

Force 2023-24 Tryouts FAQ's

U8-U12 players

What if there aren't enough players to form a team at my location?

~ If it makes sense from a player development perspective, two birth years would be combined to form a team. If not, we would look to invite your player to tryout for a team at our other Force location.

My player is currently on a Crystal Lake Force team but we live closer to Huntley. Or my player is currently on a Force Huntley team but we live closer to Crystal Lake. Where should we tryout?

~ You have the choice to stay with your existing team or request to tryout at the other location that is closer to your home & school.

My player is currently on a Premier level team and wants to tryout for an Elite team for 2023-24, but there isn't an Elite team at our location. What should we do?

~ Continue to tryout at the location you are currently at. The coaching staff will identify players who are at the top of their existing roster and will create an individual development plan for the player to be challenged throughout the year. Examples include attending extra practices and games on the Elite team at the other location.

U13-U19

Will all U13 and older teams now be merged?

~ Not necessarily. If an existing team on either side has a healthy roster and developmentally appropriate skill gap, the team will stay together at their current location.

If we don't have enough to form a team, could we just combine with the age group above or below and stay at our location instead of merging?

~ This depends on the skill gap. If it makes sense to combine age groups from a player development perspective then yes. If it doesn't make sense then the decision will be made by Force to merge the groups to create a better environment for the players.

If we merge, what location would the new team be based out of?

~ This depends on the number of returning players on the roster from both sides. Teams with two thirds or more of its returning players from one location will be based fully out of that location. Example, 10 players were previously with Crystal Lake Force and 3 were previously with Force Huntley. This team would become Crystal Lake Force. If the newly formed team is closer to a 50-50 split of returning players from both sides, consideration will be given to dividing up the training across both locations, for both the outdoor and indoor seasons.