



Dartmouth Lakers

Basketball Club

Teaching Life Skills through Basketball



Team Selection Policy

The Dartmouth Lakers Basketball Club (DLBC) uses a team selection process in determining placement on teams from U10 to U18.

Junior Lakers (grades P - 2) will play at the level best suited to their skill, as determined by their parents. They will also play with their friends, neighbours and classmates as much as possible. At this level, there are no league games played.

We want players to learn new skills and develop a positive attitude towards involvement in team sport. The motto of the Dartmouth Lakers Basketball Club is "Teaching Life Skills Through Basketball".

All players from U10 – U18 will participate in a team selection process. This process determines which players will play together on the same team. An attempt will be made to place players with similar skills on the same team. We believe that players will have a better experience when teamed up with others of similar skill level. We understand that it is nice to be with friends, but we trust that new friends will be made once players are on their teams.

The coaches of each age group usually determine the final selection of players on the teams for that particular age group. The Club may bring in a third impartial party to assist with determining team placements, if necessary. Team selections usually take place over several practice sessions. Depending on the number of players in a particular age group, the players may be assessed all together, or may be split into smaller, more manageable groups.

Depending on coach availability and gym/facility availability, we may not be able to accommodate every player who registers with our club. If we cannot accommodate all players, a wait list will be started. Only those who have completed the full registration process, (including payment in full, or full payment of deposit if seeking funding through Kidsport/Jumpstart) will be permitted to participate in team selections. Waitlisted players will be notified if and when a spot opens up at their age level.

We are aware that many factors come into play during the selection process, such as skill level, player position, player attitude, friends wanting to play together (especially at the U10 level), restrictions regarding practice day, or even car-pooling opportunities. It is not always perfect, but we do try our best.

For any issues or concerns with the Team Selection Process, please contact the Divisional Coordinator for the age group in question, or email info@dartmouthlakers.ca.