

Ozaukee Lacrosse

Guidelines for Youth Team Formation

1) Teams

a. Travel Teams

- i. Senior –players in the 7th and 8th grades
- ii. Junior – players in the 5th and 6th grades
- iii. Bantam – players in the 3rd and 4th grades
- iv. Conference Play
- v. Travel locally and to Madison/Green Bay
- vi. Games Saturdays and/or Sundays
- vii. 2-3 practices per week
- viii. Season starts March 1st
- ix. Competitive play

b. In-House

- i. One Level – players in 1st through 3rd grades
- ii. Will meet twice per week for 8 weeks – Weekdays
- iii. Season starts April
- iv. Skill development as well as 5 v 5 game play vs. other OZLAX in-house teams
- v. Game schedule TBD- all games played on OZLAX practice fields

c. Development

- i. One Level – Players in K through 1st grades
- ii. 4 week session
- iii. 1 session/week- day TBD
- iv. No pads – just sticks
- v. Season starts May

d. Tournament Teams (Try-out team)

- i. Senior –players in the 7th and 8th grades
- ii. Junior – players in the 5th and 6th grades
- iii. Three Tournaments (players will need to commit to at least two)
- iv. Try-outs before Memorial Day.
- v. Players from Ozaukee and other organizations will be eligible to try-out.
- vi. Season starts in June
- vii. Will be a separate fee

2) Grade Level

- a. Grade level is determined by the player's current standing in school, entering the spring season.
 - i. Example; For the Spring 2012 season, the youths grade level is determined by their grade level in the 2011-2012 school year.

3) Playing Up

- a. Ozaukee Lacrosse's position is that players play with their grade level.
- b. Ozaukee Lacrosse does reserve the right to make exceptions.
 - i. Parents must make a formal request of Ozaukee Lacrosse Board of Directors to play-up, before the start of the season.
 - ii. Ozaukee Lacrosse will take into account the following:
 1. Previous coach's evaluation on ability
 2. Player's actual age
 3. Physical stature
 - iii. A decision will then be rendered to the parent before the start of the upcoming season.

4) Roster Sizes

- a. Junior/Senior teams will consist of 18-21 players per team.
- b. Bantam teams will consist of 15-17 players per team.
- c. In-House program - the goal of 10-15 kids per team.
- d. Ozaukee Lacrosse reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of players per team based on the following:
 - i. Incoming registrations
 - ii. Organizational competitiveness
 - iii. Numbers on the waiting lists.

5) Multiple teams

- a. If the number of registrations warrants the addition of multiple teams at certain grade levels, Ozaukee Lacrosse will add additional teams where necessary.
 - i. Ozaukee Lacrosse will add teams if coaches are available.
- b. If multiple teams exist at specific grade levels, Ozaukee Lacrosse's goal is to create equally competitive teams.
- c. The following criteria will be utilized when dividing up the players before the start of the season.
 - i. Player Evaluations – Evaluations will be performed during the month of March.
 - ii. Continuity – If players coming back from previous year had a particular team/coach they played for, we will try and place that player on the same team.
 - iii. Siblings – Siblings will be placed on the same team, unless requested otherwise.

- iv. Preferred Practice Nights –If teams practice at different nights of the week, parents may request a particular practice night that does not conflict with other activities but there is no guarantee there request will be met.
 - v. Carpooling – If certain parents have pre-determined carpooling plans, we will try to accommodate but there is no guarantee there request will be met.
 - d. Teams will be divided before the start of the outdoor practice sessions in April.
 - e. Ozaukee Lacrosse will try, as best it can, to create equally competitive teams. As the season progresses, one team may become more dominant than the other. This can occur for a variety of reasons, none of which can be assessed completely during the evaluation period.
 - f. Ozaukee Lacrosse also reserves the right to make roster changes within the first two weeks of April, to try and address any unforeseen issues.
- 6) Team Leadership
 - a. Ozaukee Lacrosse will try to make sure that each team has the following:
 - i. 1 Head Coach
 - ii. 2 Assistant Coaches
 - iii. 1 Team Manager
- 7) Practices
 - a. In order to start practices – a player:
 - i. Must have a valid US Lacrosse membership.
 - 1. Membership must not expire until July of the current season
 - ii. Registration must be paid in full.
 - b. Indoor Practices (March)
 - i. Practices will start indoors beginning the first week of March.
 - ii. Practices will be assigned based on an alphabetical split if there are multiple teams at a specific grade level.
 - iii. Start and end times are predicated on gym time availability.
 - iv. Ozaukee Lacrosse will utilize available gym time throughout Ozaukee County.
 - v. Ongoing evaluation thru March.
 - c. Outdoor Practices (April-June)
 - i. Practices will start outdoors at the beginning of April and end the 1st or 2nd week of June.
 - ii. Teams will practice two/three times a week.
 - iii. Based on coach's availability, teams will either practice Monday/Wednesdays or Tuesday/Thursdays. A 3rd day could be added based on coach's discretion.
 - iv. Practices 1 - 1 ½ hour long.
 - v. Practice start times, again, are based on Coach's availability. Most practice times are usually from 5:30/6:00pm to 7:00/7:30pm.

8) Games

- a. Travel team games are scheduled on Saturdays and some Sundays.
- b. Games will start the 1st or 2nd week of April and end during the 1st or 2nd week of June.
- c. The majority of the games will be played at home or in the surrounding Milwaukee area.
- d. Travel teams will travel to Madison/Green Bay area on one or two days during the season.
- e. Approx. number of games: 3/4 level- 8; 5/6 level- 12-16; 7/8 level- 12-16

9) In-House Program

- a. Season runs from beginning of April to 1st or 2nd week of June.
- b. Eligibility of 3rd graders to play in development program is based on:
 - i. Physical Stature
 - ii. Aggressiveness
 - iii. Experience
 - iv. Final approval needed by the Board of Ozaukee Lacrosse.

10) Waiting List

- a. Player must have sent in completed registration forms
- b. Registration checks will not be deposited until player is asked and accepts a position on a team.
- c. Roster sizes are limited; player was unable to be placed on a team.
- d. Players/Parents can opt to wait until an opening exists or join another team in another community
- e. Those opting to wait will be called once another player currently on a team decides to drop out.
- f. Players are taken off the waiting list based on the order of registration.
- g. Parents can request and will be told their waiting list number.

11) Withdrawal from Program

- a. Parent must make an official request in writing or by email.
- b. If it is within the first 2 weeks of the first March practice. A player's full registration fee is refundable
- c. Ozaukee Lacrosse will not refund costs associated with US Lacrosse memberships, equipment purchases, or other expenditures the player and/or family incurred.

12) Revision History

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