



## *The Roughriders are coming to Virginia*

**Baltimore, Md. (October 17, 2017)**— The Roughrider Lacrosse Club and Corrigan Sports Enterprises (CSE) are pleased to announce the formation of the Virginia Roughriders. The Virginia Roughriders will hit the fields officially in December with teams spanning the graduation levels of 2020 through 2026. To demonstrate the elite training available through the Roughrider Lacrosse Club and to introduce the Roughriders to Virginia, the Roughrider Lacrosse Club will host a clinic open to the public in Richmond on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, featuring past Roughrider alumni greats.

Based in Richmond, Virginia, the Virginia Roughriders will be led by Brian Watson and Jeff Harvey with a talented stable of coaches from in and around the area. Travel lacrosse throughout Virginia is as fractured as it has ever been, with loyalties divided among schools, cities and other localities. The Virginia Roughriders intend to consolidate the state's most talented players by providing players with elite development, optimal exposure and recruitment opportunities. Current Virginia Roughriders are representative of this broader outreach and approach, and include players from the Hampton Roads, Richmond, Charlottesville, Staunton and Northern Virginia areas.

“The introduction of the Roughriders in Virginia marks a huge step forward for lacrosse in the region. The Roughriders bring not only an elite program for youth development, but also an organization that leads the pack in college recruitment and exposure. With the backing and support of Corrigan Sports, the organization that runs the Under Armour All-American Lacrosse Game, the IMLCA National Cup, the NCAA Future Champions and a number of other well-known regional and national competitions, the Virginia Roughriders are uniquely positioned to bring unparalleled resources, advancement and competition to Virginia's lacrosse players. No other program in the region benefits from that type of infrastructure and backing.” Said Brian Watson, Virginia Roughrider Director.

Through the years the Roughriders have produced some of the top players in the country, competing at all ranks and collecting National Championships and other accolades, all while earning over 9 million dollars in scholarships. Former recent Roughriders and current resources to the Roughriders teams include, among others: Colin Heacock (Maryland/Bayhawks), Jack Adams (Towson/Hounds), Joe Seider (Towson), Colin Reymann (Salisbury, NCAA MVP), Jimmy Marlatt (Notre Dame), Justin Ward (Loyola/Hounds/Army-Asst. Coach), Greg Edmonds (Johns Hopkins/Hounds), Alex Taylor (Salisbury), Danny Sweeney (Villanova) and more.

-More-

Founded in 2007 the Roughriders, centrally located within the lacrosse hotbed of Howard County, Maryland, brought together a collection of competitive young men with the desire to compete against the very best and prove they could hang with the country's elite. Entering its 11<sup>th</sup> season, the Maryland Roughriders have flourished into a top program and are a known brand at the national level. In 2013 the Roughriders expanded north to West Chester, Pennsylvania with the creation of the Pennsylvania Roughriders where that group has made a name for themselves on the field and in the community.

The Roughriders and CSE is no stranger to the Virginia area as Corrigan Sports hosts a number of lacrosse and field hockey events throughout the year in the greater Richmond corridor. The established connections and the reputable coaches slated to lead the charge, the Virginia Roughriders are eager to get on the field and head into 2018.

“We are thrilled to expand the Roughrider brand to Virginia. Over the years, Richmond has become a regular part of the Corrigan Sports Schedule as we host 5 events there every year and the Maryland Roughriders have been competing in events there for 5 years, so expansion to Richmond certainly makes sense” Said Lee Corrigan, president of Corrigan Sports and Founder of the Roughrider Lacrosse club.

For more information about the VA Roughrider program and the upcoming clinic please visit [www.RoughriderLacrosse.com/Virginia](http://www.RoughriderLacrosse.com/Virginia) or email us at [lacrosse@corrigansports.com](mailto:lacrosse@corrigansports.com)

-0-



**CORRIGAN SPORTS ENTERPRISES** ABOUT CORRIGAN SPORTS ENTERPRISES: The Roughriders are owned and operated by Corrigan Sports Enterprises (CSE), the leader in sports marketing and event management, handling events from conception to fruition. CSE has done it all from marathons, PGA golf, pro beach volleyball, to basketball and lacrosse. In its early years, CSE established itself as one of the strongest marketing organizations in the Baltimore/Washington area. Over the last decade CSE has continued to build an impressive resume by managing a variety of sports properties and expanding its reach nationally. CSE's diverse portfolio now includes high-profile properties in lacrosse (Under Armour All-America Lacrosse, IWCLA Official Recruiting Series, IMLCA National Cup and NCAA Future Champions youth lacrosse tournaments), in running (Baltimore Running Festival, Delaware Running Festival, Oakland Running Festival, Frederick Running Festival and Baltimore 10 Miler) and in field hockey (NFHCA Top Recruit Tournament Series).