Georgia Club Lacrosse Information Sheet

Local Clubs

(a) Thunder - Top teams at the Elite level with the best college recruiting and coaches (often active PLL players, like Shayne Jackson).

https://thunderlax.com/

Cost: ~$3800/year, plus $400/helmet and additional ~$200/uniform

Team Pecking Order: Blue, Orange, White, Select

Age Verified: Yes

Schedule: Determined by Class Year and Tier as per https://thunderlax.com/elite-teams/ and https://thunderlax.com/thunder-select/

Travel Commitment: As per the schedule, the older and higher tier teams will travel further, often to the Northeast throughout June and July, while younger and lower tier teams will focus on regional travel (ie, Peachtree City, Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia, etc)

Loyalty: Virtually None. Thunder will take the best players available at each tier regardless of prior Thunder experience. It is possible that you will travel and never play.

Practice Location: Life University in Marietta

Tryouts: Elite tryouts are done and will occur in late July or August. Applications are considered where positions are needed. Select will take the most capable players, often without a tryout. Contact the Board if you are interested.

(b) 3D - Second best college recruiting, coaching, and training in Georgia.

https://3dlacrosse.com/3d-georgia/

Cost: ~$3800/year, plus $400/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Red, Black, White and Practice Squad

Age Verified: No (therefore cannot attend top tier tournaments that require age verification)

Schedule: Determined by Class Year and Tier

Travel Commitment: As per the schedule, the older and higher tier teams will travel further, often to the Northeast throughout June and July, while younger and lower tier teams will focus on regional travel (ie, Peachtree City, Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia, etc)

Loyalty: Virtually None. 3D will take the best players available at each tier regardless of prior 3D experience. It is possible that you will travel and never play.

Practice Location: Mount Pisgah in Johns Creek

Tryouts: Tryouts are done and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed.

(c) Team 91 - Third best college recruiting, coaching, and training in Georgia.

https://georgia.team91lacrosse.com/

Cost: ~$4000/year, plus $400/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier, with addition of "Middle School" team.

Age Verified: Yes

Schedule: Determined by Class Year and Tier

Travel Commitment: The older teams will travel further, often to the Northeast throughout June and July, while younger teams will focus on regional travel (ie, Peachtree City, Charleston, Charlotte, Columbia, etc)

Loyalty: Some 91 will take the best players available at each age but will give some preference to returning players. Everyone will get at least limited play time.

Practice Location: Silverbacks in Atlanta

Tryouts: Tryouts are done and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed. https://georgia.team91lacrosse.com/24_25tryouts_boys-copy/

(d) Deep South Thrashers - Mid-Tier Program with limited training.

https://thrasherslax.com/

Cost: ~$2800/year, plus $350/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier

Age Verified: No (therefore cannot attend top tier tournaments that require age verification, but would not try)

Schedule: Four weekends in June (Peachtree City, Charlotte, Varies, Columbia) and three weeks prior to Thanksgiving in November (Peachtree City, Nashville, Columbia) https://thrasherslax.com/schedule/

Travel Commitment: Always the same schedule except for the third tournament in June, which has been Charleston, Nashville, and Palm Coast

Loyalty: As long as you do not leave Thrashers, you will never be cut and always get some play time.

Practice Location: Peachtree City and Marietta

Tryouts: Tryouts are done and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed. https://thrasherslax.com/tryouts-and-clinics/

(e) Empire - Mid-Tier Program with excellent local training.

https://www.atlantaempirelacrosse.net/

Cost: Varies, plus $400/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier

Age Verified: No (therefore cannot attend top tier tournaments that require age verification, but would not try)

Schedule: Most of June, one in July and most of November https://www.atlantaempirelacrosse.net/summer-tournaments

Travel Commitment: Always the same region, Georgia and South Carolina, with one tournament in Maryland in July

Loyalty: You will never be cut and always get some play time but will often bring players over from Thunder Elite teams to win tournaments.

Practice Location: Lambert High School

Tryouts: Tryouts are done and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed. https://www.atlantaempirelacrosse.net/tryouts

(f) We & Us- Entry-Tier Program with excellent local training.

https://www.wfhslax.com/weandus

Cost: $250/tournament or $700 for all three

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier

Age Verified: Yes

Schedule: Three tournaments in June and Two in November

Travel Commitment: Georgia

Loyalty: You will never be cut and always get some play time.

Practice Location: Sawnee Mountain Park, West Forsyth's own program, run by John Laden head coach of West Forsyth High School boys program.

Tryouts: All players are accepted.

(g) Legacy - Entry-Tier Program with good local training.

https://legacylacrossega.com/

Cost: Varies, plus $400/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier

Age Verified: No (therefore cannot attend top tier tournaments that require age verification, but would not try)

Schedule: Most of June and most of November

Travel Commitment: Georgia, Carolinas and Tennessee

Loyalty: You will never be cut and always get some play time.

Practice Location: Duncan Creek Park

Tryouts: Tryouts are done and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed. https://legacylacrossega.leagueapps.com/events/4226538-legacy-ga-boys-tryout-20242025

(h) Crown Lacrosse - Entry-Tier Program with good local training.

https://www.crownlacrosseclub.com/

Cost: $3500/year, plus $400/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier

Age Verified: No (therefore cannot attend top tier tournaments that require age verification, but would not try)

Schedule: Most of June and most of November

Travel Commitment: Georgia, Carolinas, Florida and Tennessee https://www.crownlacrosseclub.com/2024-2025-season-information

Loyalty: You will never be cut and always get some play time.

Practice Location: Elevate Cumming

Tryouts: Tryouts are done, and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed. https://www.crownlacrosseclub.com/2024-2025-tryouts

(i) Atlanta Kings - Entry-Tier Program with good local training.

https://atlantakingslax.com/

Cost: Unknown, plus $400/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier

Age Verified: No (therefore cannot attend top tier tournaments that require age verification, but would not try)

Schedule: Most of June and most of November

Travel Commitment: Georgia, Carolinas, Florida, and Tennessee

Loyalty: You will never be cut and always get some play time.

Practice Location: Marietta

Tryouts: Tryouts are done and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed. https://atlantakingslax.com/e/supplemental-tryouts

(j) Dirty Birds - Entry-Tier Program with good local training.

https://www.dirtybirdslax.com/

Cost: Unknown, plus $400/helmet

Team Pecking Order: Single Tier

Age Verified: No (therefore cannot attend top tier tournaments that require age verification, but would not try)

Schedule: Most of June and most of November

Travel Commitment: Georgia, Carolinas, Florida, and Tennessee

Loyalty: You will never be cut and always get some play time.

Practice Location: Marietta

Tryouts: Tryouts are done and will occur in late July. Applications are considered where positions are needed. https://www.dirtybirdslax.com/registration/

Regional and National Clubs

For parents interested in Regional National Clubs, these are generally very selective and require considerable travel at a la carte costs. The relevant options are:

(a) Thunder All Stars / Thunder National https://thunderlax.com/national/

(b) Nation's Best (draws from Thunder and 3D, but allows outside players) - **Competes in The Circuit (AAA Tournaments)** https://nationsbestlacrosse.com/boysprogram/

(c) 91 South and 91 National (draws from 91, but will accept outside players) https://south.team91lacrosse.com/2024-team-91-south-tryouts/ and https://www.team91national.com/

(d) Peachstate National (is agnostic to club program) - **Competes in The Circuit (AAA Tournaments)** https://peachstatenationalslc.com/

(e) Southern Lacrosse Alliance (draws from Thrashers and other regional programs) https://southernlax.net/

(f) 3D National (draws from 3D) https://www.3dlacrosse.com/national-team/

National programs compete in AA tournaments and the AAA Circuit. The AA includes Futures (at the college national championships over Memorial Day, this year Boston), Pinnacle in Maryland in late July, US Club Lacrosse Championships in Orlando in late December, and Sandstorm in Palm Desert California in late January. The Circuit runs three series: pool play in October and February, and the championships for the top teams at the college national championships over Memorial Day, this year Boston.

There should be absolutely ZERO expectation of playtime at a national level tournament. You may travel to Sandstorm or the Circuit and never see the field. It is also possible to apply and make any national team without affiliation. For example, MadLax Supreme Nationals, will consider a Georgia player who does not play MadLax in D.C. https://capital.madlax.com/nationalteams