



'A' Evaluation and Team Selection Process

Red Deer Chiefs 'A' Box Lacrosse

Evaluations are essential to building the strongest possible team for the 'A' program in minor box lacrosse. This process is designed by the Red Deer Lacrosse Association (RDLA) to ensure fairness and equity, allowing for a consistent and objective assessment of all players. By adhering to this process, we aim to select a team that reflects the highest level of skill and teamwork, giving every player the opportunity to showcase their skills.

U13 – U17 Evaluations

The Red Deer Chiefs 'A' teams are open to any player within the Central Alberta Lacrosse League (CALL). Evaluations will be held for players to try out for U13, U15 and U17 'A' teams.

Evaluations for all 'A' teams will be in the month of February. Registration will open December 1 and close on January 15 for all 'A' teams.

There must be **25 players registered** prior to the deadline defined above in each division for RDLA to hold tryouts. If there are not 25 players registered in a division, there will be no 'A' team for that division and refunds will be provided.

All players must register for 'A' team evaluations. No refunds will be issued, this is a one-time fee per season. No player will be permitted to try out until the tryout fee is paid in full.

Red Deer resident players must register for the Box Season in their division as well as the 'A' team tryout to participate in the evaluation. Non-Red Deer residents **do not** register with RDLA until 'A' team player selection is made.

All CALL Clubs will be advised of players from their organization that intend to try out for the RDLA 'A' team prior to the start of tryouts.

Each participant **must attend at least two tryouts**, or they will not be considered for the team.

Please note that once a player has completed two tryouts, they may be requested to not attend the remaining tryouts to allow the evaluators to better assess the remaining players in a smaller group setting.

Any player trying out for an 'A' team that misses more than two evaluations due to illness or injury must provide a doctor's note.

Any player that would like to be considered for the team that misses the entire evaluation process can apply to the Board in writing, accompanied by a \$25.00 fee for special consideration. Deadline for special consideration will be the date of the second 'A' team evaluation. All decisions regarding special consideration requests are final and there is no appeal process from this decision.

Head Coach Selection

Coaching applications will open on December 1 and close on January 15 for all 'A' teams. After applications close, the Coaching Coordinator will present the qualified coach applications to the RDLA board for approval.

If more than one coach has applied to be Head Coach for the same team, the Head Coach position will be selected by a majority vote from the RDLA board. Review of their qualifications, reference checks and coaching reviews from past seasons could be deciding factors.

If the selected Head Coach has a player trying out for the team, they will be presented the choice before evaluations begin to remain the Head Coach if their player does not make the team or remove themselves as Head Coach if their player does not make the team.

Evaluators

Evaluators will be selected and voted on by the RDLA Board. Contact for purpose of booking and scheduling these evaluators can only be done by a RDLA Board member with no player trying out.

To be an evaluator, they will have played lacrosse previously, there must be a minimum of two divisions between where their player plays and have no direct conflict of interest.

The Head Coach will be able to evaluate the players on the floor and submit an overall score for the group that will be factored into the final overall score for each player. If the Head Coach has a player on the floor, they will not be able to evaluate that player, and the player's score will be the average of the other evaluation scores.

If a head coach is not available for any portion of the evaluations, they can appoint a replacement of their choice as long as they do not have a player participating in that tryout.

Evaluation Process

The evaluation will follow a division specific set of predetermined criteria that will be shared with families through the website.

A coach or a junior player, along with assistants who have no direct association with anyone being evaluated will run the floor time.

Once the evaluation process has begun, no one except the assigned evaluators, the coach or junior player running the floor, their assistants and the RDLA Coaching Coordinator along with one additional RDLA Board Member will be allowed in the corridor behind the player box.

If one of the above people have a player evaluating, they will be expected to remove themselves from their duties, and if required, have another RDLA Board Member take their place while their player is on the floor.

Parents, siblings, fans or anyone that has a player being evaluated will not be permitted in the corridor. The Head Coach of an 'A' team will be permitted to stand on the left and right side of the players bench to view the evaluations. The Coach will not be permitted in the box, or to speak with the evaluators during the evaluation. The Head Coach of the 'A' teams will receive the evaluation scores by jersey number and colour at the beginning of the last evaluation scrimmage. These scores are not to be shared with anyone.

Underage Player Request

A player may request to try out as an underage player for an 'A' team by putting in a Special Request to the RDLA Board. The Board will review this request and if this request is approved by the Board, it will then need approval by the Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council (GELC) league before the player can register. If the request receives all approvals, the player can then register and will be required to pay the 'A' tryout fee before evaluations begin.

For an underage player to be considered for selection on an 'A' team, the player must rank as a top five player after evaluations are complete. Ranking in the top five does not guarantee a placement on the team. The Head Coach will still have the choice to select the player or not.

'A' Team Selection Process

Once the players have completed the evaluation process, final rankings will be provided to the selection committee. The selection committee will include the Head Coach and two RDLA board members who did not have a player participate in the evaluation for the team being selected. No other people are permitted to attend the 'A' team selection process.

The top 10 ranked players will be selected for the team by the selection committee. The remaining players who did not rank in the top 10 will be available for selection by the Head Coach to complete the team roster. This includes any players with special circumstance requests.

The Head Coach may request a review from the previous year's coach of any player being considered who was not in the top 10. The review may be used as part of the Head Coaches decision. There will be no appeal process from the decision of the selection committee.

Goalies will be discussed and selected by the committee based on their evaluation scores.

RDLA must follow any regulation for import players as set out by the league that the 'A' teams will play in.

The 'A' team rosters will be posted on the RDLA website within 48 hours of the last evaluation.

If a player that was selected for the 'A' team chooses not to join the team, the Head Coach has the option to choose another player from the evaluations list.