

Colt/Palomino - IHSA Tryout Rules

There has always been a misunderstanding about players not able to tryout for BYBL in-house while playing on a high school team as most assume that IHSA rules do not allow it. What the IHSA rules actually states is that players currently playing on a high school team are allowed to tryout for a non-school team in the same sport as defined in the IHSA Rules Handbook under **By-law 3.102** but will not be able to participate in any other activities including practices, drills, teams meeting etc.. until the end of the school baseball season.

IHSA By-Laws

3.100 INDEPENDENT TEAM PARTICIPATION

3.101 During the school season for a given sport, in a school which maintains a school team in that sport, a student shall not participate on any non-school team, nor as an individual unattached in non-school competition, in that given sport or in any competition that involves the skill of the sport in question. Violation shall cause ineligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days. An exception may be made by the Executive Director under the guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors for competitions sanctioned directly by the National Governing Body or its official Illinois affiliate for the sport.

3.102 Students may participate in a tryout for a non-school athletic team while a member of a high school team in the same sport, provided the tryout is exclusively a demonstration of skills with no practice or instruction involved. A student shall be considered to be a member of a school team when he/she engages in any team activity, including but not limited to tryouts, drills, physical practice sessions, team meetings, playing in a contest, etc., on or after the date specified in By-law 5.000 and its sub-sections.

3.103 The phrase, “participate on any non-school team,” as utilized in By-law 3.101, is defined to mean engaging in any team activity, including but not limited to, tryouts (except as defined in Section 3.102), drills, physical practice sessions, player evaluations, team meetings, etc.