



You are cordially invited to attend the 1st annual Michigan's Women's Lacrosse **Social with a Cause**

Refs and Coaches – **T**ogether, **E**mulating **A**ctionable **M**astery

Date: Friday, February 10, 2012
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Location: Okemos Conference Center – *bridging the East and West*
(2187 University Park Drive, Okemos MI 48864; 517-381-7300)

WHAT is RAC: TEAM?

1. **A women's lacrosse social gathering with a purpose** – to build community, and a first step toward rebuilding relationships between officials and coaches.
2. **An opportunity to snack on decadent desserts while participating in a 2012 US Lacrosse Rules Interp.** If you haven't heard, there are significant rule changes in 2012, and we want everyone to hear 'em, see 'em and be on the same page with 'em, before the season starts!

WHY

1. Culture starts at the top, and as officials, coaches and game administrators we need to come together to close the divide of "us vs. them" so we're "all in this together."
2. It will be nice to know each other as people, first.
3. We all know PCA's core is to train "double goal" coaches – those who balance the goal of winning with the second, more important goal of teaching life lessons. This starts with holding ourselves accountable to know what is required (i.e., knowledge) to do our jobs. And then, using those "failing opportunities" (such as a missed call or an excited coach) to teach life lessons. **T**ogether, we must **E**mulate **A**ctionable **M**astery for the good of our game and to positively impact the lives of our kids. As Refs /Coaches, we must embark on **TEAM together**.
4. As *Positive Coaching Alliance* (PCA) founder Jim Thompson says: "Because there are so many opportunities to fail in sports, it is a gold mine of teachable moments." Let's not let players see us at less than our best. Better yet, let's show them how we can work together to not only better the game, but the individuals involved in the sport.

NEXT STEPS

1. Please RSVP so we can prepare with snacks, drinks and chairs! Simply send an email to laxRACTEAM@gmail.com with your name, position (coach, administrator or official) and "yes" or "no" for attending! **LAST DAY TO RSVP IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH!**
2. Send *any* questions or comments you may have to laxRACTEAM@gmail.com
3. **Save the Date now** – be sure to mark Friday, 2/10/12 @ 7pm in your calendars and smartphones!

PS – this event is generously being sponsored by US Lacrosse – Michigan!