

Lacrosse News

US Lacrosse Annual Convention Returns to Baltimore

BALTIMORE – The 2010 US Lacrosse National Convention, presented by Champion, returns to the Baltimore Convention Center, January 15-17, 2010. Top men's and women's lacrosse coaches will mingle with lacrosse officials, former lacrosse players, U.S. men's and women's national teams players, and lacrosse industry retailers and manufacturers at the largest lacrosse-specific educational and networking opportunity in the world.

"US Lacrosse is excited to welcome lacrosse enthusiasts from all over the country to Baltimore," said Steve Stenersen, president and CEO of US Lacrosse, the Baltimore-based national governing body of the sport. "The annual convention is filled with educational opportunities for lacrosse coaches, officials and industry leaders whether they've been involved with the game for 1 month or 40 years. We will have something for everyone all weekend long at the Convention Center."

Lou Holtz, coach, author and ESPN analyst, will be the keynote speaker for the event. "I am excited to address the US Lacrosse National Convention as it is the fastest growing sport in the country," said Coach Holtz. "I have the greatest respect for coaches as I know the sacrifices they, and their families, make in order to help their athletes be successful. Coaching is coaching, regardless of the sport, and I am anxious to share my philosophy and beliefs with the audience."

In addition to Holtz, several prominent lacrosse coaches will also be speaking at the 2010 US Lacrosse National Convention, including: Mike Pressler (U.S. men's national team head coach/Bryant men's head coach), Joe Alberici (U.S. men's national team asst. coach/Army men's head coach), Tony Resch (U.S. men's national team asst. coach/Long Island Lizards asst. coach), Rick Sowell (U.S. men's national team asst. coach/Stony Brook men's head coach), Ricky Fried (U.S. women's elite team head coach/Georgetown women's head coach), Jenny Levy (University of North Carolina women's head coach) and Liz Robertshaw (U.S. women's elite team asst. coach/Boston University women's head coach).

Local names are also on the bill for the 2010 US Lacrosse National Convention including: Paul Cantabene (U.S. men's national team face off consultant/Stevenson University men's head coach), Kyle Hannan (Goucher College men's head coach), Shawn Nadelén (Towson University men's defensive coordinator), Ryan Boyle (U.S. men's national team player/Trilogy Lacrosse), Jim Berkman (Salisbury University men's head coach), Kelly Berger (UMBC women's head coach), Sue Diffenderfer (women's official/Greater Baltimore chapter president) and Jen Adams (Loyola University women's head coach).

Coaches and officials can get CPR certified at the US Lacrosse Convention on Friday, January 15 at 8:00 a.m. On Sunday, January 17, coaches can attend one of the nationally recognized US Lacrosse Coaching Education Program clinics and earn credit toward certification.

Registration for the 2010 US Lacrosse National Convention is open at www.uslacrosse.org/convention. Register online by January 8 for \$100. Registration on site January 14-17 is \$150.

Families and teams can check out the 2010 US Lacrosse National Convention as well. Fan Fest, sponsored by the Baltimore Sun Media Group, will open on Saturday, January 16 from 12-4:00 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center. Admission is \$10 per person, or \$50 for teams of 10 or more who wear their lacrosse jerseys. Fans will have access to the Live Field demonstrations sponsored by Warrior and Brine, to autograph sessions with the U.S. men's and women's national teams and to the Expo Hall to view the latest lacrosse equipment, apparel and services on the market.

A general schedule can be found below and a detailed schedule can be found at www.uslacrosse.org/convention

Thursday, January 14, 2010

5:00 – 8:00 pm: Convention registration and on-site check-in

Friday, January 15, 2010

8:00 am – 6:00 pm: Convention registration and on-site check-in

8:00 am - 10:00 am: CPR ANYTIME (ticketed event - purchase with registration)

10:00 am – 6:00 pm: General sessions

1:00 – 6:00 pm: Expo Hall open

6:30 – 8:00 pm: Keynote Speaker - Lou Holtz

Saturday, January 16, 2010

7:00 am – 12:00 pm: Convention registration and on-site check-in

9:00 am – 8:00 pm: General sessions

10:00 am – 5:00 pm: Expo Hall open

12:00 – 4:00 pm: Fan Fest: Expo Hall

Sunday, January 17, 2010

8:30 am – 3:30 pm: Coaching Education Program Level 1 Clinic

8:30 am – 3:30 pm: Coaching Education Program Level 2 Clinic