



November 15, 2019
Dear Member Programs,

It has come to the attention of the DFWL Board that there is ambiguity in Eligibility Rule 13(c)(iii), which addresses the placement of players whose school and district do not have a lacrosse program. The Rule reads as follows:

“iii. Third Priority: If the school the player attends does not have a program and the player’s home school district does not have a program, the player shall play for the member program that is geographically closest to his residence as measured by the program’s school address or home field, whichever is closer.”

The question has arisen as to how to define “the program’s school address,” in that, many programs have multiple schools within their districts. We understand that conflicting interpretations have arisen, and that this has caused confusion as to the appropriate placement of some players.

The Board has discussed this issue at length and has explored various options, with an emphasis on keeping this rule consistent with DFWL’s stated mission that “the DFWL eligibility rules will mirror the THSLL eligibility rules as closely as possible.” After careful consideration, the Board is issuing the following determination:

Each member-program’s “school address” will be the address that the member-programs have designated as their home high school with THSLL in accordance with their eligibility rules. The THSLL home high school address that is on file with THSLL on December 15th will be considered the member-program’s “school address” for the following Spring DFWL season and will be locked in for that season.

Further, by December 15th each year, each member-program will inform the DFWL Administrator of their home field designations for each of their teams. The home field designation should be the field on which the majority of that team’s home games will be played.

All eligibility rules remain in effect, including Paragraph (d), which applies to Hardship Waivers and Transfers. The complete text of the Eligibility Rule is attached for your convenience and can always be found on the DFWL website in the Administrative Handbook.

We appreciate everyone’s adherence to the eligibility rules as they are an important part of the sportsmanship and fair play that we value at DFWL.

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