



Annual Report 2023

September 2023

Youth Lacrosse in Iowa Today

	2022	2023
Ames (boys only)	16	14
Ankeny	145	139
Dubuque	23	39
Kingfisher (IC-CR area)	68	82
Meskwaki Settlement	61	71
Quad Cities	57	61
Waukee (boys only)	115	111
West Des Moines	153	158
Total Statewide	638	675



Supporting Girls Play

- 40+ youth girls games scheduled and supported in Spring 2023
- Girls Competition Committee formed to schedule games, facilitate communications between clubs
- ILAX identified, scheduled, assigned, and paid officials



Youth Boys Play Continues to Grow

- 80+ regular season games supported in Spring 2023
- Every member and affiliated club fielded at least 1 youth boys team
- Boys Competition Committee developed schedule, provides communications vehicle between clubs
- ILAX identified, scheduled, assigned, and paid officials for each of these games



Inaugural Youth State Championships

- Supported Girls & Boys Play for the first time
- All member/affiliated clubs fielded at least one team
- Expanded play to 2-days
- Organized food trucks on-site both days to provide added amenities to players and families



Expanding Officials Pool

- 12 new officials worked boys games for the first time in Spring '23
- 8 new officials worked girls games for the first time in Spring '23
- ILAX invested in Officials Scheduling software; continued effort to efficiently organize and manage officials scheduling needed
- Fall Play Day in Oct '22 provided opportunity to work with USA Lacrosse trainers
- Developing Iowa-based Officials Trainers
- More work is needed to supported expanded game play schedules across the State



Growing the Game Across Iowa

- Dubuque Bulldogs Join ILAX as full member in June '23
 - Dubuque fielded youth girls and youth boys teams as well as a high school boys team in '23
- Cultivating nascent development in Grinnell area
- ILAX Representatives Briefed Iowa Parks & Recreation Leaders at their Annual Conference



Enabling League & Inter-League High School Play

- ILAX facilitated officials coverage for high school play, helping the eastern programs continue their development and providing additional games for central Iowa teams
- Eastern high school girls, Kingfisher and the Quad Cities, played together at select events
- Greater attention is needed to expand opportunities for high school play, particularly for the girls game



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- 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