**ALC Summer 2015 LAX Information**

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| **OVERVIEW:**  We are looking forward to another exciting summer club lacrosse season in 2015!  Our goal for Summer 2015 is fielding a highly competitive U15 team.    The benefits of playing for the Alpharetta Lacrosse Club U15 team include:   * Keeping Alpharetta athletes playing together, developing, learning, growing as a unit. * Strong emphasis on player development, skills, coaching, playing time, and fun. * Camaraderie with families in the program. * Emphasis on tournaments with strong competition and exposure.   **COACHING & PRACTICES:**  Given the fact that Alpharetta Lacrosse Club is not affiliated with the High School or the Booster Club, Coach Fred Ritch will be involved at levels allowable within GHSA rules to help assemble and direct a strong (paid) coaching staff for all teams – with an emphasis on player and skills development.  **ALC 2015 Summer Coaching Staff:**  **Director and Head Coach :**   * Fred Ritch       :    [fred\_ritch@yahoo.com](mailto:fred_ritch@yahoo.com)   **Assistant Coaches:**  *(All AHS Graduates and currently playing Lacrosse in College)*:   * George Walker * Chris Katz   **Practices:**   * + Location :  AHS Stadium   + Hours :  TBD   + Days :  Tuesday  & Thursday   + If a player will miss a practice please contact Coach Ritch.   **2015 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: 3 Proposed Tournaments.**  We strive to select tournaments that provide our club with the following:   * Strong competition, * Reasonable distances (1 or 2 local tournaments, and others within driving distance), * Reasonable of fees, * Well-run tournament organizations, * Opportunities for skills development, showcasing talent, and college exposure.      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **#** | **TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE** | **2015 DATES** | **LOCATION** | **TEAMS** | | 1 | LB3 Summer Jam | June 6-7 | Atlanta, GA | U15 | | 2 | Savannah Southern | June 20-21 | Savannah, GA | U15 | | 3 | Southern Shootout | July 11-12 | Gainesville, GA | U15 | | 4. (A) |  |  |  |  | | 4. (B) |  |  |  |  |   [**Click here for Tournament and Hotel Information.**](http://www.alpharettalaxclub.org/alc-summer-lacrosse/summer-lax---tournament-hotel-information)  Savannah Tournament to be TBD.  **FEES & REGISTRATION:**  Fees and budgets are projected to be $650.00.  But because we are NOT a "for-profit" lacrosse club, our fees are much lower than most of the large travel lacrosse clubs.  Fees will cover coaches, tournament fees, practice fields, custom summer uniforms, and supplies.  Travel and expenses will be the responsibility of each player/family.    **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**  The Alpharetta Lacrosse Club and the Summer 2015 club teams will be pure volunteer efforts.  Involvement from all families is vital to our success!  We are looking for 4-5 families to help with important planning activities such as:           Admin, Player Registration, Communications           Travel and Food Planning           Tournament and Practice Coordination           Uniforms, Coaches, Supplies  If you are interested in being involved with the Alpharetta Lacrosse Club for Summer 2015 planning, please RSVP:  jstephen.duncan@siemens.combbatley5@gmail.com  **DON’T WAIT TO REGISTER:**  **Registration will open May 8th, 2015. Full Payment due May 15th.**    **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**  If you’re interested but still have questions, we’ve started a running tally below of Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.  If you don’t see an answer to your question, please contact Stephen Duncan or Fred Ritch.  [Fred\_ritch@yahoo.com](mailto:Fred_ritch@yahoo.com)  [Jstephen.duncan@siemens.com](mailto:Jstephen.duncan@siemens.com) [bbatley5@gmail.com](mailto:bbatley5@gmail.com).    **Q1:**  What kind of commitment is this?  Will we be able to play other summer sports and/or have time for family vacations?  ***A1:****We certainly understand the need to balance summer lacrosse with family plans and other sports. It’s not unreasonable for a player to miss a tournament or a couple of practices due to an important family summer event (reunion, vacation, college visit, etc.). We only ask that if you commit to playing for Alpharetta Lacrosse Club for Summer 2015, that it takes priority over other lacrosse options you may be considering; and that you commit to attending more than half of the tournaments and practices*    **Q2:**  Do I need a US Lacrosse membership to play summer lacrosse?  And if so, why?  ***A2:****Yes.  While there are great benefits to being a member of US Lacrosse, you need this primarily for insurance reasons*. |