

EVAA Traveling Program Participation Policy
(Effective 3/17/03)

1. Eastview Athletic Association's (EVAA) **main focus of its traveling programs is to provide the best possible opportunities** for youth, which reside in the Eastview High School attendance area, and for residents of the City of Apple Valley. **This area is considered the EVAA main draw area.** EVAA recognizes that its **main draw area** participants may reside in different cities and may also attend various district or private schools. By policy, community residence or particular school attendance MAY NOT be used as criteria for team selection of eligible participants.

DAKOTA REV DRAW AREA. By virtue of its' historic and current draw and boundary area, the Dakota Rev Traveling Soccer Program will continue to maintain a different *regular* draw area than EVAA. Dakota Rev must adhere to all other EVAA policies. This draw area must be in writing and filed with EVAA. Due to this exception provided by EVAA, any Dakota Rev boundary area or draw area changes must be submitted in writing and approved in advance by the EVAA Board of Directors.

2. Programs MAY allow up to 15% of their traveling program participants to reside outside of the main draw area, provided that,

A. Doing so provides a better overall experience for EVAA main draw area participants or, additional players are needed in order to form teams.

B. Individual EVAA programs place each participant on the team and level commensurate with his or her skills.

C. Individual EVAA programs are to make every attempt not to "cut" EVAA area participants.

D. The sole purpose for doing so is not to form elite teams at the expense of EVAA main draw area participants.

3. Registrants that do not meet the criteria **in #1 above**, MAY NOT participate on an EVAA travel team unless one of the following conditions is met.

A. Prior to a sport's tryout date, a registrant must physically move into the area defined by the EVAA Participation Policy or prove school enrollment for the upcoming quarter or year in the Eastview High School attendance area. Intention to move without the above documentation DOES NOT constitute eligibility. Participant will be eligible for all levels of teams.

B. Another community in Independent School District 196 does not offer a traveling program in that sport.

C. The registrant is one of the participants under the 15% exception rule in #2 above.

4. Participants from other communities that qualify will require a "waiver" for eligibility, if applicable, in which a signed waiver must be secured from the association in his or her resident community. The Program Director for that sport must fill out the proper forms with the state and/or league to retain team eligibility. Each EVAA sport's board must accept the waiver by a majority vote at a regular or special Board meeting with a proper quorum. In the absence of a "Board" for a particular sport, the main EVAA board will act accordingly

5. A registrant's participation shall not violate any league, state association, or other governing body eligibility policies for a particular sport. If so, the following procedure will supersede the above.
 - The sport's Board of Directors will immediately refer the matter to the main EVAA Board of Directors for review.
 - The participant in question will be immediately, temporarily suspended pending review by the EVAA Board of Directors. This will reduce the possibility of team eligibility sanctions.
 - The sport's Board and main EVAA board will act in tandem, as quickly as possible to investigate and rule on the final eligibility of the participant. The participant is then notified.
6. Any exceptions to this policy must be requested **in advance and in** writing to the EVAA Board of Directors at a regular EVAA monthly meeting. Any interpretations may be subject to clarification by the current EVAA President. The EVAA Board of Directors will be informed of any clarifications by the President at the next regular meeting of its Board of Directors.
7. **The parameters of this policy will be enforced by the EVAA Board of Directors.**