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To: All MAYLA Member Clubs
Program Administrators and Coaches

From: Robin Buckley
MAYLA
League Commissioner

**MAYLA Executive Board is proud to announce affiliation with the Missouri Institute for Positive Coaching.
MAYLA and MIPC**

One of MAYLA's primary purposes is to continually strive to educate league member coaches, players and families about our mission to serve the positive development of kids through their experiences in youth lacrosse. **We as adults hold the responsibility to create positive experiences for all of our kids.** To that end, we are proud to announce that MAYLA is formally affiliating with **Dr. Rick McGuire and the University of Missouri's Institute for Positive Coaching (MIPC).**

Dr. McGuire is an experienced Division 1 Head Coach, a two-time Olympic Coach and one of America's most preeminent Applied Sport Psychologists who has researched and developed a positive coaching curriculum that can help all of us to become more focused coaches as we "win kids with sport" and serve the MAYLA mission.

The MIPC curriculum and support materials are based on the best principles in Sport Psychology, Educational Psychology and the Psychology of Coaching. MAYLA is reaching out to all member clubs and their coaches to bring the MIPC curriculum to our member clubs at their level, on dates and times that best serve your club's coaches.

Here is how you get your club leadership and coaches involved to take advantage of this affiliation between MAYLA and MIPC:

1. Submit the names and email addresses of all of your club administrators and coaches to Mary DiGiacomo mary.digiacomomayla.org. The names and email addresses from your club will be registered with MIPC for online access.
2. If your club wants to take full advantage of this affiliation, please fill out Members Pre-Season Meeting Information document attached with dates, location and times, and return to Mary DiGiacomo mary.digiacomomayla.org. We will then contact you to arrange for when former LC Geoff Steinbach can attend this meeting to facilitate an introductory workshop about the principles of MIPC and how this will help us serve our mission. You can also contact Geoff directly.
3. There is an online workshop at MIPC that all administrators and coaches can/should complete that will give all of us the common understanding of how we go about creating a positive environment where we can "win all of our kids through sport".
4. Here's how to get you and your coaching staff logged-in at MIPC so you can review materials and the digital workshop:
 - A. Submit names and email addresses all of your administrators and coaches to Mary DiGiacomo ASAP.
 - B. After 5-7 days, go to <http://education.missouri/positivecoaching>
 - C. Type in login information:
 - 1) Username: your email address
 - 2) Password: "changeme" (include quotation marks)
 - D. Click Log In
 - E. Type "changeme" for current password, and then create a new password for yourself.
 - F. Click Save changes
 - G. Click "Continue"
 - H. Click "The Power of Positive Coaching Digital Workshop" and then start here box to begin.
5. Your only cost is if you and your club would decide to purchase any of the MIPC books that will serve as resource materials to help bring the MIPC principles to life within your club.
6. Questions: Contact Geoff Steinbach at 262-719-5080 or geoffsteinbach@gmail.com