

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 1999

The 82nd Annual Meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held on Wednesday, January 13, 1999, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. KHSAA Board of Control President Stan Steidel called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Larry Boucher, Asst. Commissioner then introduced the KHSAA Staff, Board members who were present and Kentucky Department of Education liaison Kevin Mason, and welcomed all delegates and guests. Mr. Steidel went over the procedure for the presentation of the proposals.

Ms. Brigid DeVries, Exec. Asst. Comm. announced that 223 Delegates had registered. She then called the roll for any delegates who had not registered. There were none present. Mr. Steidel announced that in order for a proposal to pass, 149 affirmative votes were needed. Mr. Ken Tippett was designated as the Parliamentarian.

Mr. Julian Tackett, Asst. Commissioner, requested approval of the Commissioner's Annual Report to the Delegate Assembly. Betsy Glover, Hancock County High School made a motion to accept the report. Karen Vanover, Lafayette High School, seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next order of business was the presentation of proposals.

E.E. "Red" McGhee, Grayson County High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal I. Betsy Glover, Hancock County High School, seconded the motion.

### PROPOSAL I

*Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control* - An amendment to the KHSAA Constitution to clarify the eligibility provisions of the Board of Control.

**RATIONALE** - Previously, the Constitution contained no provision should a person have been elected to serve on the Board of Control and yet not be able to take office for any reason. This amendment clarifies this provision as well as clarifying the eligibility provisions consistent with interpretations and rulings regarding qualifications for coach in sports where faculty coaches are required..

### ARTICLE IV

#### ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATION

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for membership as a SECTIONAL or DESIGNATED representative on the Board of Control, one must be an employee holding a valid Kentucky Teaching Certificate issued by the Kentucky Department of Education and be an employee of an accredited KHSAA member school or system which is in good standing with the KHSAA. He/she must be employed in the region he/she is to represent, and must remain employed in that region during his/her tenure of office. Serving in a part-time capacity (less than three hours of instruction or other administrative duties) or on leave of absence (exclusive of employee earned sick leave) will terminate the eligibility of the member. He/she shall not be eligible after serving two (2) consecutive four-year terms. If a vacancy occurs with less than one year remaining on the term in office, the Board of Control shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs with one year or more remaining or if a newly elected member of the Board of Control is unable to take office at the start of his/her term, the Commissioner shall ensure the vacancy is filled within sixty (60) days in the same manner as that prescribed for the regular selection of Board members.

**The motion to adopt Proposal I passed 210-1.**

Frank Cardwell, Franklin Simpson High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal II. Betsy Glover, Hancock County High School, seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL II**

*Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control - A new bylaw to be placed in the student eligibility section of the bylaws.*

**RATIONALE** - There are many concerns with allowing ineligible students to practice with the team. Among the problems are potential insurance claims, possible advantages to holding students back in grades (red shirting), and a general unfairness to the other eligible student athletes. This issue should be clarified for all parties and schools to be operating under the same guidelines.

**Bylaw --. Practice by Ineligible Students**

Unless ineligible due to the provisions of Bylaw 17 (Sportsmanship, having been ejected from a contest) or Bylaw 5, Sec. 2 (weekly grade checks), any student who is not eligible for competition during a team's next contest/meet/match/game may not practice with the team.

**The motion to adopt Proposal II passed 171-9.**

Steve Greenwald, Western Math-Science High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal III. Phil Rison, Montgomery County High School, seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL III**

*Proposed by Jimmie Reed, Board Appointed Representative, Washington County High School - An amendment to KHSAA Bylaw 17 to include the use of illegal equipment which gains a competitive advantage in the definitions of Unsportsmanlike Conduct within this rule.*

**RATIONALE** - Any time a school or its representatives intentionally use illegal equipment which is designed to give the participant an illegal competitive advantage, it violates all of the principles of sportsmanship and fair play, and should be illegal and against Association rules.

**Bylaw 17. Practice of Sportsmanship**

It is the clear obligation of principals, coaches, faculty members, boards of education, and all official representatives of member schools to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships with fans, officials, players, coaches, official representatives of member schools, and the general public. The Commissioner and the Board of Control shall have the full authority to suspend the coach, student, or any member school whose representatives may be convicted on competent evidence of the violation of this obligation. Any violation of this rule in any interscholastic contest shall be immediately reported to the Commissioner by the principal(s) of the school(s) involved, and by the game officials who work in the contest.

It shall also be considered a violation of this rule if any school or school representative uses or allows the use of illegal equipment which gains a competitive advantage in the contest and which is expressly prohibited by the rules adopted for that sport. Violations of this particular provision may be penalized by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw and in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 30, Penalties.

Any student, coach, or official team representative ejected from an interscholastic contest due to a violation of this obligation must be reinstated by a member of the Commission prior to returning to interscholastic contests. Any student or coach using insulting language to another player or coach or to any official in any interscholastic contest, or who has been ruled out of such a contest because of unsportsmanlike tactics, shall be disqualified from athletic competition until reinstated by the Commissioner.

The name of the student or coach shall be reported to the Commissioner by the principal of the school which that student attends. When an official disqualifies a student or coach, he/she shall report the disqualification to the principal or his/her representative and to the KHSAA office. If the Commissioner finds upon investigation that the offense was sufficiently serious, the offender shall be permanently disqualified.

**The motion to adopt Proposal III passed 206-1.**

Don Jones, Graves County High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal IV. Ed Bentley, Bullitt East High School, seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL IV**

*Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control* - An amendment to KHSAA Bylaw 25 to standardize the ending of season dates for those "individual" sports sanctioned by the Association.

**RATIONALE** - With many of these sports having minimum participation requirements in terms of number of competitions, and with weather and site availability often influencing play opportunities, it is felt that the maximum amount of time should be allowed for an athlete to be able to compete in the regular season. In addition, the previous deadlines are more applicable to team entry competitions with tighter timelines for bracketing, seeding, etc.

**Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons**

**Sec. 8. Sports Specific Limitations - Cross Country - Boys and Girls**

- (5) The regular season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) with the completion of the varsity team's last regular scheduled match, meet or game ~~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.

**Sec. 10. Sports Specific Limitations - Golf - Boys and Girls**

- (5) The regular season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) with the completion of the varsity team's last regular scheduled match, meet or game ~~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.

**Sec. 14. Sports Specific Limitations - Swimming - Boys and Girls**

- (5) The regular season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) with the completion of the varsity team's last regular scheduled match, meet or game ~~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 competition during the remainder of the academic school year.

**Sec. 15. Sports Specific Limitations - Tennis - Boys and Girls**

- (5) The regular season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) with the completion of the varsity team's last regular scheduled match, meet or game ~~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.

**Sec. 16. Sports Specific Limitations - Indoor and Outdoor Track - Boys and Girls**

- (5) The regular outdoor season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) with the completion of the varsity team's last regular scheduled match, meet or game ~~at the conclusion of the varsity team's last regular season meet~~ 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.

**Sec. 18. Sports Specific Limitations - Wrestling - Boys**

- (5) The regular season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) with the completion of the varsity team's last regular scheduled match, meet or game 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.

**The motion to adopt Proposal IV passed 203-11.**

Harold Combs, Perry County Central High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal V. Morgan Hout, Lexington Christian Academy seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL V**

*Proposed by Yvon Allen, Principal and Harold Combs, Board Appointed Representative, Perry County Central High School - An amendment to KHSAA Bylaw 25 to increase the number of allowable competitive spirit competitions.*

**RATIONALE** - With the longest season of all of the KHSAA sanctioned sports or sports activities (August 1 to end of basketball season), a three competition limit is simply not workable. Increasing this limit as proposed will not adversely affect the other offerings of the school and will allow these competitors increased participation opportunities.

**Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons**

**Sec. 19. Specific Limitations - Other Sport Activities - Cheerleading (Spirit)**

- (2) Cheerleaders are limited to a maximum of six three competitions during the school year. This does not include in-game competitions. The Sweet Sixteen and KAPOS At-Large Competitions held in conjunction with the KHSAA district, region and state basketball tournaments shall not count toward the six three competition limit. Any preliminary competitions which progress to a district, region, state and/or national level will be considered as one competition.

**The motion to adopt Proposal V failed 57-141.**

Jim Perrin, Christian County High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal VI. Ronny Bell, Fort Campbell High School, seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL VI**

*Proposed by Jim Perrin, Board Appointed Representative, Christian County High School; Jeff Edwards, Board Appointed Representative, Jeffersontown High School; and Charles Miller, Board Appointed Representative, Pleasure Ridge Park High School - - An amendment to KHSAA Bylaw 25 to increase the number of tournaments in baseball and softball which can be counted in a shortened manner (other than game by game) from two to three.*

**RATIONALE** - The format of tournaments in these sports, though they may appear to be similar, are vastly different from basketball and other sports. More like volleyball, which has an increased tournament allowance passed in previous years by the schools, these sports allow for several games in a short span without jeopardizing the physical well being of the athletes. This is especially helpful given the weather related problems during the regular season in these sports and in softball, where minimum games requirements are in place for tournament participation, could ensure the eligibility of teams for post season play.

**Sec. 6. Sports Specific Limitations - Baseball - Boys**

- (4) A maximum of thirty (30) games may be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (district). Doubleheaders shall be counted as two (2) games each against the limit of thirty (30) games. A maximum of three (3) ~~two (2)~~ 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.

**Sec. 12. Sports Specific Limitations - Softball - Girls (Fast Pitch)**

- (4) A maximum of thirty (30) games may be played. Doubleheaders shall be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30). A maximum of three (3) ~~two (2)~~ 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.

**Sec. 13. Sports Specific Limitations - Softball - Girls (Slow Pitch)**

- (1) A maximum of thirty (30) games may be played. Doubleheaders shall be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30). A maximum of three (3) ~~two (2)~~ 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.

**The motion to adopt Proposal VI passed 174-37.**

Bill Azevedo, Fern Creek High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal VII. Bob Ball, Moore High School, seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL VII**

*Proposed by J.A. Sexton, Principal, Eastern High School - An amendment to KHSAA Bylaw 27 to allow for course work at licensed colleges or universities to be included in the 64 hour course requirement for non faculty coaches.*

**RATIONALE** - With the increased need for non-faculty coaches, and the number of individuals who have completed course work in part in a correspondence nature from states other than Kentucky, these courses should be able to be included in the requirement. Many institutions are licensed to give college credit for correspondence work which is then accepted by other business, organizations, colleges and universities as fulfilling baseline employment requirements. Even with this change, the final hiring decisions continue to rest with the Principal and the SBDM Council.

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

Sec. 1. Definitions

(b) Level 2 Coaches

Level 2 coaches (head and assistant) are those individuals who meet the following criteria prior to hiring by the local Board of Education

(2) A person holding a provisional or standard teaching certificate or having completed sixty-four semester hours of college credit from an accredited or licensed college or university as documented by an official transcript.

(c) Level 3 Non-Faculty Assistants

Level 3 Non-Faculty Assistants are those individuals who meet the following criteria prior to hiring by the local Board of Education

(2) A person who does not hold a provisional or standard teaching certificate and has not completed sixty-four semester hours of college credit from an accredited or licensed college or university as documented by an official transcript.

**The motion to adopt Proposal VII passed 153-49.**

Frank Miklavcic, Frankfort High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal VIII. Gran Mefford, Owen County High School, seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL VIII**

*Proposed by the Board of Control and co-sponsored by Frank Miklavcic, Board Appointed Representative, Frankfort High School - An amendment to KHSAA Bylaw 34 to revise the dead period for interscholastic athletics.*

**RATIONALE** - The dead period was implemented several years ago in an effort to help curb the amount of summer required play by high school athletes. Last year, from the floor of the Annual Meeting, a proposal was passed to make these dates "corresponding" in nature. While this flexibility seems to be workable, the staff and Board have examined these future dates and foresees a tremendous problem in the next few years as these dates roll forward. Given that fall sports all begin on July 15, it is felt that a standard July 1 to 14 may be more workable for the membership..

**Bylaw 34. Summer Sports and Sports/Activities**

Sec. 2. Summer Dead Period

Beginning ~~July 1~~ ~~June 24~~, 1999, students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during the period beginning ~~July 1~~ ~~with the first day of National Federation Corresponding Week 51~~, and going through ~~midnight, July 14~~ ~~the last day of National Federation Corresponding Week 52~~. School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during this period.

**The motion to adopt Proposal VIII failed 27-181.**

E.E. "Red" McGhee, Grayson County High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal IX. Steve Riddle, Berea High School, seconded the motion.

**PROPOSAL IX**

*Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control - An amendment to repeal KHSAA Bylaw 39.*

**RATIONALE** - The decision as to the non-competing members of the squad representing a school should be made at the local level without regard to any state requirement. KHSAA rules govern competitions, and therefore, all support personnel decisions should be made by the local school in accordance with adopted policies.

**Bylaw 39. Non-Player Representatives**

A cheerleader, student manager, or any other student having an official connection with the athletic program of a member school shall be enrolled and in attendance at the school which they represent and shall adhere to all other eligibility regulations.

*Q/A 1- What are the "eligibility regulations" as mentioned in Bylaw 39? The KHSAA student eligibility regulations are Bylaws 3 (Age), 4 (Enrollment), 5 (Minimum Academic Requirement), 6 (Transfer Rule), 7 (Conduct), 8 (Contestant on Other Teams, Post Season and All-Star Games), 9 (Graduates and College Students), Bylaw 10 (Recruitment), 11 (Permanent Ineligibility), 17 (Practice of Sportsmanship), 28 (Physician's Certificate), 38 (Awards), 39 (Non Player Representatives) or 40 (Girls' Basketball Tournament, Girls' Fast Pitch Softball). Unless otherwise stated in the bylaw, each of these provisions apply to all persons having an official connection with the team including trainers, managers, cheerleaders and others.*

*Q/A 2- Does the KHSAA Transfer Rule (Bylaw 6) apply to cheerleaders? No. The Board of Control has directed that the provisions of Bylaw 6 which call for participation in varsity sport as a determinant restrict application to those sports for which the association sponsors a state championship. At press time, the KHSAA does not sponsor state championships in such events as cheerleading (spirit), field hockey, badminton, bowling or others, though they are approved for insurance and other eligibility purposes, and therefore persons whose only participation has been in these activities are not subject to the transfer rule.*

Tasso Harris, Valley High School, then made a motion to amend Proposal IX by deleting . . . "and shall adhere to all other eligibility regulations." The motion was seconded by Jeff Perkins, Somerset High School. The motion to amend Proposal IX failed 145-44.

**The motion to adopt Proposal IX failed 125-74.**

President Steidel then called for any other business to come before the Delegate Assembly.

Tom Brown, Boyle County High School, made a motion to consider a special order concerning Bylaw 34, Sec. 2, Summer Dead Period. Jimmie Reed, Washington County High School, seconded the motion. The motion to bring this proposal to the floor failed 142-31.

There being no further business to come before the Delegate Assembly, Tasso Harris, Valley High School, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.