



BASKETBALL

**2021 DISTRICT/REGIONAL
TOURNAMENT INSTRUCTIONS
FOR MANAGERS, PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND FANS**

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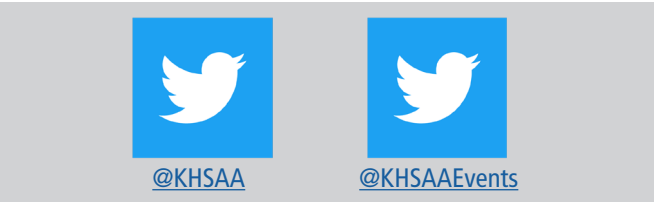
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COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The KHSAA's complete "Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Winter Sports & Sport Activities" document for basketball can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3nIHNBW>.

In addition to basketball specific guidance, this document includes guidance for all sports, officials and officiating, COVID-19 Medical Evaluation and Return-to-Play protocol, as well as the KHSAA's COVID-19 Return to Play Form. The information in this document should be thoroughly reviewed by all managers, participants and spectators attending a district or regional tournament.

REMINDER - Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 or failing the required temperature check shall not be admitted.

Guidance is categorized into three areas:

- **REQUIRED-** These standards are required at all sanctioned contests.
- **RECOMMENDED-** These standards are best practices during all contests during the pandemic and are therefore recommended for all contests.
- **CONSIDER-** While these items are also best practices during this time, local site discretion should be exercised to determine if these items are practical and feasible for use at the contest.

MASKS, FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE

Public Health Standards and General Areas of Consideration for Both Practices and Contests by Students, Staff and all Involved

BASIC MASK/FACE COVERING INFORMATION

All individuals entering a venue before, during, and after a contest shall wear a mask/face covering. (REQUIRED)

All administrators, spectators, workers, coaches and non-competitors, including substitutes and sideline cheerleaders (when not involved in permitted legal stunting) shall wear a mask/face covering at all times. (REQUIRED)

Only the exercising athletes and assigned contest officials in the game on the court/field/mat at that specific moment are exempt from wearing a mask/face covering at all times. (REQUIRED)

A "gaiter" with multiple layers of cloth complies with this requirement provided it is properly worn covering the nose and mouth when the player is not participating and can easily slip down around the neck during participation. (RECOMMENDED)

Anyone who is not engaged in strenuous physical activity is to be wearing a mask/face covering. (REQUIRED)

All spectators and non-competitors in the contest at that moment, must wear masks unless they are eating or drinking at the moment. (REQUIRED)

- At outdoor events only, if spectators are seated in groups involving only members of the permanent residence household and they are six-feet away from all other individuals, the mask is not required once seated but is recommended. (RECOMMENDED)
- At indoor events, masking is required all the time unless eating or drinking at that moment. (REQUIRED)
- If individuals move or are moving to another venue location, they are to wear masks when moving. (REQUIRED)

At all practices and contests, it is expected that these standards for universal masking be applied (with the exception of the participating athletes and contest officials during actual play) at all facilities and that patrons should be escorted out of the event if they refuse to comply. (RECOMMENDED)

Being more than six-feet away from other individuals does NOT waive the requirement to wear a mask unless all of the group resides in the same household at an outdoor event.

MASK/FACE COVERINGS DURING WORKOUTS, PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS BY ATHLETES

A mask/face covering is permitted for all participants at any time.

If a mask becomes saturated with moisture from breathing or sweat, a coach or athlete should change into a dry mask as a wet mask is less efficient at filtering bacteria and viruses.

Masks should only be worn once during practice, workouts, or competition and then replaced with a fresh mask.

All reusable cloth masks should be cleaned ideally in a washer with hot water and soap and then dried before the next use.

Ironing a cloth on the highest setting possible for the material can also assist with disinfection after washing and drying.

There are now multiple commercial reusable mask options available for use during exercise.



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SOCIAL DISTANCING (ALL REQUIRED WHERE PRACTICAL AND FEASIBLE)

Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained at all times, where feasible for all involved in the contests, but required for spectators at all times.

No hugging, high fives, shaking hands, or fist bumps for support/encouragement.

Behavior shall be modeled by adults, who must insist on compliance by students.

Social distancing shall be maintained during the National Anthem and on sidelines.

Outdoor sports may need to extend bench areas to permit social distancing.

Indoor sports may need to use lower-level bleachers or multiple levels of seating to ensure social distancing among team members before addressing attendees.

Be mindful as we teach the students, it won't be like this forever!

CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER GUIDANCE

All individuals involved in the athletic program are expected to reference all guidance standards, including those in this sports-specific guidance and the All Sports Guidance document.

If there is an ambiguity between recommended guidelines, the most stringent should apply, and deference shall be given to the KHSAA Return to Play Material as other resources amend their guidance later.

These differences in the guidance are necessitated by the differences in sports, facilities, geographic areas, and pronounced differences during normal years and magnified this school year.

Portions of the basketball specific section of the document are included below.

BASKETBALLS AND BASKETBALL CLEANING

4-1- The host school should ensure that the ball is sanitized during time-outs and between quarters. (REQUIRED)

Separate baskets/racks of balls for warm-ups (one basket/rack used by the home team and one basket/rack used by the visiting team). (CONSIDER)

The ball may be switched as often as can efficiently allow for sanitization and return, up to and including changing balls each play.

There should be an attempt to keep at least three good game balls always available, one in play, one being cleaned, and one ready for the next play.

Spalding Sport Ball cleaning recommendations follow CDC, state, and local guidelines for health and safety.

The following link provides common definitions for Sterilization, Disinfection, and Cleaning in Healthcare Facilities, but may be useful for one attempting to clean a ball (including; basketball, softball, football, soccer, volleyball, and baseball) with cover material made of leather, composite, or PU leather - <https://bit.ly/31qomK9>

To ensure applicable health and safety protocols, the user is responsible for determining the best method based on ball covering material, playing environment, and cleaning intervals.

Soap and Water Method

- Dirt and debris can be removed by using a damp cloth with soap and water, using moderate pressure.
- Be careful not to oversaturate the ball.
- Allow to air dry.

Disinfecting Wipe Method

- Limited disinfecting may be achieved by using a disinfecting wipe and moderate pressure to wipe the entire surface of the ball.
- Be careful not to oversaturate the ball.
- Allow to air dry.

Spalding does not recommend using bleach and alcohol-based cleaning products, or excessively frequent cleanings, as those may degrade ball covering material and ball markings, and impact overall ball performance.

Spalding will continue to review all available information and will update recommendations as new developments occur.



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ADMINISTRATIVE AND COURT SETUP

(ALL ADOPTED AS REQUIRED FOR 2020-21 UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)

Suspend pregame protocol of shaking hands during introductions and suspend postgame protocol of shaking hands.

Before, during, and after the contest, players, coaches, game officials, team personnel, and game administration officials should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible.

Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times while on the sidelines and on the field of play when possible.

Everyone should have their drink container that is not shared.

Cloth face coverings are permissible for all coaches and team staff and all game administration officials.

Gloves are permissible for all coaches and team staff and all game administration officials.

Try and limit the number of non-essential personnel who are on the bench throughout the contest.

If available, dressing facilities for game officials and teams should be large enough for them to use social-distancing protocols and shall be properly cleaned and sanitized before their arrival.

Rosters are restricted to a limit of 15 players in uniform and participating in warm-ups and competition.

All non-uniformed team members who are not essential to game management shall be seated in the bleachers or general seating and able to socially distance from other groups.

Consider seating fans opposite teams benches and separated from one another to promote social distancing.

Facilities should consider placing team benches opposite the spectator seating. (RECOMMENDED)

1-13-1- Team Benches-Social distancing should be practiced when possible including additional rows being held behind the team benches to allow for spacing of players.

1-31-1- Additional chairs or rows may be added to allow bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet or greater.

1-31-1- Create separation between the team bench and the spectator seating behind the bench.

1-31-1- Limit contact between players when substituting.

1-31-1- Limit the number of bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet or greater and do not allow non-essential personnel to be on the bench.

1-31-1- Personnel not in the game should adhere to any required local/state face-covering requirements.

2-1-3- Table personnel should adhere to any required local/state face-covering requirements.

2-1-3- Limit seats at the table to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommended distance of 6 feet or greater between individuals.

2-1-3- Other personnel (visiting scorer, statisticians, media, etc.) may be deemed non-essential personnel and consider an alternate location for them. (RECOMMENDED)

2-1-3- Place officials table sufficiently away from the sideline to allow for additional space for substitutes to ensure social distancing.

2-1-3- The host should sanitize the official's table before the game and at half time.

4-1- Sanitizer should be provided by the host team at the officials' table.

4-1- Cloth face coverings are permissible for players.

Pre-Game- Suspend the pregame introduction handshakes, fist bumps, bro hugs, etc.

Post-Game- Suspend post-game protocol of handshakes, fist bumps, bro hugs, etc.

OFFICIATING (RULES) (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)

Eliminate the jump ball and award the choice of first possession of the ball to the team winning a coin toss, called by the home team. (REQUIRED)

The alternating possession arrow will then reset by rule when the initial throw-in is complete. (REQUIRED)

To start an overtime period, use a coin toss, called by the visiting team, to determine which team is awarded the ball. (REQUIRED)

Subsequent overtime periods will be started with possession by the team based on the alternating possession arrow. (REQUIRED)



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OFFICIATING (MECHANICS) (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)

3-4-5- Limit attendees in the pre-game conference to the referee and the head coach from each team with each coach standing on the center circle on each side of the division line with all individuals maintaining a social distance of 6 feet or greater at the center circle. (REQUIRED)

3-4-5- Suspend handshakes before and following the Pregame Conference. (REQUIRED)

4-1- The ball should be provided to officials in the locker room, where it is sanitized as recommended by the ball manufacturer and not used for warm-ups. (REQUIRED)

5-3- Officials should not be required to wear jackets during pre-game court/player observation. (RECOMMENDED)

The official may stand 6 feet or greater away from the player making the throw-in and bounce the ball to that player on a front court throw-in. (REQUIRED)

The lead official shall stand on the end line and bounce the ball to the free thrower. (REQUIRED)

DUTIES SUMMARY STATEMENT

Refer to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Handbook rules and regulations governing basketball tournaments, which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

You should familiarize yourself with these provisions and review them at your meetings to ensure understanding from the coaches and the management of a smooth event.

Managers should make every effort to assure equal consideration for the boys' and girls' tournaments, and in particular, discussions related to the scheduling or regional tournament games.

Managers should note a special instruction in this manual as it relates to the role of the tournament manager in scheduling contests in case of inclement weather or other unforeseen problems.

Any required forms for your reports are included at the end of these instructions as links.

KHSAA CONTACT LIST

The primary contacts for basketball are Commissioner Julian Tackett (jtackett@khsaa.org), Associate Commissioner Butch Cope (bcupe@khsaa.org) and the Commissioner's Assistant Kara Howard (khoward@khsaa.org).

Media related questions should be directed to the Association's Communications Director, Joe Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org).

REFERENCE TO TEAM ALIGNMENT

Teams are aligned into 64 districts within 16 regions as detailed in the KHSAA Competition Rules.

If a school is not on the current list of teams and desires to be entered, contact Commissioner Tackett.

ALLOWABLE DISTRICT COMPETITION DATES

The district basketball tournament dates are March 15-20.

By unanimous vote of the competing teams, district play may begin as early as the Saturday prior due to facility or scheduling issues, provided all teams have completed regular-season play on or before the previous Friday.

- March 10, 2021 - Final date to play a district seeded game

ALLOWABLE REGIONAL COMPETITION DATES

The regional basketball tournament dates are March 22-27.

With approval from the Commissioner and a unanimous vote of the participating teams, a region tournament (boys or girls) may begin on the Saturday prior, provided all district play has been completed by the previous Thursday to allow for a meeting of the participating schools on Friday.

With approval from the Commissioner and a unanimous vote of the participating teams, a region tournament (boys or girls) may begin on the Sunday prior, provided all district play has been completed by the previous Friday to allow for a meeting of the participating schools on Saturday.

- In regions played at neutral or municipal facilities, the facility may require specific play dates which would negate the schools' ability to change the game times at the region meeting.



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- The same limitations with game times may also be necessary when boys' and girls' regions are held at the same school site.

Boys' regional tournaments shall be completed no later than Saturday night prior to the Boys' State Tournament in years when the boys' state is played first, but may extend until Tuesday before the girls' state tournament if the boys' is played second.

Girls' regional tournaments shall be completed no later than Saturday night prior to the Girls' State Tournament in years when the girls' state is played first, but may extend until Tuesday before the boys' state tournament if the girls' is played second.

- With approval from the Commissioner and a unanimous vote of the participating teams, or approval of the Commissioner due to extenuating facility scheduling circumstances, a boys' or girls' regional tournament may end on Sunday.

TICKETS

Schools should be reminded that this is not a "home" game for either team and as such, the ticketing policies shall be the same for all competing teams.

If reserved seats are sold, they shall be made available to all teams.

Ticker allocations shall keep in mind that all current public health guidelines are KHSAA recommendations.

All ticketing should be done using paperless ticketing. (RECOMMENDED)

PRE-TOURNAMENT MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

COMPLETE TOURNAMENT MANAGER'S FORM

Complete the District (GE55) or Regional (GE56) Tournament Manager's Form to provide general information about your event. Keep KHSAA staff informed of any changes to the form after it has been submitted. Links to both forms are included at the end of these instructions.

REQUIRED DISTRICT TOURNAMENT MEETING

Download all appropriate forms and materials from the KHSAA website.

Invite each member school to your meeting, reminding them to have updated their online roster prior to the first date for district play and that the postseason roster online will be the sole source for verification.

The standard date for this meeting is the second Sunday prior to the start of tournament play.

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the participating teams, the meeting should begin at 2 p.m. local time.

See the Competition Rules on allowances for conducting the meeting on a different date and/or time.

The use of a virtual meeting is permitted and recommended.

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT MEETING MODEL AGENDA

- Call to order
- Designate someone to take and maintain the minutes for the district as this is critical in the event of a future seeding or site selection dispute and solves a lot of arguments that may occur later due to turnover
- Discuss the "KHSAA Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Winter Sports and Sport-Activities" document for basketball (<https://bit.ly/3nIHNBW>)
- Discuss seeding plan as currently listed on the KHSAA website and consider necessary revisions while trying to envision all possibilities
- Discuss any necessary modifications to seeding play, being mindful that changes require a majority vote
- Teams in three (3) and four (4)-team districts shall discuss specific KHSAA Competition Rules for the rare case of a district withdrawing from postseason competition once schedules have been made for the following season
- Complete Form GE54 (District Tournament Seeding Plan) and submit to KHSAA using the link at the end of these instructions
- Discuss future sites and review site selection plan to ensure accuracy
- Specifically ensure that the site of the subsequent year's tournament is clearly defined and recorded as the starting point
- Double check compliance with KHSAA Competition Rules regarding site criteria
- Complete Form GE57 (District Site Selection Plan) immediately and submit to KHSAA
- Discuss tournament expenses such as PA, Scorer/Timer, Statistics, Security, Medical and Other (majority vote required at



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district meeting for approval)

- Conduct Draw/Seed placement
- Complete KHSAA Bracket form for your district size and submit to KHSAA immediately at brackets@khsaa.org
- Provide a copy of the bracket for all teams

FUTURE DISTRICT SITES

Copies of the current site selection and seeding plans are listed on the KHSAA website to review.

The manager should review the site selection schedule and the seeding and tiebreaker plans (listed at the links at the end of these instructions) with all schools in the district at the meeting.

Changes to the district site selection plan require a majority vote of the participating schools.

The Competition Rules and Board of Control policy allows each member school a chance to host and receive the corresponding financial rewards.

The Competition Rules and Board of Control policy does not require play at a specific school site if it does not have the proper capacity or fails to meet any other standard.

Schools in the district shall decide the viability of sites desiring to hold district tournaments with disputes resolved by the Commissioner.

A site's viability to hold the tournament should be based on the following criteria:

- Satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five (5) years) and expected attendance
- Enough dressing rooms if doubleheaders are to be played
- An officials dressing room
- Adequate parking for projected attendance
- Meeting any published site selection criteria for basketball as posted on the KHSAA website

The schools in the district may adopt an equitable plan for non-hosting schools to be given additional shares or other financial compensation if that school does not desire to serve as the host at a qualifying site.

The site selection plan is to be considered from the list of possible sites, factoring in that all schools should be given a chance (if desired) to host, even if it isn't played at that school's home gym.

If changes or corrections are made to the district tournament site selection plan, complete KHSAA Form GE57 and submit it to the Association immediately following the meeting.

For regional tournaments that rotate site selection recommendations by district (i.e. Region 10, 11, 13 and 16), this district tournament meeting should be the opportunity to begin discussion about which sites meet the criteria to hold the region.

The district schools should plan long term recommendations within the district as to those region hosts, and report such decisions to the regional manager for reporting to the KHSAA following verification with the principals.

If there is a disagreement, the Commissioner's office shall serve as the final resolution and the KHSAA staff can assist in that determination.

The Commissioner's office may, if needed, adjust the site selection plan and eliminate sites that are deemed to be unable to host the tournament.

DISTRICT SEEDING PLANS

Copies of the current district seeding plans documents on the KHSAA website for review.

At the district tournament meeting, a decision shall be made whether or not to change the previous seeding decisions for the district.

A majority vote is required and failure to reach it means the district will not change the previous seeding decision.

Per Bylaw 22, all schools should be aware that by adopting a seeding plan, all schools are entering into an enforceable contract whether or not a signed contract is executed.

Any seeding decisions made at these meetings shall be in effect no earlier than the subsequent playing season.

Once it has been determined to seed a district with four (4) or more teams, the method of seeding shall be decided such as:

- How many times are teams going to play each other, for example, if more than once, which one is the tiebreaker?



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- What are other tiebreakers in the event more than two (2) teams are tied? This will become the official record for the future, so all possible tie-breakers should be discussed.
- What basic criteria shall be used for seeding.

For districts with three (3) teams, the teams shall decide if they will play once or twice for postseason seeding.

- The decision must be by majority vote, and updates shall be made using Form GE54.
- The tie-breakers for three-team districts (or four-team districts that end up with only three (3) teams playing due to withdrawal) are set by the KHSAA Competition Rules.

For districts with four (4) teams, a decision shall be made as to the seeding pattern if one (1) team were to withdraw prior to postseason play the following year.

Seeding methods shall be on file in writing with the KHSAA and all tiebreakers shall be included.

Examples of possible seeding criteria are listed in the Competition Rules.

Ties not addressed by the plan on file will be broken by the KHSAA by comparative RPI values on the date following the seeded district deadline (final Wednesday of regular season).

All decisions regarding seeding of a district tournament shall be made prior to the start of the regular season, including but not limited to, seeding method and criteria.

Seeding decisions and the method used shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools in the district changes the decision for future play.

DISTRICT SEEDING CHANGES FOR 2020-21 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

If teams within a district play multiple times, the first game played shall be counted as the seeded game. (REQUIRED)

In all seeded games, those canceled due to the pandemic or mandatory quarantines, the current provision of counting a contest unable to be played or rescheduled will be implemented as a win and loss for both teams when calculating winning percentage. (REQUIRED)

Staff will intercede and resolve contest disputes as necessary.

REQUIRED REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MEETING

Download all appropriate forms and materials from the KHSAA website.

Notice of the regional meeting shall be sent to the Principal or Designated Representative of all schools in the region, even if not competing, if future site selection is to be considered and discussed.

The regional meetings are to be held on the Sunday prior to the tournament for the purpose of drawing the tournament bracket.

- A region meeting may be scheduled on an earlier date provided all district tournament games have been played and there is unanimous agreement to do so by the tournament participants.
 - o Region schools may schedule an earlier meeting to discuss preliminary tournament logistics, but all decisions made at that meeting must be confirmed by the competing teams once all entrants are known.

Unless otherwise agreed upon by the participating teams, the meeting should begin at 2 p.m. local time.

- It's not required that all meetings begin at the same time, but final logistical meetings to agree on financial decisions and tournament draws may not be held until all district games are completed.

The use of a virtual meeting is permitted and recommended.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MEETING MODEL AGENDA

- Call to order
- Designate someone to take and maintain minutes for the region as this is critical in the event of future site selection dispute and solves a lot of arguments that may occur later due to turnover
- Discuss the "KHSAA Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Winter Sports and Sport-Activities" document for basketball (<https://bit.ly/3nIHNBW>)
- Discuss future sites (this discussion must involve all teams in the region, not just tournament participants)
- The final decision over future sites rests with the Commissioner, guided by input from the Principals or Designated Representatives of the member schools
- Review site selection and ensure accuracy



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- Double check compliance with KHSAA Competition Rules regarding site criteria
- Complete Form GE58 (Region Site Selection Plan) immediately following meeting
- Discuss tournament expenses such as PA, Scorer/Timer, Statistics, Security, Medical and Other (majority vote required at region meeting for approval)
- Conduct draw
- Copy draw to all teams
- Complete KHSAA Bracket Form for tournament and submit to KHSAA immediately at brackets@khsaa.org
- Provide a copy of the bracket for all teams

FUTURE REGIONAL SITES DISCUSSION

All schools should be reminded that the region sites are selected solely by the Commissioner, who is guided by, but not bound by, an adopted site selection plan.

Copies of the current site selection plan are listed on the KHSAA website for reference.

The region schools shall discuss a sites viability to hold the tournament, including neutral sites, based on the following criteria:

- Satisfactory capacity within the gym to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance, including all participants, band members, non-competing teams and any other non-ticketed admission.
- A minimum of four (4) dressing rooms if doubleheaders are to be played.
- An officials dressing room.
- Adequate parking for projected attendance.
- Meeting any published site selection criteria for basketball as posted on the KHSAA website.

The Region Manager should review the site selection schedule with all schools at the meeting and ensure that consideration is given to schools that may not be competing in the regional that year.

Discuss site selection first, and then the non-competing teams may be dismissed so that the logistics of the current year's tournament can be discussed and decided upon by the participating teams.

Changes to the region site rotation recommendation require a 2/3 vote of the region schools, but constitute only a recommendation to the Commissioner.

The recommended site selection plan is to be submitted electronically using Form GE58 (Region Site Selection Plan) to the Commissioner's office to be used as input for future years.

DEVELOPMENT OF INFO DOCUMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS

Develop an information document for participants, including the schedule of events, any on-site meeting information, site specifics and directions to the venue.

This document shall include any COVID-19 requirements or adjustments made for the event.

HOST SITE ADMINISTRATOR

The KHSAA requires a tournament administrator, other than the coach, at the host site.

Since the coach needs to devote full attention to the team, someone other than the coach must deal with any outside difficulties.

The host site administrator is responsible for adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with normal home event procedures and duties shall be considered mandatory.

VENUE LOGISTICS

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The host is responsible for adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with normal home event procedures.

SIGNAGE, BALLOONS, NOISEMAKERS AND BAND PERFORMANCES

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.

The signs/banners must be handheld or attached in a manner not to damage the existing structure



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The signs/banner shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate game management cues are not permitted inside the facility. These items include, but are not limited to: air horns, electronic amplifiers, portable sound systems, instruments that require additional electricity, game clock horns and whistles.

Artificial noisemakers (non-mechanical and non-powered) are permitted provided they do not interfere with game administration, however, the admittance of the items is a venue specific decision.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are not permitted at the event.

Only venue provided amplified music and band performances are permissible, but only during pregame, natural and planned breaks/timeouts and when the clock is stopped and the ball is not in play.

The admission of school pep bands is a local decision. Admitted bands are permitted to play during warm-ups, halftime and time outs, but not while the ball is in play.

WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Coaches and athletes are reminded to bring their own water bottles and no community dispensers can be used.

Refer to the "All Sports Guidance" section of the "Healthy at Sports" document (<https://bit.ly/3nIHNBW>) for multiple references to water, hydration and food guidelines.

ENTRY, ROSTERS, DRAW, FORMAT

TOURNAMENT ENTRY

All eligible teams participate in a district tournament.

Withdrawal from tournament play following the setting of the bracket for the district tournament shall result in a penalty per Bylaw 27 unless approved in advance by the Commissioner.

For region, the winner and runner-up from each district tournament advance.

Withdrawals from the postseason due to COVID-19 will not be penalized.

POSTSEASON ROSTERS

Postseason participants must be designated from the freshmen, junior varsity or varsity rosters, which are maintained through the KHSAA member school website throughout the regular season.

Roster revisions must be made before the first date of the postseason when online rosters are closed and considered final.

Schools must log into the KHSAA website and designate their postseason roster, which is separate from the regular-season varsity roster.

Only players appearing on the school's postseason roster as of the first date of the postseason are eligible to participate in any round. No additional players may be added to the roster following that deadline, including those teams that advance to the state tournament.

The online, postseason roster may be printed from the KHSAA website as the valid listing of available players.

This roster information is also used for advance preparations for state qualifying teams.

ROSTERS DURING DISTRICT/REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS

No more than 15 players may be in game uniform for any tournament game, but are not required to be the same players for all games of a tournament.

The 15 players shall come from the online postseason roster.

No individual, other than the 15 players in uniform, shall be allowed to participate in warm-up exercises.

All non-uniformed team members who are not essential to game management shall be seated in the bleachers or general seating and able to socially distance from other groups.

Tournament Managers should print a new copy of each team's roster near the close of business on the first day of district play as a final list from which coaches can designate the 15 players to be used in each game.

No Tournament Manager or group of tournament participants may set aside the roster limitations.



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MINIMUM TIME BETWEEN CONTESTS - COVID-19 GUIDANCE

As we continually review public health data, consult with the Department for Public Health, and refer to our own "Healthy at Sports" guidance document, a standard minimum time between the start of contests at the district and regional postseason events has again been established as was the case in the fall. These minimum times and spacing guidelines will also be utilized in planning KHSAA State Championship Events, likely to an even greater extent.

Per the KHSAA's "Healthy at Sports" guidance document, in events where more than two (2) schools are involved, it is required for there to be time between contests for egress of fans and participants, sanitization of equipment and restrooms, and ingress of the teams for the next game. In considering this requirement, a realistic standard has been developed.

When developing brackets for basketball, there should be a minimum of two (2) hours between the start of contests being held on the same day involving different schools. For example, if the first game of a district tournament doubleheader is scheduled for 5 p.m., the second game should not be scheduled to begin until at least 7:00 p.m.

District and Region Managers are reminded to send their completed brackets, following the requirements described above, to brackets@khsaa.org.

PROCEDURES FOR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT DRAW AND BRACKETS

After brackets are established by noon on Saturday, any withdrawal from the district or region tournament will be recorded as a forfeit/walkover and a 2-0 final score.

Each district tournament shall draw (or place if seeded) teams into the appropriate bracket depending upon how many teams are in the district.

A link to all blank KHSAA brackets is available at the end of these instructions.

The team in the upper half of the bracket in a non-seeded tournament will be the home team. If a tournament is seeded, the highest seed shall be the home team.

REPORTING DISTRICT BRACKETS

The District Manager is to provide the bracket to media outlets and email it to the KHSAA immediately following the draw at brackets@khsaa.org.

PROCEDURES FOR REGIONAL TOURNAMENT DRAW

Review the tournament rules concerning a regional draw, which make it impossible for a winner and corresponding runner-up in a district to meet before the final regional game.

Each region shall draw teams into the standard regional bracket, which can be obtained via the KHSAA website or at the link at the end of these instructions.

The draw should first place the four (4) district winners in their respective bracket positions.

The draw should then place the two (2) district runners-up in the top bracket that are not in the two (2) regions that drew into the top bracket.

The placement concludes with the draw of the two (2) remaining district runners-up in the bottom bracket that are not in the two (2) districts that drew into the bottom bracket.

REPORTING REGIONAL BRACKETS

The Region Manager is to provide the bracket to media outlets and email it to the KHSAA immediately following the draw at brackets@khsaa.org.

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POINTS OF EMPHASIS

FORMAT OF EVENT

District and Regional Tournaments are single-elimination events and NFHS playing rules will be used without exception.

PLAYING REGULATIONS

Member schools are not permitted to practice for, travel to or participate in an interscholastic athletic contest in violation of Kentucky Department of Education regulations regarding the six-hour school day.



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HOME TEAM AND JERSEY COLORS

The team in the upper half of a non-seeded bracket will be the home team, and will wear white jerseys.

If a tournament is seeded, the highest seed (lowest mathematical number) shall be the home team, and will wear white jerseys.

REQUIRED BALL TYPE

The KHSAA has an exclusive agreement with Spalding as its official basketball.

Under no circumstances can a non-Spalding basketball be used in postseason play.

Balls are not provided for district tournaments, however, only Spalding brand basketballs may be used during the tournaments.

The NFHS logo is required on these balls, but not the KHSAA logo.

Through the KHSAA agreement with Spalding, two (2) basketballs are provided for use in the regional tournaments and these are being shipped to the Region Manager for use and "break-in" prior to the event.

CONTEST COMPLETION REMINDER

Postseason tournaments are single elimination.

The district winners and runners-up advance to the regional tournaments.

The region winners advance to the KHSAA State Tournaments.

PROCEDURE FOR GETTING OFFICIALS AND FEES

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

In compliance with the Federal Court Decree, the Commission composed of the Commissioner and the four (4) assistants will assign all officials.

After the Commission has made its selections, the District Manager will be notified concerning the district tournament assignments.

In most cases, a local assigning secretary will serve as the liaison with the KHSAA and will contact the District Manager regarding the official assignments.

When two (2) consecutive games are played per session, six (6) officials will be assigned.

Each district tournament official shall receive a fee of \$85 per game for a three-person crew, which is a mandatory fee per the Board of Control and may not be altered.

There is no additional allowance for mileage paid to the officials.

Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc., shall be at the discretion of the District Manager and must be approved in advance by the Commissioner.

The same fees apply to both boys' and girls' tournament officials.

Refer all conflicts in regard to mileage or other payments to officials to the KHSAA office.

Officials should be contacted upon receipt of assignments from the assigner.

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BYLAW 22 REMINDER

REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS

You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a principal, coach or another approved individual of the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school. A pertinent section of the bylaw is included below.

BYLAW 22, SECTION 8

"The principal, coach or another individual approved by the local Board of Education shall accompany the team to all contests and his or her expenses, when he or she accompanies the contestants, shall be paid in the same manner as those of the contestants. Individuals fulfilling this requirement shall adhere to the requirements of KRS 161.185."

SECURITY

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Manager to secure adequate police protection and other security precautions as necessary.

While many schools have adequate measures in place regarding safety and security at athletic contests, all members are reminded of the importance of this provision.

The National Federation continues to remind all state associations of the importance of member schools understanding the necessity for adequate security.

Crowd control is important and we ask schools to take every precaution to protect the athletes, fans and general public. The Tournament Manager should ensure the supervision of fans, watching for inappropriate behavior. During sportsmanship announcements, remind fans that foul language and harassment of officials is strictly prohibited.

After the games, have the officials escorted to the locker room and/or parking lot.

While acknowledging the expense of security, it is noted that this should be an integral part of your planning process and is a KHSAA requirement at postseason contests.

MEDICAL PROVISIONS

The host school is responsible for securing medical coverage for the event including athletic trainers and alerting local ambulance service to serve in an on-call status if such cannot be present at the competition site.

It is strongly recommended that the authorized medical coverage be staffed by individuals who can determine whether or not a suspected concussion has occurred per 160.445(3)(a) and the KHSAA Board of Control policies, page 10 of the document.

Any fees associated with providing medical coverage should be taken from gate receipts prior to any distribution.

There is no requirement that an ambulance be on site for all play, however the local administering agency shall be notified in advance and placed "on call" if an ambulance is not available on site.

The KHSAA has long recommended, and continues to recommend, that medical coverage be present at all athletic practices and contests.

Due to the unique skill set of Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainers it is recommended that one of these individuals be present at all practices and contests.

It is also strongly recommended that the member schools utilize only Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainers per the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, and not members of any other vocation making this claim but without this legal designation.



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While acknowledging the expense of providing a Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainer, it is nonetheless noted that this shall be an integral part of your contest planning process.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Each tournament manager is expected to have and maintain an emergency action plan that should be distributed to all teams and incorporated into the public address announcer's script.

Emergency action plans shall be practiced and referred to prior to competition.

Before to the start of a contest, the tournament manager should identify themselves and establish a designated area where they can be reached in the event of an emergency.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event that changes are made to the schedule due to inclement weather, ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified. The tournament manager shall also report the revisions to KHSAA Communications Director Joe Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org) to ensure the Rihards.com/KHSAA Scoreboard is updated.

While it would be ideal if all parties could meet and agree on any rescheduling of games necessitated by inclement weather or other natural events, this may not be practical.

It is the duty of the tournament manager to work with KHSAA staff in regard to rescheduling in the event of postponement.

During this time of year, the weather can always become an issue.

Keep the following points in mind when making rescheduling decisions:

- Regional tournament rescheduling decisions shall be made in consultation with the Commissioner.
- Games shall be scheduled to where the boys' and girls' teams from the same school are not forced to play on the same day unless approved by the Commissioner.
- If the tournament is down to two (2) teams, then it may be in the best interest to move the finals to a gym in closer proximity to the two competing teams.
- While moving the tournament to a gym closer to the two (2) competing teams is not an optimal choice, it is one that should be considered as it may lead to games being able to be completed.
- In rescheduling discussions, tournament managers shall determine if any of the remaining teams have WRITTEN policies against Sunday play, not a coaching desire or preference, but a written policy, including the host facility.
- Absent a written policy, managers shall consider the option of playing on Sunday if a day of play is lost.
- If Friday play is lost then there are a couple of obvious options, including playing both the semifinals and finals of the region on Saturday; playing the semifinals on Saturday and the finals on Sunday afternoon.
- Other alternative schedules should be considered if play can be conducted on Friday, but unable to play the final game on Saturday, including the finals being played on Sunday afternoon.
- If Sunday play is used, it is important that the manager try and schedule the game in the mid afternoon as this is less likely to impact other activities normally conducted on Sunday morning or Sunday night, and still give the people in most regions the opportunity to honor previous commitments, and still get to the game.
- Monday play in boys' regionals prior to the girls' state tournament is not permitted without expressed permission from the Commissioner as allowing such play will naturally put those students from those regions in a position to have negative issues at state play including the loss of preparation time, lack of recognition ability in such items as programs and novelty sales items, and the potential competitive imbalance created by a region finishing appreciably earlier than the opponent's region.
- Once schedule revisions are made, contact the Scoreboard voice mail number, 800-453-6882 with the revised dates to try and keep media and fan types from continually calling and inquiring, and allow our office to serve as a central release point.
- Make certain that the tournament manager has contacted the local assigning secretary responsible for sending officials to the region with any changes.

MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA, and as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.



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In general, management of the execution of those assignments is assigned to the host KHSAA school's game manager.

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all postseason rounds belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships.

No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (district, region, section, semi-state, quarterfinal) without agreement between the schools and approval from the KHSAA, including full compliance with NFHS Network restrictions and the KHSAA's participation within that network.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, semi-state, quarterfinal and state competition, managers shall make allowances for television media to record video of the contests, without play by play, at no charge as long as the sole purpose is for newscast highlights.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, semi-state, quarterfinal and state competition, managers are encouraged to make allowances for other media outlets to be admitted to the contests as long as the sole purpose is for reporting of the actions taking place at the contest and promoting the event.

Participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed to record the contest, for coaching purposes only, if space is available with such availability at the discretion of the tournament manager and may be required to sign a waiver indicating that the KHSAA shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the video recording.

Any video recording must not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements and cannot be broadcast in any form, including internet and social media.

If space is deemed available, the tournament manager has the right to designate a specific area for video recording and no video recording will be allowed outside of that area.

The determination of space availability is solely with the tournament manager and shall be equitable for all teams.

TRADEMARK AND USE OF MARKS

Sweet Sixteen® and Sweet 16® are registered trademarks of the KHSAA, sublicensed to the NCAA for one weekend per year. KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen® is a registered trademark of the KHSAA.

All trademarks will be aggressively enforced.

For questions and concerns, contact General Counsel Chad Collins at the KHSAA.

RADIO BROADCASTS

A broadcast, as used in these instructions, is a non-video, audio only, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest.

The participating teams must agree on what, if any, rights fee is to be charged to a radio station broadcast team (radio or online) or outlet (radio or online) broadcasting the event.

This fee is to be included in the gross revenue prior to distribution and is payable to the host school.

TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS

The KHSAA is a full member of the NFHS Network and as such, restrictions exist on all postseason levels.

A telecast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest over the air.

A webcast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play by play, of any contest distributed using the internet.

For district and region play, a fee schedule shall be approved annually by the Commissioner for any telecast/webcast and only those outlets paying such fee in advance shall be permitted to originate a telecast or webcast. The mandated, minimum fee will be published on the KHSAA website.

For district and region play in all KHSAA sports, a majority vote of the participating schools may set a higher fee than the required minimum and such vote may also recommend to the KHSAA that no broadcast be approved.

Any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) shall require the originator to provide a link to the telecast/website not less than four hours prior to the origination of the contest, and such link shall permit the Association to add the content to the NFHS Network menu of contests.

Failure of any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) to provide a link for inclusion on the NFHS Network will result in denial of approval.



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The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including semi-state, quarterfinal and state rounds, and is the sole authority for approval of any other.

No entity, unless given prior approval by the KHSAA shall be permitted to produce video telecasts or broadcasts, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No host manager or school may approve live webcast or telecast of a contest, such requests shall be referred to Communications Director of the KHSAA.

No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live and Periscope (via Twitter®).

For all postseason play, all questions regarding live or delayed broadcast or telecast policies, including requests for approval shall be referred to the Communications Director for approval by the Commissioner.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT

KHSAA schools are reminded to adhere to all music copyright laws.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

If desired by the tournament manager, TEAM IP (Official KHSAA Merchandise Vendor) may be contacted about turnkey event merchandise at the regional tournament.

Contact the KHSAA for more information or indicate accordingly on the Regional Manager Information form.

POST EVENT

REPORTING RESULTS

Tournament Managers are to report scores to the Riherd's.com/KHSAA Scoreboard online following each contest. Scores can be reported utilizing the link in the daily scoreboard email, or by calling into the scoreboard at 1-800-453-6882.

Failure to report the scores could result in a fine to the Tournament Manager.

DISTRICT STATISTICS REPORT

The District Manager shall maintain the requested statistics on file for the National Federation and complete the required online form and submit it prior to March 31.

This report can be found as KHSAA Form BK103 on the KHSAA website and included as a link at the end of these instructions.

There is not a requirement for a report of games played other than the contacting of the scoreboard.

TROPHIES

The KHSAA Board of Control has contracted with Rihers.com of Smiths Grove, Ky., to supply the official KHSAA trophies/awards for the tournaments.

District and Regional trophies will be shipped directly to the tournament manager from Rihers.com approximately one (1) week prior to the tournament.

You will receive an email from Rihers with instructions to verify your shipment.

Open trophy boxes immediately and inspect them. Report any breakage or missing items directly to the company (Rihers Medal and Trophy Company at 1-800-274-4373).

The bill for the trophies will be mailed under separate cover from the trophies and they likely will not arrive at the same time.

For district tournament budgeting purposes, the winner and runner-up trophies will be \$139.76 each, plus applicable shipping.

For region tournament budgeting purposes, the winner and runner-up trophies will be \$147.08 each, plus applicable shipping.

Trophies are to be paid for by the Tournament Manager with payment sent to: Rihers.com, P.O. Box 459, Smiths Grove, KY 42171.

All costs for trophies are to be subtracted from gate receipts.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAMS ADVANCING

Region Managers should contact the district champion and runner-up with details about attending their pre-tournament planning meeting.



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Region champions will be contacted by KHSAA officials in regard to their participation at the state championship.

DISPUTES

For further instructions and guidance, read the KHSAA Handbook, Basketball Competition Rules.

The Commissioner's office will assist in settling problems of disagreement related to the contest.

Contact Commissioner Julian Tackett (jtackett@khsaa.org) if you have a dispute.

FINANCES

TOURNAMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

All District and Region Managers must submit a financial report at the conclusion of their respective tournaments by filling out either KHSAA Form GE52 (District Tournament Financial Report) or GE53 (Regional Tournament Financial Report) and submitting it to the KHSAA at (bk@khsaa.org).

The forms, included as links at the end of these instructions, must be received no later than three (3) weeks following the tournament.

TOURNAMENT COSTS

Finances and expenses are handled by the host school within policies adopted by the member schools. As you plan for your event, be mindful of the cost of officials, trophies and medals.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- KHSAA.org
- [Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Winter Sports and Sport Activities - Basketball](#)
- [Guidelines for Disinfection and Sterilization \(CDC\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Media Guidance](#)
- [KHSAA/NFHS Network Required Postseason Rights Fee Schedule](#)
- [KHSAA Policies Section of Handbook](#)
- [Competition Rules](#)
- [BK103 \(NFHS Game Statistics Form\)](#)
- [Compiled District Site Selection Plans](#)
- GE52 (District Financial Report) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- GE53 (Region Financial Report) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- [GE54 \(District Seeding Plan\)](#)
- [GE57 \(District Site Selection Plan\)](#)
- [GE58 \(Region Site Selection Plan\)](#)
- [Boys' District Seeding Plans on File](#)
- [Girls' District Seeding Plans on File](#)
- [Compiled Region Site Selection Plans](#)
- [Blank Brackets](#)
- BR103 (District 3 Team Bracket) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- BR104 (District 4 Team Bracket) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- BR105 (District 5 Team Bracket) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- BR106 (District 6 Team Bracket) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- BR107 (District 7 Team Bracket) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- BR108 (District 8 Team Bracket) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))
- BR308 (Region 8 Team Bracket) - ([DOCX](#)) or ([PDF](#))