

# TEAM ALBERTA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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## **Refund Policy**

- Withdrawal during A try-out: A tryout fee 100% non-refundable.
- Withdrawal due to injury: will be prorated based on date of withdrawal Credit card refunds are completed within 72 hours; from the date the Team Alberta Coordinator receives the withdrawal notice.

## **Tryout Injury Policy**

If an athlete is injured before the Regional Tryouts/Invitational Selection Camp and cannot participate but wishes to still be considered for evaluation, the athlete must communicate those wishes, in writing, to the Head Coach of the team, the Team Alberta Coordinator, and the Director of High Performance. To be considered, the athlete must pay the Regional Tryouts fee (\$75) and Invitational Selection Camp Fee (\$75) and attend both camps to remain eligible.

#### Tryout Policy For Absent Players For Reason Other Than Injury

Team Alberta Lacrosse is committed to a fair and transparent player evaluation and selection process. To accurately and fairly evaluate all participating players, it is expected that, barring exceptional circumstances, players who are fit to play, will attend at least one Regional Tryouts scheduled for their division.

In cases where a player is unable to attend any of Team Alberta's Regional Tryouts owing to an "exceptional circumstance", the player and/or their parent or guardian may make a formal request for alternative evaluation. Examples of exceptional circumstances include, but are not limited to:

Academic-related absences where the player is attending school outside of Alberta or has a bona fide academic/school-related commitment that conflicts with Team Alberta's scheduled tryouts,
Sport-related absences where the player is participating in high-performance competition (e.g. provincial, national, or international championship level) in lacrosse or another sport,
Domestic-related absences where the player's family situation precludes their attendance at a scheduled tryout (e.g. death in the immediate family, or critical family illness)

For a case to be considered for alternative evaluation, the player must:

- Be registered with an ALA-sanctioned lacrosse club in the discipline of lacrosse (box or field) for which they wish to tryout,

- Have registered to try out for Team Alberta and paid the Regional Tryout fee (\$75) and Invitational Selection Camp Fee (\$75),

- Submit a formal written request to both the Team Alberta Coordinator and the Director of High



Performance requesting an alternative evaluation. The written request must provide detailed information about the exceptional circumstance that warrants consideration, and

- Present verifiable evidence in support of their request.

The Director of High Performance, the Team Alberta Coordinator, and the Team Alberta Head Coach will review requests for alternative evaluation on a case-by-case basis. Should a request for alternative evaluation be approved, the player's skills and abilities will be assessed through a variety of means including,

- Game film submissions,

- References and/or interviews with current and past coaches,

- A review of player statistical data (e.g. goals, assists, shots, draw controls, ground ball pickups, caused turnovers, etc.), and

- Recent evaluation reports from the player's home lacrosse club.

A player who undergoes an approved alternative evaluation may only be added to a Team Alberta team if the following conditions are met:

1. There is evidence that the player demonstrates the caliber to play at the level necessary to contribute to Team Alberta ;

2. There is space available on a team's roster and no players who have previously been placed on a team will be displaced;

3. There is unanimous agreement on the part of the Director of High Performance, the Team Alberta Coordinator, and the Team Alberta Head Coach of the player's placement on the team

#### **Multiple Team Tryout Policy**

Players will be permitted to try out for Team Alberta in both box lacrosse and field lacrosse in 2025. However, players will not be permitted to play on both a Team Alberta box lacrosse and field lacrosse team. The Team Alberta Coordinator and the ALA will coordinate with players in the tryout and evaluation process when teams are selected, if they are trying out for both teams, to make a team selection that meets the players wishes and is fair to the other players and the team.

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### **Elite Travel Teams and Practices**

As per ALA Regulation 3.04:

All Team Alberta players must be registered with an ALA Member Club in the applicable discipline of lacrosse that the player is trying out for prior to Team Alberta tryouts.

Some players in Alberta, in addition to their regular Member Club team, will have the opportunity to also participate in elite travel or "A" level teams that are associated with their Member Club or LGB. These supplemental activities are not considered necessary for participation in Team Alberta. Accordingly, a player's primacy of participation in the event of scheduling conflicts should be first to their main Member Club team, then to Team Alberta. Then if there is additional availability to any other supplemental elite or travel teams.

#### FUNDRAISING POLICY

Team Alberta teams may engage in targeted fundraising activities to support players in reducing their program fees with the following expectations:

- All team fundraising activities must be vetted through the Team Manager and then through the Team Alberta Coordinator before being implemented.
- Fundraising activities must not be scheduled such that they conflict with any club or league functions.
- All Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) policies and procedures must be strictly adhered to, should fundraising involving any form of gaming activity (e.g., raffles, 50/50s, pull-tabs, etc.) be approved by the ALA.
- Teams and/or individual players must receive formal approval from the Team Alberta Coordinator to use the Team Alberta logo, the ALA logo, the ALA name, or the ALA's Gaming License Number.
- Teams may not fundraise for ALA or Team Alberta branded apparel without approval from the Team Alberta Coordinator.
- All revenues from fundraising must be deposited through the ALA office for accounting and will be applied to the team's budget to offset the costs for the entire team.

#### Team Alberta Program Standards

Each season, the Team Alberta Steering Committee reviews and considers matters such as apparel, travel, accommodations as well as the cost impact on families. Following that review, a set of Program Standards is recommended by the Committee, along with a budget to meet those standards, and they are then approved by the ALA Board. The 2025 Program Standards are attached to these Policies and Procedures.

Questions? Please contact Tammy Machado, Team Alberta Coordinator for more information.

