



Red Deer Chiefs 'B' Parity Team Selection Process

Red Deer Lacrosse Association (RDLA)

Parity is a key component of the Red Deer Lacrosse Association's commitment to fairness, aimed at creating balanced teams when multiple teams exist within a division. This approach helps ensure that all players, regardless of their skill level, have a more competitive and enjoyable experience by creating balanced teams. Ultimately, parity fosters a fun, challenging and inclusive environment where players can thrive.

U7 Teams

The number of U7 teams will be dependent on the number of players registered. These players will be divided by coaches and the RDLA Board during floor times.

Factors that may be considered when creating teams include:

1. Years in the sport and understanding of the game
2. Shoot right or left-handed
3. Participation in other conflicting spring sports
4. Special requests (see [Special Request Policy](#) for more information)

Please note that players may still be moved to ensure parity among teams until May 15.

U9 – U17 Teams

Each division will be offered two evaluation floor times to help ensure the formation of the most balanced teams possible.

Evaluators will be used to rank players on a scale of 1 to 5 for the purpose of organizing players into balanced teams. These evaluators will consist of coaches as well as some volunteer evaluators. For U9 – U13 teams, U17A players may be asked to help evaluate.

If a player misses an evaluation, they will still be placed on a team using the information available (previous seasons, coach input, registration information and other known criteria).

If only one team is formed in a division, evaluation floor times will continue as structured team sessions. These sessions allow coaches to get to know players, understand team dynamics and support balanced development throughout the season. Attendance remains important, as information gathered during these sessions will help guide team organization.

Evaluation #1

The first-floor time will be focused on skills and drills. Following this floor time, players will be divided equally among the number of teams in the division with input from coaches, parity evaluators and RDLA Board representation.

Factors that may be considered when creating teams include:

1. Player's evaluation scores
2. Years in the sport and understanding of the game
3. Shoot right or left-handed
4. Participation in other conflicting spring sports
5. Special requests (see [Special Request Policy](#) for more information)

Evaluation #2

The second-floor time will be a scrimmage. This scrimmage will be used to ensure equality between teams and create movement when required. Sessions will consist of 10-minute mini games with parity being re-evaluated if there is a clear imbalance between teams. An imbalance will be considered if there is a high goal differential or obvious control of play and possession.

Between mini-games, players may be moved to another team to create balance. Player movement is directed by a member of the RDLA Board. Player movements are recorded on the player movement log.

If goalies are designated in the division being constructed, goaltenders will be placed first, and players placed second. The highest-ranking goaltender will be placed with the next lowest ranking player in the process for team creation.

Once teams have been re-balanced based on the player movement criteria, they are then finalized and forwarded to the Registrar to be assigned to the proper team in Ramp. To ensure that parity is created, movement of players may be required after final teams have been selected. Movement of players can happen until May 15. The Registrar is responsible for informing the coaches and the RDLA Board of the teams.

Special Requests

All special requests must be submitted by March 1. (See [Special Request Policy](#) for full details.)

Player movement requests from families will not be considered unless they fall under documented policy circumstances.

In documented situations where players legally or administratively cannot be on the same team, a player will be exchanged with one of similar ranking and handedness.