



**2022**  
**St. Albert Rams Lacrosse Club**  
**8U and 10U**  
**Snake Draft Rules**

1. St. Albert Rams will use a Snake Draft for the process of selecting parity 8U and 10U teams. The 8U and 10U teams will be comprised of 12 to 16 players including a maximum of two goalies.
2. Head Coaches will be selected from those who have submitted applications and based on their coaching qualifications and experience. Head Coaches may select a maximum of two Assistant Coaches to be part of the Team Staff for the draft. The remainder of the Team Staff will be chosen once teams have been determined.
3. For purposes of standardized and equitable evaluations in the 10U Division, sessions will be conducted as outlined in the Rams' Evaluation Manual or agreed upon modifications that will be clearly communicated to on-floor instructors, evaluators, and potential coaches. Prospective coaches are encouraged to view evaluations from the stands, on-floor activities will be facilitated by other coaches where possible.
4. Every player attending the 10U evaluations will, based on the evaluation scoring system, receive a score. This is an average of the scores obtained over the total number of floor times attended. Therefore, if a player only attends one evaluation session, due to other commitments, then that score will be considered the average. It is requested that any inability to attain all applicable evaluations is communicated to the Rams Executive.
5. Names of players will be posted in a closed draft attended by the applicable Coaching Staffs and members of the Rams Executive. Players will be listed based on score from highest to lowest along with the following information:
  - a. Direction the player shoots.
  - b. Number of years the player has played lacrosse.
  - c. Age; to determine whether the player is a first or second year.
  - d. Desire to be to play goalie.
6. For 10U, goalies will be selected first, and every effort will be made to ensure each team retains two goalies on the roster. For 8U, all players will be encouraged to rotate through the goalie position. Goalie rotation amongst players of the same 10U team is acceptable, and also encouraged, after teams have been finalized. Goalie rotation at the 10U Division is with the intent of identifying a minimum of two players per 10U team who desire to commit to the position before graduating to 12U.
7. The order of the draft will be determined by draw and the order will simply be reversed after the first round; i.e. the first round will be in order 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 and the second round will be 4 – 3 – 2 – 1. This process will continue until all players are chosen.
8. The players will be selected in order from the highest to lowest evaluation score and bracketed together for the purposes of the draft. A player from the next score bracket cannot be selected until all of players in the previous score bracket are selected.
9. Coaches will not draft players whose are children of another team's Coaching Staff as identified prior to commencement of the draft unless a Coach has specifically indicated they do not wish to Coach their own child.
10. Requests to have players selected onto the same team as friend(s), must be submitted prior to the commencement of the draft. Each request will be discussed at the draft and a consensus will be reached prior to commencement of the draft as to how these will be managed. Consideration will be given to first year players. Requests will be not entertained once the draft is complete.
11. If a Coach drafts a player who has a sibling with a lower score than the sibling will automatically be assigned to that same team during the applicable round of the draft unless the parent(s) requested otherwise prior to the commencement of the draft.



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12. Coaches will make every effort to select an even number of left-handed and right-handed shooters. This will be monitored throughout the draft.
  
13. Players who did not attend evaluations will be listed separately as the last rounds of the draft. They will be identified as first or second year players, left or right-handed shooter, and by the number of years they have played lacrosse. Coaches will choose from this list until all players are assigned to a team.
  
14. The draft will be mediated by the Rams, Coaching Director, Player Development Director, or applicable Division Director. If there is a conflict of interest, i.e. one of the potential mediators is also a coach involved in the draft, then another Executive member will be selected to mediate.
  
15. Teams will be considered finalized at the completion of the draft. If an extenuating circumstance does arise, as determined by the Rams' Executive, then substitutions may occur. Any substitution will be made with players of similar score and preferably and who shoot the same way.