

ONTARIO LACROSSE ASSOCIATION

Provincial Teams

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Team Ontario Program and Try-Outs

The Team Ontario program is the Provincial Team Program for the Ontario Lacrosse Association. This is the high-performance program which operates all teams representing the Ontario Lacrosse Association as 'all-star' teams. All OLA athletes who meet the eligibility criteria are entitled to try-out for Team Ontario teams, regardless of their point of origin. Team Ontario teams will attend Canadian Lacrosse Association Championship Tournaments as well as CLA Invitational National Tournaments, and international tournaments deemed appropriate and supportive of the Team Ontario Program goals.

The Team Ontario program also operates Let's Get It Started Camps for athletes in the novice (9-10 years old) and peewee (11-12 years old) divisions. LGIS Camps are for athletes who wish to experience the Team Ontario try-out process, prior to trying-out for Team Ontario, as well as exposure to high-level coaching.

Communication of Try-outs

Ontario Lacrosse Association members are advised of Team Ontario try-out through e-mail Newsletters. Membership databases are used as a contact base for the Newsletters. All club, league and association leaders are also e-mailed the Newsletters. Try-outs are also posted on the Team Ontario website, www.teamontariolacrosse.com, as well as on the OLA website www.ontariolacrosse.com.

Communication of Coaching Applications and Process

Ontario Lacrosse Association members are advised of Team Ontario coaching vacancies and application process through e-mail Newsletters, generally sent out November-December of the year prior to the season. Coaching membership databases are used as a contact base for the Coaching application Newsletters. All club, league and association leaders are e-mailed the Newsletters. Coaching vacancies and applications are also posted on the Team Ontario website, www.teamontariolacrosse.com, as well as on the OLA website www.ontariolacrosse.com. Qualified Coaching applicants are interviewed by a coaching selection panel, made up of the Director of Lacrosse Operations, the Director of Coaching and the OLA VP Coaching. The coaching selection panel may choose to have a panel member present from a specific sector to help with the selection process. Coaches are advised by January 31st of their appointment to the coaching staff of a Team Ontario team for that season.

Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Athletes trying-out for a Team Ontario team must be registered with the Ontario Lacrosse Association in the current year, and must be eligible by age. Initial try-outs, called Identification or ID Selection Camps, are open to all athletes meeting this criteria. Athletes wishing to try-out register through the [Team Ontario Website](#). Athletes are required to set-up an account and register for ID Selection Camps. Please note that athletes may register for different team try-outs providing they meet the eligibility criteria for each team, as stated above.

Athlete Selection

There are three separate try out camps Identification Camp, Invitational Camp and Main Camp. Identification Camp is open to all athletes in the OLA. The Invitational and Main Camps are for players who have been evaluated, selected and invited. Team try-out plans for all camps are approved by the Team Ontario Head Coach / Mentor/Director of Lacrosse. Each try-out plan is tailored to each specific age division and sector, and will ensure that all athletes have a fair and equitable opportunity to show their talent and ability through drills, scrimmages and game situations. Evaluation camp staff and the team's coaching staff, will do blind evaluations on a form of each athlete during the course of the try-out. Camp staff is generally 1 staff member to 6-7 athletes. These evaluations are tallied, and using these evaluations and through evaluation meetings of the camp staff, athletes meeting the team criteria will be invited to attend the next camp until final selections are made.

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Invitational and Main Camps

While ID Selection Camps are open to all athletes, Invitational Camps and Main Camps are only open to athletes invited back to the try-outs. Team Ontario does require all athletes to be registered for the ID Selection Camps to be eligible to participate in the Invitational or Main Camps. Not all divisions require Invitational Camps – these are based on the number of athletes registered in the division.

Rosters

Coaching staff will name the final teams at the conclusion of the Main Camp. The coaching staff will meet with each player individually and let them know whether or not they are being offered a position on the team. Team rosters will be posted on the Team Ontario website prior to their Tournament.