

MASS ELITE 2008

Team Policies and Procedure

Parents and players please read completely...

Team Policies

1. Mass Elite is a nonprofit corporation. Membership on this team is by invitation only and players must try out and renew annually. Prior membership does not guarantee future membership; players unable to make an honest commitment to the program may not be invited to return.
2. Purpose - We look to help our athletes challenge themselves, and to ultimately succeed on and off the playing field. We emphasize the importance of teamwork, leadership, honesty, and competition. Mass Elite provides high level coaching and an opportunity to play in competitive tournaments with and against high level athletes.
3. One of the goals of the Mass Elite program is to teach players responsibility and accountability. We hold players accountable for their actions and decisions. Players are instructed to handle all communications with their coaches. These skills are essential in developing our players for future college play.
4. It is expected that all players attend all of the scheduled practices for their age group. **It is the responsibility of the player to notify the Mass Elite Directors by phone or e-mail why they are unable to attend.** Practice and scrimmage schedules for all levels will be available on the website, www.masselite.com, as soon as field time is secured and coaches have been scheduled.
5. Tournament Participation: it is expected that players attend the majority of tournaments and those tournaments we expect them to for their age group. We are aware that there will be conflicts, but **if coaches feel that players are not committing to enough tournaments, those players will not be invited to play in future events.** Please understand that to take a spot on the team and not take attendance seriously is unfair to your coaches and teammates. Should a conflict arise with your high school team and a Mass Elite tournament or practice, the commitment to your high school team will always come first.
6. Mass Elite provides support and guidance in the college search process. We will complete and mail player evaluation forms that you provide, and communicate with coaches on your behalf via phone calls and e-mails. **College placement begins and ends with the individual; players must initiate communication with coaches and follow up with campus visits.** Mass Elite coaches are most often asked about a player's dedication, commitment and work ethic.
7. Mass Elite offers scholarships to several graduating seniors each year, the application process will be e-mailed to all seniors. Xtreme Lax is our tournament dedicated to raising monies for this scholarship fund. If a family is in need of help for the team fee or tournament fees, we can draw on these funds as well. Players requesting financial help are encouraged to arrange a work study program to offset costs such as coaching the younger teams at practices and camps.

Tournament Policies:

1. Tournament request forms will be available three times per year; summer, fall and winter. All players will put in their requests, and rosters will be formed for each team. Our focus this year is on team consistency, if a team does not have enough players we will either move players up or down based on level of play. Mass Elite also values a player's ability to play for any coach and on any team, often rosters will be randomly arranged as we have found that player's benefit and learn from playing on many different teams
2. All travel and accommodations for tournaments are the responsibility of the player's family. We will post on the web site, as much as possible, information on available accommodations.
3. ***Rosters are not put together based on requests or parental input***, we will form teams based on team designation and if teams need additional players we will place them according. Tournament schedules will be available the 2-5 days before the tournament if possible.
4. Players should arrive at the field for tournaments one hour before their first scheduled game and thirty minutes before each subsequent game. They should be in full uniform and prepared to warm up at that time.
5. All players will receive playing time. The amount of time played will be at the discretion of the coach. Understanding the goal of attending true recruiting tournaments, the coaches will attempt to give all players an equal share of game time. Each year, Mass Elite attends tournaments of a wide variety of competition levels. The goal of some tournaments is purely fun, participation and exposure; others include a championship format. At these more competitive tournaments, it benefits the entire program for our teams to perform well. In those situations, playing time will be determined with the focus on winning.
6. Players are discouraged from joining or committing to other travel lacrosse programs that interfere with their participation in Mass Elite. If Mass Elite is attending a given tournament, our players who are interested in attending that tournament must play on the Mass Elite roster. We do not want to compete against our own players.

Fees and Refund policy:

Team Membership is paid annually – 2008 membership is \$700 for new players and \$600 for returning players. This fee covers uniforms, practices, coaches, scrimmages, field and office rental fees, web site admin, college profiles and college night, administration, utilities, insurance, seminars and conferences, professional fees and numerous operating expenses... Full payment must be made in full by January 1 of each year. Player registration holds a spot on the roster; no refunds will be made for any reason after January 1, 2008.

Tournament fees and travel expenses are separate from the annual membership fee, and are the responsibility of the player's family. Tournament fees are additional and the amount of the fee will vary. They are based on roster number requirements and amount being charged by tournament directors.

Team Fees and Tournament fees are NON REFUNDABLE – There are no exceptions! Inability for us to field a team that we have submitted, threatens our participation at future tournaments!

There will be a charge of \$25.00 for returned checks.

Thank you for taking the time to read our policies, if you or your child need clarifications on any policy or procedure please contact the office, 781-344-4465