

PLAYER BOUNDARY REQUIREMENTS

Club and Player Affiliations:

Clubs currently have set boundaries, based on school district boundary maps, determining which school(s) makes up the club. Players that attend a school that has an affiliation with a rugby club must play for that rugby club. If a player attends a school that has no affiliation with a rugby club, please address the protocol for player boundaries below.

Home/Charter School Student Eligibility:

- Home schooled students must show proof of enrollment and are eligible to play on a Rugby Idaho team
- Public School Team – If a homeschool/charter student wishes to represent a Rugby Idaho team based on a PUBLIC high school(s), his or her family must live within the attendance boundaries of the public high school(s) where his or her family resides.

Recruitment Boundaries:

- Teams are high school based. Players are allocated to teams by school.
- Students attending private, charter or alternative schools, and the school does not offer rugby, may represent the school of Joint Residence of the student and the student's parents.
- A team may draw from multiple schools but they must be contiguous. Recruiting boundaries are subject to approval by Rugby Idaho and may change from year to year.
- Once a multi-school team builds a base of players where participation from one school is large enough to sustain a separate team, a new team will be formed as long as there are enough players to sustain the original team.
- Transfers will only be granted in the case of extreme hardship and only after petition and request are received and approved by the Board of Directors. (boundary criteria below)

Player Boundary Criteria:

Kids will play for the rugby team as follows (in order of priority):

1. The high school they attend currently
2. High school where they play other varsity sports
3. High school boundary where they live
4. If no rugby team in any of the above situations the player can play for the team with the closest practice location
5. If a team chooses to move their practice location that team cannot obtain any existing players, that previously played for a different team, as a result of moving the practice location.
6. If there is a situation, not covered above we will default to IHSAA guidelines

A player MUST petition to play with a club that is not affiliated with their school. The Board, on an individual basis, will consider player petitions. The board will share the petition with the coach of the affiliated team and must get their approval in addition to board approval. Player petition forms are found at <https://www.rugbyidaho.com/eligibility>