

# Metro Area Exception

If the team's official address is in a city that is divided by the state line of multiple states (i.e., Washington D.C., Kansas City, St. Louis/East St. Louis, etc.), the team may include more than three team members from adjoining states as long as each additional participant resides within the same metropolitan area as the team's official address.

The NCAA Enforcement Certification and Approval Group (ECAG) utilizes the US census designations to identify the "official" metropolitan area. The counties within each metro area and maps obtained from State Departments of Transportation for the cities where the metro area exception applies have been collected to determine team compliance. Coaches and operators can access the same documents utilized by ECAG online in the **Metro Area Maps** document.

NOTE: If the team's official address does not border two different states, this exception does not apply. For example: if a team is from Indianapolis, Indiana (exact center of the state), the team would not be eligible for the metro area exception. Although Indiana and Illinois adjoin and the Chicago metro area includes both Indiana and Illinois, the metro area of the city of Indianapolis where the team's official address is located does not include any state other than Indiana. Therefore, an Indianapolis team would be restricted to the allowable three out-of-state athletes.

## EXAMPLE TEAM:

Below is a list of athletes from a Kansas City team. Because Kansas City is located on the state line Kansas and Missouri, athletes on that team that live in the Kansas City metro area would not count as out-of-state athletes for the team. IF the team below has an official address is in Kansas City, Missouri:

1. All of the MO athletes would be counted as "in state".
2. Additionally, all of the athletes with addresses in Kansas City, Kansas, would be counted as "in state" even though they technically are out-of-state athletes. (These athletes have been highlighted gray on the list of athletes below and the designated as "Metro Area").
3. All other Kansas athletes (highlighted in yellow) would be counted as "out of state".
4. Additionally, all other states would be counted appropriately.

NAME			Count As	
John Smith	Topeka	Kansas	<b>OUT-of-state</b>	61.29 miles from Kansas City
Mark Mills	Emporia	Kansas	<b>OUT-of-state</b>	107.44 miles from Kansas City
Andrew Carter	Kansas City	Missouri	In State	
Joe Jackson	Leawood	Kansas	In State	<b>Metro Area</b>
Matt Mayer	Overland Park	Kansas	In State	<b>Metro Area</b>
Jimmy Cooper	Gladstone	Missouri	In State	
Donald Jones	Kansas City	Missouri	In State	
Bill Howard	Seneca	Kansas	<b>OUT-of-state</b>	117.53 miles from Kansas City
Jaylon Baker	Leawood	Kansas	In State	Metro Area
Shawn Turner	Grantville	Kansas	<b>OUT-of-state</b>	63.86 miles from Kansas City
Jerome Poole	Blue Springs	Missouri	In State	
Anthony Graham	Overland Park	Kansas	In State	<b>Metro Area</b>
Robert Oneil	Lawrence	Kansas	In State	<b>Metro Area</b>
Tyler Myers	Kansas City	Missouri	In State	
Sam Brown	Little Rock	Arkansas	<b>OUT-of-state</b>	
Jimmy Wright	Santa Fe	New Mexico	<b>CANNOT PARTICIPATE – not an Adj State</b>	

## EXAMPLE TEAM'S COMPLIANCE?

It would appear that this team has two too many out-of-state athletes from an adjoining state. Therefore, only three of the athletes highlighted in yellow would be permitted to play with the team at an NCAA-certified event and the team must use the same three athletes for the entirety of each event.

Further, there is one athlete on the team that would not be permitted to participate because he is from a state that does not adjoin the team's official address. If the athlete is permitted to use a secondary address of residence, documentation will be required to prove compliance with the NCAA residency requirements.

# List of Permissible Metro Areas

Metro Area	States Included				
Augusta	Georgia	South Carolina			
Boston, Worcester, Providence,	Massachusetts	Rhode Island	New Hampshire	Connecticut	
Bristol, Johnson City, Kingsport	Tennessee	Virginia			
Cape Girardeau, Sikeston,	Missouri	Illinois			
Charleston, Huntington, Ashland,	West Virginia	Ohio	Kentucky		
Charlotte, Concord,	North Carolina	South Carolina			
Chattanooga, Cleveland, Dalton,	Tennessee	Georgia	Alabama		
Chicago, Naperville,	Illinois	Indiana	Wisconsin		
Cincinnati, Wilmington, Maysville,	Ohio	Kentucky	Indiana		
Columbus, Auburn, Opelika,	Georgia	Alabama			
Dallas, Fort Worth	Texas	Oklahoma			
Davenport, Moline	Iowa	Illinois			
Duluth	Minnesota	Wisconsin			
El Paso, Las Cruces,	Texas	New Mexico			
Evansville	Indiana	Kentucky			
Fargo, Wahpeton,	North Dakota	Minnesota			
Jacksonville, St. Marys, Palatka,	Florida	Georgia			
Joplin, Miami,	Missouri	Oklahoma			
Kansas City	Kansas	Missouri			
La Crosse	Wisconsin	Minnesota			
Las Vegas	Nevada	Arizona			
Lewiston	Idaho	Washington			
Louisville, Elizabethtown, Madison,	Kentucky	Indiana			
Martin, Union City,	Tennessee	Kentucky			
Memphis, Forrest City,	Tennessee	Mississippi	Arkansas		
Minneapolis, St. Paul,	Minnesota	Wisconsin			
Myrtle Beach, Conway,	South Carolina	North Carolina			
New Orleans, Metairie, Hammond,	Louisiana	Mississippi			
New York, Newark,	New York	New Jersey	Connecticut	Pennsylvania	
Omaha, Council Bluffs,	Nebraska	Iowa			
Paducah, Mayfield,	Kentucky	Illinois			
Parkersburg, Marietta, Vienna,	West Virginia	Ohio			
Philadelphia, Reading, Camden,	Pennsylvania	New Jersey	Delaware	Maryland	
Pittsburgh, New Castle, Weirton,	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	Ohio		
Point Pleasant	West Virginia	Ohio			
Portland, Vancouver, Salem,	Oregon	Washington			
Providence, New Bedford, Fall River,	Rhode Island	Massachusetts			
Pullman, Moscow ,	Washington	Idaho			
Quincy, Hannibal	Illinois	Missouri			
Sioux City	Iowa	Nebraska	South Dakota		
South Bend, Mishawaka,	Indiana	Michigan			
Spokane, Coeur d'Alene,	Washington	Idaho			
St. Louis, St. Charles, Farmington,	Missouri	Illinois			
Tallahassee, Bainbridge,	Florida	Georgia			
Texarkana	Texas	Arkansas			
Virginia Beach, Norfolk,	Virginia	North Carolina			
Washington DC	District of Columbia	Maryland	Virginia	Pennsylvania	West Virginia
Wheeling	West Virginia	Ohio			
Wichita, Arkansas City, Winfield,	Kansas	Arkansas			
Youngstown, Warren,	Ohio	Pennsylvania			