

# SOUTH EDMONTON WARRIORS LACROSSE CLUB

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## EVALUATION PROCESS

### Purpose:

This document details the evaluation process to be followed by the Warriors. It further provides instructions for evaluators to follow in completing the evaluation form.

### Process:

The evaluation process is our tool to rank players for the purposes of:

1. selecting teams in the “A” and “B” divisions; and
2. creating parity teams within each of those divisions.

At the boys Pee wee, Bantam and Midget levels, the Warriors will be fielding teams in both the “A” and “B” divisions. In accordance with the Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council “GELC” policy we will field a minimum of one “A” team for every three teams in a division. The Warriors will select the teams in accordance with our *Tiering Policy*. Teams will be created within each of the “A” and “B” divisions in accordance with our *Drafting Policy*.

Below the Pee wee level and in the girls division there is no tiering within the GELC. At these levels, the Category Directors place players on teams with the goal of creating parity teams within the Warriors.

Every player, excluding those in the tyke, mini-tyke and girls divisions, will participate in a series of evaluations. The number of evaluations will be at the discretion of the various Category Directors in consultation with the Executive and subject to available floortime. Our goal is to provide a minimum of four evaluation floortimes for every player.

Our initial evaluations in Bantam and Midget will consist of players of all skill and experience levels playing against each other. Based on the evaluator’s scoring, players will be grouped for later evaluation sessions. At Pee wee, new players will be provided some basic instruction during their first (and possibly second) evaluation session. They will be grouped as appropriate for later evaluation sessions.

At Pee wee and above, evaluators and coaches will be completing an evaluation form which will provide players with a scoring based upon their performance relative to the evaluation criteria noted below,. The overall scoring of all evaluators will be used to determine the placement of players on “A” and “B” teams in accordance with our *Tiering Policy*.

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## **Criteria**

The evaluation criteria are divided into three broad categories; Stick Skills, Athleticism and Lacrosse Sense with Lacrosse Sense being further subdivided into Offence and Defence. The ranking within each category or subcategory is on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being the lowest ranking and 4 being the highest ranking available.

Under each category the evaluators will be evaluating for the following:

### **Stick Skills**

- Shooting
  - Does the player demonstrate proper technique?
  - Is the shot accurate?
  - Velocity and finesse?
- Passing
  - Does the player demonstrate proper technique?
  - Are the passes accurate and leading the recipient?
- Catching
  - Does the player consistently catch the ball?
  - Is he able to catch less than perfect passes?
- Cradling
  - Does the player protect and carry the ball properly?
- Loose balls
  - Is the player able to get loose balls and pick them up?

### **Athleticism**

- Running ability
  - Does the player run fast?
  - Does he have acceleration?
  - Can he cut / change direction?
- Tenacity / Aggression
  - Is the player aggressive on loose balls?
  - Is he willing to go through checks or through the middle?
  - Does he check opposing players on the ball? Off the ball?

### **Lacrosse Sense:**

- Offence
  - Proper side of floor?
  - Movement / Cuts / Picks?
  - Choice of plays (i.e., shoot versus pass)?
  - Ball handling
- Defence
  - Proper checking technique?
  - Ability to stop offensive player?
  - Picking up loose men?
  - One-on-one skill?
  - Collapsing on offensive players?
  - Ability to read picks and react to various offences?

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For goalies the evaluators will be evaluating the following:

## **Ability to Stop the Ball**

- Does the goalie stop the ball?
- Does the goalie exhibit proper positioning?
- Does the goalie anticipate shots?

## **Ability to Handle the Ball**

- Can the goalie pass the ball? Distance? Accuracy?
- Does the goalie control rebounds?
- Does he participate in floor play (i.e., outlet pass, loose ball recovery)?

As one of the primary goals of the evaluation process is to rank players for the purpose of selecting them to either the “A” or “B” divisions, evaluators are instructed to review their scoring relative to their observations as to the players overall ability to play within each division. In this regard, evaluators will be providing notes as appropriate to be used in the tireing process.

Evaluators are instructed to not complete evaluations for any players that they did not get a good look at. Evaluators are not to evaluate their own children.

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## **TIERING POLICY**

### **Background**

The Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council (“GELC”) has adopted tiered lacrosse in the Peewee, Bantam and Midget boys divisions for the 2006 season. There will be two tiers; “A” and “B”. Each club will be required to field a minimum number of “A” teams based on a ratio of one “A” team for every three teams.

If there is less than three teams no “A” team will be required. The same will hold true for every multiple of three teams. Where multiple teams exist at either the “A” or “B” level processes will be put in place to make every effort to ensure there is parity within each tier.

The Warriors Executive unanimously supported tiered lacrosse on the basis that the number of players now supports tiering and that we are now adopting a practice which is consistent with other Canadian lacrosse associations. The Warriors will place an appropriate number of “A” teams in the GELC so as to ensure that the league as a whole is appropriately competitive.

### **Tiering Process**

The Warriors wish to ensure that all players have an equal opportunity to participate at a skill appropriate level. We further wish to adopt a process that is unbiased and fair to all players. The following evaluation and team selection process will be followed:

- Every registered player is eligible to make an “A” team.
- “A” team players will be selected from the overall evaluation process.
- The “A” team selection process will be as follows:
  - A series of player evaluations wherein evaluators will supply a scoring or ranking of players;
  - A ranked list of thirty runners and three goalies (or two goalies if there is to be one goalie per team) will be compiled based upon the evaluator’s rankings. Where more than one “A” team is to be fielded in a category the list will be increased by eighteen players and two goalies (one goalie if there is to be one goalie per team).
  - A player must evaluate to be placed on the evaluators list.
  - A coach will be selected by the category director, in consultation with the Executive. Where the coach has a player in the category, that player must rank in the top thirty players.
  - The coach will select the team from the list of players provided. The coach will have the option of up to two “wild card” picks of players that are not on the list. These “wild card” picks must be ratified by the category director in consultation with the Executive. Where there is more than one “A” team in a division a draft shall occur in accordance with the clubs drafting policy.
- The “B” team selection process will be as follows:
  - The category director shall present a proposed coach list to the Executive for ratification;
  - A draft of all remaining players will occur in accordance with the clubs drafting policy