

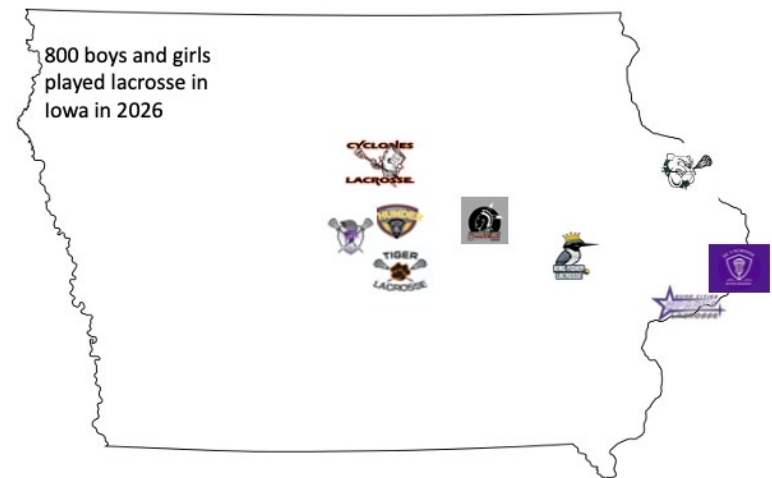
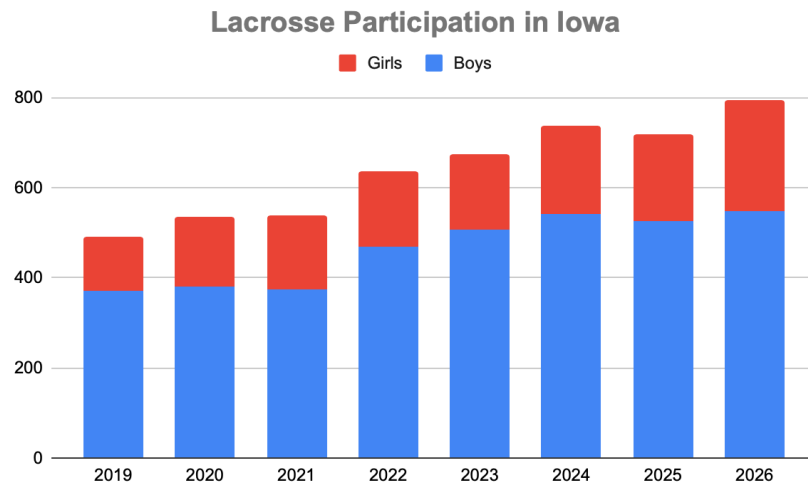
Annual Report 2026

September 2026



Youth Lacrosse in Iowa Today

800 boys and girls played lacrosse in Iowa in 2026



Growth in Girls Play

- 70+ youth girls games scheduled and supported in Spring 2026
- Doubled number of teams in the 10U age group & Dubuque fielded a girls HS team
- Supported youth competition in 10U, 12U and 14U age groups
- Facilitated intra-Iowa HS play
- Added conference tournament in eastern Iowa
- Added HS division to State Championship
- Girls Competition Committee schedules games, facilitates communications between clubs
- ILAX identified, trained, scheduled, assigned, and paid officials





Youth Boys Continues Development

- 160 regular season games supported in Spring 2026 (10% growth from 2025)
- ILAX supports play at 10U, 12U and 14U
- Boys Competition Committee develops schedule, provides communications vehicle between clubs
- ILAX identified, trained, scheduled, assigned, and paid officials for each of these games

4th State Championships

- Hosted inaugural girls HS championship; all 8 age divisions now supported
- 2-day tournament with 44 teams participating
- Organized food trucks on-site both days to provide added amenities to players and families
- Championships won by:
 - 10U Boys – Ankeny
 - 12U Boys – Waukee
 - 14U Boys – Waukee
 - HS Boys – Ankeny
 - 10U Girls – Ankeny
 - 12U Girls – Kingfisher (CR-IC)
 - 14U Girls – West Des Moines
 - HS Girls – Kingfisher (CR-IC)





Youth All Star Teams Recognized

- 3 players from each team in each age group selected as All Stars
- Players selected based on leadership, positive attitudes and practice habits as well as skills
- 100+ players recognized at Youth State Championships



Developing Officials Pool

- 8 new officials worked boys games for the first time in Spring '26, including 5 junior officials (Iowa HS students)
- 6 new officials worked girls games for the first time in Spring '26, including 3 junior officials (Iowa HS students)
- ILAX continues efforts to efficiently organize and manage officials scheduling
- Fall Play Day in Oct '26 provides opportunity for on-field training
- New Iowa-based Officials Trainers worked with prospects during Spring play

Enabling League & Inter- League High School Play

- ILAX scheduled games and provided officials coverage for the Eastern Iowa Lacrosse Conference
- ILAX facilitated high school play between eastern and central Iowa boys & girls teams, helping the eastern programs continue their development and providing additional games for central Iowa teams
- ILAX hosted the first girls Iowa HS State Championships in June '26
- Continued attention is needed to expand opportunities for high school play, particularly for the girls game



Iowa Programs Excel in High School Play

- Three Championships Won
 - Boys – the Waukee Warriors won the NELAX League
 - Boys – the Kingfisher Club won the Eastern Iowa Lacrosse Conference
 - Girls -- the Quad Cities Girls won the inaugural Eastern Iowa Lacrosse Conference championship



Austin Turner Leadership Awards

- Inaugural awards in 2026
 - 10 awardees
- Recognizes a male and female athlete from each HS program
- Recipients exemplify
 - Leadership on and off the field
 - Commitment to their clubs and to growing the game
 - Academic excellence
 - Sportsmanship and integrity
 - Athletic performance and growth



Iowa Girls Participate in National USA Lacrosse Tournament

- Combined Iowa-Nebraska team attended the USA Lacrosse Women's National Tournament
- Coached by Meghan Gruver, head coach of the West Des Moines Tigers





ILAX Creates All Iowa team to support Youth Girls Travel

- Combined youth girls team traveled to Illinois as “All Iowa” in Spring 2026
- HS team participated in KC Elevate in Fall 2025

Iowa Players Moving on to College Play

- X players in Iowa programs moving on to collegiate play in fall '26
 - Carson Klonglan – William Jewell (Ankeny)
 - Luther Nelson – Aurora (Ankeny)
 - Storm Snyder – Augustana (Kingfisher)
 - Kali Browning – Cornell College (Kingfisher)
 - Halie Hicks – Cornell College (Quad Cities Girls)
 - Sam Newmann – Cornell College (Quad Cities)
 - Nick Newmann – Cornell College (Quad Cities)
 - Grayer Pruitt – St. Ambrose (Quad Cities)
 - Magnus Brock -- Point Park University (Waukee)
 - Jack Graeve – Columbia College (Waukee)



Engaging USA Lacrosse to Benefit Iowa



- ILAX is primary interface between Iowa clubs and USA Lacrosse
- Helps secure grant funding for new programs
- Secured participation of USA Lacrosse Officials Trainers
- Represents Iowa in national lacrosse discussions