

# JETS LACROSSE

## Frequently Asked Questions for Spring 2020 Tryouts For Players Currently In 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grades

### ➤ **What are tryouts?**

- Tryouts are an additional opportunity (and, in some cases, the only opportunity) for coaches to evaluate your player's current skill and ability.
- Performance at tryouts is one of the many factors considered in determining team placement for players.
- **All players make a team.**

### ➤ **For what grade/age groups are there tryouts?**

- We will be evaluating players for 4<sup>th</sup> (U10), 5<sup>th</sup> (U11), 6<sup>th</sup> (U12), 7<sup>th</sup> (U13) and 8<sup>th</sup> (U15) grades.
- If your player is currently in one of these grades, regardless of date of birth, he should attend tryouts.
- If your player is in any other grade, regardless of date of birth, he should not attend tryouts.

### ➤ **Do I need to register my player for tryouts?**

- Players must register for the spring season to be eligible for tryouts in January. We will take attendance on the day of tryouts.

### ➤ **Is there a fee for tryouts?**

- No.

### ➤ **When are the tryouts?**

- Player evaluations will take place over two days. All players should attend BOTH days.
- Saturday, January 25, 2020 – [Lowry Sports Complex – Turf Field #1 \(8200 Sports Blvd, Denver, CO 80230\)](#)
  - 12:30pm - 02:30pm: U10 (4<sup>th</sup> grade), U11 (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and U12 (6<sup>th</sup> grade)

- 03:00pm - 05:00pm: U13 (7th grade) and U15 (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Sunday, January 26, 2020 – [Lowry Sports Complex – Turf Field #1 \(8200 Sports Blvd, Denver, CO 80230\)](#)
  - 02:15pm – 04:15pm: U10 (4th grade), U11 (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and U12 (6<sup>th</sup> grade)
  - 04:45pm - 06:45pm: U13 (7th grade) and U15 (8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Each group will start promptly. Your player should be fully equipped and ready to play at the time above. Please arrive early to check in!
- ***What if one or both dates are cancelled due to inclement weather?***
  - We will notify you via email if any session is cancelled.
  - The make-up dates for any cancellations are Saturday, February 1, 2020 and Sunday, February 2, 2020.
- ***Where are the tryouts?***
  - We will be playing outdoors on the turf field at [Lowry Sports Complex – Turf Field #1 \(8200 Sports Blvd, Denver, CO 80230\)](#).
- ***Outdoors in January! Won't it be cold?***
  - Maybe. Please make sure your player is dressed appropriately.
- ***What does my player need to bring?***
  - Full equipment, including mouthpiece, a reversible jersey, a water bottle and sneakers or cleats (we will be on a turf field).
  - **A piece of athletic tape on the front of their helmet with their name on it.**
  - If you are a returning Jets player, please wear your game jersey from the spring 2019 season.
  - If you are a new player to the Jets please wear a reversible (dark/white) jersey.
- ***My player plays goalie, should he bring all his goalie gear?***
  - Yes.

- ***My player plays defense, should he bring his defensive stick?***
  - Yes.
  - At the U11 level a defensive stick can be 47-54”.
  - At the U12, U13 and U15 level a defensive stick can be 52-72”.
  
- ***Will my player only be evaluated at one position (attack/midfield/defense) during the player evaluation?***
  - No.
  - All players will be participating in all the same drills and will be playing all the positions (attack, midfield and defense), except goalie, during the sessions.
  
- ***Can parents/family watch?***
  - Absolutely. We strongly encourage you all to stay and watch.
  - If you choose to watch, we ask that you sit/stand on the sideline (NOT behind the goals) opposite the coaches and please do not coach your player from the sidelines or communicate with them during the tryouts. Please let them play.
  
- ***Who will be evaluating the players?***
  - A mixture of coaches from the Jets program and outside the program will be assisting us throughout the process.
  
- ***If my player is a returning player for the Jets, is he guaranteed to be on the same team he was on last year?***
  - No. We do not guarantee that any player is placed on the same team from year to year.
  
- ***How many U10/U11/U12/U13/U15 teams will the Jets have for the spring 2020 season and what CYLA division will they compete at?***
  - We will not know how many teams, or at what CYLA division they will each compete at, until all players are registered, the tryouts are complete, and rosters are finalized.
  
- ***What if my player cannot attend the tryouts or can only attend one of the two sessions?***

- **Players who cannot make tryouts will still be placed on a team, however, will not have the opportunity to be placed on the more advanced team at that age level.**
  - Your player should attend both days.
  - Our primary goal is to place each player on the team that provides them the best opportunity to develop and succeed as a lacrosse player as well as continue to develop a passion for the game. Attending both days gives the evaluators the best opportunity to assess your player's ability and experience and increases the probability he is placed appropriately.
- ***What if my player is not available during the time slot for his grade, but is available for a different time slot?***
- Players should only attend the time slots for their specific grade.
- ***What if my player cannot attend the tryouts, will he still be placed on a team?***
- **Yes, everyone makes a team. However, players who do not attend tryouts will not have the opportunity to be placed on the more advanced team at that age level.**
- ***Are tryouts the sole determining factor for team placement?***
- No. Tryouts are one piece of information we use to assist us in player placement and team formation.
  - We utilize all the information at our disposal to properly place players. While performance at the tryout is a very important part of the process, many other factors are considered including, but not limited to, our knowledge of each player's playing experience and skill from prior evaluations and observations, and coach input from previous seasons.
  - [Please see our "How are spring teams formed?" FAQ here for more information.](#)
- ***Must I be registered for the Jets Lacrosse spring 2020 season to participate in the tryouts?***
- Yes. Players must register for the spring season to be eligible for tryouts in January. Register here: <http://jetslacrosse.com/register.asp>.

➤ **When will I know what team my player has been placed on?**

- We will provide additional information on team rosters to parents no later than Monday, February 17, 2020.
- Our goal is to have rosters finalized by this date. This is subject to change. If rosters are not finalized by this date we will still send you an update.
- Coaches will contact their teams as soon as rosters are finalized.

➤ **What if we are disappointed in our player's team placement?**

- Our team formation process is extremely thorough. Roster decisions are final and changes are not likely.
- As previously stated, our primary goal is to place each player on the team that provides them the best opportunity to develop and succeed as a lacrosse player as well as continue to develop a passion for the game.
- We feel strongly that a player's experience, development and enjoyment throughout the season are all improved when placed with players of a similar experience and ability, and at the appropriate level of competitiveness.
- **There is no one "best team". In a manner consistent with our stated goals, team availability and all the information available to us, we try to place each player on the best team for that individual player.**
- Team formation is not an easy process. We recognize parents may not have the same evaluation of their player as we do. We are not perfect. However, we do spend a significant amount of time and energy on this process and ask that you respect our decisions.

➤ **Who do I contact if I have additional questions?**

- [First, please see our spring 2020 season Frequently Asked Questions.](#)
- If you still have additional questions, please email us at [info@jetslacrosse.com](mailto:info@jetslacrosse.com).