

# 2024 A Team Evaluation Process

The A team evaluation process for 2024 will consist of two stages.

## Stage 1:

Stage 1 consists of 3 – one hour floor times involving skill drills and scrimmages during which a subcontracted evaluation team scores each player on a set of criteria established by the Evaluation Committee. The schedule for these floor times for each age group will be available on the Rockyview Lacrosse website.

These 3 floor times give all players eligible to play in each age group an opportunity to put their lacrosse talents on display. All eligible players, regardless of skill level or desire to make the A team are welcome at these 3 floor times (upon payment of tryout fee).

### Special Note\*\*\*

In 2024, these floor times are all weekend times due to floor availability. We realize that there may be some players who have unavoidable schedule conflicts that will cause them to miss all, or some, of these floor times. With that in mind, we have made allowance for players to apply for exemption from Stage 1 for extenuating circumstance.

If this applies to your child, *please email [president@rockyviewlacrosse.com](mailto:president@rockyviewlacrosse.com) no later than January 10, 2024* detailing which floor times you are unable to attend and provide reason for this and efforts made to avoid this conflict, if applicable. Verification of these schedule conflicts will be a part of the approval process. After January 10, only applications involving sick or injured players will be considered.

Please note that players are expected to make efforts to attend these floor times and may need to miss a game/practice for another sport in some cases. For example, attending a practice for another sport over attending an evaluation session will not be considered an acceptable reason. While you may receive an exemption from Stage 1, this can still be a disadvantage as missing floor time can mean you are not as prepared as you could be to show your talents.

At the end of Stage 1, a group of 22 – 25 players and 2-3 goalies will be invited to attend Stage 2 of the evaluation process. This group may include players who have received exemption from Stage 1 through the exemption process noted above.

*Players not chosen to participate in Stage 2 are invited to request an exit interview. This would allow them to ask questions about what they can do to improve their game and increase their chances of making the A team in the future. If you would like an exit interview, please email your age group's division director... [U13@Rockyviewlacrosse.com](mailto:U13@Rockyviewlacrosse.com), [U15@rockyviewlacrosse.com](mailto:U15@rockyviewlacrosse.com), [U17@rockyviewlacrosse.com](mailto:U17@rockyviewlacrosse.com). They will schedule a time for you with a member of our evaluations committee to go over any questions you may have and offer guidance for future development.*

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## Stage 2:

Stage 2 will consist of 3 “team” practices facilitated by the Head Coach for the A team. (In cases where the head coach has not been selected, these practices will be overseen by the Coaching Director, or a qualified coach chosen by the Coaching Director). These practices will be held on weeknights.

During these practices, the players will again be evaluated. This time, by the coaching staff. Coaches will be considering team cohesiveness, player’s dedication and effort, and overall team needs. A strong “A” team is not as simple as selecting the most skilled players and the best goalie. The team must be able to act as a unit and have synergy. Every coach has a different idea of what mix of players will provide the best results.

Once these practices are completed, the coach will submit his final selections to the Evaluation Committee for review and approval. The head coach must be prepared to defend his team selection to the evaluation committee. Once the evaluation committee has approved the team selection including any changes resulting from the review process, the proposed team roster is sent to the president for final approval.

Those not selected to the final team roster will be invited to attend regular evaluations for selection of our B and C teams in each age group. These players will also be placed on an affiliate list for the “A” team and, at the coaches discretion, invited to attend A team practices as per the affiliation policy.

Again, players not selected for the final roster can request an exit interview by emailing their applicable age group director.

***Except in very extreme cases, there will be no exemption from attending Stage 2 practices. If a player is not able to attend any practice, it is their responsibility to advise the head coach, who will in turn advise the evaluation committee of missed practices along with the reason for missing.***

***\*\*\*Missing any of these practices can detrimentally affect a player’s selection to the roster.\*\*\****