

**2005 KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

**PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL AS REQUIRED BY 702 KAR 7:065 AND THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ASSOCIATION RULES BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL**

**PROPOSAL 1**

**Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control**

Rationale – This clarification and revision to the Constitution provision concerning in-state contests, and the Bylaw 23 provisions concerning sanctioned games, clearly delineates that KHSAA members may only play against KHSAA members. This change also gives the Commissioner latitude with respect to new members and allowing those schools to fulfill existing agreements.

**ARTICLE VIII  
CONTESTS**

**Section 1. With Non-Member Schools in Kentucky**

~~KHSAA member schools may only compete in contests against schools located in Kentucky that are current members of the KHSAA. Any member school, which that engages in an athletic contest with a nonmember Kentucky school which is eligible for membership in the Association, may be subject to all penalties contained in Bylaw 33 may be suspended for a period to be determined by the Board of Control.~~

**Bylaw 23. Sanctions**

Sec. 2) Contests With Teams Within The State

~~All contests within Kentucky played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions must come through the Commissioner. The Commissioner and/or Board of Control will not sanction (approve for play) no meet, tournament, postseason game, or all-star contest unless a member school, conference group of member schools, or coaches association is the sponsor. In the case of the sponsor, said legal sponsor, which shall have full control over planning, supervision, and disposition of finances, sponsors it. No member school shall take part in any tournament, game, or contest from which any outside organization derives a financial profit from ticket sales. Violation of this provision may cause the offending school to be suspended from membership in the Association for a minimum period of six months, or for a longer period, not to exceed one year as the Commissioner may decree.~~

**PROPOSAL 2**

**Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control**

Rationale – This clarification and revision to the Constitution clearly delineates that KHSAA members may only play against

those schools who are members of another state association if participating in competition involving out of state competition. This will result in comparable competition among schools from other states and attempt to make certain that all KHSAA opponents are held to similar rules of eligibility. This proposal would eliminate the practice of Kentucky schools playing against opponents from other states that exceed the KHSAA age and semester limits, and who do not adhere to the rules of their home state association.

**ARTICLE VIII  
CONTESTS**

**Section 2. With Schools in Other States**

~~All contests played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions must come through the Commissioner. Any KHSAA member school engaging in a contest with a school in another state shall play under the rules of the KHSAA and shall require its opponents to play under the rules of its own state Association. All opponents of KHSAA schools in contests shall be current members of the state association in the home state of the opponent.~~

**Bylaw 23. Sanctions**

Sec. 3) Interstate Contests

~~Member schools of the KHSAA shall adhere to all restrictions contained in the National Federation of State High School Associations' sanctioning policy when playing any contest or scrimmage against an out of state opponent. National Federation sanction of interstate events held in Kentucky is not required, regardless of the number of schools or states involved or the distance traveled, if all of the schools involved are from states which border Kentucky and the event is hosted and managed by a KHSAA member school and the event is in accordance with National Federation sanctioning policy. However, if an individual or an organization other than a member school sponsors an interstate event, National Federation sanction is required even when all schools are from states that border Kentucky. The manager of the contest should secure application blanks from the Commissioner. For events being held outside of Kentucky, the application for sanction of such contest must originate in the state where the contest is to be held. The manager of the contest should secure application blanks from the appropriate state association office.~~

**COMPILERS NOTE:**

The following proposals (3 through 9) relate to KHSAA Bylaw 6. Below is a complete, unaltered copy of the current rule for 2004-2005, for use in comparison to revisions that are being proposed.

**Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule**

Sec. 1) Domestic Students

Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity game in any sport at any school following enrollment in grade nine (9) who transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

The Commissioner has discretion (but is not required) to waive the period of ineligibility set forth above if one of the following exceptions has been met. Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this rule shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

a) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN RESIDENCE - If there has been a bona fide change in residence by the parents and student that precedes a student's change of schools.

For purposes of this bylaw, a bonafide change of residence means the moving of the student and his/her parents from one school district or defined school attendance area into another school district or defined school attendance area prior to a change in enrollment of the student. A student who becomes emancipated does not have a bona fide change of residence by virtue of his/her emancipation and change of residence for purposes of this bylaw.

b) DIVORCE - The KHSAA will not recognize a legal separation as grounds for waiver of the provisions of this bylaw. The Commissioner may waive the provisions of this bylaw in the event of a dissolution of marriage (i.e. a final and legally binding divorce decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) of the parents and a change in the residence of the student pursuant to a court order granting custody of the child to one of the parents with whom the student shall reside. In the event joint custody is awarded to both parents, for purposes of this bylaw, the student shall be deemed to reside at his or her previous residence if one parent retains this residence. If neither parent retains the former residence, the parents shall designate one of their

new residences (mother or father) for the purpose of this bylaw, such designation to be reviewed and approved by the Commissioner.

- c) GUARDIANSHIP/CHANGE OF CUSTODY - The KHSAA shall not recognize guardianship or similar arrangements made, for purposes of this bylaw. The Commissioner shall have authority to waive the provisions of this bylaw where it is shown that custody of the student has been taken from one or both parents and given to a third person by a court of competent jurisdiction and under circumstances indicating: [1] the parent(s) is/are unfit or [2] the court finds that the health and welfare of the student would be better served by the change in custody.
- d) DEATH - In the event the death of one or both of the student's custodial parents creates such circumstances that the transfer to another secondary school is deemed appropriate.
- e) BOARDING SCHOOLS - The Commissioner may waive the period of ineligibility on a one-time basis for students entering a boarding school on a full time basis as a boarding school student.
- f) ACADEMIC CONCERNS - Any student who transfers to another school because his/her former school is determined to meet the conditions to be in the lowest category as determined by the Kentucky Board of Education under KRS 158.6455 and for the time specified in Section 5 of 703 KAR 5:120 may seek a waiver of this bylaw. Unless such determination is made, the KHSAA shall not recognize as grounds for a waiver of the period of ineligibility an argument that the educational needs of the transferring students would be better served through a transfer.
- g) REASSIGNMENT BY BOARD OF EDUCATION - Through a properly documented reassignment of the Board of Education to another school in the district. To meet this exception for a reassignment, reasons for the assignment may include, but are not limited to, the closing or opening of a school due to consolidation, merger, opening of a new school, or another type or opening or closing or assignment through KRS 158.6455 or other applicable adopted regulation. Such assignment may be to the public school district should a private, parochial or independent school close.
- h) TRANSFER FROM NON-MEMBER SCHOOL - Any student transferring from a non-member school located in Kentucky whose athletic participation has been limited primarily to other non-member schools may have the period of ineligibility waived.

Satisfying of one of the exceptions (a through h) will not be considered valid and a waiver of the period of ineligibility shall not be granted—

- 1) If the change in schools is to nullify or circumvent the actions of representatives or rules of the previous school or if the student left the sending school under penalty which would have resulted in their ineligibility at the sending school;
- 2) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions occurs after the enrollment at the new school;
- 3) If the change in schools is motivated in whole or part by a desire to participate in athletics at the new school;
- 4) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining athletic eligibility;
- 5) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions by the student and the parent(s) does not reasonably precipitate a transfer to the new school.

The Commissioner may, as he/she deems necessary, appoint or hire a committee or investigator to conduct any inquiry or investigation concerning any issues arising under this bylaw or any other bylaw.

If any member school files a written objection to the factual validity of the certification before the conclusion of the period of time to which the period of ineligibility would normally apply, along with the specific, detailed basis for such, then a complete investigation shall be conducted by the KHSAA and a ruling shall be issued through the Commissioner's office.

No student enrolled in grades 4-12 who has participated in a first team game shall be eligible to represent a second member school during that school year unless that student would qualify for a waiver of the period of ineligibility in accordance with provisions (a) through (f) above.

#### Sec. 2) Non-Domestic Students

- a) Foreign exchange students attending school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible for the first calendar year following enrollment.
  - i) If placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved student exchange programs or in other circumstances approved by the Board of Control within Board policy, these students may be declared eligible and not be subject to the initial one-year period of ineligibility.
  - ii) In order to be considered for a waiver, the student shall be in compliance with all U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations; shall be in the first and only year as an exchange student; shall not be a graduate of a the 12th or terminating grade or its' equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home country; shall be in possession of a complete transcript of records that has been translated into English prior to the request for eligibility; and shall be in possession of a J-1 student education visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.
  - iii) In addition, the student's host family shall not include members of the coaching staff at the KHSAA member school at which participation is desired.
  - iv) To be considered for approval by the Board of Control, a foreign exchange program shall assign students to schools by a method that ensures that no student, school or interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes.
  - v) The student, the principal or designated representative of the member school, and a representative of the placement agency shall sign and attest to certification that the athlete complies with the eligibility rules of the KHSAA and shall not be eligible under any circumstances for more than one year of athletic participation if the first year period of ineligibility is waived.
- b) Any student having made election to apply for the waiver of the first year of ineligibility and having been granted a waiver of the normal period of ineligibility under subsection (a) above shall not be eligible, under any circumstances, for more than one (1) school year while enrolled in grades 9 -12 in Kentucky.
- c) Any student desiring to participate in athletics who does not meet the criteria listed in Bylaw 6, Sec. 2 may seek a waiver of the one-year ineligibility period through the KHSAA Due Process Procedure.

#### Sec. 3) Permanent Ineligibility

A student is ineligible for athletics in this state if he/she transfers from another state if he/she was or would have become ineligible in the state from which he/she transfers.

### PROPOSAL 3

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control

Rationale - This clarification furthers codifies the fact that the change in residence must be a change in the permanent residence, and not the acquisition of an additional residence for eligibility purposes.

#### Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule

- a) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN RESIDENCE - If there has been a bona fide change in residence by the parents and student that precedes a student's change of schools. For purposes of this bylaw, a bonafide change of residence means the moving of the permanent residence of the entire family of the student and his/her parents from one school district or defined school attendance area into another

school district or defined school attendance area prior to a change in enrollment of the student. A student who becomes emancipated does not have a bona fide change of residence by virtue of his/her emancipation and change of residence for purposes of this bylaw.

[ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE RULE REMAIN UNCHANGED UNDER THIS PROPOSAL]

#### PROPOSAL 4

##### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control

Rationale – This clarification and change would specify that the provisions of the KHSAA Transfer Rule allowing a waiver for “academic concerns” would not apply to testing systems at any level. This clarification is needed with the full implementation of NCLB testing, and comes at a time when no school is subject to current Bylaw 6, Section 1, part [f].

##### Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule

###### Sec. 1) Domestic Students

Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine [9] through twelve [12] and has participated in any varsity game in any sport at any school following enrollment in grade nine [9] who transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

The Commissioner has discretion [but is not required] to waive the period of ineligibility set forth above if one of the following exceptions has been met. Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this rule shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school. The KHSAA shall not recognize as grounds for a waiver of the period of ineligibility an argument that the educational needs of the transferring students would be better served through a transfer.

~~f) ACADEMIC CONCERNS – Any student who transfers to another school because his/her former school is determined to meet the conditions to be in the lowest category as determined by the Kentucky Board of Education under KRS 158.6455 and for the time specified in Section 5 of 703 KAR 5:120 may seek a waiver of this bylaw. Unless such determination is made, the KHSAA shall not recognize as grounds for a waiver of the period of ineligibility an argument that the educational needs of the transferring students would be better served through a transfer.~~

[ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE RULE REMAIN UNCHANGED UNDER THIS PROPOSAL]

#### PROPOSAL 5

##### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control

Rationale – This clarification and change would create a new sub-section of the bylaw to allow for the one-year period of ineligibility to be waived in the case of a student who spent the entire previous school year at the sending school and did not participate in varsity athletics. The intent and spirit of the transfer restrictions is the student sitting out one year, and this student will have had one entire school year without varsity participation prior to the change in schools.

##### Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule

i) In the event that the transferring student did not participate in an interscholastic contest at any level in any sport while enrolled at the sending school during the entire academic school year immediately preceding the change in schools.

[ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE RULE REMAIN UNCHANGED UNDER THIS PROPOSAL]

#### PROPOSAL 6

##### Proposed by Jim Sexton, Principal, Eastern High School.

Rationale – This clarification would specify that a student would be under “suspension” not “penalty” for a waiver to be denied. Many of the appeal cases heard today involved athletes who have been enrolled in school systems where “demerits” accumulate, some even throughout the year, and eventually the students are asked not to re-enroll. This is not a case where the authors of these provisions intended students ineligible, the original proposal’s intentions was to not let students escape punishment by transferring (such as suspension, etc.) This would also ensure that schools throughout the state could be

treated on a level playing field. This change would also remove the word “discipline” from Bylaw 7 and replace it with “suspension”.

Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule [provisions and exceptions the same until this point]

Satisfying of one of the exceptions [a through h] will not be considered valid and a waiver of the period of ineligibility shall not be granted—

- 1) If the change in schools is to nullify or circumvent the actions of representatives or rules of the previous school or if the student left the sending school under legal penalty within the definitions contained in Kentucky Revised Statutes and/or Kentucky Administrative Regulations which would have resulted in their ineligibility at the sending school;
- 2) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions occurs after the enrollment at the new school;
- 3) If the change in schools is motivated in whole or part by a desire to participate in athletics at the new school;
- 4) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining athletic eligibility;
- 5) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions by the student and the parent[s] does not reasonably precipitate a transfer to the new school.

##### Bylaw 7. Conduct - Student or Other Representative Under Penalty

Any student, contest official or other official school representative who is under ~~penalty or discipline~~, legal penalty within the definitions contained in Kentucky Revised Statutes and/or the Kentucky Administrative Regulations, or whose conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon the school or the KHSAA is not eligible.

#### PROPOSAL 7

##### Proposed by Jim Sexton, Principal, Eastern High School.

Rationale – This change would likely lead to a dramatic reduction in litigation for the Association. Many of today’s appeal cases involve younger athletes who made school choices [or such choices were made by parents], and the enrollment simply didn’t work out. Allowing these students to play non-varsity would ensure that the participation opportunity is not lost for those students, but that such participation would not effect the one level of play that is recognized and managed by the Association, the varsity level. In addition, this is consistent with School Based Council’s traditional authority to determine eligibility at the non-varsity level in extracurricular activities.

##### Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule

###### Sec. 1) Domestic Students

Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine [9] through twelve [12] and has participated in any varsity game in any sport at any school following enrollment in grade nine [9] who transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at the varsity [first team level] for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

[ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE RULE REMAIN UNCHANGED UNDER THIS PROPOSAL]

#### PROPOSAL 8

##### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control

Rationale – This clarification and revision to Bylaw 6, Section 2 makes clear that in the case of a foreign exchange student, the student may not reside with a coach or school affiliated individual. This proposal puts into the bylaw, previous interpretations to this rule.

###### Sec. 2) Non-Domestic Students

- a) Foreign exchange students attending school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible for the first calendar year following enrollment.
  - i) If placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved student exchange programs or in other circumstances approved by the Board of Control within Board policy, these students may be declared eligible and not be subject to the initial one-year period of ineligibility.
  - ii) In order to be considered for a waiver, the following conditions must exist:

- 1) The student shall be in compliance with all U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations;
- 2) The student shall be in the first and only year as an exchange student
- 3) The student shall not be a graduate of a the 12th or terminating grade or its' equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home country;
- 4) The student shall be in possession of a complete transcript of records that has been translated into English prior to the request for eligibility;
- 5) The student shall be in possession of a J-1 student education visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service;
- 6) The student's placement must not have been a "direct placement" into a KHSAA member school.
- 7) The student's host family shall not pay any tuition or fee normal to the attendance at the KHSAA member school, all such fees shall be paid by the student's family.
- 8) All travel fees shall be paid by the student's family; and
- 9) The student's host family shall not include members of the coaching staff at the KHSAA member school at which participation is desired.

### PROPOSAL 9

#### Proposed by Jim Sexton, Principal, Eastern High School.

Rationale - The sentiment of the membership appears to be that they are not objectionable to foreign exchange students being in the schools, but are quite opposed to these students creating an athletic advantage for one school over another. This change would simply state that those students who are not U.S. residents or come through an exchange program could not participate at the varsity level.

#### Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule

##### Sec. 2) Non-Domestic Students

- a) Foreign exchange students attending school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible at the varsity level for the first calendar year following enrollment.
- i) ~~if placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved student exchange programs or in other circumstances approved by the Board of Control within Board policy, these students may be declared eligible and not be subject to the initial one-year period of ineligibility.~~
- ii) ~~In order to be considered for a waiver, the student shall be in compliance with all U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations; shall be in the first and only year as an exchange student; shall not be a graduate of a the 12th or terminating grade or its' equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home country; shall be in possession of a complete transcript of~~

~~records that has been translated into English prior to the request for eligibility; and shall be in possession of a J-1 student education visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.~~

- ii) ~~In addition, the student's host family shall not include members of the coaching staff at the KHSAA member school at which participation is desired.~~
- iii) ~~To be considered for approval by the Board of Control, a foreign exchange program shall assign students to schools by a method that ensures that no student, school or interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes.~~
- iv) ~~The student, the principal or designated representative of the member school, and a representative of the placement agency shall sign and attest to certification that the athlete complies with the eligibility rules of the KHSAA and shall not be eligible under any circumstances for more than one year of athletic participation if the first year period of ineligibility is waived.~~
- b) ~~Any student having made election to apply for the waiver of the first year of ineligibility and having been granted a waiver of the normal period of ineligibility under subsection (a) above shall not be eligible, under any circumstances, for more than one (1) school year while enrolled in grades 9-12 in Kentucky.~~
- e) ~~Any student desiring to participate in athletics who does not meet the criteria listed in Bylaw 6, Sec. 2 may seek a waiver of the one-year ineligibility period through the KHSAA Due Process Procedure.~~

### PROPOSAL 10

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control

Rationale - This change would require that submissions of reports of violations of KHSAA in which the party is requesting investigation, shall be made in writing.

#### Bylaw 16. Protests, Reporting of Violations

Any person wishing to report a violation of the KHSAA Constitution, Bylaws or Tournament rules ~~may~~ must do so in writing, ~~or by reporting substantive information to the Commissioner.~~ If such evidence is presented to warrant an investigation, the Commissioner shall ensure that such investigation is performed. The Commissioner's office shall notify the principal or superintendent of the protested school, telling him/her the exact nature of the charges made. If an investigator is appointed to gather evidence in connection with the protest, he shall provide a copy of the report to the Commissioner, and a copy shall be made a part of the official school records with the Association and shall be made available to the principal or superintendent of the schools involved upon request.

Protests against the decision of contest officials made during the course of game or meet will not be considered.

#### COMPILERS NOTE:

In response to requests from the membership, the Board of Control has been studying the tournament counting exemption contained in the Bylaws of the Association. The Board has been concerned that the old wording is perhaps unwieldy, and leads to misinterpretation, and ultimately, teams being unable to compete in postseason due to misapplication. After extensive review of the number of games played by the schools over the last few years, the Board through proposals 11 through 18, is attempting to return a fixed limit of games to the rules with no exceptions for tournaments. In addition, input has been received from Sports Advisory Committees regarding the existing limits and the need for revision. In this manner, the schools can easily know when the limit of games has been reached.

### PROPOSAL 11

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale - This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

#### Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

##### Sec. 2) Sports Specific Limitations - Baseball - Boys

- (4) A maximum of thirty-nine (39) contests ~~thirty (30) games~~ may be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (district). Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game

cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. Doubleheaders shall be counted as two (2) games each against the limit of thirty (30) games. A maximum of three (3) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of thirty (30) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of thirty (30) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have

~~each additional game played over four counted against the limit of thirty (30) games.~~

- (5) ~~The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.~~

### PROPOSAL 12

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale - This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

#### Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

##### Sec. 3] Sports Specific Limitations - **Basketball - Boys and Girls**

- (4) ~~No member school shall play more than twenty-nine (29) contests twenty four (24) basketball games during the regular season. Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. A maximum of two (2) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of twenty four (24) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of twenty four (24) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of twenty four (24) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have each additional game played over four counted against the limit of twenty four (24) games.~~

- (5) ~~The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.~~

### PROPOSAL 13

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale - This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

#### Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

##### Sec. 6] Sports Specific Limitations - **Golf - Boys and Girls**

- (4) ~~The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty (20) rounds of golf against other school representatives (minimum nine holes) . Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents.~~
- (5) ~~The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.~~

### PROPOSAL 14

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale - This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with

fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

#### Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

##### Sec. 7] Sports Specific Limitations - **Soccer - Boys and Girls**

- (4) ~~A season will consist of a maximum of twenty-four (24) contests seventeen (17) games. Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. A maximum of two (2) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of seventeen (17) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of seventeen (17) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of seventeen (17) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have each additional game played over four counted against the limit of seventeen (17) games. Any game played over the limit of four in any one tournament shall be counted against the limit of seventeen (17) games.~~

- (5) ~~The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.~~

### PROPOSAL 15

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale - This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

#### Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

##### Sec. 8] Sports Specific Limitations - **Softball - Girls (Fast Pitch)**

- (4) ~~A maximum of thirty-nine (39) contests thirty (30) games may be played. Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. Doubleheaders shall be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30). A maximum of three (3) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of thirty (30) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of thirty (30) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have each additional game played over four counted against the limit of thirty (30) games.~~

- (5) ~~The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.~~

### PROPOSAL 16

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale – This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

#### Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

##### Sec. 9) Sports Specific Limitations - Softball - Girls (Slow Pitch)

(4) A maximum of ~~thirty-nine (39) contests~~ thirty (30) games may be played. Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. Doubleheaders shall be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30). A maximum of three (3) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of thirty (30) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of thirty (30) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have each additional game played over four counted against the limit of thirty (30) games.

(5) The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

### PROPOSAL 17

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale – This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

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##### Sec. 11) Sports Specific Limitations - Tennis - Boys and Girls

(4) The season shall consist of a maximum of ~~twenty-two (22) twenty (20) matches~~. Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. Any four (4) two (2) invitational tournaments shall count as one (1) match each. All dual matches shall count as one (1) match each.

(5) The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

### PROPOSAL 18

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

Rationale – This change will replace the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons with fixed game limits in each sport. At the point in time that the limit was reached, the regular season would end in the sport.

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##### Sec. 13) Sports Specific Limitations - Volleyball - Girls

(4) The season shall consist of a maximum of ~~thirty-five (35) contests~~ twenty (20) matches. Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by game cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. In any three (3) invitational or other type tournaments, the matches played

~~by a member school shall count as only one match for each tournament.~~

(5) The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) at the conclusion of the varsity team's last regular season match, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

### PROPOSAL 19

#### Proposed by Sam Harp, Athletic Director, Danville High School.

Rationale – Due to the variance in the start of school days in the school year among KHSAA member schools, there is a growing difference in the number of preseason contact practice opportunities in football. This proposal would allow for a comparable number of full contact practices without changing the initial non-contact practice period (leaving the July 15 period like other fall sports). This proposal would allow those schools that start school at or near August 1 to have a few days prior to August 1 in contact, but would restrict the multiple contact days in compliance with wishes from the medical community. In this manner, competitive balance is maintained by giving nearly all schools the same amount of practice. This proposal uses the opening day of school (defined in regulation as the day prior to the start of school for the students) as the benchmark day due to the fact that all school personnel are expected to be on site that day and not available for athletic practices during the day.

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##### Sec. 5) Sports Specific Limitations - Football - Boys

(1) Organized non-contact practice shall not begin prior to July 15. During this non-contact period, a helmet, shoulder pads and shoes are the only football equipment that may be worn. The first date of practice in full pads shall be the earlier of seven (7) week days (not counting Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the opening day of school (which shall be defined as the day prior to the classes starting for the student body) or August 1 but under no circumstances can be prior to the fourth Friday before the first regular season playing date. After contact practice (practice in pads) has begun and prior to the first day of classes for the students, no school may conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on consecutive days (e.g., two-one two-one format). After the opening day of the school year, no school may conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on a day in which school is in session. All schools shall submit all required documentation to verify the proper execution of the practice regulations, including scrimmage, contact, and heat/safety regulations and recommendations. Organized contact practice in pads shall not begin prior to August 4.

### PROPOSAL 20

#### Proposed by Kim Gunning, Athletic Director, Notre Dame High School.

Rationale – Volleyball is the only team sport (baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball) where the season has a floating end under the current rules. With this change, the end of the season would end with the Saturday prior to the District tournament. In this way, volleyball's language would be consistent with that of other sports, and make scheduling an easier task.

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##### Sec. 13) Sports Specific Limitations - Volleyball - Girls

(5) The opportunity to play regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), at the conclusion of the varsity team's last regular season match, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

## PROPOSAL 21

### Proposed by Stan Hardin, Athletic Director, Holy Cross (Louisville) High School.

Rationale – This change would allow schools to be able to hire coaches who do not have college credit, if no person holding a teaching certificate applied for the job. With the expansion of sports programs in the state, and with the value of participation to the successful achievement of the student, the ability of a school to provide athletic programs is a key element to a successful school. This change would still allow a school to have a tougher requirement, but at the same time, would not force schools to drop programs in the event that a faculty coach cannot be found.

### Bylaw 27. Requirement for Coaches and Others Working With High School Teams

#### Sec. 1) Definitions

##### a) Level 1 Coaches

- i) The local school district superintendent shall categorize an individual seeking a coaching position as Level 1 if such individual meets the following criteria prior to assignment to coaching duties:
- ii) A certified teacher and member of the regular school system faculty, employed a minimum of three (3) regular periods for teaching classes, including physical education; for supervision of study halls; and/or exercising responsibilities in other activity assignments within the school schedule.

##### b) Level 2 Coaches

- i) An individual seeking a coaching position shall be categorized as Level 2 if such individual meets the following criteria prior to assignment to coaching duties by the local school district superintendent and does not meet the qualifications of Level 1:
  - 1) Shall be 21 years of age.
  - 2) Shall not be a violent offender or convicted of a sex crime as defined by KRS 17.165 that is classified as a felony.
  - 3) Shall submit to a criminal record check under KRS 160.380.
  - 4) Shall have graduated from a public or accredited high school ~~and hold a provisional or standard teaching certificate or having completed sixty four semester hours of college credit from an accredited college or university as documented by an official transcript or be a graduate from a public or accredited high school and be in compliance with the local district standards for serving as an approved substitute teacher as approved by the Education Professional Standards Board.~~

- 5) Prior to assuming duties, Level 2 coaches shall successfully complete training provided by the local school district. The training shall include, but not be limited to, information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with whom the Level II coach will be working, the district's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow up training shall be provided annually.

##### c) Head Coach

As referred in this regulation, the head coach shall be the head varsity coach designated by the school and/or Board of Education unless otherwise noted in the bylaw.

#### Sec. 2) Hiring and Employment Requirements

##### a) Level 1

Level 1 individuals [head and assistant] may be assigned as the head or assistant coach in any sport or sport activity [including cheerleading]

##### b) Level 2

- i) In the event that the member school is unable to staff head or assistant coaching positions in any sport or sport activity [including cheerleading], the Superintendent of the local school district may declare the need for assignment of a Level 2 coach. The Superintendent shall provide a list of qualified candidates to the Principal, who will consult the School Based Council prior to making selection, and the superintendent will complete the final assignment process.
- ii) Before assigning Level 2 individuals to coaching duties [head and assistant], the Superintendent shall declare, after reasonable notice of a relevant position that no qualified Level 1 individual has applied for the position. Coaching positions shall be filled by the best qualified person available, giving preference to the factors of academic preparation, college credit, and teacher certification, prior teaching experience or related educational work, and personal attributes compatible with the demands of the position;
- iii) All Level 2 individuals assigned to coaching duties [head and assistant] shall have the full and same authority and responsibility, consistent with applicable law, as fully certified, teaching counterparts hired as Level 1 coaches.
- iv) In the event that the member school is unable to staff head or assistant coaching positions in any sport or sport activity [including cheerleading] with a Level 1 or Level 2 individual, the member school may request through the Superintendent that the KHSAA allow for a one-time waiver of this rule in order that the additional time be available to find an applicant meeting the criteria.