**2014 MLUA Observation Program – Intro to Send to Observee**

We have been fortunate enough to receive funding from US Lacrosse to continue our Umpire Observation program this spring.  A couple of the primary objectives of this program are to develop consistency throughout our umpires and offer constructive feedback in an informal observation.

The following areas will be addressed in the observation:

         **Signals** (using signals on all foul calls, big stadium signals so players/coaches/partners know what signal you called & which direction you’re going on the field, etc.)

         **Professionalism** (confidence & calmness in foul calls, ref appearance on the field, knowing the rules, etc.)

         **Umpire Positioning** (ability to see the play from beginning to end, ability to see between the players to determine which player is causing a foul, etc.)

         **Communication/Comportment** (with coaches/players/partners)

         **Foul judgment** (when to blow it up immediately vs. using an advantage signal in the midfield or flag on a scoring drive if a player can play through a foul)

This should be a fun learning environment with an open dialogue of feedback. You will receive written comments from me in chronological order shortly after the observation.

Thank you!