

PUERTO RICO LACROSSE ANNOUNCES MENS NATIONAL TEAM  
2018 FIL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Nyack, New York - Puerto Rico Lacrosse announces its Men's National Team for the 2018 FIL Men's World Championships in Netanya, Israel.

In a little over 14 months since Puerto Rico Lacrosse was awarded membership into the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL), the organization has been working non-stop to identify qualified players/members to represent its Men's National Team. Those efforts resulted in the identification of 80 eligible players who now represent the organization. Following a series of player assessment camps, scrimmages and tournament play, the top 40 players were invited to compete at a two-day tryout this fall. The tryout, under the direction of the Men's National Team coaching staff, led to the identification of a 30 man practice team (23 man roster and 7 alternates) who will stay together through the end of May.

The team make-up includes a number of young players. They will be supported by a core group of players with professional experience, Ricky Pages (Boston), Devin Cruz (Ohio) and Lance Yapor (Ohio). According to Jeff Ramos, Head Coach of the Men's National Team "The selection process was more difficult than I expected. I could not have been more pleased with the effort of all our players." Addressing the selection of Puerto Rico's First Men's National Team, Ramos said "We had two goals in mind. First was to select a team we believe will be competitive at the World Championships. The second and just as important, was to establish a base group of young players we could build future National Teams around. Getting our younger players valuable international experience is key to achieving that long term goal.

The team will regroup after the NCAA lacrosse season for a couple of scrimmages, tournament play and a final team camp in late June prior to departing for Israel and the World Championships.

### 2018 Puerto Rico Men's National Team Roster:

First Name	Last Name	Position	College	Grad Year	MLL
Jake	Alvarez	Attack	Ithaca College	2014	
Carlos	Forde	Attack	Monmouth university	2021	
Luis	Gonzalez	Attack	LIU Post	1999	
Lance	Yapor	Attack	Hofstra University	2013	Ohio
John Thomas	Giles-Harris	Defense	Duke University	2020	
Jaron	Greenidge	Defense	Molloy College	2018	
Ricky	Pages	Defense	Ohio State University	2008	Boston
Tomas	Rodriguez	Defense	Pace University (UMBC)	2019	
Nicholas	Vazquez	Defense	University of Hartford	2020	
Jared	Hershman	FO	Marquette University	2020	
Alex	Patton	FO	University of Tampa	2018	
Mathew	Martinez	Goalie	Cornell University	2012	
Will	Ramos	Goalie	University at Albany	2021	
Jose	Boyer	LSM	University of Notre Dame	2022	
Devin	Cruz	LSM	Belmont Abbey College	2016	Ohio
Justin	Albarran	Midfield	Chestnut Hill College	2017	
Desiderio	Gonzalez	Midfield	Limestone College	2012	
Michael	Licata	Midfield	LIU Post	2019	
Corey	Millhouse	Midfield	University of Virginia	2017	
Edward	Munoz	MIDFIELD	Stony brook University	2021	
Steven	Ramirez	Midfield	University at Albany	2021	
Kris	Alvarado	SSDM	LIU Post	2018	
Thomas	O'Connell	SSDM	University of Maryland	2019	
Alternates:					
Alex	Cordero	Goalie	Wingate University	2022	
John	Davis	Attack	Florida Atlantic University	2014	
Joe	Espinosa	SSDM	St. Leo University	2010	
Anthony	Irizarry	Attack	Tompkins Cortland CC	2018	
Garrett	Johnson	Attack	University of Delaware	2014	
Christopher	Morales	LSM	Franklin Pierce University	2018	
Tyler	Perez	Defense	St. John's University	2022	
John	Rivera	SSDM	Florida Atlantic University	2019	
Daniel	Rivie	Midfield	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	2019	

### **About Puerto Rico Lacrosse**

Established in 2016, Puerto Rico Lacrosse, a not-for-profit organization has oversight over all Puerto Rico Lacrosse National Teams participating in Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) sanctioned events. Our mission is to introduce the game of lacrosse to the youth of Puerto Rico. We are devoted to developing and growing the game throughout the island while promoting the importance of education, healthy living and community service. Puerto Rico Lacrosse is proud to be affiliated with corporate partners that support our mission, including; Warrior Lacrosse, New Balance and Signature Lacrosse. For more information about Puerto Rico lacrosse, visit our website at [www.puertoricolax.com](http://www.puertoricolax.com) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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