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, it is important to ensure that adequate preparation time is provided 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 Monday, August 14, this would allow only eight weekdays for contact practice prior to the 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.

Impact: Regulatory

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

Sec. 4) OTHER TRANSFERRING STUDENT RESTRICTIONS AND PROCEDURES

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PROPOSAL 2015-3

Proposed by Philip Haywood, Designated Representative, Belfry High School

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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.

d) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN RESIDENCE- The period of ineligibility may be waived if there has been 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.
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.

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

A waiver of the period of ineligibility is not required to be granted for those students satisfying one of the exceptions in Sec 2:

a) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining athletic eligibility;

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); or

(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).

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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:

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- 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
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