

Raptors Lacrosse Player Placement Guide

For 3rd through 8th grade, the AYL divides teams into three different divisions based on ability and experience:

- **Elite** – This division is the most competitive and is comprised of the most experienced teams that are typically formed by tryouts.
- **White** – This division is the largest from a number of teams' perspective. This level is comprised of experienced players who want to play in a less competitive environment or whose skills are not yet at the Elite level.
- **Blue** – This division is typically comprised of teams with players who are new to the sport, have limited experience or those who wish to play at a recreational level.

Player Placement Objective

When placing a Raptors player on a team, the club's objective is to find the right fit, both from an experience level and an ability level. We have found that for players to have the best experience and best develop their skill-set, it is important for them to be placed on teams with players of similar ability. Ideally, every player should be placed on a team for which they can make a contribution, while also having fun and gaining confidence. Placing players appropriately is challenging, but is crucial for ensuring the best experience for our players.

Elite Level Tryouts

For those players who want to be evaluated (any ability level), we recommend that you attend the Raptors Elite tryouts. Age relevant Elite coaches will evaluate players at the tryout and for those players who do not make an Elite team, the Elite coach will provide feedback to White and Blue level coaches. Players do not have to participate in tryouts, and if they choose not to, we will assign players to the appropriate White and Blue level team based on a player's experience and past coaches input. We do our best to accommodate specific White and Blue level team requests, but we cannot guarantee that a player will be placed on any particular team.

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