
BYLAW 23. LIMITATION OF SEASONS

Sec. 1) GENERAL PROVISIONS CONCERNING ALL SPORTS AND SPORT-ACTIVITIES

a) Playing During School Hours

School Time shall not be lost for travel to or from, or participation in, any regular season interscholastic athletic contest.

b) Schedule of Contests on Consecutive Days

Contests shall be scheduled so that there are not four consecutive days of competition on any Monday through Thursday period while school is in session.

c) Specific Definitions for Ending of School

For all interpretations and regulations concerning the ending of the school year, including restrictions on coaching involvement, the end of the school year shall be defined as the earlier of the last day of school or May 31.

d) Specific Penalties for Violations- Too Many Contests

Any school violating provisions of this Bylaw by playing too many contests shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27 but shall remain eligible for tournament play during the current season.

e) Specific Penalties for Violations- Too Many Scrimmages

Any school violating scrimmage limitations may be placed on probation, prohibited from participating in preseason scrimmages in that sport for two (2) seasons, and may be prohibited from taking part in KHSAA state championship competition or other penalties in accordance with Bylaw 27. The second violation shall result in automatic suspension.

f) Organized Play and Involvement of Members of the Coaching Staff Out of Season During the School Year.

- (1) Coaches (paid or unpaid) shall not coach (give instruction in any manner or evaluate) members of that school's team during competition on the campus of a member school if the activity involves at least fifty (50) percent of the normal playing squad being from any member school (e.g., 6 or more in football or soccer, 3 or more in basketball, 5 or more in baseball or softball); and
- (2) Member school facilities shall not be utilized for organized competition against another organized group that involves students enrolled at a member school;
- (3) Sport-specific coaching (observation, instruction and evaluation) of any player from a team at that school is permitted provided that player is enrolled in that school or a defined feeder pattern school under the same local board of education as the coach is employed and provided that play is not in conflict with other KHSAA bylaws; and
- (4) With the permission of school administration, coaching (observation, instruction and evaluation) of students from the school team is permitted at facilities not located on the campus of a member school.

Referendum Proposal 1

(Definition of Open Gym/Field)

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- (4) With the permission of school administration, coaching (observation, instruction and evaluation) of students from the school team is permitted at facilities not located on the campus of a member school.
- (5) Member school facilities may be utilized during the school year outside of the defined limitation of seasons for semi-organized play both in and not in the presence of that school's coaches, provided:
 - a. No activity may be mandatory for team members;
 - b. No penalty may exist for team members failing to participate;
 - c. No activity may be restricted solely to team members;
 - d. No activity may involve students who are not currently enrolled in the school and are not currently enrolled in a school within the defined feeder pattern under the same local board of education without the expressed written consent of the Principal or Designated Representative of that student's enrolled school;
 - e. No activity may simulate competition with the presence of officials, scoreboard/clock usage or other game like conditions if any participant in the activity is not currently enrolled in the school and is not currently enrolled in a school within the defined feeder pattern under the same local board of education.

Referendum Proposal 2

(Amendment of Bylaw 24 to conform with Open Gym restrictions)

BYLAW 24. SUMMER SPORTS AND SPORT-ACTIVITIES

Sec. 1) SCHOOL TEAM PLAY IN SUMMER (NONDEAD PERIOD)

- a) Member schools may participate in sanctioned play during the summer to complete spring seasons in baseball, softball, tennis and track, and may begin sanctioned regular season play and practice as defined by Bylaw 23 prior to the opening of school in cheerleading, cross country, field hockey, football,

golf, soccer and volleyball.

b) Only participants eligible during the spring semester may compete on the school teams.

c) All KHSAA eligibility rules apply, and full control of the summer program shall remain with the participating high school and the principal of that school.

d) Member school facilities may be utilized during the summer for sports that are not in season according to Bylaw 23 for semi-organized play both in and not in the presence of that school's coaches, provided:

(1) No activity may be mandatory for team members;

(2) No penalty may exist for team members failing to participate;

(3) No activity may involve students who are not currently enrolled in the school and are not currently enrolled in a school within the defined feeder pattern under the same local board of education without the expressed written consent of the Principal or Designated Representative of that student's enrolled school;