

Synopsis: *In order to encourage equitable play and the growth of the sport of lacrosse in Indiana, players must not play as “free agents” by participating in a program outside of their school, region, or church, as applicable. Because of the differing types of programs, the growth of new programs and the growth of youth lacrosse in general, these Eligibility Rules may need to be reviewed and amended from time to time.*

1. Basis of Eligibility

1.1. Categories – Each lacrosse program will be recognized by IYLA as falling into one of the following categories.

1.1.1. School – Eligibility is based on the player attending a particular school.

1.1.2. Region – Eligibility is based on the player’s place of residence. Geographic boundaries will be established for Region based programs. Such boundaries may be defined based on county, city, town, township, school boundaries or other boundaries. The boundaries of two or more region based programs shall be defined by IYLA so as not overlap each other.

1.1.3. Church – Eligibility is based on the player attending a particular church.

1.2. Classification of Programs – Player eligibility for lacrosse programs new to IYLA shall have their player eligibility defined, prior to beginning IYLA-sponsored play. Player eligibility of current programs is defined in the following two sections:

1.2.1. Region-based Programs

- Bloomington – Players reside within the boundaries of the Monroe County Community School Corporation.
- Brownsburg Lacrosse Club – Players reside within Hendricks County, IN.
- Carmel Dad’s Club – Players reside within the boundaries of Carmel Clay Schools.
- Center Grove – Players reside within the boundaries of the Center Grove Community School Corporation.
- Evansville – Players reside within Vanderburgh County, IN.
- Hamilton Southeastern – Players reside within the boundaries of the Hamilton Southeastern School District.
- Laporte – Players reside within Laporte County, IN.
- Noblesville Lacrosse Club – Players reside within the boundaries of Noblesville Schools (the public school district which includes Noblesville High School).
- Northside Lacrosse Club – Players reside within the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township in Indianapolis.
- Southwest – Players reside within the boundaries of Southwest Allen County Schools.
- Westfield Lacrosse Club – Players reside within the boundaries of Westfield Washington Schools.
- Zionsville Lacrosse Club – Players reside within the boundaries of Zionsville Community Schools.

1.2.2. School based Programs

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- Belzer Middle School – Players reside within, and attend, the Metropolitan School District of Lawrence Township.
 - Catholic Lacrosse of Indianapolis – Players attend one of the following schools: St. Pius X; St. Luke; Immaculate Heart of Mary; St. Thomas Aquinas; St. Lawrence; St. Mathew; St. Andrew; St. Joan of Arc; and Christ the King.
 - Heritage Christian School – Players attend Heritage Christian School.
 - Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse – Players attend one of the following schools: St. Barnabas, St. Mark, St. Roch, St. Jude, Nativity, Our Lady of Greenwood, Sts. Francis & Claire, Holy Name, Central Catholic.
 - Park Tudor School – Players attend Park Tudor Lower or Middle School.
 - Penn Jr. Lacrosse (PJL) – Players who attend a school within the Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation
- 1.2.3. Church based Programs
- St. Louis de Monfort – Players are members of St. Louis de Monfort Catholic Church in Fishers, or attend the church’s school.
 - St. Simon – Players are members of St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church in Indianapolis, or attend the church’s school.
2. Player Eligibility – Players must participate for a designated program based on the following conditions:
- 2.1. If a player’s school has a lacrosse program, he must participate for that program (subject to Section 2.6, this includes instances where a player has played for a region or church based team and his school establishes a lacrosse program).
 - 2.2. If a player’s school does not have a lacrosse program, he must participate either for the program in his region, or for the program at his church.
 - 2.2.1 If a player would be eligible to play for both a regional or church team, he must choose one, and not switch programs at a later date. In the absence of other information, the program for which he first plays will be recognized by IYLA as his designated program from that time forward.
 - 2.3. A player’s eligibility status may change if his applicable school, place of residence, or church changes.
 - 2.3.1. A player whose eligibility status would change during the lacrosse season, based on a change in school, residence, or church, shall be allowed to finish the season with his current program.
 - 2.4. IYLA may require proof of residence, enrollment, or participation, before approving a player’s change of program.
 - 2.5. If a player is not eligible to play for any program based on his school, place of residence, or church, the player may participate for the program closest to the player’s place of residence which will accept him as a member (notwithstanding the definitions set out in Section 1). In that case, such participation will not cause any violation of these Eligibility Rules.

2.5.1 This exception also applies in the case that a program exists for which the player would be eligible, but that program does not offer an age- or grade-level-appropriate team.
Example: A fourth grade player's school only has teams for players in grades five through eight.

2.6. "Grandfather Clause" –Notwithstanding Section 2.1, in any instance where a player's eligibility for a season would change from the program in which the player participated during the prior year's spring IYLA season, as a result of the admission of a new program to IYLA, that player may, at his election, play for either of those two programs, through and including his eighth (8th) grade season; provided, however, once that player moves to the new program, the player may not switch back to such prior program unless he meets the eligibility definitions in Section 1.

3. Enforcement of Player Eligibility Rules

3.1. All programs must submit their player rosters to IYLA prior to competing in their first game of the spring season.

3.1.1 The IYLA reserves the right to request an academic evaluation, otherwise known as a "report card" from any individual at any time in order to verify enrollment and/or address of residence.

3.1.2 The IYLA reserves the right to request additional documentation for any member that may be in violation of the eligibility rule such as a US Lacrosse document, utility invoice (utility bill), or any other verifiable document that establishes proof of residence or enrollment.

3.2. If a member lacrosse program is found to be in violation of the eligibility rules, IYLA may impose sanctions, including but not limited to the following:

- Forfeiture of the program's privilege to nominate all-star players
- Forfeiture of the program's privilege to nominate an all-star coach
- Forfeit of the program's privilege to host future IYLA sanctioned events for one complete season
- Additional administrative punishment at the discretion of IYLA including, but not limited to, the banning of a team, ineligible player, and/or coach from participating in the IYLA sanctioned state tournament or other IYLA events