



## **2023 GELC Zone North A Team Selection Policy U13 / U15 / U17**

1. GELC Zone North which comprises of the Fort Saskatchewan Rebels, North Edmonton Wizards, and St Albert Rams will use a third-party evaluation system to select the Zone U13, U15, and U17 A Teams. The A Teams for each of these Divisions will be comprised of 16 to 18 players and a maximum of two designated goalkeepers for a total of 17 to 20.
2. Head Coaches will be selected from those who have submitted applications and based on coaching qualifications and experience as determined by the collective executives of the three Clubs. Preference for A Team Head Coaches are non-parent coaches. If multiple qualified coaches apply and a consensus cannot be reached by the collective executives an interview process will be used for final selection.
3. For purposes of standard and equitable evaluations, sessions will be conducted based on the Rams' Evaluation Manual. Modifications to these drills are permitted so long as clearly communicated to, and agreed upon, by the on-floor instructors, the evaluators, and the potential coaches for that applicable Division. The Evaluation Team must be informed of any changes prior to the commencement of the applicable session. Prospective coaches are encouraged to view evaluations from the stands or player and penalty boxes. The on-floor evaluation sessions will be conducted by other Zone staff.
4. Every player attending evaluations will, based on the Zone's 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 previous commitments that have been conveyed to the Evaluation Team, then that score will be considered the average. This score has no relevance other than a mechanism to tier the players.
5. Team selection will be determined as follows:
  - a. The first two-thirds of an A Team will be based solely on the outcome of the third-party evaluation. Depending on the team size, the first 10 to 12 players selected for the applicable roster will be the 10 to 12 players with the highest average evaluation scores from that Division.
  - b. The remaining one-third of the Team will be selected based on coaching staff decisions. The primary purpose of this is to ensure equal number of right and left-handed shooters. However, there may be other factors specific to the coaching staff and/or team that may be taken into consideration. The collective executives from all three Clubs will be informed of, and approve, the remaining eight to ten players prior to any formal announcement of final rosters.
  - c. Player information that will be provided as part of the selection process will include:
    - (1) Direction the player shoots.
    - (2) Age, to determine whether the player is a first or second year.
    - (3) Number of years playing box lacrosse.
6. A Teams will only retain two goalkeepers on the A roster if there are enough goalies to ensure each subsequent team within the Zone at that age Division has two goalkeepers. Otherwise,



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affiliations are highly encouraged to ensure there are two goalkeepers at every A practice and dressed for all A games. All affiliations will be conducted in accordance with GELC Regulations.

7. Requests from parents to have friends or siblings on the same team will not be entertained for the purposes of A Team selection. If there are issues with respect to family or friend matters such parents will be advised to have their child play on the applicable Zone's Parity Team.

8. Players who did not attend A evaluations will not be eligible for selection to an A Team roster. If there are extenuating circumstances, such as an injury, then those circumstances will be brought before the collective executives from all three Clubs for consideration.

9. A Teams will be considered finalized at the completion of the selection process. If a player who is selected for an A Team roster is unable to, or unwilling to, fulfill the commitments required for A Teams, a replacement will be chosen from the other A-intent players who were not selected for that A Team roster. This will be conducted in the same manner as the remaining one-third of the roster, as detailed in paragraph 5.b. above.

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