



Indiana Boys Volleyball Coaches Association



Out of District Player Rule Definitions

A player cannot participate as an Out of District player if the school he attends has a boys program

The intent is to prevent a player from leaving his own school's program because he disagrees with the coach, gets cut, etc. This also prevents Out of District players from shopping programs.

Out of District players must be identified on the team roster and the IBVCA board must receive an application and approve of the Out of District player prior to their participation

It is important that all parties understand who they are competing against and there is full disclosure.

An Out of District Player can participate a maximum of two years

The intent is to give the player an opportunity to compete and still create an incentive for him or his parents to get a program established at the school he attends. This also allows new programs or troubled programs to utilize Out of District players while they are establishing a program.

No school is required to accept an Out of District Player

Not all schools will allow an Out of District player or may allow it as their programs are in need. The IBVCA is not mandating that schools accept players.

A school cannot accept more than three players from one school and a school cannot provide more than three players

The thought is if a school can generate four or more players, they should be able to establish a program. If there are numerous players from a particular school but that school will not allow a team then there is no point in attempting to attract more than three players from that school since it will never be a program, which is our goal. The intent is to allow a school to pull players from multiple schools if that is necessary to establish the program.

First right of refusal belongs to schools in order of proximity

The Out of District player must approach and try out at each school in the order of shortest distance. The player does not get to choose the school and a coach cannot just invite an Out of District player to their program. Definition of shortest distance: Shortest distance from the school the player attends/or would attend in the case of home schooled players. If a program accepts that student, it must be with the permission of the accepting school administration. The reason the school is the starting point as opposed using a residence address is due to situations of divorce/joint custody. Allowing a student to use whichever address suited him would enable program shopping and place the IBVCA in a position of having to mediate. Using the player's high school as the starting point provides clarity and uniformity in applying the standard.



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An Out of District player may not change programs during the two year period and may not play at any other program as an Out of District player

This is to prevent Out of District players from shopping programs. If the school that the Out of District player attends does start a program, the Out of District player must participate with his school. If the school that the Out of District player attends drops their program, the Out of District player may participate at the next school closest in proximity as stated above.

All programs within the IBVCA must represent a high school

Our goal is to create additional high school programs not provide private clubs with competition opportunities.

Out of District players can participate in the All-Star Match

The All-Star match is about promoting the sport and recognizing individual accomplishments.

A school that uses an Out of District player on Varsity at any point in the season is barred from the IBVCA State Tournament (if participates on JV team, school is eligible)

This is to prevent any incentive to recruit player or build super teams. A team would only use an Out of District player to help establish a Varsity program or compete as a JV team. A team cannot use an Out of District player then drop him off the roster for the State Tournament. This would affect the RPI and seeding of not only the school with the Out of District player, but also all other teams who compete against that school