

RYAN SUMMERS
EPIC UNITED
& THE EPIC FAMILY
THOUGHTS ON...

PRACTICE LOCATIONS

A REVIEW OF HOW EPIC DIVIDES ITS AREA
INTO VARIOUS SECTIONS AND WHAT
LOCATION-BASED OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

The “Thoughts on” series is a series of papers designed to supply Epic family members (and potential Epic family members) with our thoughts on various topics. There are exceptions to many rules, so if Epic is “for” or “against” a topic, that does not mean that it’s members cannot or must participate or that there is not an exception for a specific player. These are general guidelines and are a reflection of the opinions of the Epic Administration in most scenarios.

- I. Epic Currently Divides itself into 3 areas:
 - a. East: Most practices will be Along Broadway or East including into Porter County
 - b. South: Most practices will be south of US 30, generally 50% in Dyer and 50% in Crown Point
 - c. West: Most practices will be within a 10 minute drive of Munster High School
 - d. See www.epicunitedvb.com for a current list of practice sites.

- II. Epic Structure
 - a. Travel National teams have no location-based subdivision. We attempt to keep these practices centrally based, but they could be at any of our facilities.
 - b. Travel Plus teams have two location-based subdivisions, East & West. We may add South at some point, but it does not exist at this point.
 - c. Travel teams u15 & older have two location-based subdivisions, East & West. We may add South at some point, but it does not exist at this point.
 - d. Travel teams u12 through u14 have three location-based subdivisions, East, South, & West.
 - e. Travel lite teams have two location-based subdivisions, East & West. We may add South at some point, but it does not exist at this point.

- III. We ask for your preference, not your Choice
 - a. We do ask for your preference and your second preference when you register. We are usually able to accommodate most players; however, please understand this is a courtesy that we cannot always accommodate. When it comes to team construction, we have priorities that take precedence over location. These include: position makeup, team size, relative team strengths, & IHSA/IHSAA rules. Sometimes, players do not get their first choice.
 - i. Players who live in areas like, Hammond, Schererville, St John, Griffith, Cedar Lake, Lowell and other towns of similar location are considered in

the middle (East to West) and it normally is not a significant difference in drive. These are players that are more likely to be assigned to the opposite side.

- ii. Players who live in Valparaiso, Kouts, LaPorte, Portage are considered 'far East' and will not be assigned to travel to the Western side
- iii. Players who live deep into Illinois are considered 'Far west' and will not be assigned to travel to the Eastern side.

PROPERTY OF EPIC UNITED