



2016 TWLA Development Report

Player Development

Men's

Local School Development

1. A new region (Changhua) is under development
2. Old regions are spreading horizontally in size and vertically in different grades
3. Growth of quantity of home grown players from 70 to 150
4. Growth of number of schools from 4 to 13
5. Lacrosse is brought into Junior High Schools, Senior High Schools and Universities, age range of players is widened to 13 – 22.
6. Various forms of development are examined (Interest group / School team / Academy)

Taitung Region: Growth from 3 to 6

- 3 High Schools
- 3 Junior High Schools
- 1 Orphanage (social program)

Taipei Region: Growth from 1 to 5

- 2 Universities
- 2 High Schools
- 1 Junior High School

Changhua Region: Growth from 0 to 2

- 1 High School
- 1 Junior High School

Provincial Program

1. Two Regional Programs (Taitung and Taipei) are set up for ambitious players to gain higher level of lacrosse education and exposure
2. Two levels of Regional Program are introduced, mainly targeting different age groups

Team Taiwan Program

1. An annual routine (Tryout / Training / Review) for Team Taiwan is set up
2. Participation in 3 overseas tournaments including one international event
3. Men's teams are divided into U-19 Youth Program and Men's Program to increase players' opportunities to engage in international events



Local School Development

1. First Women's Lacrosse Camp was held in August
2. First Women Lacrosse School Team was established in September

Taitung Region: Growth from 0-2

- 2 High Schools

Provincial Program

1. First Regional Program (Taitung) is set up for ambitious players to gain higher level of lacrosse education and exposure

Team Taiwan Program

1. Women's U-19 Team is under development and would represent Taiwan in international events in 2017

Participated and Planned Events

2016 has been a very fruitful and exciting year for Taiwan Lacrosse as we made historical moments externally and internally.

Externally, not only did we attend several international tournaments and make excellent appearances but also put Taiwan into the map of world's lacrosse through its debut participation in international event.

Internally, we held our first Interschool Lacrosse Championship (8 schools participating in a two-day tournament) and kicked off the Women's Program in the second half of 2016.

International Events

January, 2016	The Greater China Cup	Shanghai
January, 2016	2016 Lax Convention	Baltimore
April, 2016	Hong Kong Open	Hong Kong
July, 2016	FIL Men's U-19 World Championship	Coquitlam

Local Events

August, 2016	Women's Lacrosse Development Camp	Taitung
November, 2016	Interschool Lacrosse Championship	Taipei



Staff Development

Officers

On top of the two existing development officers (Chewa Kwan, Kinson Wan), a new development officer (Kelvin Mak) was employed to cater the significant growth of the number of players in various regions. Each of them is designated for different regions in Taiwan and in charge of the growth in the respective regions, while they come together and form the Team Taiwan Coaching staff.

Training opportunities such as 2016 Baltimore Lax Convention and exposure to other countries' lacrosse association are continuously provided to these officers to ensure better knowledge in management and more comprehensive worldwide lacrosse experiences.

Interns

Since July, 2016, four current players are employed as interns for the association. Opportunities of daily administrative work, event planning and coaching are provided. They are trained and guided by our development officers in the hope of moulding them to be the building blocks of future Taiwan Lacrosse.

Coaches

Our first coaching accreditation has been developing since November, 2016 and is expected to be launched in mid-2017. It will be set as a mandatory course for local players who would like to pursue their interest in coaching and sharing their lacrosse experiences to different levels of players in Taiwan.



Forecast on 2017

Player Development

Local School Development

We expect an expansion of the number of schools every 2 years and this has been achieved in 2016. 2017 will be a year to focus on the quality of the existing schools' programs and the recruitment of players hence the game of lacrosse would be well-rooted in these schools.

Provincial Program

The design of the Two-Level Provincial Program would determine the development of Taiwan Lacrosse. Complementary elements like nutrition, injury prevention and fitness training will be introduced to the higher level of the program.

Team Taiwan Program

The Teams (Men's, Men's U-19 and Women's U-19) will be representing Taiwan in several tournaments, namely the Greater China Cup, Hong Kong Open and the first appearance in the Asia Pacific Championship in the first half of the year. Youth Team will also be traveling to Japan for their second encounter of High School Lacrosse Friendship Game. All these opportunities are provided to expose Taiwan players to a higher caliber of lacrosse, thus raising the level of Taiwan Lacrosse by integrating overseas experiences back to the local programs.

Staff Development

Officers

A New officer would be employed to look after the development of Women's lacrosse as a whole and start compiling the Women's Program.

Interns

Two return offers will be granted to the existing interns from the previous year and they will be gradually trained into junior officers.

Overall

The year of 2016 is by far the most exciting year for Taiwan Lacrosse because of the appearance made externally and all the new steps made internally. We hold a strong belief that investment in local human resources including players, interns, staff and coaches is the most promising way to ensure a steady development of Lacrosse in the country and we would continue to do so in 2017. By having players contributing back to Taiwan Lacrosse through various positions, not only could opportunities be provided but the bonding among members within the association be strengthened. We believe this is part and parcel for the development of a new sport in Taiwan. Nevertheless, in the year of 2017, Taiwan Lacrosse would keep to our plans yet be ambitious. New events will be carried out to keep the sport fresh. Meanwhile, we will ensure improvement in quality of the existing programs. We are in anticipation of another successful year of Taiwan Lacrosse in 2017, which could not be achieved without every individual and party that helped in different ways and of course, the generous support of you, Mr. Joe Tsai.