

## **Eric Manzanares**

Eric is one of Colorado's most passionate advocates for youth lacrosse, dedicating his time and resources to create exceptional opportunities for players and families. A GOLD-level US Lacrosse certified coach, he emphasizes core fundamentals that players can carry through every level of the game, from youth to college.

As the President and Founder of Greater Good Lacrosse, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Eric is committed to breaking down financial barriers to competitive lacrosse. Through scholarship opportunities for its merit-based club program, the organization ensures that players from all financial backgrounds have access to the game they love.

Eric believes in teaching the "how" of the game, giving players the tools to excel while encouraging creativity, teamwork, and fun. By balancing skill development with freedom of expression, he helps players build confidence and Lacrosse IQ, empowering them to perform their best both individually and as a team.

Since first grade, Eric has coached the 2032 Warriors team, guiding them from mastering basics to championship victories. Beyond the team, he has hosted year-round (no cost) practices open to all players—friends, siblings, or newcomers—purely for the love of the game.



In 2024, Eric founded Greater Good Lacrosse to address the growing challenges in youth lacrosse, as competitive opportunities increasingly leaned toward exclusive, for-profit models. His vision is to ensure that all players, regardless of financial circumstances, have a pathway to compete at a high level, fostering growth and love for the sport.

Eric is always approachable and eager to help players, parents, or anyone seeking guidance in navigating the world of club lacrosse. Having gained valuable experience with his oldest son, he offers seasoned advice and practical insights to simplify the often-confusing process of club lacrosse.