

**FALL 2024 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 17, 2024 FOR  
ADOPTION EFFECTIVE WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)  
(192 DELEGATES PRESENT, 128 REQUIRED FOR PASSAGE)**

Items which are underlined represent additions to current bylaw provisions, items struck through represent deletions

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**PROPOSAL 2024-01 – AMEND BYLAW 5 TO ALLOW FOR LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT A POLICY THAT WOULD ALLOW A  
STUDENT TO BECOME ELIGIBLE ACADEMICALLY PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT REQUIRED CREDIT PERIOD  
BASED ON LOCALLY DEVELOPED POLICIES PROVIDED THE STUDENT IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF OTHER BYLAWS**

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**(PASSED, FINAL VOTE: 189 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN, 3 PRESENT)**

**Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control on recommendation of the Commissioner as part of its required annual review of the Bylaws.**

Amend Bylaw 5 allows schools to have additional locally developed options to academically reinstate students failing to meet the Bylaw 5, Section 1 first day credit check.

Rationale- The area below that is shaded **yellow** represents changes made during 2023-2024 to allow for more local governance regarding academic eligibility. This proposal further provides for local district and system options.

This option emphasizes local governance and recognizes the many different local determinations being made regarding academic eligibility and places the authority at the school level. This proposal would permit a school to reinstate a student, within a locally developed policy, if that student has missed at least half of the credit period, the appropriate number of credits appear on the transcript.

With schools starting earlier and earlier each year, the opportunity for students to make up deficient course work is getting shorter and many of the students who need this extra time are those that greatly benefit academically, structurally, emotionally and otherwise by participation in sports and when that is lost for an entire credit period, that does not often have good outcomes for students.

**SEC. 1) PROPER GRADE LEVEL REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN GRADES 9 THROUGH 12 IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**a) First Day of School Year Earned Credit Check**

(1) On the first day of each school year, a student shall have been legally enrolled as a full-time student during the previous grading period and shall be on schedule to graduate with his or her class on the first day of school based on the number of credits officially recorded on the transcript.

(2) For the verification of this provision, all course work, including summer distance/online and correspondence work, and final grades shall be completed and posted to the transcript by the first day of the school year for the student body.

(3) No course work completed after the first day of the school year for the student body shall be used to make this determination.

(4) Any credit or course used to meet these standards must meet the following criteria:

a. Courses that are taught through distance learning, online, credit recovery, etc. shall be comparable in length, content, and rigor to courses taught in a traditional classroom setting and shall not be intended as a replacement for previously attempted course work;

b. Students may not skip lessons or test out of modules. For example, if a student is permitted to test out of portions of a repeated course, is exempted from certain modules, or finish the course in an abbreviated time frame, such a course would not be acceptable for use in the reinstatement determination;

c. The instructor and the student shall have ongoing access to, and regular interaction with, one another for purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance to the student throughout the course;

d. The student's work (e.g., exams, papers, assignments) shall be made available for evaluation and validation upon request;

e. Evaluation of the student's work shall be conducted by the appropriate academic authorities in accordance with the high school's established academic policies;

f. The course shall include a defined time period for completion and comparable to the same credit taught within the traditional school day;

g. The course must be acceptable for any student and the school's policies for such courses must be followed consistently for both student-athletes and non-athletes with no exceptions made for student-athletes;

h. The course must be substantially comparable, qualitatively and quantitatively (e.g., content, textbook, assessments, duration), to the course in the mainstream or regular curriculum;

i. The course provider must have the work to be completed online accepted by the NCAA as part of its review of Division I and II athletes seeking to enroll at a college or University; and

j. The course credit must be recorded on the student transcript before the day before the defined Sec. 2 period for which reinstatement is desired (subsequent trimester, semester or school year dependent upon school defined curriculum).

(5) The determination for reinstatement of eligibility and first available date of practice available under Sec. 1(b) of this bylaw shall be based on the originally published calendar submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education.

(6) Eligibility During First Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the ninth grade to be considered to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have been promoted from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9), and comply with all other bylaws.

(7) Eligibility During Second Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 10) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received twenty (20) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

(8) Eligibility During Third Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the third year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 11) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received forty-five (45) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the third year

following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

(9) Eligibility During Fourth Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 12) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received seventy (70) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

b) Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements on the First Day of School **and Having Been Ineligible for An Entire Credit Period Based on the School Schedule for Awarding Credits**

(1) Each member school, through its School Based Decision Making Council and Local School Board (or similarly constituted organizations in non-public schools) shall develop a written policy to determine the eligibility of students once they have been ineligible for the entire credit period;

(2) Such policy may require a portion or percentage of graduation requirements, fixed number of credits or other academic progress but must be such that it can be monitored and involve only course work (credits) officially posted to the transcript; and

(3) The written policy must be available for inspection by the Association staff if requested.

c) Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements on the First Day of School and Having Been Ineligible for at least one-half of the next credit period (when credits are recorded to the transcript, if:

(1) Each member school, through its School Based Decision Making Council and Local School Board (or similarly constituted organizations in non-public schools) may develop a written policy to determine the eligibility of students once they have been ineligible for at least one-half of the entire credit period;

(2) Such policy may require a portion or percentage of graduation requirements, fixed number of credits or other academic progress but must be such that it can be monitored and involve only course work (credits) officially posted to the transcript;

(3) Such policy may not permit a student to be eligible who at the time of the determination, is repeating a prior grade and such (or any) restoration may not be made while the student is repeating a prior grade; and

(4) The written policy must be available for inspection by the Association staff if requested.

Impact: Regulatory

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**PROPOSAL 2024-02 – AMEND BYLAW 23 TO ALIGN THE BEGINNING OF THE LIMITATION OF SEASONS FOR THE SPORT-ACTIVITIES WITH THE OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS COINCIDENT TO THE TIME OF THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WHILE LEAVING LOCAL OPTIONS FOR ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THOSE PERIODS**

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**(PASSED, FINAL VOTE: 190 YES, 1 NO, 0 ABSTAIN, 1 PRESENT)**

**Proposed by the David Zuberer, Athletic Director, DuPont Manual High School and the KHSAA Board of Control as part of its required annual review of the Bylaws.**

Amend Bylaw 23 To Align The Beginning Of The Limitation Of Seasons For The Sport-Activities With The Other Championships Coincident To The Time Of The State Championship While Leaving Local Options For Activities Outside Of Those Periods.

Rationale: The activities have a substantial number of participants and have been a positive addition. However, at the local level, in some cases, having the extra length on the season places a burden of facilities for our Athletic Directors. The Principals and Athletic Directors should be able to prioritize in-season sports and sport-activities first, and work in those out of season activities as time permits.

It must be notes that this does not preclude students from going to events while not officially representing their school or in other ways when such is approved by the Principal outside of the season.

**Bylaw 23. Limitation of Seasons**

**SEC. 15) SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS- OTHER SPORT-ACTIVITIES- ARCHERY- BOYS/COED AND GIRLS**

a) The first organized practice shall not take place before December 1 ~~October 1~~.

b) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA-sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA-sanctioned tournament play. Following the elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

c) From the start of the academic school year until the published first date of practice, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition outside of the defined season as detailed in subsections (a) and (b) above.

**SEC. 16) SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS- OTHER SPORT-ACTIVITIES- BASS FISHING- BOYS/COED AND GIRLS**

a) The first organized practice shall not take place before the Monday of Week 31 ~~October 1~~.

b) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA-sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA-sanctioned tournament play. Following the elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

c) From the start of the academic school year until the published first date of practice, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition outside of the defined season as detailed in subsections (a) and (b) above.

**SEC. 17) SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS- OTHER SPORT-ACTIVITIES- BOWLING- BOYS/COED AND GIRLS**

a) The first organized practice shall not take place before October 15 ~~October 1~~.

b) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA-sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA-sanctioned tournament play. Following the elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of

the academic school year.

- c) From the start of the academic school year until the published first date of practice, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition outside of the defined season as detailed in subsections (a) and (b) above.

SEC. 18) SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS- OTHER SPORT-ACTIVITIES- COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING (INTERSCHOLASTIC SPIRIT)

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place before July 15.
- b) The opportunity to enter competitive cheerleading contests ends at all levels (grades 9-12) for that academic year on March 1, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA-sanctioned tournament play. Following the elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- c) In April of each school year, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition outside of the defined season as detailed in subsections (a) and (b) above.

SEC. 19) SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS- OTHER SPORT-ACTIVITIES- DANCE

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place before July 15.
- b) The opportunity to enter Dance contests ends at all levels (grades 9-12) for that academic year on March 15, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA-sanctioned tournament play. Following the elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- c) In April of each school year, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition outside of the defined season as detailed in subsections (a) and (b) above.

Impact: Regulatory