## **December 19, 2023**

Message from the MYL Boys Select Committee (18-person committee made up of volunteer leaders from each of the 6 regions):

MYL Classic and Select Leagues are about Town based lacrosse. Select is an extension of the Classic program and prelude to kids playing high school lacrosse. The MYL Boys Select Committee believes this focus has to remain true when developing teams for Select League play. Players must play for the town program where they reside, and ultimately where they would attend public school.

The Select Committee has reviewed past seasons team formation process to determine the best future for the Select program. For competitive integrity, encouraging towns to invest time, energy and resources towards growing a Select program that will ultimately benefit their town's high school program, the Select Committee will no longer allow individual player waivers to play for another town program's Select Team. The committee believes in providing an opportunity for two programs that each do not have enough players on their own to form a Select Team to combine together, taking a relatively equal number of players from both programs to create a team. Those town programs who do not have enough players to form a Select Team can find another program in the same situation and submit a Waiver to become a combined program Select Team. This waiver will go to the Select Committee for review, and only if approved may the team be registered.

What the committee is looking to eliminate are the players who do not live in a particular town, or go to private school in a town, playing for that town's Select Team to give that team a better chance at winning. If a player goes to public school in a town that they do not reside, they may play for that town program's select team, but the town program must supply the Select Committee with a current school year's report card for that child to prove they go to public school in that town.

Too many reasons have been brought forward in the past for kids to play for another town with later being found out that the players and coaches have a Club connection, or the player was in essence recruited for their talent or position specific playing ability. Again, Select is to put together the best team of players from your town, not who can recruit the best team from Club and Private Schools.

Combined Program Select Team Waiver Applications are now open and can be submitted <u>HERE</u>. Only 1 submission is needed for the 2 towns looking to combine. The waiver will ask for each town's number of classic teams expected at the level, total number of classic players expected at the level, and detailed explanation of why the towns need to combine in order to create a team.

Questions, email MYLBoysSelect