



LLBMLA Player Movement Permission Form

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LLBMLA requires players to participate in the correct, age-appropriate division unless special permission is granted.

However, there are several situations where LLBMLA will consider play-up requests. Below is the process to be used by the requesting parent, and the criteria that the LLBMLA will apply. Playing up is not a “right,” but rather an exception only used under the criteria outlined below.

Playing-up exceptions are made by LLBMLA. Coaches will be consulted but the Executive Board will be the final arbiter in playing-up decisions.

Playing up must benefit both the child and the teams affected.

Process

The parent requesting that their child “play-up” should submit an LLBMLA Age Division Exception Form (see below) to the LLBMLA EXECUTIVE discussing the reasons for their request and citing at least two of the criteria listed below.

Normally, this will be done no later than April 31st.

The Board will discuss the player’s request with the lower age bracket coach as well as the upper age bracket coach, but the LLBMLA executive board is the final arbiter in deciding if a player may move up.

Criteria

The following factors will be used in determining whether to approve a “play up” request.

1. Exceptionally Skilled Player - Level of play significantly exceeds peer group. The player would be considered to be in the top 5 on the team.

A player who fits this criteria must dominate play in more than one phase i.e. defending, shooting and passing. Though parents or coaches may often feel that a child is dominant because the child is the best on the team, the exceptionally skilled criteria apply to the child in relation to most other children of his or her age.



2. Physical Ability and Above Average Size/Above average Maturity Level. If a child is exceedingly big for his or her age group and has above average lacrosse skills, particularly if there is some risk that the physical play of the child may pose a danger to smaller “of age” players. Or, if a child exhibits an above average Maturity Level, generally incorporated with an above level size or above level skill level.

3. Parental Hardship. In some situations, families with multiple, close in age children are not able to juggle the demands of supervising children in too many different age brackets. The Board may allow “play-up” requests for parental hardship if the player is of a high caliber, and would like to join a team with a sibling.

4. Overall Benefit to the Teams. If there is an overall benefit to our teams for moving a player up, the board may approve it. In unusual situations, the LLBMLA may request that a grouping of players move up or down due to overall numbers balancing across divisions. If this is to occur, an overall approval by the executive board is required.

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LLBMLA Age Division Exception Form

Player's Name: _____

Parent (Guardian): _____

Phone Number: _____

Parent's email address: _____

Child's Birth Date: _____

Division applying to: _____

Prior lacrosse experience:

Reason for requesting the exception:

Volunteer Commitment:

