

Rogers-Otsego Youth Lacrosse (ROLAX)
Age Division Waiver Requests (Move Up/Move Down Policy)

OVERVIEW

Rogers-Otsego Youth Lacrosse (ROLAX) assigns players to teams based on USA Lacrosse age guidelines and, when applicable, player evaluation results. In certain situations, a player may request to “move up” or “move down” one age division if another placement better fits their skill level, experience, grade, or unique circumstances.

Submission of an Age Division Waiver Request does not guarantee approval. Approval is dependent on individual player factors and team, roster, and program needs for the season.

DEFINITIONS

Move up: Playing in an older age division than assigned by birth year. Typically used when a player demonstrates advanced skill, maturity, or readiness. All move-up requests require ROLAX Board Approval.

Move down: Playing in a younger age division than assigned by birth year. Due to safety and competitive balance concerns, all move-down requests require both ROLAX Board and GNLL approval.

AGE WAIVERS

All requests to play outside the assigned Age Division must be submitted annually to Rogers Otsego Youth Lacrosse on the [Age Division Waiver Request Form](#) **Please note: approved moves may result in a change in player fees for the season.**

Generally, age division waiver requests are approved for players wishing to participate at their grade level or within four months of the USA Lacrosse age division guidelines. These requests will be processed as they are received. All other requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis after the close of registration.

REQUEST & APPROVAL PROCESS

1. Families must register their player in the assigned age division first.
2. Complete and submit Age Division Waiver Request waiver form to ROLAX
3. ROLAX board will review all requests **AFTER** registration closes for the season, to ensure accurate roster counts, team and player needs.*
 - a. Move up requests approved or denied by ROLAX
 - b. Move down requests are reviewed first by ROLAX board and, if supported, forwarded to GNLL for final approval

*Move down requests to align the player with their appropriate grade/grad year will be processed on a rolling basis.

NOTIFICATION & FEE ADJUSTMENT

- Families will be notified after final decisions have been made
- If a player moves to a higher-cost division, registration fees will be adjusted to the higher amount, payment processed to the card on file
- Approved players must remain in their assigned division for the entire season

By submitting an Age Division Waiver Request, the parent or legal guardian expressly authorizes Rogers-Otsego Youth Lacrosse (ROLAX) to charge the payment method on file for any additional registration fees associated with placement in a higher-cost age division. Such charges may be processed immediately upon waiver approval and do not require additional notice or consent. All additional fees assessed are non-refundable.

DECISION CRITERIA

ROLAX will evaluate all requests with consideration to individual player needs, team needs, roster balance, and the best interests of the program. ROLAX reserves the right to approve or deny any request. Considerations may include:

1. Number of players and waiver requests at each age group
2. Player birth date and grade

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3. Lacrosse experience, player readiness (maturity, behavior, and safety)
4. Evaluation scores (when applicable)

**The Rogers-Otsego Youth Lacrosse Board reserves the right to place all players on the best fit team.
All decisions and team placements are final.**

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