

## U-13 & U-15 Festival Teams

Tryouts for New Jersey U-13 & U-15 Festival Teams will be held in early May (see schedule below). Programs nominating players to tryout should start to think about who they would like to send. Players must be nominated by the program director ONLY from their town. Try-out Registration information will be posted on our website at [www.njlacrosse.com](http://www.njlacrosse.com).

The deadline to nominate players is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Late nominations will not be accepted – No exceptions.

U-13 nominations can be emailed to Jim Donovan at [seamusdonovan@yahoo.com](mailto:seamusdonovan@yahoo.com).

U-15 nominations can be emailed to Joe Nazzaro at [jnaz\\_us@yahoo.com](mailto:jnaz_us@yahoo.com).

Here are some guidelines regarding player nominations:

1. Players should be among the best in the state at their position. This is not for the “good” or “above average” player... it is intended for “elite” caliber players.
2. Eligible players CANNOT turn 13 / 15 years old before January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. The U-15 tryout is NOT open to 9<sup>th</sup> graders (even if they are age appropriate). The majority of players trying out for the U-13 team are age appropriate 7<sup>th</sup> graders.
3. All players must be members of US Lacrosse.
4. All players must commit to participate in the US Lacrosse Festival tournaments (if selected), prior to attending tryouts. The dates for each tournament are listed below. Keep in mind that there will also be travel days to and from the tournament (especially for U-13 as well as practices for both teams).
5. All players MUST attend the first try-out session. (no excuses are acceptable) A cut will be made after that session and players who make the first cut will be invited to the second try out which they also must attend. (listed below). Players invited back for the second session will be posted on the NJ Lacrosse Website the day after the first try-out.

Programs may nominate players based on the following formula:

- ❖ If your program has between 10 – 30 8<sup>th</sup> graders, you can nominate two (2) players.
- ❖ If your program has between 30 -40 8<sup>th</sup> graders, you can nominate three (3) players.
- ❖ If your program has over 40 8<sup>th</sup> graders, you can nominate four (4) players.
- ❖ These same numbers rules apply to eligible U-13 Players

**Important: The maximum number of players any program can nominate is four (4). Also, we urge programs NOT to nominate the maximum number of players allowed unless each of those players is truly among the best players in the state at his position.**

	U-13	U-15
<b>Tryout Dates &amp; Times</b>	May 5 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Freedom Park, Randolph, NJ	May 9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM Freedom Park, Randolph, NJ
<b>Tournament Dates</b>	June 13, 14, 15	June 20, 21, 22
<b>Tournament Site</b>	Lebanon Sports Complex Kings Island, OH Warren County (Near Cincinnati)	Golden Goal Complex Lake George, NY Washington County