

5.0 League Eligibility

5.1 Board Position Description

The Executive Board will have a position known as the Player Agent who will be responsible for the overall drafting, implementation and execution of all eligibility related issues for the league. Any level of play issues or league suitability matters will be handled by the League Agent in conjunction with the Commissioner and Executive Board.

5.2 Eligibility Guiding Principles

A. That all players in the league play for the Program that feeds where they will attend highschool.

B. That all players in the league currently live and attend school within the boundaries of an ETL member program.

To be eligible to play for ETL programs feeding Public/Private (CPC) High Schools, players must either:

1. Reside within the boundary of the public high school they represent. For private schools, the player must currently be enrolled in the elementary or middle school program for said high school; or

2. Have a parent or legal guardian who works for a school or the school district, that allow their child to attend and the player currently attends school within boundaries of the feeder program in question.

Any player who meets one of the requirements above (#1 or 2) does not have to submit a waiver request to be eligible. Any player not meeting one of these requirements must get an eligibility waiver approved to participate in ETL.

5.3 Eligibility Review and Approval The process for team roster approval is:

A. Waivers will be extremely rare. Though we understand programs/parents/players/coaches will have internal issues, players may want to play with friends, or families may at some point relocate, those reasons will not be sufficient to issue a waiver into a member program. Be advised that holding your player out of tryouts to your designated member program in the hope of obtaining a waiver is a risk that ETL in no way has any recourse to affect after the fact.

1. Designate a program representative. Ideally a program board member to collect a fully complete team packet and submit to the Player agent via the eligibility portal for review and approval.

2. Each ETL program must submit rosters for each of its teams prior to the start of the season per the prescribed process. All information must be completely filled in. Players must be on the roster submitted at the beginning of the season in order to be eligible for ETL regular season, and postseason participation.

3. All players listed on roster must submit a current Skyward/Qmlativ equivalent print screen, report card or progress report from their school. Parents can black out any of the grade

performance for privacy reasons. Player name, address, grade and DOB must be present on document submission.

4. Roster submission is required to be completed by October 31st of the league year.

5. Team schedules will be held until the full roster has been approved with all documentation.

6. All rosters are to be held CONFIDENTIAL to protect players' identities. Safety is of prime concern to the League. Keeping player identity protected is crucial to that safety. Any request for roster information is made to the ETL Executive Board. Only League Directors may request a copy of another Program's roster. If access is granted, the Director will review the info with the understanding that each roster is to remain protected information.

7. Players may play up a grade during the ETL season but cannot play down a grade. Example: A 6th grade player may play up on a 7th grade team, however a 6th grader may not play 5th grade.

5.4 Eligibility Waivers

The process for waiver approval is:

1. If the player is coming from another ETL Program member, both the ETL Executive Board and originating ('releasing') Program must approve the waiver. The Executive Board majority is required to approve all waiver approvals. A minimum of 5 business days is required for all waiver approvals.

2. Waivers will not be granted if the proposed receiving team/program has made cuts to kids within school and feeder boundaries. The requesting program is responsible for documenting and presenting to the league Executive Board all applicable and relevant data.

3. All eligibility issues or disputes will be reviewed by the league Executive Board. During an eligibility dispute for any particular player, the player under review is not eligible to play in an ETL game until their dispute is settled. All communication for issues or disputes will come via program Youth Director or program President.

4. The consequence for a Program having an ineligible player will be determined by the ETL Executive Board. The Executive Board reserves the right to apply any consequence it deems appropriate including permanent or partial suspension of the player and/or program, other consequences or no consequence.

*In situations where the same junior high or middle school feeds different high schools, waivers are created where the player wants to play in a program other than the one his home address dictates.

*In school districts where the boundaries are known to be changing due to school addition, ETL uses the boundaries in place up until the feeder program representing the new high school is actually a member of the league. At that time, the new boundaries will be adopted by ETL. Similarly, if a school is closing, the boundaries remain in place until the program actually leaves the league.