

**Peninsula Pop Warner
Standard Operating Procedures**

SOP A06	PARTICIPANTS RELEASE & BOUNDARIES
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Reference National Rule Book: Article 2

Definitions:

Out of area participant is defined as one who resides out of his/her home association's geographic boundaries

1. Under no conditions should banners, posters or flyers be placed or distributed in other Association's boundaries. Any violation to this will result in monetary fines established below.
2. Participants must register with the Association in whose geographical area they reside.
3. Out of area participants subject to release may not be assigned to a roster without prior authorization of the appropriate Association President.
4. A participant participating with a team out of their geographic area is an ineligible player for that team unless formally released by the Association holding boundary rights to the area in which the participant resides.
5. In order to be released, a waiver request must be submitted with cause by a parent or legal guardian to both Presidents of the affected Associations.
6. Waivers shall be granted upon written application executed and verified by both Association Presidents involved in the waiver request, attesting the waiver meets at least one of the following criteria, but not limited to:
 - Valid family circumstance (divorce, custody determinations, court decisions etc.) in which the child effectively resides in multiple locations
 - In cases where the team is full
 - In cases where the age/weight appropriate team does not exist
 - In demonstrated (proven) hardship cases

All waivers expire annually on December 31st

7. Per Pop Warner rules, the head coach is allowed an automatic waiver for their offspring and therefore their release does not require a submitted waiver and signoff.
8. An Association may release a participant to another Association by completing the release statement on the Standard Player Contract (SPC) prior to the participant's League Certification. The releasing President should print their name underneath their signature.
9. There cannot be any limit on the number of approved waivers, as this can be construed as discrimination in a court of law. All waivers should be completed by the July Board of Directors meeting.

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If a participant moves

A participant whose official residence changes, after being certified, moves from one Association's geographical area to another Association's geographical area, is allowed to join the new Association's team, of the same division, if space is available on that roster. For documentation, the old Association will complete the "drop" procedures and the new Association will complete the "add" procedures.

Shared or Open Boundaries

A participant from a Shared boundary area may participate with any Association sharing the common boundary. A participant from an Open boundary area may participate with any Association in the League and do so without a waiver of any sort.

A Shared boundary is NOT considered an Open boundary area

Other Activities

Holding meetings within the boundaries of another Association is acceptable, as long as it is not used for recruiting. This practice, although allowed, should be avoided if possible.

CONSEQUENCES:

Failure to comply with the above procedures by an Association will result in the following actions.

1. The Association will be requested to provide documentation to validate the addresses of the participants. Documentation may consist of a utilities bill, phone bill, proof of auto insurance, lease agreements, or other documentation that clearly provides the parent/guardian name and address of the participant.
2. The association may be put on suspension for the remainder of the season.

Actions by an Association that would also be considered violations of this SOP:

1. Recruiting in another Associations boundaries Fine = \$150.00 1st, \$250.00 2nd & \$500.00 3rd offense
2. Putting banners or flyers in other Association boundaries. Fine = \$200.00 per banner & per 50 flyers
3. Violations of this SOP will result in sanctions from post season participation from 1-5 years, depending, on the violation.