

Team Placement Guidelines

Team placement will be made per the US Lacrosse age group rules. US Lacrosse age groups can be found at the following website:
<http://www.uslacrosse.org/rules/age-eligibility-guidelines.aspx>

Team	Birthdate
Instructional	Grades K-2
U09	All players must be 8 years old or younger on the August 31st preceding WYLA's spring season
U11	All players must be 10 years old or younger on the August 31st preceding WYLA's spring season
U13	All players must be 12 years old or younger on the August 31st preceding WYLA's spring season
U15	All players must be 14 years old or younger on the August 31st preceding WYLA's spring season

In general, WYLA does not support moving a player up a level based solely on a player's skill level. If a player/parent is interested in accelerating skill development or having a player involved at a higher level of competition, there are opportunities outside of WYLA and within SE CT that can be pursued. WYLA is a recreational lacrosse organization. Safety will always be of paramount importance in considering any request for playing at a level other than as specified by US Lacrosse.

WYLA has endorsed the following placement criteria, which may be different from the US Lacrosse criteria for some individuals:

- U15 - All 8th graders (Boys and Girls) will play on the U15 team so that they can experience playing at this level before entering high school.
- All players in Kindergarten will play at the Instructional level.

Under certain circumstances, the WYLA Board will consider player team assignments other than as specified above or as specified by US Lacrosse age groups. Factors that the Board will take into consideration include:

- Player's physical size
- Player's skill level & ability
- Player's age & grade
- Player's cognitive development
- Team size and composition

If the WYLA Board feels that a player should be moved to a different level, the Board will provide a justification to the parent(s) or guardian and obtain parent/guardian approval before any player movement takes place.

If any other individual(s) feels that a player should play at a different level, the WYLA Board shall be petitioned with a solid justification for the proposed change. The WYLA Board will make a final decision based on the above criteria and what it believes is best for both the individual player and for the overall organization.

This guideline does not apply to temporary situations where players may be asked to play up a level for one or more games. The only time this situation will occur is when a team has an insufficient number of players to field a team. In these instances, team coaches, the player, and the player's parent or guardian must all agree to the temporary arrangement.