

Northfield Lacrosse Boosters
Annual Meeting – November 13th, 2025
President's Report

Youth:

During the 2025 spring and summer Northfield Lacrosse Association (NLA) season, 73 boys played youth lacrosse. This compares to 89 in 2024, however, 5/6U is now being run by community ed.

Teams began practicing in April with the travel season extending from June through July/August. Travel teams played at least 8 games each through Youth Lacrosse Minnesota. Boys 8, 10, 12 and 14U participated in the Northfield tournament, 12 and 14U played in the state tournament, and 8 and 10U played in the YLM jamboree.

2024 was our 6th year of practicing and playing in our current location, Spring Creek Elementary. This year we added permanent end netting on the south ends of fields 1, 2 and 3.

During the months of December, January, and February, we had open dome time for all NLA players. These times ran approximately every 2 weeks and seemed to be a real benefit for basic skills for kids at all levels. Many of the high school LAX players and coaches helped with drills and games at these clinics

Here is a summary of our 2025 teams:

Boys 14U: 25 players (24 in 2024). Spring/Summer Coaches Dawson Foster and Emerson Herbig.

Boys 12U: 14 players (18 in 2024). Spring/Summer Coaches Garrett Hoernke and Blake Foster

Boys 10U: 16 players (24 in 2024). Spring/Summer Coaches Chris Walker, Jason Patrick and Hoah Holt

Boys 8U: 18 players (11 in 2024). Spring/Summer Coaches Ryan Peterson and Bonnie Austin

Other Coaches – Nolan Naggie, Cam Waters, Ben Selchow

NLA thanks all team coordinators and coaches for their time and dedication to growing lacrosse in Northfield.

Other NLA highlights from the past year included:

- successfully hosting the 6th Northfield Jesse James Raid Tournament
- offering need-based scholarships to players
- Continued improvement to Spring Creek Fields and all operations
- 14U participating in fall homegrown league and GPS tournament for 2nd year.

We continue to look for ways to grow our teams and increase the level of play in Northfield, from association through high school. From setting up spring-season scrimmages to entering our teams in tournaments and organizing regular season play, we're working hard to give our athletes abundant opportunities to play. Our outreach efforts have included presenting information on our website and

Instagram, participating in the Youth Sports Collaborative, and submitting announcements to Northfield Community Services.

Goals for the upcoming year include hosting our lacrosse tournament, new fundraising events, continuing with all four boys' travel teams; and expanding the participation of our youth players.

High School:

The 2024 Northfield Raiders Lacrosse varsity high school program had a regular season record of 8-5, going 5-1 in BIG 9 and winning the Big 9 conference. The Raiders lost to New Prague in the first round of sections.

The Raider junior varsity (JV) program had a season record of 2-11, however their record doesn't show the outstanding teamwork and consistent determination to improve. JV consisted of a mixture of rising upperclassmen and motivated underclassmen. JV also participated in the JV state tournament this year for the first time ever.

Coaches: 2025 season coaches.

- **Spring High School:**
 - Varsity: Head Coach Jeff Wright, Assistant Dawson Foster, Assistant Coach Nick Anderson
 - JV: Brandon Foster and Noah Holt
- **Winter Ball:** Nick Anderson
- **Spring Captains Training:** Nick Anderson, Mike and Kyle Nogle
- **Fall Ball:** Brandon Foster and Noah Holt

The high school program was able to participate in several off-season leagues and saw great participation in winter ball (January-February), captains practice (February-March), regular high school league play (April-June), and the Homegrown fall ball league (September – October). The Raiders just recently brought home the championship at the Great Pumpkin Shootout!

Registrations –

- Regular season numbers for the 2025 spring MSHSL included 40 boys. That number was down from 44 in 2024
- Winter Ball (JAN-FEB) Registration numbers were not available at the time of this report, but seemed to be consistent from previous years
- Captains Practice (FEB-MAR) in 2025 was run by Northfield Boosters and coaches from Hastings Registration numbers were not available at the time of this report.
- Fall Ball (SEP-OCT) saw the team returning to the fall game league through Homegrown Lacrosse. This season saw a slight decrease in registrants, with only 21 kids participating.

2025 Highlights: The NRL High School program experienced several highlights as well as participated in events dedicated to growing lacrosse in Northfield:

- **Big 9 Champions**
- **Great Pumpkin Shootout Champions**
- **American Legion Post #84 Omelet Breakfast**
- **Heggie's Pizza Fundraiser**
- **High School Concession Stand**
- **Team Bonding Events**
- **Season Banquet**
- **Team Apparel Store – Larsons**
- **VFW donation**

Board Members: Previous President Terry Herbig has stepped down, and we thank him for his numerous years of leadership. We have since added numerous faces and names to the meetings and look to vote in new positions tonight.

NRL Financials: Available upon request

Northfield Raider Lacrosse graciously thanks the Northfield School District, the City of Northfield, Northfield High School Activities Director, Principal, and Administration, BIG 9 Conference, MSHSL, Section 1, and all our sponsors and the entire Raider Lax Family for their support and cooperation throughout the season.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Peterson
Vice President

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