

VELOCITY LACROSSE

Official Statement



Introducing the Velocity Lacrosse Player Renewal Program for all teams formed for 2022.

The Velocity Lacrosse Travel Program will be transitioning away from the traditional travel team try out and will be implementing a player renewal option for all current travel team athletes.

With over 250 athletes in our program, we believe implementing a player renewal program not only rewards our current players for their continuous hard work but also instills an ongoing motivation in the athletes to do their best while on our fields among their coaches and peers.

Rather than our coaches gathering an evaluation from a 90-minute tryout, they will have multiple weeks of evaluating each athlete through practices and tournament play. Our coaches will gain a closer look at players coachability, lacrosse IQ, athleticism, promptness, reliability, and countless other immeasurable player traits that are more accurately assessed over a longer period.

There will still be an opportunity for athletes in the community who are not currently on a Velocity team to be evaluated. In place of a tryout, we will launch what is called, a player draft. If any roster spots remain available after our current Velocity athletes have accepted the offered positions, we will then fill the remaining spots from a player draft. All non-Velocity families can register for the player draft on our website.

We have outlined the player renewal process and player draft system below which consists of three possible scenarios for current players: completed evaluation, ongoing evaluation, or player draft participation.

We believe this is the future of the club team industry and will create a positive outcome for the entire community. We want to reward our current athletes for their hard work over the many years rather than continuing to mandate a tryout.

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PLAYER RENEWAL PROGRAM

Phase 1: Player Evaluations / June 1st - 27th

» Phase 1 evaluations have been completed for all current players over the last 4 weeks. Every player in our program will receive an email in the next few days with a team offer for next summer **or** a notice of an ongoing evaluation. If you choose to accept this position by the deadline your athlete does not have to attend the player draft as the roster spot is automatically secured for next summer. The email you will receive this week will outline all the tournaments, team information and pricing for next summer along with the commitment required from families to secure this early offer. By accepting this early invitation, you are recommitting to the Velocity program and will be able to then bypass all tryouts.

» If you do not wish to accept this early invite or if you are unhappy with your child's placement you can forgo acceptance and register your player in the player draft to be evaluated a final time. If you decline the position however, there is no guaranteed placement in our program as you now must participate in the draft with all other athletes who have registered.

» If the coaches are still evaluating your child, you will receive an email notifying you that your child's evaluation is still ongoing. The ongoing evaluation will be completed by the last day of the final event and you will be notified of team placement the following Monday.

Phase 2: Player Draft Day / August 21– 22

If any roster spots remain after all current Velocity players have accepted their positions, we will then evaluate the players who have enrolled in our draft day, pending spots remain. If you have declined our early offer, and opted to participate in this draft, there is not a guaranteed placement.