

NCJLA and US Lacrosse Player segmentation

For play occurring between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017

	Date of birth	Age Group	NCJLA bracket	Grade Affiliation
Youth	Born 9/1/2009 through 8/31/2010	7U	8U	1st
	Born 9/1/2008 through 8/31/2009	8U	8U	2nd
	Born 9/1/2007 through 8/31/2008	9U	10U	3rd
	Born 9/1/2006 through 8/31/2007	10U	10U	4th
	Born 9/1/2005 through 8/31/2006	11U	12U	5th
	Born 9/1/2004 through 8/31/2005	12U	12U	6th
	Born 9/1/2003 through 8/31/2004	13U	14U	7th
	Born 9/1/2002 through 8/31/2003	14U	14U	8th
Scholastic	Born 9/1/2001 through 8/31/2002	15U	JV	9th
	Born 9/1/2000 through 8/31/2001	16U	JV	10th
	Born 9/1/1999 through 8/31/2000	17U	JV/VAR	11th
	Born 9/1/1998 through 8/31/1999	18U	VAR	12th
	Born 9/1/1997 through 8/31/1998	19U	VAR	12th/PG

Grade Affiliation reflects the grade for the majority of players in that age group. Birthdate will be the final determinant of eligibility.

NCJLA 2017 Player Segmentation



Version history

Version	Release Date
1.1	October - 2016

2017 NCJLA Player Segmentation

This document is intended to outline the recommended changes to player segmentation and associated format and rules for each division heading into the Spring 2017 season.

The player segmentation committee has leveraged both the US Lacrosse small-sided competition and athletic development model guidance and surveyed over 100 leaders in the NCJLA as part of our process in arriving at this guidance.

By default, all division structures and rules will be migrating down for 2017. For example, Boys U15 format and rules will be applied for Boys 14U, Girls U13 format and rules will be applied for Girls 12U, and so on and so forth. Specifically:

2016 Division Format / Rules	2017 Division Baseline
U15	14U
U13	12U
U11	10U
U9	8U

This document identifies recommended deviations from those baselines as well as concerns and items to be discussed at upcoming summer workshop to help the board finalize its guidance for the 2017 season.

1. Boys 8U

- **Summary**

Boys 8U will change to a 4v4 format. Additional US Lacrosse recommendations for this age group will be adopted as well per the table below.

- **Division Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	Flat; Same as existing B9	No
Game Format	4v4, No Goalie 60x35 field 4x4 goals	Yes
Field Dimensions	Same as existing B9	No
Referees	Same as existing B9	No
Contact Rules	Same as existing B9	No
Equipment	Same as existing B9	No
Other	No rake/cover rule Informal one (completed) pass rule	Yes

- **Additional discussion points**

- Team Registration - Concern raised at summer workshop; several clubs indicated in side conversations that they would not register teams but, rather, handle team structure and scheduling informally. What is the impact if this becomes a trend? How do we handle?
- Action items
 - Determine registration model
 - Do we do a jamboree?
 - What is the fee structure?
 - Do we do a beginning of season festival? Is it regional?
 - How do we service outside areas?
 - Must be clear communication regarding registration expectations
 - Operations guide – remove max number per team

2. Girls 8U

- **Summary**

Girls 8U will change to a 4v4 format. Additional US Lacrosse recommendations for this age group will be adopted as well per the table below.

- **Division Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	Flat; Same as existing G9	No
Game Format	4v4, No Goalie 60x35 field 4x4 goals	Yes
Field Setup	Same as existing G9	No
Referees	One "8U Certified" referee	Yes
Contact Rules	Same as existing G9	No
Equipment	Same as existing G9 (goggles, mouthpiece, NOCSAE balls)	No
Other	1 (attempted) Pass rule	N/A

- **Additional discussion points**

- Team Registration - Concern raised at summer workshop; several clubs indicated in side conversations that they would not register teams but, rather, handle team structure and scheduling informally. What is the impact if this becomes a trend? How do we handle?

3. Boys 10U

- **Summary**

Boys 10U will move to short-sided competition, following USL guidance. Field setup will mimic 8U.

- **Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	A, B; Same as existing B11	No
Game Format	8v8 with goalie (2-3-2-1) Offsides rules intact	Yes
Field Setup	Similar to existing U9 Short sided, 35'-40' x 60' 4x4 Goals	Yes
Referees	1 certified referee	Yes
Contact Rules	Same as existing B11	No
Equipment	37"-42" stick length (No long poles)	Yes
Other	No Minimum Pass Rule	No

- **Additional discussion points**

- Smaller teams will require more coaches. Best practices with regards to "Group Practices" should be conveyed.
- How do we ensure that referees are adequately trained for short-sided competition – especially if only one referee is staffed per game?
- A/B - Survey strongly favored having an A division; workshop attendees split.
- Mercy Rules

4. Girls 10U

- **Summary**

Girls 10U will move to short-sided competition, following USL guidance. Field setup will mimic 8U.

- **Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	Flat; Same as existing 11U	No
Game Format	8v8 with goalie (2-3-2-1) Offsides rules intact	Yes
Field Setup	<u>Similar to existing U9</u> Short sided, 35'-40' x 60' 4x4 Goals	Yes
Referees	2 certified referees (2 Junior or 1 Adult Officials)	No
Checking Rules	Same as existing 11U	No
Equipment	Same as existing 11U	No
Other	3 second good defense No minimum pass	No

- **Concerns**

- Mercy Rules - 4 goal differential

5. Boys 12U

- **Summary**
Boys 12U will mimic existing Boys U13 format and rules.
- **Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	A, Bv, Br (or similar); Same as existing B13	No
Game Format	Same as existing B13	No
Field Setup	Same as existing B13	No
Referees	Same as existing B13	No
Checking Rules	Same as existing B13	No
Equipment	Same as existing B13	No
Other	20/10 second advance rule applies Over & Back rule applies	No

6. Girls 12U

- **Summary**
Girls 12U will mimic existing Girls U13 format and rules.
- **Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	A, B; Same as existing G13	No
Game Format	Same as existing G13	No
Field Setup	Same as existing G13	No
Referees	Same as existing G13	No
Checking Rules	Modified checking; Same as existing G13	No
Equipment	Same as existing G13	No
Other	Same as existing G13	No

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7. Boys 14U

- **Summary**

Boys 14U will mimic existing Boys U15 format and rules. Due to the increase in teams at the B14U level, the committee recommends expanding to three subdivisions.

- **Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	A, B	No
Game Format	Same as existing B15	No
Field Setup	Same as existing B15	No
Referees	Same as existing B15	No
Checking Rules	Same as existing B15	No
Equipment	Same as existing B15	No
Other	1) Age eligible 9 th graders may participate without petition 2) 8 th graders born before 9/1 may petition	Yes

- **Concerns**

Based on current year 7th graders, 81 players would age out in 8th grade next year.
74 of 81 are born between 9/1 - 3/1

8. Girls 14U

- **Summary**
Girls 14U will mimic existing Girls U15 format and rules.
- **Format and Rule Summary**

Topic	2017 Recommendation	Change from 2016
Division Structure	A, B	No
Game Format	Same as existing G15	No
Field Setup	Same as existing G15	No
Referees	Same as existing G15	No
Checking Rules	Same as existing G15 (Full checking for 14A, Modified checking for 14B)	No
Equipment	Same as existing G15	No
Other	1) Age eligible 9 th graders may participate without petition 2) 8 th graders born before 9/1 may petition	No

- **Concerns**
Based on current year 7th graders, 24 players would age out in 8th grade next year.
22 of those 24 are born between 9/1 - 3/1

9. Girls HS

- **Summary**
Girls HS will not change for 2017.
- **Topics for Summer Workshop**
 - Should the NCJLA consider migrating to 16U, 18U, 20U (or some age based structure that differs from Varsity / JV) for the 2018 season?

10. Boys JV

- **Summary**
Boys JV will not change for 2017.
- **Topics for Summer Workshop**
 - Should the NCJLA consider migrating to 16U, 18U, 20U (or some age based structure that differs from Varsity / JV) for the 2018 season?

11. Boys Varsity

- **Summary**
Boys Varsity will not change for 2017.
- **Topics for Summer Workshop**
 - Should the NCJLA consider migrating to 16U, 18U, 20U (or some age based structure that differs from Varsity / JV) for the 2018 season?