



Surrey Lacrosse Association Player Evaluation Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established to ensure players at all age levels are fairly evaluated and that team selection is performed in a fair and timely manner. Separate evaluation processes have been established for balanced and select teams.

These guidelines have been developed in order to suit the size and composition of the Surrey Lacrosse Association at the time of writing. Deviations from this process may be necessary (e.g. players unable to attend due to extenuating circumstances); however, these deviations will be assessed by the coaches and the Surrey Lacrosse Executive on a case by case basis.

Balanced Teams

The following process will be applied to player evaluation and selection in divisions where teams are to be equally balanced. This includes all Mini-Tyke and Tyke teams as well as any division where Surrey Lacrosse will be fielding multiple teams in a single tier in any division.

- 1) A minimum of two, one hour evaluation sessions must be held. This may include practice and game situations at the coach's discretion.
- 2) No independent evaluators are necessary.
- 3) Players should be evaluated based on the skills outlined on the attached player evaluation sheet.
- 4) Once all evaluation sessions are complete, coaches must submit their completed player evaluation sheets to the Surrey Lacrosse Executive to have them compiled in to a master list that will include overall rankings and scores for each player
- 5) Coaches may protect/pre-select a maximum of 3 players for their team. This is meant to help accommodate players whose parents have volunteered to be coaches or managers and is not meant as a method for coaches to protect players based on their skill level. The score assigned to these players will determine the team's initial ranking heading into the player draft.
- 6) The player draft will be facilitated by a member of the Surrey Lacrosse Executive with coaching representatives from each team present.
- 7) The initial draft order will be determined based on the initial ranking of each team (the team with the lowest ranking will go first). If there are teams with equal initial rankings the draft order will be randomly selected (e.g. through coin toss or other similar method).
- 8) Team rankings will be updated following each round based on the players they select.
- 9) Player selection will continue until all players have been placed on a team.



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Select Teams

The following process will be applied to player evaluation and selection in divisions where select teams (i.e. A1, A2, B) are being assembled. This will only occur in Novice through Midget levels. Mini-Tyke and Tyke teams will be balanced.

- 1) A minimum of three, one hour evaluation sessions must be held. This may include practice and game situations at the coach's discretion. Preseason practices and/or gym sessions are not meant for player evaluation; consequently, player attendance at preseason sessions should not play a factor in player placement.
- 2) Independent evaluators should be included in the evaluation process whenever possible. Ideally, the number of independent evaluators will be equal to or greater than the number of coaches involved in the evaluations.
- 3) Players should be evaluated based on the skills outlined on the attached player evaluation sheet.
- 4) Following evaluations, players will be ranked based on the evaluations from the independent evaluators and the coaches.
- 5) The coach of the team that will be competing in the highest tier (A1 or A2, depending on declaration) will be given a list of the top X ranked players to select their team from¹. The value of X will be determined as the number of players to be carried on the team plus 5 (not including goaltenders).
- 6) Once the highest tier team is selected, the coach of the team that will be competing in the next tier will be given a list of the next X ranked players to choose their team from (not including goaltenders)¹. This list must include the 5 players that were not selected for the higher tier team.
- 7) This process will continue until all of the select teams have been selected.
- 8) The remaining players will be assigned to the house team(s).
- 9) If more than one team is to be fielded at a given tier, balancing must occur as outlined above.

¹ Coach may use one additional on floor session to further evaluate players if they deem necessary.



Goaltender Evaluation Form*

Jersey		Name	Positioning	Ability to Stop the Ball	Passing	Athleticism	Work Ethic	Overall	Average Rating**	Comments
Colour	Number									

* Evaluate each skill on a scale of 1 (beginner) to 5 (excellent).

** Average will be taken as the average of all skills.