



MOON TOWNSHIP, November 12, 2019 – The Interstate Box Lacrosse Association (IBLA), the premier men's senior box lacrosse league in the United States, today announced that it has expanded to create the RBLL-Pennsylvania, a new region within the IBLA. With this expansion comes the creation of a team in Moon Township, PA. The Mooncrest Munitionz will begin play in the summer of 2020 with home games being played at the RMU Island Sports Center.

In 1943, the federal government built what was known as Mooncrest for defense workers. Locals talked about producing armor and munitions for war. Nearby there were production and storage facilities as well as missile sites used by the US Dept of Defense for High- and Medium-Altitude air defense. The proximity to the airport afforded the Air Force a great opportunity to create the Reserve 911th Airlift Wing, as well as be the home of the 171st Air Refueling Wing of the PA Air National Guard and the Army's 99th Regional Readiness Command.

Munitionz General Manager, Jordan Dykla, has a resume almost a mile long that includes experience coaching in the NCAA, PA High School, WI High School, and national teams in both box and field lacrosse. Dykla is the co-founder of the Pittsburgh Lacrosse School, a local non-profit aimed at bringing the real box lacrosse game to the Pittsburgh, PA area. The Pittsburgh Kingz, a travel box team jointly run by GM Dykla and Haymakerz GM Josh Cohen, recently won the Bearpaw ORIGINS CUP, an IBLA approved tournament held this past weekend in Northern Ohio.

"I'm excited to bring this sport to the city of Pittsburgh. There have been a lot of pretenders trying to run 'box lacrosse' in the area; now the locals will get to see it for themselves here in their hometown. I know the talent that we have locally from recruiting for college and once the kids graduate from HS they miss out on the camaraderie and development that happens during HS on summer club/travel teams or more importantly the camaraderie and development that happens during juco/college on Jr A and Jr B in certain parts of NY or north of the border in Canada. This is our first step in that direction here in Pittsburgh." said Dykla.

For more information and to stay up to date on the Munitionz, you can follow the team on Instagram at @ibla.munitionz

