

Wilmington Lacrosse Participation Policy

Our primary objective is to teach the game of lacrosse, teamwork and good sportsmanship. Toward this end, recognizing the commitment that each individual (players, coaches and parents) makes to the program is crucial to the long-term success of the program. A few important points to keep in mind when registering your child for the Wilmington Lacrosse Association ("WLA") program:

- Wilmington Lacrosse is supported by volunteers who give of their time unsparingly
- The number of players has grown exponentially over the past 25 years
- To maximize playing time for each child, each team's roster is limited

In order to accommodate as many players as possible and to address the conflicts inherent in our children's lives, WLA will maintain *travel* teams at two levels at U15 (A and B), three levels at U13 (A, B and C) and three levels at the U11 (A, B and C). The A teams at these three levels play a highly competitive schedule and therefore require a greater commitment from their players. Coaches will try to allocate playing time more evenly across all players on the U15-B, U13-B, U13-C, U11-B, and U11-C level teams.

Out of respect for others (including your children, coaches and other parents), if you and/or your child are unable to make a complete 100% commitment to the WLA program, please do not encourage your son to try-out for the U11-A, U13-A and U15-A teams.

If you are concerned about equal playing time for your son and wish to emphasize the development of fundamental skills, the U15-B, U13-B, U13-C, U11-B, or U11-C teams are more appropriate.

Final say in team selection will rest with the team's head coach. WLA reserves the right to make roster changes once the season commences if players have persistent unexcused absences from games or practices.

Participation Policy and Consent

- Players must have all required equipment (with clear identification) in order to participate in any evaluation, practice or game. This equipment includes stick, helmet, mouth guard, gloves, arm pads, shoulder pads and cup. Missing equipment, including mouth guard and cup will prohibit participation.
- Final say in team selection will rest with the Evaluators and the Team's Head Coach. Players wishing to be evaluated for one of the higher level teams should attend EACH evaluation. While attending each evaluation is not a prerequisite for selection to a top-level team (U15-A, U13-A, U11-A), a player does not help himself by not being there.
- With the exception of siblings, special requests for placement with a certain player or coach cannot be considered. The program is simply too large to meet special requests like carpools and friends. To be fair to everyone, we simply cannot consider any requests. Please do not put your coaches in an awkward position by asking them to place your child on his team or to group your child with someone else. Additionally, once teams are determined, there will be no movement of players between teams unless requested by the Head Coaches of the teams involved in the change.
- Players selected for either of the top-level teams in either grade level should be prepared to make lacrosse their primary recreational activity during the season. All top level team players are welcome to engage in other activities during the season; however, if there is a conflict between lacrosse and another activity, the player is expected to choose lacrosse every time. It is simply not fair to the other players on these elite teams, their coaches and the other parents, not to have commitment from their

teammates. Any player not willing to make that kind of commitment should inform WLA at the time of registration or during evaluations that they do not wish to be considered for a top-level team.

- Top-level team players who miss practices or games will be subject to discipline at the sole discretion of the head coach. This discipline may include reduced playing time, reassignment to another team or dismissal from the team. The head coach is expected to make his expectations clear, but is under no obligation to maintain a disciplinary formula or to treat every instance consistently.
- Players who have an unavoidable conflict are expected to advise the head coach ASAP in the event of a practice conflict and on TUESDAY, prior to a game.

Player

Date

Guardian

Date