

Town Pride League | Age Verification Process

Valid for the 2025 Spring Lacrosse Season

Town Pride League (TPL) is above all a grade-based program that supports youth lacrosse athletes playing for their grade qualified team, with birth dates within a defined range and residing in a specific community. For the 2025 Spring lacrosse season, if a player wishes to participate in a grade class that is outside the USA Lacrosse parameters (see link) they must seek an exemption.

 $\underline{https://www.usalacrosse.com/sites/default/files/documents/Games/USAL-AgeGroupChart-15mo-24-25.pdf}$

Exception Process

The TPL program should submit documentation that supports the position of the player in question. The documentation can be a letter sent directly to the Town Pride League President. The letter should contain information as to the age (including appropriate verification), level of play and other specific requests.

To be eligible, a player must meet both:

- 1. The grade division guidelines as established by USA Lacrosse AND,
- 2. Live within the TPL town school district boundaries (regardless of school attending). *Recruiting of players from outside a member's town boundaries is prohibited.*

Other eligibility factors:

- If the player(s) parents teach or/are employed by the town's school district but reside in an outside community, if the child attends that specific district, they are eligible to participate in TPL play. The league (TPL) requests that programs share the parents/player's info as a matter of record.
- If a player attends a private or parochial school that is based in a TPL town AND does not maintain residence in the town, they are not eligible to participate.

For the 2025 Spring season, exceptions will be managed through TPL's waiver process on a case-by-case basis, in alignment with TPL by-laws. Athlete exception requests will be reviewed by the Competition Committee, which consists of three (3) members. The TPL President will notify the Town Director or their designee of the decision regarding each request.

Youth players approved for in 2024 must undergo the approval process again for the 2025 season. Deadline for submissions is Friday, February 28, 2025.

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