



## Evaluation Attendance Policy



## Summary

The Calgary Axemen Lacrosse Club is committed to ensuring a fair, transparent, and data-driven evaluation process. This policy outlines the procedures for players who are unable to attend scheduled evaluation sessions due to injury, illness, or unavoidable personal conflicts.

## Notification Requirements

- **Known Absences:** Parents/guardians must notify the respective [Division Coordinator](#) via email at least **72 hours** prior to the scheduled floor time.
- **Emergency/Illness:** In the event of sudden illness or emergency, notification must be provided as soon as possible before the session begins.

## Medical Exemptions & Injuries

The Axemen Lacrosse Club acknowledges that significant injuries or illnesses may prevent a player from attending scheduled group tryouts. In these instances, the following protocol applies:

### Documentation & Review

Any player unable to attend tryouts for medical reasons will have their status reviewed by the Axemen Lacrosse Club Board on a case-by-case basis.

- Written documentation from a licensed healthcare provider (e.g., Physician, Physiotherapist, or other qualified medical professional) is required to outline the reason for the absence.
- This documentation must be submitted to the [Division Coordinator](#) prior to the start of the first missed session.

### Evaluation Process for Exempted Players

Players granted a medical exemption may be excused from the standard group tryout sessions. To ensure a fair assessment, the Club will utilize a dual-evaluation approach:

- **Historical Data:** Evaluation Committee members will review the player's previous season tiering and past coach evaluations to establish a baseline.
- **On-Floor Assessment:** Whenever possible, the player will be evaluated during on-floor exhibition games. This allows evaluators to assess skill level, game-time performance, and overall roster fit in a live environment.

### Return to Play

A formal medical clearance note may be required before the player is permitted to join their assigned team for regular-season practices or games.



## Absence Without Historical Data (New Players/Transfers)

In the event that a player is unable to attend evaluations and does not have a recorded ranking from a previous season within the Calgary Axemen Lacrosse Club (e.g., New Players, Out-of-Province Transfers):

- To ensure player safety and maintain the competitive integrity of the tiers, the player will by default be placed in the **lowest available tier** for their age group.
- Parents may submit a "Player Athletic Profile" to the Evaluation Committee. This should include the level of play or a reference from a previous Lacrosse club outside of the Calgary Axemen Lacrosse Club.
- The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to use this proxy data to place the player in a mid-level tier (Tier 2/B) if they believe the lowest tier would pose a safety risk to other participants due to the player's size or athleticism.
- Once rosters are locked following the evaluation period, placements for players without historical data are final and not subject to further movement.

## "A" Division Tryouts (U13, U15, U17)

Attendance at all sessions is a prerequisite for A-level consideration. These sessions provide evaluators the necessary data to accurately gauge a player's skill, work ethic, and consistency against top-tier competition.

### Absence & Ranking Policy

To ensure fairness to players in attendance, any missed session will result in a default rank based on the total number of participants in that session.

- An absent player will receive a rank equal to the total number of players in the session plus one ( $N + 1$ )
- Because final placements use a cumulative average, this score adjusts for the absence without disqualifying the player. This ensures that those who perform at an elite level during their active sessions still have a mathematical path to a top final placement.

***Example:** If 40 players attend a session, an absent player receives a rank of 41. If that same player ranks 10th and 12th in their other two sessions, their cumulative average rank would be 21st.*

### Coaching Influence

Availability and commitment are fundamental requirements for an "A" team. All absences are noted in the evaluation software and may be used as a "tie-breaker" or deciding factor by coaches when comparing players with similar statistical rankings.



## U11A and U13-17 B-C Division Tryouts

To maintain the integrity of the ranking system, the Axemen utilize a mathematical "Placeholder" for missed sessions in the U11 A, and U13-17B and C tiers:

- **The Average Rule:** A player missing a single session will be assigned an average score based on the scores of the players ranked immediately above and below them from the previous session.
- **Multiple Absences:** If more than 50% of sessions are missed, the player will be placed at the discretion of the Evaluation Committee and Division Coordinator, typically resulting in placement in the lowest available tier.

## Late Registrants

- Players who register after the evaluation process has commenced (typically after February 28th) will not be evaluated.
- These players will be placed on the lowest-tiered team in their age division, pending roster availability.

## Appeals

- Absence-related placements are not subject to appeal unless a mathematical error in the "Average Rule" calculation can be proven.
- Disagreement with a player's final placement resulting from missed sessions is not grounds for a formal grievance.

