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US Lacrosse Names Aurora, Colo., Host of 2014 U15 National Championships
Sixth annual boys' and girls' event set for July 21-23

BALTIMORE, Sept. 5, 2013 — US Lacrosse today named Aurora, Colo., host of the 2014 US Lacrosse Under-15 National Championships, powered by Lacrosse Unlimited. The sixth annual championships, which feature as many as 32 boys' and 32 girls' teams from around the country, will take place concurrently July 21-23 at Aurora Sports Park, just east of Denver.

Teams that participate in the championships may purchase discounted tickets to the July 17-19 playoff games of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) Men's World Championships, which US Lacrosse is hosting at nearby Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Denver.

"We are thrilled to team with Visit Aurora to bring our signature youth tournament to the West for the first time, and to give our U15 teams the opportunity to experience the once-in-a-lifetime FIL World Championships," said Beth Porreca, director of special events at US Lacrosse. "In addition to high-level competition, our youth tournaments emphasize sportsmanship and building relationships among teammates and opponents. Players, coaches and families will have the chance to connect with the world lacrosse community when they attend the World Championships."

The 2014 US Lacrosse U15 National Championships will extend automatic invitations to the top four teams and "Keeper of Lacrosse" Sportsmanship Award winner at the 2013 event, the top four teams at each US Lacrosse Regional Championship in 2014 (dates and sites below), and a limited number of at-large teams via an application process. Team registration for regional championships and application forms for at-large bids are expected to be available at uslacrosse.org in September.

"Aurora is thrilled to host the US Lacrosse U15 National Championships at Aurora Sports Park," said Gary Wheat, president and CEO of Visit Aurora. "This is a wonderful event that will introduce our city to US Lacrosse and the high level of competition associated with these championships."

Aurora Sports Park is a 220-acre site that includes 23 fields, seven picnic shelters and five concession areas. It becomes the third venue to host the championships, joining Cedar Lane Park (Bel Air, Md., in 2009) and ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex (Lake Buena Vista, Fla., in 2010-13).

3d Select National (Colo.) became the first team with a majority of players from the West to win the boys' national championship in 2013, while the Long Island Top Guns (N.Y.) girls won their



first national championship after falling in the semifinals in 2011 and 2012. The 2013 US Lacrosse U15 National Championships drew 56 teams from 22 states.

The 2014 US Lacrosse Regional Championships, powered by Lacrosse Unlimited:

US Lacrosse Southeast Championships – Raleigh, N.C., June 6-8
US Lacrosse Central Championships – Madison, Wis., June 13-15
US Lacrosse Northeast Championships – Amherst, Mass., June 20-22
US Lacrosse West Championships – San Jose, Calif., June 27-29

Note: schedule subject to change.

The top four teams at each regional will receive automatic invitations to the national championships with free or discounted registration.

For more information, visit uslacrosse.org/u15nationalchampionships. Follow @uslaxchamps on Twitter (hashtag #uslaxchamps).

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About Visit Aurora

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