

Hingham Youth Lacrosse is a member of the Town Pride League (TPL). TPL is made up of some the largest and strongest lacrosse towns in Massachusetts. Starting in 5th grade TPL moves from equal weighted teams to A and B teams.

Why A & B Teams?

It's the belief of TPL that this format is more inclusive than exclusive for players. It allows players of all abilities to participate at level that encourages development and allows for achievement. Participation rates in Hingham have soared since moving to this format. In the past both veteran and new players sometimes grew discouraged or were intimidated to play, that's no longer the case with A & B teams.

Who should attend evaluations?

ALL players should attend regardless of their skill level or experience. Players are coached while being evaluated so it's a great time to learn for players of all abilities and for everyone to get the rust off.

How are players evaluated?

Players are evaluated on their stick skills, game play and general athleticism.

Players are evaluated by coaches that will be with them during the season and by coaches from other teams.

How are teams selected?

Teams are selected based on the evaluations AND input from the prior season's coaches. We'll have a snapshot of the players current abilities as well as feedback from the prior season with an emphasis on how coachable a player is and their attitude.

What if my son makes the A team?

Consider it an invitation, one that you should only accept if lacrosse is the #1 priority from April to mid June. Players that are going to miss practices or games due to other sports commitments should not play on the A team (school related absences are acceptable). Please note that playing time might vary from game to game depending on who the team is playing...it might not be equal time every game.

What if my son is on the B team?

In many cases there is a fine line between the players and there will unfortunately be disappointment. The coaches will work with players on areas that need improvement. The major positive of the B team is that it allows those players on the bubble to gain confidence and typically be "the man" on their team. In the past, players on the bubble between A & B teams have requested to play on B. Finally, what team you play on in your middle school years does not define where you will end up as a player in high school. There will be plenty of B team players that mature at a different rate or put in the hard work to excel in lacrosse later on.