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KMMLA NEW 2023 PROGRAMS PARTNERSHIP

[Kahnawake, QC, February 27, 2023] Kahnawake Shakotiiia'takehnhas Community Services (KSCS) and the KMMLA are happy to announce that several new programs for this season have been funded by KSCS with the goal of more inclusion in minor lacrosse for our youth and regaining a connection to our cultural sport.

In January 2022, the parties to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) proceedings on FNCFS announced an agreement in principle, which included compensation for past harms of the FNCFS system, and a commitment to long-term reform. This is a unique opportunity for Kahnawake to shape reform in child and family services through the support of prevention and wellness activities within our community.

The new programs include the following:

Transportation/Accommodations – Players who do not have means to travel to the various Ontario locations to participate will now have options for free travel as coaches, managers or parent volunteers may use rental vans to transport multiple players to and from games. Rental vans will be limited to one per team per away game. This will be re-assessed after this season and could increase in 2024. Further, players (parents) will be entitled to a reimbursement of up to a maximum of \$100 per night for a hotel stay for tournaments, subject to player participation confirmation and hotel receipts.

Equipment – To entice the development of goalies, equipment will be purchased by the KMMLA that will belong to the KMMLA for free use by goalies as needed. Balls and new jerseys have also been funded by KSCS.

Media – All home games and Provincials will be filmed by Baby Blue Memories (Brandon Bordeau), including live streaming of some Provincial tournament games. A new KMMLA website has been produced by a parent volunteer, with the basic domain name sponsored by KSCS.

Additional practice time – All teams will be able to fund one additional practice or game per week. Further, the offseason program that began this current offseason will continue through various indoor rental facilities that will again be free for all players. This is intended for new players to try the sport and existing players to maintain or enhance their skills in the Fall/Winter.

Camps – Camps with Professional lacrosse players will be held, in which the entire community will be welcome to attend. Though registration fees could not be covered, some items listed above will prevent an increase in registration costs. The KMMLA is currently attempting to fundraise for areas of shortfall, such as registration fees.

The KMMLA Board of Directors state, "we would like to thank KSCS for the opportunity they have created for our youth."

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