

THE “60 MILE” RULE

NCYSA Sanctioned Tournaments



History/Background of origin

- As tournaments were sanctioned, it quickly developed that referee pools were going to be a recurring issue if the events were held in a close proximity
- Paul James (SYRA): Introduced “60 Mile” Rule

WHAT IS THE “60 MILE” RULE?

“The geographic distance between Tournament A and Tournament B *should* be at least 60 miles apart”

- *Per the NCYSA Sanctioned Tournament Manual*

KEY DEFINITIONS

- * Established Tournament- A tournament that has existed for at least two consecutive years on the same date, offers the same levels of play (recreation, challenge, classic), and is in 'Good Standing' with NCYSA. In order to retain this status, the post tournament report and fees along with a completed host form for the next year must be submitted to NCYSA within thirty (30) days following the completion of the tournament

WHEN DOES THE “60 MILE” RULE COME INTO PLAY?

- Tournament A is an “Established Tournament”.
- Tournament B is applying to become an NCYSA Sanctioned event on the same date as Tournament A’s “Established Tournament”.
- Because Tournament B is NOT an “Established Tournament”, the only way “B” can become sanctioned is if “B” is 60 miles apart in distance from Tournament A’s “Established Tournament”.

EXAMPLE

- TOURNAMENT GUSA and TOURNAMENT W-S
- TOURNAMENT GUSA: NCYSA “Established Tournament”
- TOURNAMENT W-S: looking to host a tournament on the same weekend as tournament GUSA

Per the “60 Mile” Rule:

TOURNAMENT W-S would not be able to host an NCYSA Sanctioned tournament on the same weekend as TOURNAMENT GUSA because they are not at least 60 miles apart.

Currently, NCYSA would decline TOURNAMENT W-S’s application to host due to this 60 mile guideline.

HOW IS THE DISTANCE DETERMINED?



- The 60 miles is calculated from the HOST Headquarters (main tournament field location listed on the Application to Host) of both Tournaments in question.
- TOURNAMENT GUSA: BB&T at Bryan Park
- TOURNAMENT W-S: BB&T Soccer Park in Advance

ISSUE ARISING

- When this 60 Mile guideline was put in place, opportunities for other sanctioning organizations was slim to none.
- What we are finding:
 - 1) If a tournament is looking to sanction an event on a particular weekend and CAN'T due to a current NCYSA "Established Tournament" on that date, they go to US Club or another sanctioning body and run their tournament through them.
 - 2) "Established Tournaments" that currently meet the "60 Miles" based on their MAIN sites are growing and beginning to encroach on neighboring established tourneys. Who has the rights to the fields?

OPTIONS FOR THE CURRENT “60 MILE”?

- Get rid of it. (Put in place many years ago by Paul James, SRA in order to provide an adequate referee pool.) Let each tournament stand on its own merit.
- Keep rule as is stated as a guideline.
- Make it a hard fast rule and adjust the verbiage.
- 60-mile rule only applies to main field sites. Any supplemental fields (current or future) are not in question or affect other tournaments within the 60 miles. Expansion of tournament should not affect the 60-mile rule. Growth of a tournament cannot be predicted to “hold” fields for future use.

DISCUSSION