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KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

To Members of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for the year 1929-30:

Our membership for this year is 489, which includes the following: 44 new members and 445 old members. 79 on last year's list paid reinstatement fees and 19 failed to join this year. 10 schools were reinstated which had been dropped in previous years for non-payment of dues. 3 schools applied for membership too late to be eligible for the tournaments and their checks were returned; 3 schools applied for membership, but were rejected because they were not approved by the State Department of Education. Three schools were suspended: Lebanon, Bethel, and Knox County No. 2.

Membership for the past thirteen years

1918	7
1919	15
1920	45
1921	82
1922	120
1923	148
1924	213
1925	227
1926	277
1927	316
1928	402
1929	456
1930	489

The Board of Control believes that for the most part our rules are satisfactory and that it would be best to make as few changes as possible. However, experience has indicated the need of several modifications, which were submitted in the last monthly letter for action at this meeting. These modifications, except in one instance, do not effect eligibility, but will simplify administration and business routine.

One membership fee has been received for next year. Be sure to send in your annual dues early, and save reinstatement fee for your school.

Most tournament reports are in, more than we have ever been able to get in the past. The majority of tournament managers were prompt and accurate in making out and sending in their reports, but a few made a great deal of trouble for us. We believe in the future some way should be provided to keep a school from holding a tournament in case it has held one and has not followed instructions as to making tournament reports, financial reports, and sending eligibility lists.

As difficult as a realignment of districts will be, some changes will have to be made in district boundaries for next year by the Board of Control. We can not hope to please all schools that may be affected, but we feel sure that all will realize that the changes which may be made, will be for the best interests of the Association.

This year we have so far sent out from the secretary's office 6724 pieces of mail, which would be 19 on each of the 365 days of the year. Monthly interpretations and rulings have been furnished each member school.

We bought this year a Shaw Walker Filing Cabinet; our office now owns a Royal typewriter, an A.B. Dick Mimeograph, an office table and this filing cabinet.

At the time our books should have been audited last year the Male High School was not open and the firm of Johnson-Fowler audited and approved our books, cancelled checks, and vouchers. This year we will probably have the audit made by a firm of certified accountants instead of by the Male High School.

As soon as possible after the annual meeting we will send to each school a copy of the minutes and a copy of the financial report for each district tournament, regional tournament, and the State Tournament.

# Kentucky High School Athletic Association By-Laws

Governing all Interscholastic Contests whether between Varsity Teams, or Second Teams, or Midget Teams, etc., as revised April 16, 1930

## I

No high school student shall take part in inter-high school athletics for more than four years in any one sport. (These years need not be consecutive.) Participation by a player in any regular scheduled first team game in a season shall constitute a year in that sport; but pupils may play while in the grades (to and including the 8th) and the years so played shall not be counted on the four year limit. No student who has been enrolled in high school (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) ten semesters shall thereafter be eligible.

## II

All contestants will become ineligible on their twenty-first birthday.

## III

No high school student who is connected with any other institution of learning than the one he represents shall take part in any contest.

## IV

A student must have entered as a regularly enrolled bona fide undergraduate student of the high school he represents not later than twenty school days after the beginning of the semester of the school year in which the contest occurs. This rule applies to students in the grades participating in athletics.

The twenty-day requirement may be suspended by the President of the Association in any case where it would work evident injustice.

## V

A student to be eligible during any semester must have been in attendance at school at least three school months of the preceding semester of the school and must have passed for that semester in at least three full-credit high school studies, or have made up any deficiencies in that amount of work, in accordance with the established custom of the school, within two weeks after the beginning of the next term.

A student who transfers from one secondary school to another of the same class as determined by the State Department of Education, shall be ineligible to represent the school to which he transfers for one semester, unless his parents move to the school district in which the school to which he transfers is located. This rule shall apply to two or more secondary schools, either private or public, located within the corporate limits of the same city, or secondary school district, if the student who transfers has been a candidate during the previous year for a place on any of the major athletic teams of the school from which he transfers.

A student who is permanently ineligible to take part in high school athletics in the State in which he did the previous semester's work, shall be ineligible to represent any school that is a member of the Kentucky High School Athletics Association.

A student is permanently ineligible for athletics in this State if he transfers from another State later than twenty days after the beginning of a school year in which, or at the end of which, he would have become ineligible in the State from which he transfers, unless his parents move with him.

## VI

A contestant must have, for the week preceding, and for the current semester up to the end of the week preceding that in which the contest occurs, a passing average in each of at least three full-credit high school studies. Students in the grades participating in athletics shall be passing in at least three-fourths of their subjects. No special recitations or tests are to be given for the purpose of making a student eligible. All students acting as officials in arranging or conducting contests shall come under the same rules as contestants.

## VII

Any student who is under penalty or discipline or whose character or conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon the school is not eligible.

## VIII

Any student using insulting language to another player, or to an official, in any interscholastic contest under the jurisdiction of the Association, or who has been ruled out of such a contest because of foul tactics, shall be disqualified for that game, and the Board of Control shall be immediately notified of such action by the principal of the home team school. If the Board of Control finds upon investigation that the offense was sufficiently aggravated, the offender shall be permanently disqualified.

## IX

Any person who is a contestant on any team other than a secondary school team at any time during an athletic season shall be ineligible to represent any secondary school in that sport for the remainder of that season. Any person who is a contestant on one secondary school team shall be ineligible to represent any other secondary school for the remainder of the season in that sport. The season begins with the day when the squad is first called out for practice, and ends with the last game.

## X

Any pupil who has graduated from, or who is eligible to graduate from a four-year secondary school; or who has ever attended college; or who has ever played on a college team, is thereafter ineligible. A pupil in the preparatory department of any college, who takes any work in the college department, or plays on the college team, becomes ineligible. Any team composed of secondary school players and college players shall be considered a college team.

## XI

At the close of the week preceding each contest the principal of each contesting school shall mail to the other a statement certified by the superintendent or principal, to the effect

that the persons named are eligible, under these rules, to represent the school in the contest on the date specified. This statement shall be made on the standard eligibility blank as printed by the Association, and shall give the full name of each contestant, date and place of his birth, date of his enrollment for the present semester, the number of semesters he has been in secondary school including the current semester, the number of semesters he has been in this school including the current semester, the number of regular full-credit subjects successfully carried by him during last semester, the number of regular full-credit subjects being successfully carried to date by him this semester, and the number of years this student has competed in this sport while enrolled in high school, including the present season. In case of a joint meet in which more than two schools are to compete the certificates shall be mailed to the authorities conducting the meet.

## XII

If a player enters a contest under an assumed name, or when not properly certified, he shall be permanently ineligible, and his school shall forfeit the contest and shall be suspended from membership for the remainder of the year. If any school knowingly plays an ineligible player, or unknowingly when the facts were available and could have been known upon such investigation as a principal is expected to make in the case of each of his players, that school shall be suspended from the Association for the incumbency of the principal. Any school which contests against a team which has not furnished an eligibility list shall be suspended from membership for the remainder of the year.

Each member school shall submit to the secretary of the Association at the end of each athletic season a list of names of all students in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades who participated in any regular scheduled first team game or games during that season. This list shall be submitted on the standard eligibility blank of the Association, which shall be filled out in full for each student.

## XIII

When a player receives from any source, a salary or its equivalent, in return for his athletic services, his school shall be suspended from the Association for the remainder of that school year; on second offense it shall be suspended from the Association for the incumbency of the principal.

## XIV

All requests for rulings and interpretations should be directed to the President and must be specific, and in all cases in which players are involved the names of such players must be given.

When a protest is made against any member of a team the protest shall be filed in writing with the President and settlement made by the Board of Control as speedily as possible. In the event the Board is unable to make a ruling before the date of the game, the game shall be played as scheduled. When a player is declared ineligible, all games in which he has played while ineligible shall be forfeited to the opposing teams, except that this shall not apply to tournament games.

## XV

A superintendent or principal shall, when requested, furnish to the President such information as he may be asked for, bearing upon the eligibility of contestants from his school. A failure to comply within a reasonable time shall forfeit the school's membership in the Association.

## XVI

The superintendent or principal shall countersign all contracts to engage in inter-school contests.

When contracting for a contest, provisions may be made for a forfeit to be paid by the school that fails to carry out the arrangements made. The President shall suspend from membership a school which fails to pay during the same season, a forfeit so stipulated.

When no forfeit is stipulated a school failing to engage in a contest agreed upon, without giving a week's notice to the other party and securing an honorable release, may be suspended from membership.

## XVII

Coaches or other persons connected with competing schools shall not officiate at contests, unless the consent of all competing schools is given.

## XVIII

The person responsible for the immediate training of a team shall be a member of the regular staff of the school, or some other person directly responsible to the superintendent or principal of the school.

## XIX

The principal or coach or another member of the faculty shall accompany the team to all contests. His expenses, when accompanying the visiting contestants, shall be paid in the same manner as those of said contestants.

## XX

The superintendent or principal should have each student who is trying for a place on an athletic team present a physician's certificate to the effect that he is physically fit to take severe exercise without undue risk. The parent's consent in writing should be required.

## XXI

The principal of a school shall be held ultimately responsible in all matters in his school which concern inter-school contests.

## XXII

Boys' and girls' basket ball tournaments are to be played under intercollegiate boys' rules.

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