



2020 High School Feeder League Player Eligibility Rules

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Every HS Feeder League Coach is solely responsible for the selection of players for the team's roster. Kirkwood Athletic Association hosts the HS Feeder League but does not participate in how and when players are selected. As League hosts, our goal is to ensure the player eligibility rules are aligned with the objectives, and spirit, of the league. We expect every coach to follow these operating principles, and rules, in all matters relating to a feeder team. This league is designed to be a feeder program to HS softball and is focused on providing middle school athletes the opportunity to play for THEIR school.

Feeder Teams must be made up of players that meet these eligibility requirements:

1. Players are eligible to play for their in-district school team

- a. Players are not eligible to play on another school's team if their in-district school has a team registered in the league (even if they are not selected for their team's final roster)
- b. Players must be enrolled, during the fall feeder league season, in the grade level of the feeder team. Players are allowed to "play-up" on the higher-grade level team but older players are not permitted to "play-down" on the lower grade team.
- c. Players playing for a specific school's feeder teams are automatically double rostered and can play on more than one of their school's feeder teams as long as **they meet the grade level requirement**. The League will not guarantee teams from the same school will not experience scheduling conflicts so we recommend teams, considering registering more than one team, **ONLY** do so if they have enough registered players for every team they register
 - i. Specifically, 6/7th grade players are automatically rostered on the 6/7th & 8th grade team but 8th Graders can only be on the 8th grade team roster.

2. If a Player's in-district High School does not have a team, they are eligible to play for another school's Feeder Team within their School District

- a. For example, if Mehlville HS does not have a feeder team, the player living in the Mehlville HS area is eligible to play for another HS within the Mehlville School district. In this example they would be eligible to play for the Oakville HS Feeder Team.

3. Players who live within the boundaries of a specific High School, and/or School District, that does not have a feeder team, are eligible to play on another school's feeder team under the following parameters:

- a. Teams looking to complete their rosters with players from outside of the High School, and/or School District's, geographic area can apply to the League Coordinator for up to three (3) roster exemptions. Players eligible for roster exemptions will be considered IF their in-district High School, and /or School District do not have a team registered.



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- Coaches must complete a **ROSTER EXEMPTION REQUEST Form** and submit it to the League Coordinator, in advance of the player being eligible to register for an out of District Team. The League Coordinator will approve or deny the request based on the stated eligibility rules.
 - The Roster Exemption Request form can be found on the KSS HS Feeder League website (sample included at the end of this document)
 - b. Teams that make cuts at tryouts are NOT eligible for roster exemptions. The league is designed for players to compete for their school and cutting in-district players to make room for an out of district player will not be permitted.
4. **Players must be Missouri residents and attend a Missouri middle school.** Players rostered on a state-sanctioned middle school team (MHSSAA), whose season overlaps with the feeder league, are not eligible.
5. **Players who are homeschooled are eligible to play for their in-district school team**
- i. If the homeschooled player's in-district school does not have a team eligibility rules #2 and #3 apply
6. **Opportunities to merge more than one school or school district to form one team**
- a. In situations where one school district cannot assemble enough players to field one team, the KAA League Coordinator will consider the option of combining of two districts into one feeder team. Every rostered player must meet all of the player eligibility requirements outlined in Rule A1. through A5. Roster exemptions will not be permitted for these multi school teams. This type of situation would have to be approved by the League Coordinator prior to the team registering for the league.
7. **Consideration will be given for a guest player**, only if a team is unable to field the minimum of 7 players for a game, in order to avoid a forfeit. A guest player must have a Roster Exception Request Form approved by the League Coordinator before play begins, and be added to the team's roster, or the player will be ruled ineligible and the game will be forfeited.
8. **Managers/Coaches must keep a copy of their team roster and player's birth certificates with them at all league game**



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Sample Roster Exemption Request Form

Completed by: Coach and Parent of Eligible Player

Approved/Denied by: League Coordinator

FEEDER LEAGUE ROSTER EXEMPTION REQUEST	
<p>This form must be completed, and submitted for approval, for every player who does not attend or will not attend the High School she is representing on a Feeder Team- in order for the player to be deemed LEGAL to represent that team. If there is a team representing the Player's High School, the Manager from that team must release the player, by signing this exemption form, before she can play for another Feeder Team. There is no exceptions to this rule. If a High School Team is not represented the player may play for another team in the league after this form has been completed and approved by the KAA League Coordinator. A Team can only request up to a maximum of 3 exemptions for consideration and potential approval by the Feeder League Coordinator. ANY TEAM WITH AN ILLEGAL PLAYER WILL FORFEIT ALL OF THEIR GAMES and WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REFUND FOR ANY UNPLAYED GAMES.</p>	
EXEMPT PLAYER INFORMATION	
NAME	_____
ADDRESS	_____
CITY & ZIP	_____
Fall 2020 Grade	_____
CLUB TEAM	_____
POSITIONS PLAYED	_____
HIGH SCHOOL BOUNDARIES	
Lives in the Boundaries of:	_____ HIGH SCHOOL <input type="checkbox"/> 6/7 th Grade _____ SCHOOL DISTRICT <input type="checkbox"/> 8 th Grade _____ ✓ Check one
Requesting to PLAY for:	_____ HS FEEDER TEAM
Reason for the Exception:	_____ _____
REQUESTED APPROVAL	
DATE:	_____
SUBMITTED BY:	_____
PARENT SIGNATURE:	_____
REQUESTING MANAGERS SIGNATURE:	_____
KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION APPROVALS	
APPROVED BY:	_____ APPROVED DATE: _____