



Lacrosse Nova Scotia Provincial Team Exceptional Player Policy

This policy provides the guidelines for consideration of exceptional underage player movement within the Lacrosse NS provincial programs.

It is agreed the term “exceptional” is meant to refer to an exceptional athlete, one who must possess not only lacrosse skills that are superior to players his/her own age, but that would also be considered superior to players two years older than his/her age.

In addition to lacrosse skills, the exceptional athlete must also possess physical maturity, social maturity, and playing IQ. They must be well rounded in all aspects of their development and be deemed ‘coachable’.

In order to be considered as an exceptional player, the ‘LNS Exceptional Player Request Form’, Page 1, must be completed and submitted with a \$200 non-refundable deposit by December 1st for the following playing season for provincial box and April 1st for provincial field consideration. The form should include 2 references supporting the maturity and coachability of the applicant (can be from previous coaches, teachers, etc. These documents and the deposit should be submitted to the Executive Director of LNS.

Upon receipt of an application, LNS’s Executive Committee will review the information received and determine if the request should move forward. Once approved by this committee, the LNS Technical Director will use an established evaluation program to assess the player. This evaluation program will include skills and physical fitness components and the player will also be evaluated in game or game-like situations.

Notification of final decisions will be conveyed to the applicants within 24 hours of the decision. Final deadlines for these decisions will be May 1st for box applications and August 1st for field applications.

Part Two

If approved per Part One, Lacrosse Nova Scotia’s Technical Director will conduct an evaluation of the player. This evaluation shall review skills, maturity, attitude, fitness, and physical capability. In addition, exceptional player status will only be approved if the player possesses lacrosse skills that are not only superior to players his/her own age, but that would also be considered superior to players two years older than his/her age. In addition to lacrosse skills, the exceptional athlete must also possess physical maturity, social maturity, and playing IQ. The player must be well rounded in all aspects of his/her development and be deemed ‘coachable’.

EVALUATION 1: Skills

Comments:

EVALUATION 2: Fitness/Physical Capability

Comments:

EVALUATION 3: Playing IQ/Coachability

Comments:

Part Three

The Lacrosse Nova Scotia Board will review and discuss the outcome of the evaluation at a regular general meeting or through electronic means, where necessary, and there will be a vote on whether to approve or not approve the player's request.

APPROVED: _____ **YES** _____ **NO**

LNS President (PRINT)

President Signature

Date

Notes on Process:

- The application must be approved at each stage, in order to proceed to the next stage.
- If the application is not approved at any stage, then the application process ends at that stage and the decision is final.
- The LNS Technical Director will communicate the evaluation process to the player and parents.
- The LNS TD will provide the LNS Board with a written report and recommendation at the conclusion of the evaluation process.
- The player and parent(s) will be kept informed during the process.
- The player and parent(s) will be given the final decisions from the LNS Board, in writing, within 24 hours of the vote, through the LNS Executive Director.