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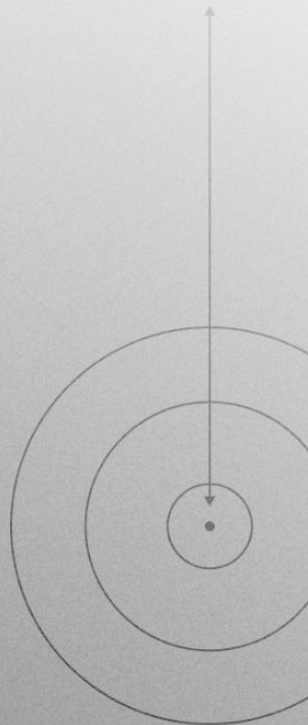


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EVENT OVERVIEW



Overview

The North American Junior Challenge (NAJC) is a premier box lacrosse event bringing together top clubs and players from North America delivering elite competition and meaningful exposure.

The event will showcase rising talent in front of junior and professional personnel and coaching staffs, all within a high-intensity championship format.

The inaugural NAJC will feature two divisions:

- U17 (players born in 2010 and 2011)
- U19 (players born in 2008 and 2009)

The event is designed to showcase elite talent during a key recruiting and development window, combining top-tier tournament play with professional highlight videography, and live game statistics.

In addition to team competition, the event will highlight individual performance through live statistical tracking and recognition of top players at each position, helping showcase standout talent throughout the tournament. By bringing together different box lacrosse styles from across the continent, the NAJC aims to become a premier platform for competition, recruiting visibility, and the continued growth of box lacrosse in North America.



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Event Purpose

The North American Junior Challenge (NAJC) is built around three primary priorities: delivering a premier championship-style box lacrosse event, showcasing top talent, and supporting player development during a critical stage of their careers. By bringing together clubs and players from the United States, Canada, and the Haudenosaunee, the NAJC creates a competitive environment that highlights emerging talent while providing meaningful exposure to junior and professional programs and personnel.

Core Priorities

- **Championship-Level Competition** – Deliver a premier tournament environment where top clubs compete in a high-intensity championship format.
- **Showcasing Elite Players** – Provide meaningful exposure through professional livestream broadcast, highlight videography, and live statistics.
- **Player Development** – Support athletes during a key stage of their development by providing elite competition and a platform to compete and develop as lacrosse players.



VENUE

North American
Junior Challenge

August
22-23

Brampton,
ON



The **North American Junior Challenge (NAJC)** will take place on **August 22-23**, at Century Gardens Arena. Located in the heart of one of Canada's strongest lacrosse communities, the venue provides two full sized rinks, making it an ideal location for a premier box lacrosse championship.

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Format

Championship Format

The North American Junior Challenge will feature a championship-style format designed to maximize competition and ensure meaningful games for all teams.

Teams will compete in a round-robin pool play format, guaranteeing a **minimum of four games** before advancing to bracket play.

- Each team plays **4 round-robin games** (playing every other team within their pool once).
- Teams are then **seeded** based on pool play standings.

Playoff and Championship Games

All playoff and championship games will take place on Sunday.



Rules and Regulations

Game Rules

All games will be played under the rules of the National Lacrosse League (NLL).

Game Duration

- All games will consist of **two 22-minute Halves**.
- Games will be played with **running time**, except in the case of **major delays, injuries, or official stoppages**, at the discretion of tournament officials.
- Each team is allowed **one 30-second timeout per game**.
- Last 2 minutes will be stop time if the game is within 3 goals.

Standings & Tie-Breaker System

- Regulation Win – **3 points**
- Overtime or Shootout Win – **2 points**
- Overtime or Shootout Loss – **1 point**
- Regulation Loss - **0 points**



Tiebreaker Procedure

Tie-Breaker Procedure (if teams are tied at the end of pool play):

1. Head-to-head
2. Goal differential (*maximum of +7 per game*)
3. Goals for
4. Fewest goals against



Overtime Format

- Tied games proceed to **sudden-death overtime**.
- Overtime is **3 vs 3** for **10-minutes**. If there is still no winner after overtime, an immediate **3-man shootout** will take place.

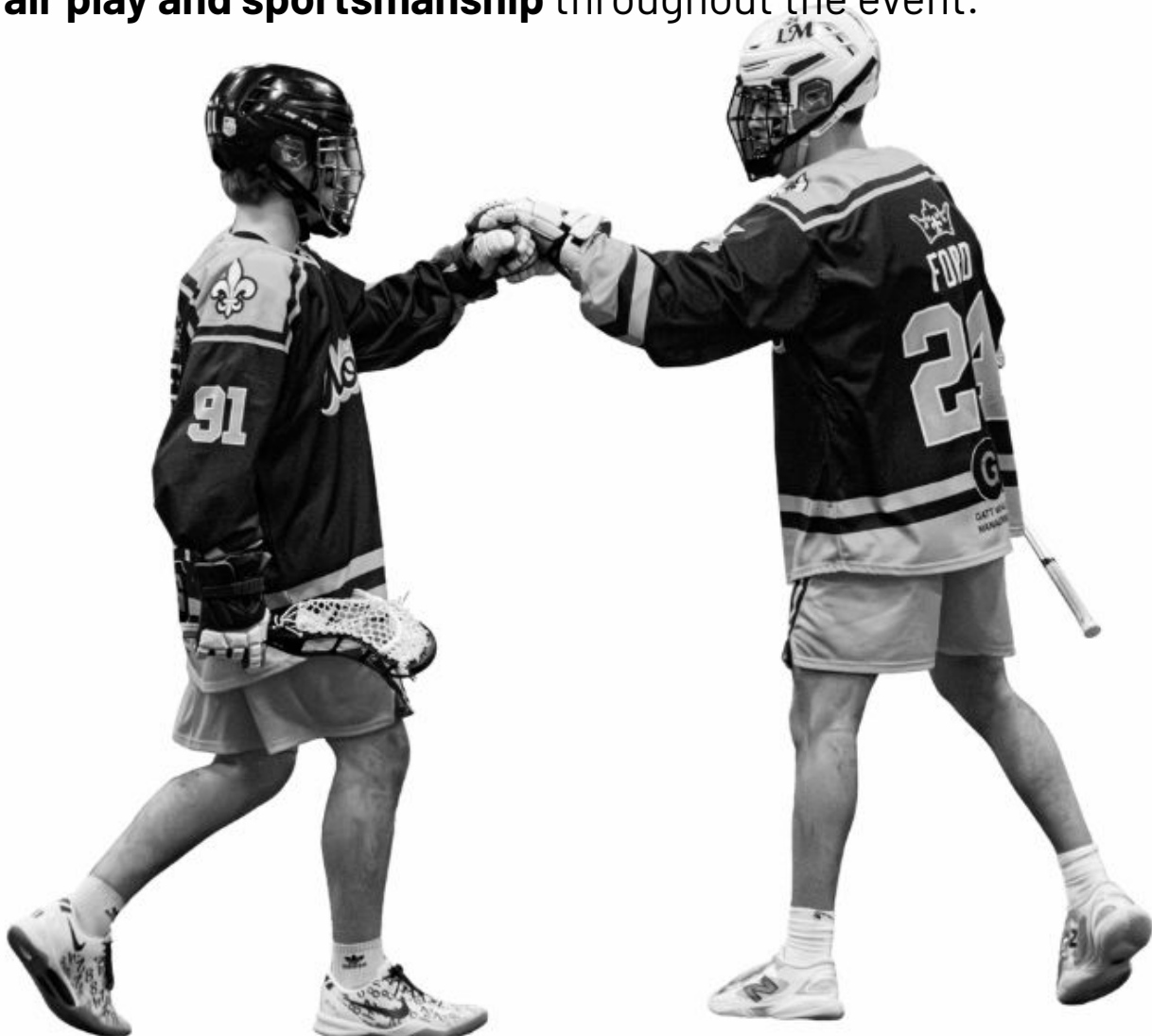


Player Eligibility

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The North American Junior Challenge – **U19 and U17 Divisions** is open to players who meet the following criteria:

- **U19:** Players born in **2008 and 2009**
- **U17:** Players born in **2010 and 2011**
- Players must be in good standing with their local lacrosse association and comply with all rules regarding registration and insurance.
- All participating players are expected to adhere to the **spirit of fair play and sportsmanship** throughout the event.



Media and Broadcasting

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The North American Junior Challenge is committed to showcasing the talent and excitement of U19 and U17 box lacrosse to a wide audience. The tournament will provide **professional videography and photography**, capturing game highlights, individual player performances, and memorable moments throughout the event. This coverage is designed to give players maximum exposure and create high-quality content for teams, programs, and participants to share. Individual highlight reels will also be available to purchase additionally.

Tournament Tracking

All games, scores, and individual player statistics will be **tracked and updated live** using **Gamesheet**, providing real-time results and stats throughout the North American Junior Challenge. This ensures players, coaches, families, and scouts have immediate access to accurate game information and statistical leaders.



Awards and Recognition

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The North American Junior Challenge will celebrate both team and individual excellence throughout the tournament.

- **Team Awards:** Winning Teams will be presented with Gold Medals as well as have their programs name engraved in the Jr. Challenge Cup.
- **Game MVPs:** A Most Valuable Player will be selected for every game to recognize outstanding individual performance.
- **Tournament Statistical Leaders:** Players excelling in **goals, assists, and points** will be recognized via social media.
- **Defensive Standout & Goaltender Awards:** Exceptional defensive play and goaltending performances will also be honored.

These awards and recognition are designed to highlight skill, effort, and impact on the game, providing meaningful recognition and exposure for all participants.

