



The Österreichischer Lacrosse Verband (OeLaxV) invites your school and your student body to participate in the:

Adopt-A-School Program

This is a LAX2GETHER Initiative, focused on bringing lacrosse and Intercrosse directly to students at a select school across Austria.

What is Lacrosse and Intercrosse?

Lacrosse is one of the fastest growing international sports that is played in over 70 countries and on six continents, and was recently approved for future competition by the International Olympic Committee. It is a team-sport, played with a stick and ball, with both full-field and short field varieties (see Sixes or Box) for men and women, that has its origins as a community and spiritual activity of the indigenous peoples of North America. It is a contact sport which is often referred to as 'ice-hockey in the air', despite being played on grass or turf-fields, and is perfect for enhancing hand-eye coordination, fitness and team-skills for youth and adults (14+ in Austria).

Intercrosse is an adaptation of lacrosse and is a quick-paced non-contact team sport with simplified rules and sticks to promote easy uptake and immediate competitive play for children (and adults!) of all ages and all genders, in a mixed format. It was designed for use in schools as a quick and fun competition within gymnasiums and on short fields.

What is LAX2GETHER?

LAX2GETHER (L2G) is the youth and coaching development initiative of the OeLaxV, which looks to enhance the lacrosse and intercrosse ecosystem in Austria. Our passion is to bring lacrosse and its values to every corner of Austria. Behind L2G is a young multidisciplinary team with degrees in sports education and a passion for lacrosse and teaching.

What is the Adopt-A-School Program?

The L2G Adopt-a-School Program is an adaptive initiative for students to start learning the game of lacrosse, whereby L2G bring the sport (lacrosse or intercrosse) to select schools in Austria, in hopes it can - through cooperation- build more following for lacrosse in Austria, including inter-school competition, in advance of Lacrosse's likely debut at the Olympic Games in LA2028. Skilled lacrosse players will partner with schools to bring a high-energy coaching program and competitive play directly to students. Students and teachers can expect to:

- Enjoy a fun environment in which to learn the game of lacrosse;
- Combine hand-eye coordination, quick decision making, and speed in competitive games;

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- Enjoy the positive social experience that team sports provide;
- Join a pathway which can transition students to club-based competitive youth lacrosse;
- Be introduced to one of the fastest growing international sports, world-wide.

Players bringing the coaching are certified with Übungsleiterausbildung and come from Austria's own national development team community and active Club system. They will work with PE teachers at the school to design a program that works with your and your student's schedules.

What do you need to do?

What this would mean in a practical sense, is an elite player, would come to the school, for free - fully compensated by the Bundesministerium for Sport- in English or German, and would provide:

- six hours of lacrosse coaching and games (in a format that can be flexibly agreed with the school; e.g. during school as part of a standing module, or as part of an after-school or intramural program - whatever the PE teacher/s prefer);
- insight for your students on how to get involved in further lacrosse playing in Austria (specifically) and across Europe/internationally (more generally), outside of school;
- insight on how you and your students can play more lacrosse in school (knowledge-exchange for PE teachers and students on equipment/ fun drills and short side competition, etc.);
- support for any student who wants to be part of the first Austria lacrosse inter-schools-competition;
- support for any student who is interested in joining the U19 national lacrosse development team.

L2G is looking to partner with schools that are interested in supporting the development of this sport over the next decade, in collaboration with the Lacrosse and Intercrosse Clubs in Austria and the OeLaxV. However, there are no contractual obligations which apply, with this regard, just a wish from our side to build a sustainable footprint here in Austria.

If you would like to participate, please contact the OeLaxV for further information or connection directly to a relevant club to partner with your school:

- Austria Lacrosse Association - office@oelaxv.com
- Vienna Monarchs (Men's and Women's Field, Men's and Women's Sixes, Men's Box) - jugend@vienna-monarchs.com
- Vienna Ewoks (Intercrosse) - office@vienna-intercrosse.com
- Vienna Phoenix (Women's Field, Women's Sixes, Intercrosse) - obfrau@vienna-cherokees.com

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- **Graz Gladiators (Intercrosse, Men's and Women's Field, and Men's and Women's Sixes) -**
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