26		no evening session		no evening session				
Sat	29	10.00 - 12.00			v International School, Brussels				
		13.30 - 15.30			v International School, Brussels				
Sun	30	10.00 - 12.00	free	free	free	free	free	free	
November									
Sun	6	9.30 - 2.00	v Pythons - away		v Pythons - away		v Pythons - away		
Sun	13	10.00 - 12.00	Practice		Practice				
		(Remembrance Sunday)							
Sun	20	11am - 3pm	v Blues/Foxes - away		v Blues/Foxes - away				
Sun	27	10.00 - 12.00	Practice		Practice				
December									
Sun	4	9.00am - 3.00pm	Practice		Practice				
Mon	5	7.30 - 9.00pm					Last Mid-Week Practice		
Wed	7	6.30 - 8.00pm	Last Mid-Week Practice		Last Mid-Week Practice				
Sun	11	10am - 12pm			Spencer Christmas Mixed Team Tourney				



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Events Programme Outline - Spring 2012

2012 Major Events

8th January (Sunday)	Programme - restarts	Programme - restarts	Programme - restarts
Mon 9th 7.30 - 9.00pm			First Mid-Week Practice
Wed 11th 6.30 - 8.00pm	Wed evenings - restart	Wed evenings - restart	
18/19th February		2nd USA Prep Northern Tour	
24/25/26th February	U12 Northern Tour		
4th March	National Tournament		National Tournament
30th March - 16th April (approx)		USA Tour - to Easton, MD	
21st/22nd April		v IS Brussels Tournament	
15 May	TASIS T'ment	Tasis Tourney	Tasis Tourney
tba			Euro Tour

SOME EXPLANATIONS...

Practice/Registration

Parents and Players will need to sign permission forms before taking part in our practice or game sessions. Forms can be downloaded from the website (www.Spencerlax.com) and completed beforehand - though blank copies will be available on the day. These sessions are not just for 'signing up' - players will need to be ready to play!

USA Tour

After our very successful hosting programme back in early July, the thoughts of our u14 group turn to our trip to Easton at the beginning of April 2012. We have two Northern Tours lined up for this Group to help our preparation - one in the Autumn and one in the Spring - both are important preparation opportunities for our trip to Easton.

England Academy

A coaching and trials session for players in the 14/15 and 16/17 age groups being run by the England Coaching Staff who will be looking to identify players with talented and potential. These sessions are being held at Shiplake College, Henley-on-Thames RG9 4BW.

Launch Tournament

This a special invitation event to all the Primary Schools who are receiving coaching from our Development Programme. They are all invited to send as many players/teams they can to come to the Club

Holder Trophy

A six a side tournament we host. We would aim to enter as many teams as we can in each age grouping to try and ensure everyone gets lots of playing time.

Early Northern Tour

A weekend in the Manchester area playing the best quality junior lacrosse we can find. To keep costs down we 'camp' in a scout hall. These are brilliant fun and great for lacrosse development and team building but this event can only take place with the involvement of at least one or two parents. This specific event is aimed at the U14 group the group that will be the basis of our American adventure.

Skills Clinic/Activity Day

Day long coaching and activity sessions aimed at the younger end of our junior programme and organised and run by our American coach, Chris Keough with additional support.

IS Brussels

The International School, Brussels are visiting and would like to play two games against us - one in the morning, one in the afternoon. It's a very broad age range event U13 - U18 that seems, somehow, to work. We will need to divide ourselves into two teams (but some overlap is ok). With luck, players other commitments (school sport, shopping etc) will compliment each other - but we will work all this out closer to the date.

Team Tournament

We are working at growing our programme so that, by this stage of the season, we will be able to split our groups into teams and play an 'in-house' tournament series.