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1.0 Purpose

To establish guidelines regarding who is eligible to participate in the sports programs sponsored by the Lower Macungie Youth Association, Inc. (LMYA).

2.0 Scope

This policy covers the administration of rules which determine whether a child is eligible to play in an LMYA sports program based on his/her family's residency.

3.0 Responsibilities

The Operating Committee shall be responsible for the administration and final determination of a child's eligibility to participate in an LMYA sports program.

Individual sport coordinators shall be responsible to see that this policy is enforced consistently for all children and their families within their individual sport and notify the Operating Committee immediately should an interpretation of this policy be necessary.

Sport coordinators may establish more stringent rules regarding residency for their particular sport, but not more lenient rules than those established by this policy. If different rules are established, the sport coordinator must publish the residency rules prior to the registration date for the season for which the rules will apply and have copies of the rules available for distribution to registrants at registration. Once rules have been established, published and distributed at registration for application during an upcoming season, they cannot be changed until the next season, after following proper procedures for making the change for that season.

Coaches shall be responsible to ensure that these guidelines are followed and shall not, in any way, take individual action which directly violates this policy.

Parents shall be made aware of this policy at sport registrations and provide LMYA with accurate information regarding their residency.

4.0 Definitions

Resident - a family which resides within the boundaries of Lower Macungie Township. This can be verified by reviewing the family's tax records from the Township.

Non-Resident - a family which resides outside the boundaries of Lower Macungie Township but resides within the boundaries of the East Penn School District.

Out-of-District Resident - a family which resides outside the boundaries of both Lower Macungie Township and the East Penn School District.

Intramural Program – a program in any sport offered by LMYA which is available to all players, regardless of ability. The program usually focuses on instruction and player development and usually requires a minimum amount of playing time for all players. LMYA will make every effort to place players who register to play in an intramural program on a team at either the intramural or instructional levels of play.

Travel Program – a program in any sport offered by LMYA which is designed for more skilled players and offers the opportunity to compete at a higher level. These programs usually require try-outs and smaller roster sizes and do not have any regulation over playing time. Teams competing in these programs usually compete within a league with its own organization and by-laws governing play such as the Lehigh Valley Youth Soccer League (LVYSL) and games are held within a larger geographic boundary.

Competing Program – a traveling team in a sport within the same age division, as sanctioned by a single governing league.

5.0 Policy

5.1 General

Any child that is currently participating in an LMYA sport program is eligible to continue playing in that program, provided he/she is a resident of the East Penn School District.

In the event a rule of a league in which LMYA is a participant is more restrictive in its residency requirements than the LMYA rules, the league rule shall supersede the LMYA rule.

If additional players are needed to complete an individual team roster so that the team would not fold, players from out-of-district families may participate with approval from the sport coordinator. This shall only be done after all avenues for securing players from resident and non-resident families have failed.

No child shall be permitted on the field/court at any practice, game, draft or tryout without first having signed-up, paid fees, provided a signed parental consent and release of liability form and provided a completed and signed medical release form.

5.2 Intramural

The following children shall be able to participate in an LMYA intramural program:

- a.) any child whose family has established residency in Lower Macungie Township.
- b.) any child whose family has established residency in the East Penn School District, but outside the boundaries of Lower Macungie Township.
- c.) any child whose family has established residency outside the boundaries of the East Penn School District.

Children in categories b) and c) shall not be permitted to play in an LMYA intramural program if their participation causes that program to exceed the number of participants established by the individual sport coordinator as the limit. Resident family children shall receive preference over non-resident family children, who shall receive preference over out-of-district family children, if the numbers of participants has to be reduced in order to comply with a numbers ceiling as established by the individual sport coordinator.

All eligible participants who register at the regularly scheduled sign-up will take priority over those who register late, regardless of residency. Late registrations who have been put on a waiting list will be placed on rosters in the following order: residents will be selected in the order in which they registered, followed by non-residents in the order in which they registered, followed by out-of-district residents in the order in which they registered.

The total number of out-of-district players participating in the LMYA intramural program must not exceed 25% of all registered players in a particular age group.

5.3 Travel

Typically, baseball, basketball and softball have residency restrictions imposed by the travel leagues in which they participate. Eligibility for LMYA travel baseball, basketball and softball will be established by the sport coordinators and should be included in the individual sport policy governing those sports. Soccer and lacrosse have no such residency requirements at the travel level, therefore eligibility to participate in those sports may be more lenient. For soccer, lacrosse and all remaining programs which offer travel level play without governing league residency rules, the following general guidelines apply:

The following children shall be able to participate in an LMYA travel program:

- a.) any child whose family has established residency in Lower Macungie Township.
- b.) any child whose family has established residency in the East Penn School District, but outside the boundaries of Lower Macungie Township.
- c.) any child whose family has established residency outside the boundaries of the East Penn School District.

Children in categories b.) and c.) above shall not be permitted to play in an LMYA travel program if their participation violates any rule of the league in which LMYA is a participant. In addition, children in category c.) who are eligible to participate in an LMYA travel program must not constitute more than 25% of the roster of any travel team participating under LMYA sponsorship, unless an insufficient

number of resident and non-resident players have registered to participate at the specific age group in which the travel team competes.

Players shall be permitted to sign-up for a travel team only up until the day of final cuts for that travel team.

6.0 Related Policies/Procedures

Individual Sport Policies