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ONTARIO LACROSSE WELCOMES FITCHETT, MCKINNON TO TECHNICAL DIRECTOR ROLES

TORONTO, ON – November 22nd, 2022 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) is proud to announce two additions to its team, beginning immediately. Joining the OLA staff in one-year roles of Technical Director are Scott Fitchett and Rachael McKinnon. In their positions, Fitchett and McKinnon will share responsibility for administration of the OLA's technical leadership and program developments, the management of coaches training and ongoing performance, and the establishment of speciality skills opportunities for players in all sectors across the province, assisted by current staff members and the Board of Directors.

Fitchett has a diverse and extensive background in both box and field lacrosse sectors. He began coaching a number of Toronto Stars teams in 2009, where he remained for eight seasons. In 2017, he joined the Team Ontario program as a field lacrosse coach, and has maintained a successful coaching record with the U18 teams throughout his involvement. After a two-season stint as the coach of the Newmarket Junior “B” Saints which began in 2016, he joined the executive of the West Durham Minor Lacrosse Association in 2019, where he combined technical leadership with program development in both rep and house league teams.

McKinnon grew up playing box lacrosse for the Whitby Warriors and field lacrosse for the Oshawa Lady Blue Knights club programs. Her playing career led her to the University of Denver, where she was selected as an MPSF All-Academic Honoree, Most Valuable Freshman and earned the University's Strength and Conditioning Award in 2014, while helping the Pioneers to the program's first two NCAA Tournament Appearances and first Conference Championship. Following graduation, she served as Assistant Coach with Team Ontario's 17U Girls Box Lacrosse Team that won the first ever Gold in Canada Summer Games history, as well as serving as Head Coach for the U19 Team Ontario Program that won a National Championship in Alberta this previous season. On November 4th, McKinnon was announced as the Assistant Coach for the upcoming Team Canada U20 Women's Field Team.

“An overwhelming number of qualified candidates submitted applications for consideration to this role, and today we are fortunate to welcome Rachael and Scott as the newest members of our team,” said Chuck Miller, OLA Interim Executive Director. “We are confident in both of their resumes and abilities, and we look forward to utilizing their unique skills and perspectives to help us achieve our goals this season.”

Scott and Rachael can now be reached at scott@ontariolacrosse.com and rachael@ontariolacrosse.com, respectively.

