

BYLAW 26. RULINGS, REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS

Sec. 1) REQUESTS FOR RULINGS

The principal or Designated Representative shall direct all requests for rulings and interpretations to the Commissioner in writing. In all cases in which players are involved, the names of the players and all possible pertinent information shall be given.

Sec. 2) REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS

Any person wishing to report a violation of the KHSAA Constitution, Bylaws or Competition Rules shall do so in writing. If evidence is presented to warrant an investigation, the Commissioner shall ensure that an investigation is performed. The Commissioner's office shall notify the principal or superintendent of the protested school, telling him or 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.

Case BL-26-1- How shall requests for rulings be made?

Requests shall be made in writing to the Commissioner, with all pertinent information given. Rulings will not be made on hypothetical cases, nor will they be made by telephone. Official rulings will only be made in writing. While the staff will strive to interpret the bylaws to aid schools in the administration of the athletic programs, a written ruling shall supersede and take precedence over any verbal interpretation.

Case BL-26-2- How does the KHSAA deal with calls from parents or students regarding eligibility?

The KHSAA staff prioritizes calls from the member school representatives. The KHSAA staff receives hundreds of phone calls and electronic mail messages each week from member schools. Because the KHSAA exists to serve those schools, responding to their inquiries is the top priority. The large volume of calls from parents and students has dramatically effected our ability to serve the member schools. School administrators will remain the first and preferred contact resource for parents and students. The KHSAA will refer calls from parents or students to the appropriate school personnel, and ask that the administrator contact the KHSAA if there is a need for more clarity or a specific answer.

Case BL-26-3- How does the KHSAA review and respond to anonymous calls and letters?

Bylaw 26 requires all material submitted regarding the KHSAA for protests and reporting of violations to be in writing. If such reports are anonymous, the letters shall be forwarded by the Commissioner's office to the school administrator of the school in question, with no further action taken by the KHSAA unless that administrator reports a violation or further substantiated information is received. Anonymous callers shall be informed that the KHSAA staff has no authority to act on anonymous calls unless the caller is willing to provide credible substantive evidence to warrant further review.
