

## KHSAA COMPETITION RULES

### Governing Bass Fishing

*(Adopted by the Board of Control)*

*(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)*

#### I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

##### A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Competition

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in bass fishing, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.

As of August 15, 2015, the alignment for bass fishing is as follows:

REGION 1 – Allen County-Scottsville, Bowling Green, Calloway County, Christian County, Dawson Springs, Franklin-Simpson, Henderson County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Logan County, Lyon County, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, McCracken County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, Trigg County, Warren East

REGION 2 – Bardstown, Burgin, Dixie Heights, East Jessamine, Elizabethtown, Franklin County, Gallatin County, Garrard County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Ludlow, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Nelson County, North Oldham, Notre Dame, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott County, Southern, St. Xavier, Tates Creek, Thomas Nelson, Trimble County, Trinity (Louisville), Washington County, West Jessamine, Woodford County

REGION 3 – Barren County, Boyle County, Corbin, Jackson County, Knox Central, Lincoln County, Lynn Camp, Marion County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, North Laurel, Pulaski County, Rockcastle County, Shawnee, South Laurel, Southwestern, Taylor County, Wayne County

REGION 4 – Allen Central, Bourbon County, Boyd County, Cordia, George Rogers Clark, Hazard, Johnson Central, Knott County Central, Lawrence County, Menifee County, Middlesboro, Montgomery County, Perry County Central, Shelby Valley

#### II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

##### A) Dates for Competition

- 1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state competitions.
- 2) All competitions shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
- 3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

##### B) Sites for Competition

- 1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region competition sites.
- 2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to boat launch and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
- 3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
- 4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the competition is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the competition shall be allowed to apply.
- 5) All competition lakes/bodies of water shall be properly marked for and evacuation plan in case of bad weather.
- 6) The region host working with representatives of the Association's designated management partner(s) shall acquire all permits needed to conduct such competition.
- 7) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

#### III) COMPETITION MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

##### A) Selection of Competition Manager

- 1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region competitions. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
- 2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the competition as to the time and place of the competition, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the competition.
- 3) It is an explicit duty of each competition manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the competition. The receipts of a competition can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
- 4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state competition and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct all of the business necessary to conduct the state competition.

5. Each competition manager shall appoint (in addition to him/herself) a competition committee of at least three (3) participating coaches or school administrators. The decision(s) of the competition committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the KHSAA Bass Fishing Competition Rules.
6. Neither the KHSAA Office nor the Board will review competition committee decisions, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

#### IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER COMPETITION PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

##### A) Roster Requirement

- 1) Each contestant shall have a valid Kentucky Fishing license.
- 2) Enrollment Requirement for this Sport Activity
  - a) To be a contestant on a member school team, a student must, on Friday of each grading period, be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.
  - b) A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade.
  - c) A pupil in grades 7-8 may play on the high school team provided that the elementary school, middle school or junior high school where the student is enrolled is under the direct administrative supervision of the same board of education as the member school the student desires to represent. If the local Board of Education has an adopted and enforced defined feeder pattern for the middle/junior high school students under the Board, participation at the high school level is restricted to the schools within that pattern (feeder school).
- 3) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.,
- 4) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
- 5) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional contestants may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for competition play.
- 6) After this time, the only revisions allowed to the overall roster will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

##### B) Team Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives. For bass fishing you submit one for each of the boats that qualify for the state finals.

##### C) Individual Requirement for SAF (Student Angler Foundation) Membership

- 1) Each participant must be enrolled in the Student Angler Federation (SAF).
- 2) Student Angler Federation enrollment provides:

- a) Insurance coverage for the student angler and adult volunteer while competing in KHSAA and SAF competitions;
  - b) Insurance coverage for all school team fishing events (including the option to add the school as additionally insured);
  - c) Optional additional insured coverage for the member school for which the student is representing;
  - d) An innovative high-value fundraising program that allows teams to sell custom Solar Bat polarized sunglasses;
  - e) Educational material for every team, including free access to the Faculty of Fishing Advantage Angler Training Package (students create an account at the TBF Members-only Store using their SAF membership number to access the program);
  - f) A digital subscription to FLW Bass Fishing magazine;
  - g) Discounts on FLW clothing; and
  - h) Students 16 or older, are also eligible to win prizes in the monthly FLW Giveaway.
- D) School Entry into Regional Competition
- 1) Each school shall enter up to six boats in regional competition.
  - 2) Each boat may have up to four contestants assigned from the online roster to be designated as a member of that boat entry, only two of which may be in the boat at any one time.
  - 3) No student may be on more than one boat roster.
  - 4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.
- 5) Schools must enter in the assigned competition designated to the county in which your school is in unless prior approval has been granted by the KHSAA for competitions on Sunday which would conflict with school policy.
- 6) All boats from a school must be entered in the same Regional.
- E) Withdrawal after Entry Deadline
- 1) No school which enters a region or state competition (draws for place) shall withdraw from the competition.
  - 2) If a school withdraws from a region or state competition at any time following the deadline for boat entry at the region competition, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.
- F) Minimum Number of Contests  
There is no minimum number of contest needed to be eligible to compete in the region or state competition.
- G) Advancement to State Competition
- 1) In regions with five (5) or fewer boats entering the regional competition, all competing teams will advance to the State Competition.
  - 2) In regions with more than five (5) boats entering the regional competition, the greater of five (5) boats or fifty (50) percent of the number of boats entering the regional competition, not greater than sixteen (16) boats from any region, shall advance to the State Competition.
- H) Substitutions
- 1) Regional entry names (4 per boat) may be adjusted by the coach prior to the entry revision deadline.
  - 2) Substitutes for the qualifying boats in the state competition are not be allowed.
- V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS
- A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition (region and state) shall be selected by the Association staff in consultation with FLW representatives.
- B) The FLW rules officials shall, in conjunction with the competition manager, establish the conditions of play at the region and state competitions.
- VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS
- A) Champion
- 1) The champion of each region competition will be the team with the most weight for bass caught with ties broken as detailed within the Special Competition and Regular Season Rules.
  - 2) The champion of the state competition will be the team that accumulates the most weight in bass caught in the time designated for the entire state finals with ties broken as detailed within the Special Competition and Regular Season Rules.
- B) Trophies and Awards
- 1) Region
    - a) Trophies and individual medals will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.
    - b) An additional medal will be given to the participant that caught the largest bass of that competition.
    - c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the region competition.
  - 2) State
    - a) Trophies and individual medals will be awarded to the top four (4) teams at the state tournament.
    - b) An additional medal will be given to the participant that caught the largest bass of that competition.
    - c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.
- VII) FINANCES AND PASSES
- A) Region
- 1) The finances of the region competition will be managed at the region level.
  - 2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.
- B) State
- 1) The Association will finance the state competition.
  - 2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state competition.
- C) Passes
- 1) Each school will receive passes for all qualifiers, a pass for the coach, and a captain's pass to drive the boat.
  - 2) Only people with passes will be allowed on boats.
- VIII) SPECIAL COMPETITION AND REGULAR SEASON RULES
- A) Coaches / Captains / Pilots
- 1) Coaches: Each school shall designate at least one (1) individual to be the coach of the Bass Fishing program.
    - a) The designated coach(es) must meet all Bylaw 25 requirements.
    - b) The coach may serve as the captain of one of the boats and is held to the same restrictions as the captain.
  - 2) Captains: Each boat entered in the region or state competition must have an adult captain on the boat at all times.
    - a) The captain shall be restricted in their activity, and have general supervision over the students in that specific boat.
    - b) The captain of the boat is allowed to talk to the participants and may make suggestions but may not fish in any respect, including tying lures and handling fish or gear. Please note exception in Subsection E for captain's ability to help net fish if only one student is in the boat.
    - c) The captain/coach or team participants can operate the electric (trolling) motor.
    - d) It is member school discretion as to whether or not the captain has to meet all Bylaw 25 requirements, however, the captain must be 21 years of age; not be a violent offender or convicted of a sex crime as defined by KRS 17.165 that is classified as a felony; and shall submit to a criminal record check under KRS 160.380.
  - 3) Pilot: Each boat may have a fourth occupant, normally the owner, who may choose to pilot the boat. The pilot is held to the same restrictions as the captain.
- B) Boat Requirements
- 1) Any volunteer found acceptable by school administration may provide a boat.
  - 2) Each school shall ensure that for each boat provided, an adult captain is provided.
  - 3) The boat owner shall provide proof of liability insurance to the school administration or verification that the owner's homeowners insurance has provisions for boat coverage.
  - 4) A school unable to secure a boat but with competitors desiring to compete in the region or state competition should contact FLW for assistance, which is available from numerous clubs across the state.
  - 5) No student will be allowed to operate the outboard motor on the boat.
  - 6) Either a student or the captain (or pilot if it is the boat owner) may operate the trolling motor.
  - 7) The captain (or pilot if it is the boat owner) will be responsible for operating the outboard motor.
  - 8) All boats must be propeller-driven and a minimum of 16 feet

in length. No barges or similarly cumbersome craft will be permitted.

- 9) Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
- 10) Boats must contain a properly aerated live-well space to maintain alive a limit catch of bass.

#### C) Safety Provisions

- 1) All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification will occur. This includes the captain (and pilot if applicable) of the boat.
- 2) Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the captain (and pilot if applicable)
- 3) All boats must go through a safety check prior to the start of the competition
- 4) The captain (and pilot if applicable) must observe all posted state and local speed restrictions. If no such restrictions are in place, the speed limit shall be 45 miles per hour.
- 5) In the event of equipment failure or emergency, the competition manager must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so. There are then three permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both contestants remaining in their boat and being towed by water, (2) with permission from the competition manager, by one contestant entering the boat of another team or (3) both contestants entering a rescue boat so designated by the completion manager. Under these three conditions the team's catch may be counted without penalty (except for late penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules). Teams that elect to return to the check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Any team returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of the competition manager for his designated official.

#### D) Competition Rules

- 1) All Competitions shall be held using the competition rules as promulgated by FLW unless modified by the KHSAA.
- 2) Additional rules otherwise developed by the KHSAA may be implemented in competitions played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
- 3) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
- 4) The KHSAA and its managers will contract with FLW personnel to assist with the Region and State Competitions.

#### E) Competition Provisions and Procedures

- 1) Each boat team shall consist of up to four student participants per boat.
- 2) A school may enter up to six boats where only two of the four students entered for that boat may fish at any one time on that boat.
- 3) During competition, any boat may return to the dock and exchange competitors, each of whom must have been on the four-person entry.
- 4) All regions will be scheduled for at least 5 hours of fishing and cannot exceed 8 hours on the water. This might have to be adjusted due to weather.
- 5) A region competition is considered to be complete if half of the scheduled competition time has been fished.
- 6) If the competition is postponed until the rain date, no fish will count towards the rain date weigh-ins.
- 7) If weather shuts down the Region once it has been rescheduled for rain date, the winner will be determined by the fish caught during the time allotted for that region on the second day.
- 8) State final will consist of two days of fishing with a maximum of eight (8) hours of fishing each day, when possible.
- 9) If weather shuts down either day of the State final once it has started, that day's weight will be determined by the fish caught during the time allotted for that day.
- 10) In the state final, if one of the days is completed and the other day is not able to be fished because of weather, the winner(s) will be determined by the one day weigh-in.
- 11) All participants in the first flight must be back in for weigh-in by 3:00 p.m. at the region and the state final. This would vary only if a weather alert has been issued which might shorten

that day's competition. It is the participant(s) in the first flight's responsibility to make sure the boat is back to the dock by 3:00 p.m.

- 12) All participants in the second flight must be back in for weigh-in by 3:15 p.m. at the region and the state final. This would vary only if a weather alert has been issued which might shorten that day's competition. It is the participant(s) in the second flight's responsibility to make sure the boat is back to the dock by 3:15 p.m.
- 13) There will be a one pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for weigh-ins up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for that day. It is the participant's responsibility to notify the competition manager in advance of the 3:00 p.m. (or 3:15 in second flight) closing time of any problems that may have occurred
- 14) Participants must only use the gear that is in the boat when the boat leaves the dock at the start of the day. They may use their own gear or the gear of the captain in the boat. If an alternate is used in the competition, the gear of the alternate must be secured in an area and can be added once the alternate is picked up.
- 15) Team participants of the boat may net the fish for that boat. The captain of the boat may net fish for the participants with one or two contestants if asked to do so.
- 16) Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are using an authorized rest room facility, are back at the dock switching participants, or due to some other emergency or malfunction. If an emergency or malfunction occurs, the boat must contact the local manager or his/her designee prior to leaving the boat.
- 17) No live bait or trolling is allowed in the region or state final.

#### F) Weights and Weigh-ins

- 1) The total weight for each of the five (5) fish limited to that boat will count for the team total of that competition.
- 2) Ties will be broken, if the poundage is equal, in the following manner: First criteria will be the largest fish; second criteria will be the number of fish.
- 3) Individual weight will also be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat.
- 4) The minimum length limit for bass is 12 inches unless the state or lake limit is more than 12 inches, in which case, the state or lake limit prevails. Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure the minimum length will be penalized at the rate of one pound for each inch short for each bass presented.
- 5) There will be a five fish limit per boat. No more than five (5) fish in the live well at any time.
- 6) Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five (5) fish in the live well.
- 7) All fish that are put in the livewell must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a ½ pound deduction and cannot count as the large fish for that boat. Dead fish may not be culled.
- 8) Any transfer of fish from one live well to a different live well in another boat due to malfunction must be made in the presence of the local manager or his/her designee.
- 9) All fish will be released immediately after weigh-in.

#### E) Off-limits, Practice and Competition

- 1) Once competition is under way, contestants may not obtain fishing patterns or locations from non-competitors, follow a non-competitor's boat or participate in the practice of "hole sitting", a practice wherein a non-competitor sits on a fishing spot, holding it for a contestant.
- 2) Non-competitors may not place markers for contestants. All of these acts are prohibited and may result in the immediate disqualification of the boat.
- 3) There is no practice period or off-limits period. Competitors may be on competition waters anytime until the start of the precompetition meeting.
- 4) Contestants, coaches nor captains (including pilots if applicable) may not enter competition waters to locate bass or potential fishing waters or sightsee after the start of the precompetition meeting except during competition hours.
- 5) Testing equipment on competition waters after the start of the precompetition meeting is permitted only with prior approval from the competition director.

- 6) The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about locating or catching fish on competition waters, including but not limited to GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) and the hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted by contestants, coaches or captains within 15 days of any competition. The penalty for violation of this rule is disqualification.
- F) Uniforms
- 1) School uniforms must be worn during competition.
  - 2) School uniforms can have the school name and/or logo and the student's name on them.
  - 3) Sponsorships may be secured, but may not be from companies that manufacture alcohol or tobacco products.
  - 4) Any sponsorship the school has secured may be displayed on the uniforms or on the captain/pilot of the boat.
  - 5) Sponsorship logos may be displayed on the boats that are in the competition.
  - 6) The uniform of the student anglers shall be distinct from that of the coach or boat captain to limit concerns as to who is fishing.
- G) Unsportsmanlike Conduct
- 1) Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any contestant/coach/captain/pilot and/or other person guilty of profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.
  - 2) If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host site, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred.
- H) Insurance Coverage
- 1) Membership in the Student Angler Federation provides insurance coverage for all team activities throughout the membership term.
  - 2) The schools and students will be responsible for any equipment related insurance and other necessary insurance just as in any other sport or sport activity the KHSAA conducts.
  - 3) All member schools are reminded to take precautionary steps to ensure that all equipment and product safety risk measures are taken including insurance coverage.
  - 4) The KHSAA will also have catastrophic medical coverage for both the regional and state competitions.
- I) Medical and Other
- 1) Tobacco Products: No coach, captain, pilot or contestant or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.
  - 2) Use of Inhalers: A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an KHSAA competition (including while in the boat), while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self administration in the School Code.
  - 3) Alcohol: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any KHSAA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any KHSAA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments.

## CASE SITUATIONS RELATED TO THE COMPETITION RULES of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Specific case situations are contained in this section of the KHSAA Handbook which are interpretations and rulings which have been made by the Commissioner in accordance with applicable provisions of the KHSAA Constitution. These interpretations supplement the printed rules but do not in any manner substitute for the actual rule. Many of these rulings have established precedent for the interpretation or enforcement of these provisions, and remain in place until further altered, re-interpreted, or otherwise set aside. Specific inquiries not addressed by published interpretations should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of the KHSAA, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505. Interpretive questions or eligibility rulings shall be requested and issued in writing.

### **Case CR-1- What is the purpose of the Competition Rules of the KHSAA?**

In many sports and sports activities, there are decisions that have to be made to establish a framework for competition. These rules (different than the Playing Rules) establish alignments, bracketing provisions and championship arrangements. In all cases, the Board of Control has final jurisdiction over the Competition Rules.

### **Case CR-2- What are the current championships of the KHSAA?**

The KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) sports championship events in the fall, winter and spring seasons. Fall championships are considered to be cross country (boys and girls), field hockey, golf (boys and girls), soccer (boys and girls), volleyball (girls), and football (combined); winter championships are basketball (boys and girls), wrestling (combined) and swimming and diving (boys and girls); spring championships are baseball (boys), softball (fastpitch for girls), tennis (boys and girls) and track and field (boys and girls)

In addition, the KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) a state championship in the Sport Activities of Archery (combined), Bass Fishing (combined), Bowling (Boys and Girls) and Cheer (All Girl and Coed divisions).

### **Case CR-3- What sports and sport activities are insured by the KHSAA?**

The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase Catastrophe Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to insure the student-athletes who compete in the sanctioned sports and sport activities of the KHSAA. In addition, students serving in a support capacity at those sponsored events (managers, trainers, sideline cheerleaders (providing they comply with the NFHS rules restrictions).

Such insurance coverage shall be in force from the first day of the Bylaw 23, Limitation of Seasons in a sponsored sport or sport activity, through the last day, provided such competition complies with all parts of the Bylaw and its individual competitors comply with all applicable KHSAA bylaws. The deductible for this policy shall be published in a timely manner to ensure that the school and student-athletes have adequate opportunity to comply with Bylaw 12.

The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase General Liability Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to provide for General Liability coverage for the Association and its agents and assignees, in all KHSAA sponsored competition in all sports (postseason) for which the Association sponsors a championship. The Commissioner shall ensure through all forms of due diligence, that all levels of these sponsored championships are conducted in accordance with applicable KHSAA Competition Rules in order to maintain the integrity of the policy.

### **Case CR-4- How many schools are required to agree to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition in order for the Association to hold a championship in that sport or sport-activity?**

Fifty (50) member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall agree to field a team in order that

the Association consider sponsoring a championship. The achievement of this percentage is no guarantee of the development of a championship as the Board of Control must consider fiscal and legal consequences such as the Association budget, the budget of the member schools and the impact on such things as Title IX.

Twenty-five member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall participate each year in order that the Association maintains a championship.

These criteria may be waived by the Board of Control in order to sponsor a championship in any sport that does not conflict with state or federal law and which provides additional participation opportunities exclusively for females.

The Association shall survey the membership every three years to determine interest in new offerings.

### **Case CR-5- Who is in control of the media and press at KHSAA sponsored competition?**

1) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the State championship rounds of the KHSAA postseason championships belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships. No member school may approve or sign an agreement that includes rights to state contests (delayed or live).

2) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships. No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (District, Region, semi-state) without agreement between the schools and approval of the KHSAA Office.

3) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, but are assigned to the Principal of each institution for management and control. No member school shall sign an exclusive regular season agreement that would "Shut out" its opponent from any audio, video streaming or having the opportunity to do so.

4) At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA.

5) At all levels of competition, including district, region, sectional, and state competition in KHSAA sponsored tournaments and meets, managers are to make allowances for members of the media to tape portions of the contests at no charge to the media outlet, as long as the taping is for the sole purpose of news highlights.

6) Contact the KHSAA Communications Director with questions.

### **Case CR-6- Who is empowered to make decisions at KHSAA tournaments when inclement weather forces postponement of contests or events?**

While it would be ideal if all parties could meet and agree on any re-scheduling of games necessitated by inclement weather or other natural events, this may not be practical. It is the duty of the tournament manager to make decisions with regards to re-scheduling in the event of postponement and ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.

### **Case CR-7- Is it possible for a winner and corresponding runner-up in baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball or volleyball district tournament to meet before the final region game?**

No, because they are to be placed in opposite brackets.

### **Case CR-8- Is there a mandatory brand of game ball to be used in postseason play in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball?**

Yes, the Association has a long-term agreements with multiple sponsors. Staff at KHSAA can assist with specific model numbers, although use of specific numbers is not mandated.

In all postseason contests in baseball, softball, football and basketball, a Rawlings brand ball (or Worth brand in softball) with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used for There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

In all postseason contests in soccer, a SELECT Sports brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There

is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

In all postseason contests in volleyball, a Baden brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

**Case CR-9- Are there any restrictions on the scheduling and playing of games in a “seeded district” in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, or volleyball?**

Yes. Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches should consult the Competition Rules related to each of these sports for more specific dates for tournament meetings and allowances for scheduling of these meetings. All games involved in the calculation of a seed position SHALL be played on or before the Wednesday prior to the start of postseason play. Games played after that time SHALL NOT factor into the seeded position.

**Case CR-10- How are the tournament sites selected for district tournament sites for baseball, basketball, soccer, softball in the event that agreement cannot be reached on a site selection plan?**

If a site selection plan cannot be reached on first round (normally district) tournaments, the Commissioner will intervene and establish a rotation plan subject to appeal to the Board of Control. The site selection plan shall be confirmed by annual balloting during the season and reported to the Association along with seeding decisions. Rotating the tournament sites does not necessarily mean that each school shall host the tournament at that school's home site, but that each school, with available proper and adequate facilities, shall have the opportunity to host the tournament, even if an alternative site is required due to site requirements within a given sport.

**Case CR-11- Is there a deadline for a district host school in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball or volleyball to select a playing site if the school home site doesn't meet the requirements for holding the tournament?**

Yes. Through various rules and rulings in past years, every school in a specific district alignment shall have an opportunity to serve as the host for the tournament. Each school may, of course, decline that opportunity. However, this requirement ensures that on a periodic basis, all schools get to share in the concession and parking proceeds, host share of the ticket receipts and other benefits that come from serving as the host. It is recognized that all schools in a given alignment grouping will not meet the tournament specifications.

For this reason, the following steps shall be taken by the schools in the district-

- 1) The schools shall meet and decide what facilities can hold the attendance of the last five years of the tournament based on the fan followings of the schools, and satisfy other logistical needs such as accessibility, parking, etc. (agreed sites). In addition, all sites must meet any adopted site criteria for the sport that has been approved by the Board of Control. If there is a disagreement, the Board of Control can serve as the final resolution and KHSAA staff shall assist in that determination.
- 2) The discussion on site applicability is separate from the ability to “host”, that is being the tournament manager, operating concessions, etc. as all schools shall be given that opportunity to host, just not necessarily at a site that cannot accommodate the event.
- 3) From that list of agreed sites, the rotation of sites is to be considered, factoring in of course, that all schools shall be given a chance (if they want) to host, even if it isn't played at the host school's home playing facility.
- 4) In a year when the designated host's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the final selection as to the playing site rests with the designated host school. That school has sole discretion to make that decision, but is compelled to choose only from the list of agreed facilities as mentioned in (1) above.
- 5) In a year when the designated host school's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the designation shall be made by September 20 in volleyball and soccer; January 1 in basketball; and April 15 for baseball and

softball.

**Case CR-12- How are the contest sites selected for region tournaments/meets/contests?**

The Commissioner establishes all regional sites. The Commissioner shall be generally guided by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 vote of the member schools in the region, but is not compelled to assign the event to that site specified in the plan, and shall only assign to the sites meeting specified sports specific criteria.

Changes to a requested site selection plan shall be confirmed by balloting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of the member schools.

**Case CR-13- May a name be added to the roster or entry form after the first day of postseason competition?**

No, changes cannot be made unless otherwise provided in the competition rules for a specific sport. The principal shall check the online roster in all sports and sport-activities to ensure that all players are on the list as the rosters are locked after postseason play begins. For individual sports using the published entry list and/or forms, the specific sport tournament rules will address any options for substitution or correction, if such options exist.

**Case CR-14- How is it determined that a meet counts against the four meet minimum in Track and Field or Cross Country?**

In order to count as a meet for the four meet minimum a meet shall be a meet which rises to the standard of counting as a meet towards the interpretations of Bylaw 23. In addition, in Cross Country, the distance would be a minimum of 2500 meters and a maximum of 5000 meters and involved entries from two or more schools. To count towards the minimums, the meets may be at the varsity or nonvarsity level in terms of meet structure. It shall be counted in the same manner for all competitors (varsity, JV or freshman). The school approved or provided uniform shall be worn in this competition. In accordance with Bylaw 22, a school representative shall accompany the team.

**Case CR-15- If a Cross Country Meet is interrupted by weather, can other races be run that day?**

Yes. The particular interrupted race is considered complete and counts both towards meet limits and participation minimums. If other competition can resume after required delays, that is permissible. Only races actually started can count towards meet limits or participation minimums.

**Case CR-16 - Are there policies on participation by boys on girls' teams and vice-versa?**

Yes. See the Board of Control policies for complete details.

**Case CR-17 - Are there policy statements or recommendations from the Commissioner's office on postgame activity by teams and individuals?**

Yes. Several sports have “traditions” regarding postgame handshakes, etc. by team members (both en masse and as individuals), but none of them have such action dictated by playing rules. While it is an obvious sign of sportsmanship and civility, many incidents have occurred both in Kentucky (more than two dozen in the last three years in Kentucky alone) and throughout the country, where fights and physical conflicts have broken out during these postgame handshakes. And this is not restricted to specific sports.

Unfortunately, the adrenaline and effort required to participate in the sport sometimes seems to deplete the supply of judgement available to participants. And this can be particularly problematic when there is a lack of an appropriate level of adult supervision, or counterproductive actions by the adults involved with the team.

During 2013-14, the following directors were issued by the Commissioner to the membership for all of the schools and officials regarding post game in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling:

Following the contests, officials are to quickly and efficiently leave the playing facility following all rules mandated duties and ensure that the rules book mandated jurisdiction ends

promptly. There is no need for officials to secure the game balls, shake hands with the coaches or players, or stick around the playing area for any other reason.

Officials have no role in what goes on in postgame, including handshakes, etc. after jurisdiction has ended. Officials also have NO role in administering this time period. Officials choosing to involve themselves in postgame activities will be penalized appropriately;

Game management and the administration of the participating team(s) are solely responsible for what happens after the contest is concluded.

Certain interaction is required by the NFHS playing rules (i.e. the awarding of a bout winner in wrestling). Other postgame rituals such as handshakes, etc. must be closely monitored by school officials and are not a part of the game regulated by game officials. However, any unsportsmanlike conduct occurring during this time will subject the coach/player to penalties and discipline; and

The coaches and administration of the teams are always responsible for the individual conduct of the members of the team following the contest and shall be held accountable for such.

Henceforth, any incidents by an individual squad member (including coaches) or group of squad members that results in unsporting acts immediately following the contest will result in a penalty against the member school athletic program, and additional penalties against the individuals or schools as deemed appropriate following investigation.

#### **Case CR-18 - Who pays for the trophies for KHSAA postseason Competition?**

In all sports and sport-activities, the host of the event is responsible for the payment of trophies and is permitted to take that amount for the standard trophies ordered by the Association from gate receipts or other agreed fees. Those not charging a fee for admission are permitted to assess each member school for entry into the event to help cover these and other costs, but such assessment shall be included in any financial settlement published for the event.

#### **Case CR-19 - Are financial reconciliation reports required to be submitted to the KHSAA after KHSAA postseason events?**

Yes. All levels of KHSAA postseason event require a financial reconciliation.

#### **Case CR-20 - Has the Board of Control adopted a position statement or policy on the realignment / alignment of teams?**

Yes. On a perpetual basis, the Commissioner shall ensure that staff maintains a current alignment of teams in each sport with the following review points considered:

If a single school adds a team (or individuals) or deletes a team (or all individuals), the alignment may be revised on an ongoing basis by the Commissioner;

The Board of Control may, at its own discretion, choose to realign all teams participation in a sport or sport activity based on input from the Commissioner;

A realignment may also be caused by a previously adopted alignment having an expiration of its valid period. This is especially important in the enrollment based sports (classified sports). Cross Country/Track and Field and Football are aligned on a four-year alignment period;

Cross Country and Track and Field shall have the same alignment;

Football shall be aligned based on the average four-year enrollment of boys in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed, and the final alignment shall attempt to result in a final product being adopted at least twelve (12) months notice to the member schools for scheduling;

Cross Country/Track and Field shall be aligned on a not less than every four year basis, using the average four-year enrollment of total students in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed; and Specific parameters about each sport alignment shall be

contained in the Competition rules for the Sport or Sport Activity.

Whenever a sport or sport activity is to be realigned, the Board shall direct the Commissioner to produce the necessary information as to seed discussion by the Board of Control. The criteria and factors to be used in developing a draft alignment shall adhere to the following steps:

Identification as to whether or not enrollment classifications will be used;

Plot/Diagram the location of all competing schools; Begin by looking at geographic clusters of schools. Geography (including specific travel route information) is an important criteria for placement in groups (regions, districts, etc.), but is not the sole determinant for placement;

Travel routes must be reviewed as a potential factor, as well as the identification of the existence of multiple travel routes; In the non-classified team sports (baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball), the basketball alignment should be an initial framework, specifically the region boundaries;

If possible in the non-classified team sports, the district boundaries should be important element, but the level of participation of the schools in the district must be factor;

The unique factors of each sport, particularly the individual sports, must be reviewed including facilities; and

The participation and alignment history, both individual and teams, is a factor in consideration, but not the final determinant;

When reviewing alternative suggestions for alignments, the Board shall prioritize the requests from the membership that effect the requesting school over those suggestions that result from suggestions about other schools without effecting the suggesting school.

The following factors are NOT to be considered:

Past success or failure;

Enrollment (in a non-classified sport);

Socio-economic status and student body composition;

Type of school (A1, D1, F1, J1, M1, R1); and

Specific desires of coaches (input must be from administrative level).