

FALL 2015 KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO THE DELEGATES BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR CONSIDERATION AS REQUIRED BY 702 KAR 7:065 AND THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ASSOCIATION RULES. ALL PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 FOR ADOPTION EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR (202 DELEGATES PRESENT, 135 REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE)
ITEMS WHICH ARE UNDERLINED REPRESENT ADDITIONS TO CURRENT BYLAW PROVISIONS, ITEMS STRUCK THROUGH REPRESENT DELETIONS

PROPOSAL 2015-1

(FINAL VOTE: 172 YES, 23 NO, 0 ABSTAIN, 7 PRESENT)

Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control as part of the required annual review of all KHSAA Bylaws (702 KAR 7:065)

Amend Bylaw 6 to make an exception to the one-year period of ineligibility potentially invalid if the student is living with any athletic coach or member of the school staff or team members.

Rationale: Clearly, living with a coach, staff member or team member is an athletic advantage and should be grounds for the denial of the waiver of the period of ineligibility.

Impact: Regulatory

BYLAW 6. TRANSFER RULE- CITIZENS OF THE U.S. OR U.S. TERRITORIES

Sec. 3) SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS FOR DENIAL OF WAIVER FOR THOSE SATISFYING DISCRETIONARY WAIVER PROVISION(S) IN SECTION 2

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- b) If the change in schools is to nullify or circumvent implementation of Board of Education, School Based Decision Making or school imposed policy which would have resulted in the student's ineligibility at the sending school in accordance with KHSAA Bylaws or Competition Rules;
- c) 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; or
- d) If the change in schools is motivated in whole or part by a desire to participate in athletics at the new school, including:
 - (1) If a student participates on a school team that is coached by a coach associated in that same sport at a high school, and the student then transfers to the member school where the coach is employed (paid or volunteer at any level);
 - (2) If a student participates on a nonschool (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, summer program, etc.) team that is affiliated with or coached by a coach associated in that same sport at a member school and the student then transfers to the member school where a coach is employed (paid or volunteer at any level), or
 - (3) If the student resides with any athletic coach or any other member of the school staff or team member (including parents and boosters)

PROPOSAL 2015-2

(FINAL VOTE: 181 YES, 14 NO, 0 ABSTAIN, 7 PRESENT)

Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control as part of the required annual review of all KHSAA Bylaws (702 KAR 7:065)

Amend Bylaw 6 to eliminate the provisions of the transfer rule that applied to students in grades 4-12 being further restricted on the transfer rule within the same year.

Rationale: This provision, enacted a couple of decades ago to deal with mid-year transfers, is likely not legally permissible to enforce due to the requirements of the KHSAA to have a Due Process Procedure for all students as it restricts discretionary waivers.

Impact: Regulatory

BYLAW 6. TRANSFER RULE- CITIZENS OF THE U.S. OR U.S. TERRITORIES

Sec. 4) OTHER TRANSFERRING STUDENT RESTRICTIONS AND PROCEDURES

- a) The Commissioner's office may appoint or hire a committee or investigator to conduct any inquiry or investigation concerning any issues arising under this bylaw or any other bylaw.
- b) 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 the objection, then a complete investigation shall be conducted by the KHSAA and a ruling shall be issued through the Commissioner's office.
- ~~c) A student enrolled in grades 4-12 who has participated in a first team game shall not 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 of Section 2 above.~~
- ~~d) A student is ineligible for athletics in this state if he or she transfers from another state if the student was or would have become ineligible in the state from which he or she transfers.~~

PROPOSAL 2015-3

(FINAL VOTE: 82 YES, 100 NO, 13 ABSTAIN, 7 PRESENT)

Proposed by Philip Haywood, Designated Representative, Belfry High School

Amend Bylaw 23 to eliminate the option to have 11 weeks to play 10 football games, and reduce the allowable time to 10 weeks to play 10 games, beginning in 2017.

Rationale: With recent changes in contact restrictions, especially the elimination of multiple contact practices on the same day; schools starting earlier each summer and the natural "rolling forward" of the corresponding dates calendar, if a change isn't made, preseason football practice in some years could be as little as 8 days before a first scrimmage. In light of all of the changes made in health and safety, it does not seem that this is adequate preparation time before facing an outside opponent. For example, in 2017, with a contact start date of August 1 for all schools and a possible week 0 play date (or second scrimmage date) of Friday, August 18, this would leave only eight weekdays for contact practice prior to an August 11 scrimmage. It is even worse in 2018, with only seven weekdays before that week 0 play date (or second scrimmage date). With two years to prepare, and alignment adjustments for 2017 likely requiring schedule changes, the schedule adjustments, movements of bowl games, etc. have plenty of time to occur. It will not be easy to schedule, but we have time to adjust schedules. Those that have trouble scheduling will likely have trouble getting a full schedule regardless of system.

BYLAW 23. LIMITATION OF SEASONS

Sec. 6) Sports Specific Limitations- Football

- b) After August 1 and prior to the opening varsity game of the season, there shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games per member school (grades 9-12) with players other than members of the squad.
- c) Through the 2016 season the first game shall not take place prior to the Friday eleven (11) weeks prior to the week of the first round of the football playoffs. Beginning with the 2017 season the first game shall not take place prior to the Friday ten (10) weeks prior to the week of the first round of the football playoffs.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of ten (10) regular season games and the opportunity to play regular season games shall conclude at the end of NFHS corresponding week 17. Through the 2016 season any school may play one of the allowable regular season games during Week 0 (normally NFHS corresponding week 7) provided that the total schedule does not exceed ten (10) regular season games and that the allowable number of scrimmages is reduced to one.
- e) Provided that at least one classification within the KHSAA conducts playoffs that last five (5) weeks, any school that chooses to compete for a district title and is placed in a classification where only four (4) weeks are needed to complete the playoffs may play an additional regular season contest (total of 11 contests), the last of which can be played during the first round of the playoffs for the other classifications.
- f) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end 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.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

BYLAW 6. TRANSFER RULE- CITIZENS OF THE U.S. OR U.S. TERRITORIES (2015-16)

Sec. 1) DOMESTIC STUDENT TRANSFER

- a) Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school while maintaining permanent residence in the United States or a United States territory following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who then transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any level in any sport for one year from the date of last participation in varsity interscholastic athletics.
- b) The Ruling Officer and Commissioner have discretion (but are not required) to waive the period of ineligibility set forth above if one or more of the following exceptions in Section 2 has been met.

Sec. 2) DISCRETIONARY EXCEPTIONS FOR WAIVER

- a) REASSIGNMENT BY BOARD OF EDUCATION- The period of ineligibility may be waived if the student has changed schools through a properly documented reassignment of the Board of Education to another school. To meet this exception for a reassignment, reasons for the assignment may include the closing or opening of a school due to consolidation, merger, opening of a new school, or another type of opening or closing or assignment through KRS 158.6455 or other applicable adopted regulation. In the case of a school closing or consolidation, such assignment may be to the public school district should a private, parochial or independent school close. For a multiple school district reallocating students to existing schools in a revised manner (redistricting), the exception shall be valid only on the first day of school for the student body following implementation of the redistricting plan, and does not apply before or after that date due to optional choices offered by the district.
Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this exception shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.
- b) TRANSFER FROM NONMEMBER SCHOOL – The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student transferring from a nonmember school located in Kentucky whose athletic participation has been limited primarily to other nonmember schools.
Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this exception shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.
- c) MILITARY ASSIGNMENT- The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student transferring in a situation where documentation is presented to verify that the change in education and living arrangements is directly related to an order from any branch of the United States military service, including the reserve components. Special verification may be requested including documentation of a Permanent Change of Station or Change of Duty Status. This may also include the case where the transfer is made necessary by implementation of the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children.
- d) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN RESIDENCE- The period of ineligibility may be waived 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 bona fide change of residence means the uninterrupted moving of the permanent residence of the entire family unit of the student as composed when the student was eligible at the sending school (including one or both parents if at that residence) 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. To be considered bona fide, the change must remain uninterrupted for the entire period during which the student would have been ineligible if the exception was not applied. A student who becomes emancipated does not have a bona fide change of residence by virtue of his or her emancipation and change of residence for purposes of satisfying this exception.
Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this exception shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.
- e) DIVORCE- The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event of a dissolution of marriage (i.e. a final and legally binding divorce decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) or properly recorded legal separation (i.e. a legally binding separation 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.

The grant of this waiver shall only apply to the member school in the school district in which the residence of the custodial parent is located.

Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this exception shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

- f) CHANGE IN SOLE CUSTODY- The KHSAA shall not recognize guardianship or similar arrangements made, for purposes of this bylaw. The period of ineligibility may be waived if it is shown that custody of the student has been taken from one or both parents and given to the other parent or a third person by a court of competent jurisdiction and under circumstances indicating: (1) the parent(s) are unfit or (2) the court finds that the health and welfare of the student would be better served by the change in custody.

The grant of this waiver shall only apply to the member school in the school district in which the residence of the custodial parent is located.

Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this exception shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

- g) CHANGE IN JOINT CUSTODY - In the event joint custody is awarded to both parents, for purposes of this bylaw, the student shall initially be eligible where either parent resides. The eligibility of a student may be restored one time if, after establishing eligibility and complying with the initial court order granting joint custody, a student relocates to permanently reside with the other custodial parent.

The grant of this waiver shall only apply to the member school in the school district in which the residence of the custodial parent is located.

After this one time move by the student to the other custodial parent all subsequent moves between parents shall require a period of ineligibility of one year.

Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this exception shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

- h) DEATH- The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event the death of one or both of the student's custodial parents creates the circumstances that the transfer to another secondary school is deemed appropriate.

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- i) BOARDING SCHOOLS- The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student entering a boarding school on a full-time basis as a boarding school student, or a student returning from a boarding school to the school attended immediately prior to enrollment in the boarding school; where attendance in the boarding school was required by order of the court or by recommendation of the principal of the school attended immediately prior to attendance at the boarding school.

A boarding school is defined as a school that has an enrolled resident boarding school population in the ninth through 12th grades of at least fifty (50) percent of the full-time student body for each of the last four years.

A boarding school must have appropriate dormitory facilities to house, feed and provide general living accommodations for boarding students, and must have properly trained supervisory personnel on duty at all times.

A boarding school must be recognized as a boarding school in its own literature and must be verified by the Kentucky Department of Education and/or the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

A boarding student, to qualify for the exception, must spend at least an average of five (5) days per week living and boarding on campus while school is in session. Coaches and other individuals employed by or associated with a boarding school's athletic program shall not serve as the boarding supervisor or otherwise live with boarding students in school housing.

Only those schools that qualify as boarding schools as defined herein may provide any assistance for room and board to students who participate in interscholastic athletics and only if such assistance is based on financial need. In no other schools may room and board expense be included in the determination of school expenses and financial need.

The Ruling Officer is required to have verification that the move to or from the boarding school is by order of the Principal (sending) or a court of competent jurisdiction in order for this exception to apply.

Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this exception shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

- j) CESSATION OF SCHOOL PROGRAM- The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event of a school remaining open but notifying the Association in writing that it is discontinuing its varsity participation in an Association sponsored sport (regular and postseason) in which the student had previously participated after enrolling in grade nine (9).

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REFERENCE INFORMATION – FOOTBALL CORRESPONDING DATES
KHSAA STANDARDIZED SCHEDULING CALENDAR - FOOTBALL

School representatives scheduling football contests over the next several seasons can use the following comparative corresponding date chart to determine the applicable playing week of the season					
Week	2014-15	2015-16	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Finals	11/30-12/6 (22)	11/29-12/5 (22)	11/27-12/3 (22)	11/26-12/2 (22)	11/25-12/1 (22)
Semi-Finals	11/28 (21)	11/27 (21)	11/25 (21)	11/24 (21)	11/23 (21)
Region	11/21 (20)	11/20 (20)	11/18 (20)	11/17 (20)	11/16 (20)
Second Round	11/14 (19)	11/13 (19)	11/11 (19)	11/10 (19)	11/9 (19)
First Round	11/7 (18)	11/6 (18)	11/4 (18)	11/3 (18)	11/2 (18)
Week 10	10/31 (17)	10/30 (17)	10/28 (17)	10/27 (17)	10/26 (17)
Week 9	10/24 (16)	10/23 (16)	10/21 (16)	10/20 (16)	10/19 (16)
Week 8	10/17 (15)	10/16 (15)	10/14 (15)	10/13 (15)	10/12 (15)
Week 7	10/10 (14)	10/9 (14)	10/7 (14)	10/6 (14)	10/5 (14)
Week 6	10/3 (13)	10/2 (13)	9/30 (13)	9/29 (13)	9/28 (13)
Week 5	9/26 (12)	9/25 (12)	9/23 (12)	9/22 (12)	9/21 (12)
Week 4	9/19 (11)	9/18 (11)	9/16 (11)	9/15 (11)	9/14 (11)
Week 3	9/12 (10)	9/11 (10)	9/9 (10)	9/8 (10)	9/7 (10)
Week 2	9/5 (9)	9/4 (9)	9/2 (9)	9/1 (9)	8/31 (9)
Week 1	8/29 (8)	8/28 (8)	8/26 (8)	8/25 (8)	8/24 (8)
Week 0	8/22 (7)	8/21 (7)	8/19 (7)	8/18 (7)	8/17 (7)
Contact/Full Gear	8/1	8/1	8/1	8/1	8/1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonvarsity games may be played on the day following the first varsity game • No games may be scheduled or played at any level following the Saturday of the week preceding the first round of the playoffs or prior to the first date for varsity play • Numbers in parenthesis refer to the National Federation Corresponding Date Master Chart 					