

Red River Lacrosse Association

Junior & Senior Player Placement Policy

Background

- In February 2010 the Major Lacrosse Directorate (MLD) was formed by the RRLA.
- The mandate of the MLD is to provide leadership and management for Junior (Jr) aged 17 – 21 & Senior (Sr) lacrosse programs within the RRLA.
- The MLD is comprised of a representative from each zone for Jr and Sr programs.
- In February 2010 a New Player Movement Policy was created by the MLD with the intent of providing fair and impartial player movement within the RRLA while developing the leagues and managing the expected influx of players in the next few years.
- For the 2010 season all 17 to 21 year olds (1993-1989) are considered Jr eligible players and must register with and become property of their Home Zone, (HZ) as determined by their registered home address and the established and recognized Zone boundaries set out by the RRLA

Player Placement

Placement for all 17 to 21 year old players will be determined in the following priority order;

- Players will initially be considered for placement with their HZ Jr B team, to an initial roster maximum of 18 runners and 2 goalies, (18/2), by a selection process determined by the HZ Jr B team.
- All players who can not be accommodate by their HZ Jr B team will be released for placement to an Out of Home Zone (OHZ) Jr B team by the MLD, to areas with the greatest demonstrated need. Considerations will be made for geographic location and travel considerations while equalizing talent where possible.
- All player releases are a one year / one season basis and are only considered official when directed by the MLD and signed off by an official representative of the releasing zone, the accepting zone and the MLD chair.
- All released players will revert to property of the HZ immediately after the OHZ team is eliminated from the season's play. This means players can return to their HZ for playoffs in the same season if the OHZ has been eliminated. All players will revert back to their HZ during tryouts in the following year.
- There will be no automatic "grandfathering" of released players.
- Players and Coaches who do not respect this rule will face suspension.

In the event that there are still remaining players after a minimum of 6 Jr B teams have been formed, with minimum rosters of 18 /2 each, the following options will be considered;

- When there are sufficient players to form a minimum of 3 teams, with 15 runners and 1 goalie each, a Jr C league will be established co-jointly between the zones. The format for team formation, area of play and schedule will be determined by the MLD.
- The Jr C league age requirements are the same as the Jr B league.
- If there is insufficient players for a Jr C league, the remaining players will be considered and placed according to skill, age and available spots, up to a maximum of 25 players as per the CLA to either:
 - HZ Jr B teams
 - OHZ Jr B team
 - HZ Midget B teams (17 year old players only)
 - Senior team (18-21 year old)

Notes:

Only 17 year old players will be considered for Midget B, and typically as a last resort when all other options have been exhausted. The Jr C teams are considered a developmental opportunity and not intended for players who are considered talented enough to play on one of the Jr B teams. If Jr B talented players cannot be accommodated on a Jr B team thereby requiring players to play in the Jr C league – the MLD will distribute the talent amongst the Jr C teams equally to balance the league.

Players may request a release from their HZ, and if released will be subject to this policy as directed by the MLD.

The MLD will exercise discretion on a case by case basis for players that have unique development or travel needs.