

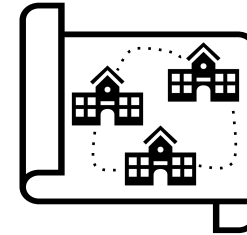
# PICL 2023 Registration: District vs. Composite Teams

(2023 Discretionary League Guidelines as stated in pages 53-58 in [NICA Handbook](#))



## School District:

- Full-time students from the same school district, or
- Full-time students from the same private school, or
- Full-time students who live within the school district but attend a cyber school, or
- Full-time students who live within the school district but are homeschooled.

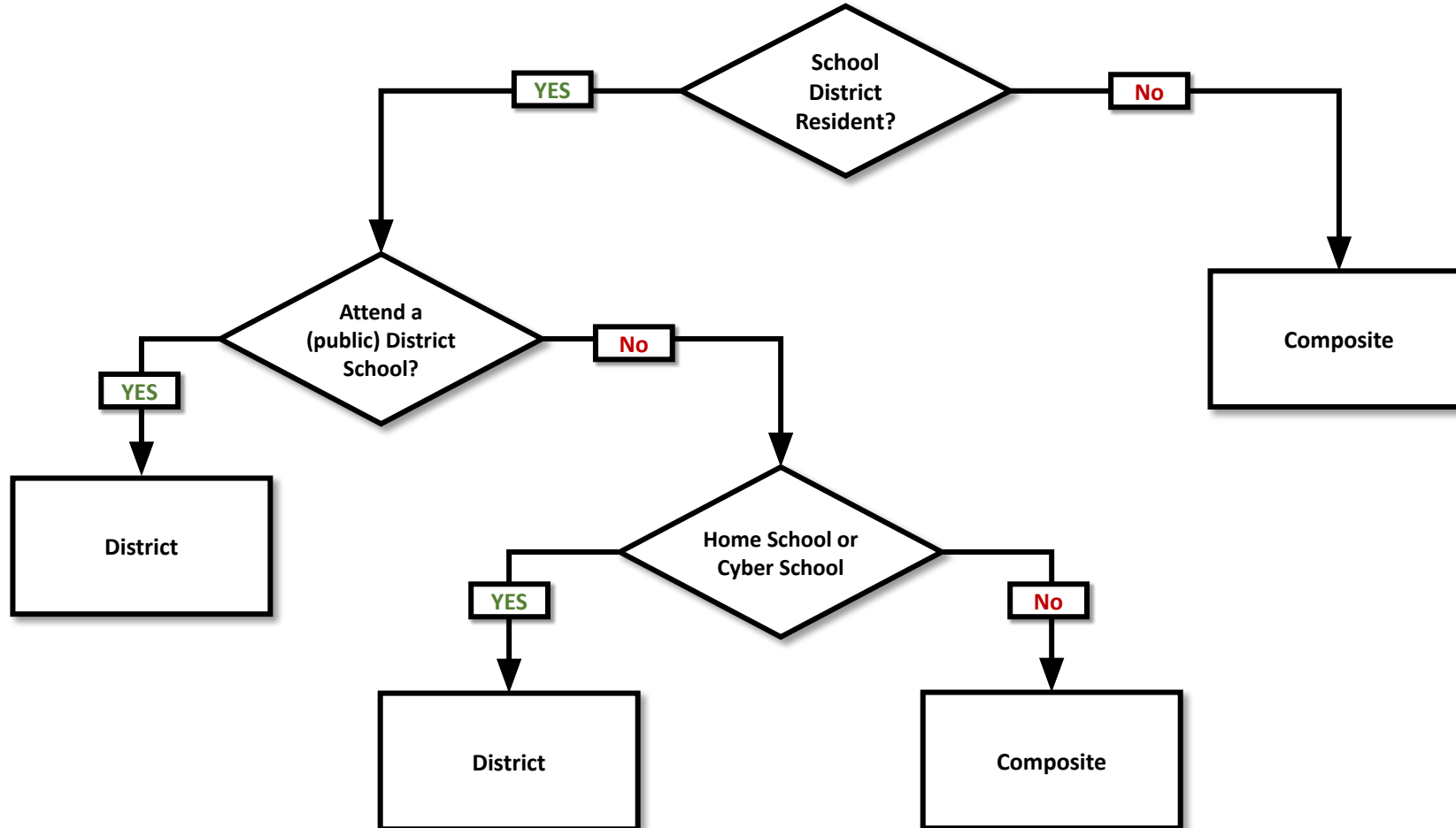


## Composite:

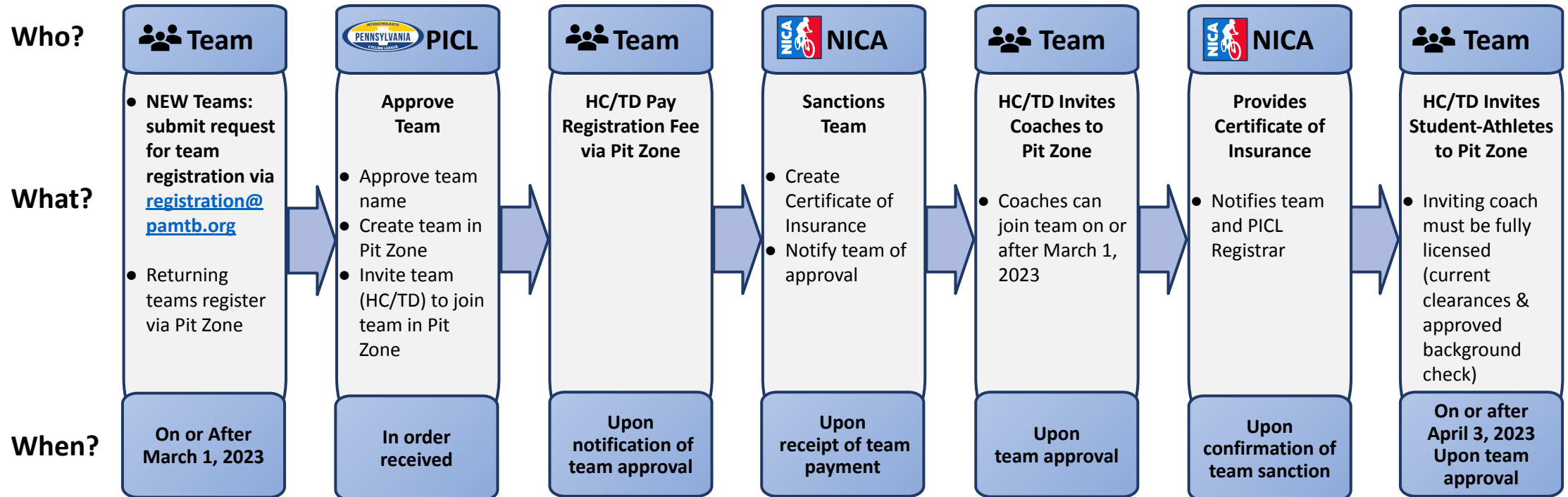
- Serve as temporary, developmental organizations with the goal to develop local, school district-based teams.
- Full-time students from more than 1 school district in same geographic area.
  - > 11 high school student-athletes will require a separate Composite Team.
  - > 5 high school students from the same school district will require the creation of a School District Team.
- Up to 3 school districts may be represented on the same Composite Team.
- Lifespan of a Composite team:  $\leq 3$  years.

# PICL 2023 Registration:

## Student Athletes: District or Composite?



# PICL – Team Registration Sequence:



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## 6.6.B.1. TEAM TYPES

### 2023 Discretionary League Guidelines and Standards

- A. Single School-Based Teams: Must be comprised of fulltime students from the same school, public or private.
- B. Composite Teams: Must be comprised of full-time students from more than one school and must include “composite” in the team name. Homeschool students may also join Composite Teams according to the location of the school they would attend if not homeschooled.

A Composite Team must be approved by the League director based upon a written proposal timely submitted to the League prior to team registration for the season in which the Composite Team wishes to compete. The proposal may include relevant information the organizers wish the League director to consider, but must include the following:

- The proposed geographical region for its student-athletes;
- The names of the schools the student-athletes attend and whether any of the student-athletes are homeschooled
- The names of the team organizer and coach.

No two or more Composite Teams may overlap in geographical region nor may they draw student-athletes from the same schools.

- C. County-Based Homeschool Teams: Homeschoolers may organize teams of students (homeschoolers only) who live within the same county or other geographic proximity.
  - Independent Study students must petition the League with the facts and circumstances of their situation to determine what type of team they are eligible to compete on.
  - Homeschooled students who would otherwise be in middle school are scored in the same manner as Composite Teams set forth below (see B(2) and B(3)).

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## 6.6.C – Composite Team Limitations

6.6.C.1 Composite Teams are intended to be temporary solutions only, allowing student-athletes to compete as members of a team in the League pending the establishment of Single School-Based Teams or 2023 Discretionary League Guidelines and Standards County-Based Homeschool Teams that they can join. In furtherance of this policy, the following limitations apply to Composite Teams:

- a. The League director shall annually review and approve each Composite Team's eligibility. The League shall maintain approval forms on file for each Composite Team to include, at a minimum, the following:
  - A description of the team's geographical region;
  - A list of the names of all student-athletes indicating the schools they attend or whether they are homeschooled;
  - The name of the Composite Team; and
  - The signature of the team organizer and the approval signature of the League director.
  
- b. Composite Teams must comply, subject to the League's local state laws, with the following scoring restrictions:
  - Teams must compete in Division II but may, at the League director's discretion and to be determined prior to the beginning of the season, be scored and awarded separately from Division I and II teams.
  - In leagues that include middle schools, middle school riders' scores are excluded from the Composite Teams' scores — if more than one middle school rider is on the team, they may be scored as a subdivided team in the middle school category according to subsection (3)d below.
  - Teams are limited to a maximum of eleven registered riders, excluding middle school riders. In addition to serving the above-stated policy to establish school-based teams, limiting such teams to eleven riders prevents any competitive advantage through the formation of large "super teams," which NICA has determined constitutes unfair competition. However, in certain regions and rural areas, these policies may not be served and the team-size limitation may 2023 Discretionary League Guidelines and Standards contravene policies to expand League ridership and to be inclusive to all riders. In the event the League's Rules Committee determines that NICA policies are not served and are contravened by the limitation, the League in its discretion may choose not to apply it and must also determine whether it is appropriate to score such larger teams in a separate category.
  - A single Composite Team may be comprised of subdivided teams according to subsection (3) below.
  - Each subdivided team shall be scored independently.

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## Composite Team subdivision rules:

- The League director must approve the subdivided teams that comprise a single Composite Team.
- If five or more student-athletes are from the same school, they must be subdivided into a separate team and scored as representatives of that school. These same-school student-athletes may submit a joint petition, approved by each of them, to the League director for an exception to this rule.
- Teams of twelve or more student-athletes, excluding any middle school riders must be subdivided into separate, independently scoring teams of eleven or fewer riders each. Upon subdivision, student-athletes shall be placed on teams based on the following:
  - i. First — Student-athletes attending the same school must be on the same subdivided team; and
  - ii. Second — Student-athletes shall be placed on subdivided teams according to the proximity of their homes.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** In leagues that include middle schools, if more than one middle school rider is on the team, they may be scored as a separate team in the middle school category.
- **SUBDIVISIONS NOT ALLOWED** Teams may not be subdivided based on the experience and ability of the student-athletes. Doing so frustrates the policies that permit Composite Teams and creates an unfair advantage by avoiding the geographical limitations that apply to other teams.