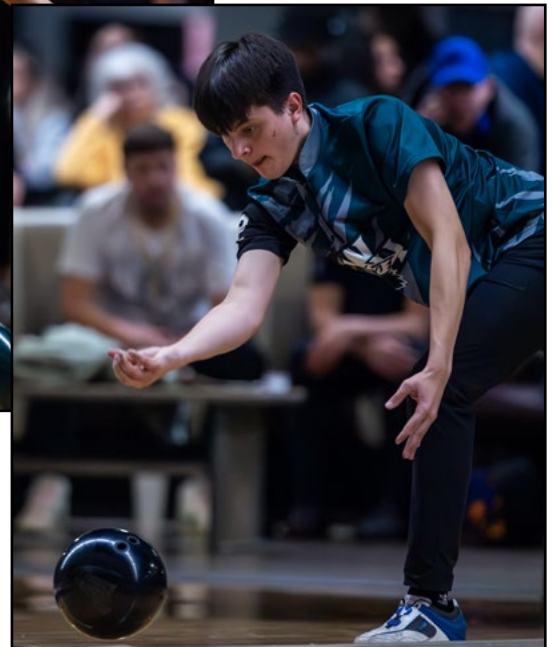




# BOWLING

## STATE TOURNAMENTS PRESENTED BY UK HEALTHCARE INSTRUCTIONS





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### BOWLING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

#### BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the 2026 KHSAA Bowling State Tournaments presented by UK HealthCare.

Refer to this manual and the important website links included at the end of the document to guide you through preparation for your participation.

#### KHSAA CONTACTS

The primary contact for bowling is Assistant Commissioner Abby Jackson ([ajackson@khsaa.org](mailto:ajackson@khsaa.org)).

If Ms. Jackson is not available, Assistant Commissioner Joe Angolia ([jangolia@khsaa.org](mailto:jangolia@khsaa.org)) is the backup contact.

Media inquiries should be directed to Communication & Media Relations Director Brian Milam ([bmilam@khsaa.org](mailto:bmilam@khsaa.org)).

Questions may also be directed to the KHSAA offices at (859) 299-5472 and any member of the staff should be able to refer you to the correct party.

### QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS

For the 2026 KHSAA Bowling State Tournaments presented by UK HealthCare, the following rules will be used for state tournament qualifiers:

- Teams - Region winners and runners-up will advance.
- Individuals - The top four (4) bowlers in each gender will advance.
- Unified - The top two (2) pairs in each region will advance.
- Adapted - The top two (2) individuals in each region will advance.

### COMPETITION DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

#### DATES

The 2026 KHSAA State Bowling Tournaments presented by UK HealthCare will be held Feb. 9-11.

- Monday, Feb. 9 - Boys'/Coed Team Tournament and Girls' Singles Tournament
- Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Girls' Team Tournament and Boys'/Coed Singles Tournament
- Wednesday, Feb. 11 - Unified/Adapted Tournament

#### SCHEDULE

A link to the complete time schedule is located at the end of this section of these instructions.

#### VENUE AND ADDRESS

[Kingpin Lanes](#)

[9525 Taylorsville Rd., Jeffers-town, KY 40299](#)

### TICKET AVAILABILITY, NON PARTICIPANT ENTRY AND POLICIES

#### PURCHASING TICKETS

All state championship tickets will be sold exclusively online via GoFan, the KHSAA's official digital ticket vendor, at [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org).

Digital ticketing enhances convenience and safety for all fans, while providing flexibility and safeguarding against counterfeit tickets.

Schools already utilizing GoFan will have their school "tagged" to help with the ticketing process and there is a master list of GoFan schools on the KHSAA website.



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Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets before they arrive to help ensure a smooth entry.

GoFan's training page for buying and transferring the tickets is included as a link at the end of this section of these instructions.

Ticket holders will access their tickets on their phones and can transfer them electronically to other members in their party when necessary.

Spectators are strongly encouraged to download the GoFan mobile app and save the tickets through that app prior to arrival.

Tickets can be purchased via credit card at the admission gate on site.

No tickets will be sold on site using cash.

### FAN ENTRY

Everyone must enter and exit through the admission gate which opens at 7:40 a.m. on Feb. 9-10 and 10 a.m. ET on Feb. 11.

Second sessions for Feb. 9-10, the admission gate opens at 1:50 p.m.

Any charges for parking will be included in the ticket fee.

### TICKET PRICING AND CONFIGURATION

All KHSAA events will be a fixed price that will include all applicable fees and charges, regardless of the ticket price.

No fees will be assessed to the customer in excess of the published price and all payment of applicable fees will be the responsibility of the KHSAA.

Tickets will be sold per session and the venue cleared between team competition and the singles' competition each day.

The price for a single-session ticket will be lower, all fees included, if purchased prior to midnight on day of the event.

The price increases by \$3, all fees included, after midnight on day of the event.

The price for an all-day pass will be lower, all fees included, if purchased prior to midnight on day of the event.

The price increases by \$3, all fees included, after midnight on day of the event.

Kentucky Children's Hospital is sponsoring FREE tickets for all children 10-and-under.

- To receive these qualifying free tickets, you must "purchase" these through [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org) even though there will be no charge.

### COMPLIMENTARY PASSES AND ENTRY

Only the KHSAA issued Commonwealth Card will be honored for admission for one individual plus a guest for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director.

No coaches' association cards or KHSAA officials' ID cards will be honored at any gate.

Any individual this is not a qualified participant must purchase a ticket in advance through GoFan and enter through the ticket gate.

This includes competitors in the singles' competition not on the team roster, opposite gender coming to the other competition or vice versa.

Only student-athletes competing in the current session will be granted free admission.

No passes, other than those produced by the Association for the tournaments, will be honored at the pass gate.

Examples of passes NOT accepted include, principal passes and cards (other than the Commonwealth Card), coach passes and cards, athletic director passes, official passes and any other type of identification.

## PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

### CONFERENCE CALL

There will be a brief web conference for participating coaches and athletic directors at 11 a.m. ET on Thursday, Feb. 5.

Additional instructions regarding the call will be sent via email once the field is set.

Participants can set up from any location to join the conference and are encouraged to join by computer to view pertinent information, maps, etc.



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### PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP, ON-SITE MEETING

There will be no mandatory, pre-competition meeting at the venue.

Teams should use the pre-tournament conference call to ask any questions.

### PRACTICE

All participants will have access to a 10-minute warm up at the indicated time.

- Boys'/Coed Team Competition - Practice begins at 8:00 a.m. ET on Feb. 9
- Boys'/Coed Singles Competition - Practice begins at 2:20 p.m. ET on Feb. 9
- Girls' Team Competition - Practice begins at 8:00 a.m. ET on Feb. 10
- Girls' Singles Competition - Practice begins at 2:20 p.m. ET on Feb. 10
- Unified/Adapted Division - Practice begins at 10:50 a.m. ET on Feb. 11

### TEAM, COMPETITOR INTRODUCTIONS, PHOTOS

Before the 10-minute warm-up, the KHSAA will do introductions, starting with the sportsmanship read, followed by the national anthem and concluding with introductions of the teams, or individuals during the singles' competitions, going in order of lane number.

- Please have your team, or individual, come to its lane as introductions begin to help make the process smooth.
- Once in front of the lane, please have your student-athlete(s) face the crowd as a KHSAA event photographer will be on hand to take this photo.

For team competitions, please be mindful of organizing student-athletes and coaches in two rows, keeping the group in a tight formation. This allows for a better team photo that is easier for the photographer to take.

- Please stay in this pose until the photographer has been to the lane and taken the photo.

### LODGING

A link to specific hotels will be at the end of this section of these instructions. These hotels have allotted teams a block of rooms at a discounted price.

Schools are responsible for all lodging bills.

Have your school's or Board of Education's Sales Tax Exempt number with you at check-in to avoid sales taxes from being added to the hotel bill.

### PARKING

Parking for all vehicles will be in the parking lot designated for Kingpin Lanes.

## POSTSEASON ROSTERS, LIMITATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS

### POSTSEASON ROSTERS

Schools have previously submitted BW110 or BW127 to designate their postseason roster, which is separate from the regular-season varsity roster.

Roster revisions had to be made before the first date of the postseason when online rosters were closed and considered final.

Only players appearing on the school's BW110 or BW127 forms are eligible to participate in any round.

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

The State Championship field is set by the regional tournament results and there are no additional steps for entering your student-athletes in the state competition if they qualify from the regional.

### SUBSTITUTIONS/LIMITATIONS

A substitution would only be permitted if the original entry is prevented from participating due to circumstances arising from a documented injury/illness, which must be approved by the office of the Commissioner.

No advantage may be gained by a substitution, if so, it will not be permitted.





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Substitutions during Baker games are allowed and can occur between or during frames.

Once a bowler has been substituted for, they may not re-enter during that Baker game.

Additional bowlers shall not be allowed to participate in warm-up exercises or be in the pit at any time during the tournament.

### **ADMISSION INTO VENUE**

#### **TEAM ENTRY**

The team check-in gate will open at 7:15 am on Feb. 9-10 and 10 a.m. ET on Feb. 11.

Team check-in gate will open at 1:35 p.m. on Feb. 9-10 for the second session.

All team members and coaches need to arrive at the venue together for admission.

Team coaches will pick up a packet at the team entrance for participating team members (from the regional roster) and certified coaches.

Each team packet can contain up to two (2) coaches' pit credentials inside.

All certified coaches will be provided a wristband for admission per session.

Coaches must be listed on the KHSAA school page and have completed all of the Bylaw 25 coaching requirements.

Pit Credentials, which will be different for each session, are for pit access only and must be visibly worn at all times.

Teams, coaches and media will be permitted access to the bowler area (settee) with the proper credentials.

No additional persons will be allowed in the bowler area.

Lost, stolen or transferred pit credentials will not be replaced.

### **CONDUCTING THE EVENT**

#### **DRESSING/LOCKER ROOMS**

There will be a designated room for teams and singles to store equipment and bowling balls.

This room will not be a changing area, but there are restrooms located inside the facility.

#### **VIEWING AREA**

There will be a line of tables that visitors need to remain in front of while standing stationary to watch play.

This will ensure that all walkways remain clear.

No food may be brought into the facility, concessions will be available.

Wheelchair/A.D.A. Accommodations – Efforts will be made to make a reasonable accommodation for those individuals who may need wheelchair access or other needs due to disabilities.

Please see Abby Jackson or Joe Angolia of the KHSAA or John McCarthy of Kingpin Lanes for instructions.

No ladders, chairs, stools or strollers will be admitted into the facility due to capacity restrictions.

#### **LANE ASSIGNMENTS**

Lane assignments will be drawn ahead of time and sent to all schools before the date of the competition.

This should help teams and fans know what area of the center to go to when they arrive.

#### **BRACKETS/PAIRINGS**

In the team tournament, teams will bowl one (1) game with two (2) teams of four (4) bowlers, dropping the low score on each lane:

- The six (6) bowler total will be used to seed the team into a bracket.
- The team will then bowl a seeded match against another school.
- A match will consist of Baker games, played best 3-out-of-5.
- The winner advances to the next round.



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- Rounds will continue until a champion, runner-up and semifinalists are established.

In the singles tournament, four (4) individuals will advance from each region tournament:

- Bowlers shall bowl three (3) games and the top eight (8) will advance to the semifinals where they will bowl two additional games.
- At the conclusion of the two semifinal round games, a bowler's five (5) game total will be used to determine the top four (4) bowlers to be seeded into a stepladder final.
- This will also establish the fifth (5th) through eighth (8th) place finishers.
- From that point on, the top four (4) bowlers will bowl a stepladder tournament until a champion is determined, along with the second (2nd) through fourth (4th) place finishers.

### TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES

#### UNIFIED MATCHES TO DETERMINE SEEDS

If there are ties to decide seeds, the tiebreaker will be as follows:

- If one team has the highest single game, they will be the higher seed.
- If the combined scores are tied and neither team has a higher game, a ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame roll-off would be used and continued until a winner is determined.

#### UNIFIED MATCHES IN TOURNAMENT

If neither team has a higher game, a ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame roll-off would be used and continued until a winner is determined.

#### SINGLES AND THE ADAPTED DIVISION

The following tiebreaking procedures will be utilized:

- If there is a tie for seeding purposes, the highest single-game shall break the tie and take the higher seed.
- If there is a tie for 8th, bring any and all tied for the 8th position into the semifinals.
- If there is a tie for 4th (or tie into stepladder matches), a ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame roll-off will be used and continued until a winner is determined
- For first (1) through fourth (4) places in the stepladder games:
  - o The tie is broken by the highest single game during qualifying taking the higher seed.
  - o If the tie remains, a ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame roll-off would be used and continued until a winner is determined.

#### TEAM

The following tiebreaking procedures will be utilized:

- For the team qualifying games, if there is a tie, add all dropped qualifying scores back in to the total score to break the tie.
- If a tie remains, the tie shall be broken with the highest individual score bowled taking the higher seed.
- For team baker games, when teams tie in a baker game, each team receives half of a point.
- If teams are tied after fifth (5th) game, a sixth (6th) game shall be played to determine a winner.
- If the sixth (6th) baker game ends in a tie, then a ninth (9th) and tenth (10th) frame roll-off will be used to break the tie.

## RULES POINTS OF EMPHASIS/CLARIFICATIONS

### RULES CLARIFICATIONS

Refer to previously distributed materials from the KHSAA, including coaches' and rules' clinic videos.

All coaches should ensure that all bowlers adhere to the uniform policy.

In the team tournament, teams will alternate lanes in their own assigned pair throughout all Baker games, including games five (5) and six (6), if necessary.



## **OIL PATTERNS**

Oil patterns will be determined and distributed by the KHSAA.

- The oil pattern will be listed on the KHSAA website prior to the state tournaments and a color copy of it will be available for coaches/athletes at the check-in desk upon arrival at the event.

## **NOISE**

While it's acceptable to cheer, all bowlers, coaches and fans are to uphold good sportsmanship in regard to the other teams.

No noise-making devices will be allowed in the bowling center and will be taken away if found.

Negative cheers directed at the opposition are not allowed and teams doing so face disqualification.

Notify your parents and fans that they may not make negative chants or cheers geared towards the opponent or your team may face penalty.

Cheers/chants should be quick to not delay the match and once the other team has stepped up on the approach, all should stop any new chants/cheers.

When the other team is cheering/chanting, bowlers should be reminded to take their time and not jump up on the approach.

## **BOWLING BALLS**

Bowlers are limited to six (6) balls at the state competition.

All are reminded that bags and balls can cause fire code issues and ingress and egress paths must remain clear.

All balls should be kept out of walkways and under the seats in the bowlers' area as to allow for people to move throughout the center safely.

Sufficient room must be available for all participants' bowling balls on the return.

Any balls with inappropriate words, logos or pictures are not allowed to be used in warm-up or competition.

## **PIN FALL ISSUES**

In the case of a pin fall controversy, please find a tournament official.

Once the machine picks up pins, the count is official.

If a standing pin is knocked over, that pin shall be corrected before the bowler continues.

If a bowler shoots a spare and a deadwood (pin in the gutter) is on the lane, that shot is a foul and the bowler receives a 0.

Please call for a tournament official to clear all deadwoods.

Do not go down the lanes to clear any deadwood or retrieve any bowling equipment.

## **COACHES PIT**

A maximum of two (2) certified coaches are permitted in the pit.

## **STATE EVENT OFFICIALS**

The Commission, composed of the Commissioner, the two (2) associates and three (3) assistants, will assign all officials for the tournament.

The tournament official shall settle any disputes about bowling rules and scoring procedures.

Any rules not covered by materials previous distributed by the KHSAA or the postseason instructions shall default to USBC rules.

All decisions made by the KHSAA and tournament officials shall be final.

## **POST EVENT**

### **RESULTS**

Results will be announced at the competition site and posted on the KHSAA website.





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### TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Trophies and medals to be awarded include:

- Team championship trophy and 10 team-member medals
- Team runner-up trophy and 10 team-member medals
- Team 3rd/4th place semifinalists trophies and 10 team-member medals each
- Singles medals: 1st – 8th place
- Unified medals: 1st – 8th place pairs
- Adapted Medals: 1st – 8th place

### FINANCES AND EXPENSES

There is no school reimbursement for this event.

Member schools are responsible for all expenses incurred for participation.

The KHSAA underwrites the expenses of facility rental, security, first aid, officials and event workers and charges no school or individual entry fee for this event.

### IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Bowling Website](#)
- [KHSAA Media Policies and Application](#)
- [Media Rights Fees Payment](#)
- [GoFan Digital Event Tickets](#)
- [GoFan Ticket Training](#)
- [Competition Schedule](#)
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## **GENERAL WINTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SPORT AND SPORT ACTIVITIES**

### **SUPERSEDURE NOTE**

The information in these instructions supersedes any information previously distributed.

In many cases, these rules have been revised over the last couple of years through the pandemic to the point where time has not permitted complete overhaul and revision of the competition rules.

All involved should review items such as tiebreakers and procedures for competition and consider this document authoritative.

Contact the primary event contact with any additional questions.

### **WATER**

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

### **VENUE SAFETY**

Persons who attend KHSAA events may be injured as a result of the risks inherent in being a spectator at such events.

Please advise KHSAA or venue personnel of any situation you encounter which you or a fellow spectator feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

Any crowd control problems or acts of violence should be brought to the attention of the event staff, which will contact the appropriate authorities.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

### **SIGNAGE, NOISEMAKERS, BALLOONS AND MUSIC**

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.

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

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate competition management cues are not permitted to include, but not be limited to:

- Indoor
  - o Air horns
  - o Electronic amplifiers
  - o Portable sound systems
  - o Whistles
  - o Game clock horns simulator
- Outdoor
  - o Air horns
  - o Whistles
  - o Game clock horns simulator

Managers should confiscate items if used with the managers determining if they are returned post championship.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are NOT PERMITTED at the event. They should be popped or returned to a vehicle, not allowed into the venue.

Only venue provided amplified music is permissible, but only during pre-event, natural and planned breaks/timeouts.

### **ENTRY OF SERVICE ANIMALS**

Service animals are important and valued professionals that serve the needs of owners and must be present at all times.

Because service animals are essential for specific individuals, we wanted to make all attendees aware of the definitions and guidelines in place to make certain service animals present as well as to ensure the well-being of all individuals in attendance at KHSAA championship events.



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Service animals are the only animals the general public may bring into the indoor and outdoor facilities of a KHSAA championship.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as a dog who has been trained to perform a task directly related to an individual's disability.

Upon entry to a championship, owners of service dogs may be asked questions as recommended by the ADA to ensure the owner access to their service animal.

The training a service animal receives distinguishes it from other animals and there may be questions about the training provided to the animal and service for which it provides.

Emotional support animals, therapy animals, and other pets are not considered service animals and will not be granted entry to KHSAA events.

In Kentucky, misrepresentation of an assistance animal is a violation with a fine up to \$1,000.

The owner will be responsible at all times for the conduct of the service animal.

Thank you for respecting the training and necessity of service dogs and helping us keep all guests safe when visiting a KHSAA championship event.

### SPORTSMANSHIP

The KHSAA requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values and all parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility and perspective.

We remind you that officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

We encourage and appreciate your help in letting this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

### ROSTERS

#### POSTSEASON ROSTER

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.

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 participants.

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

### 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.

### HEALTH INFORMATION

#### PHYSICAL EXAM FORM

Schools are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

The Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (Physical Exam Form) for this purpose.

The form contains appropriate emergency treatment permission and should be brought for each athlete at the competition.



## **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

UK HealthCare Sports Medicine is the official Sports Medicine Partner for the KHSAA State Championships.

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with UK HealthCare Sports Medicine and venue personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for this event.

The on-site training staff will be responsible for any necessary monitoring of the wet bulb globe temperature and notification to KHSAA staff and the contest officials for determinations of any necessary adjustment to activity.

If an athlete or other team member is in need of emergency medical attention, contact the nearest KHSAA staff member, official, trainer or venue staff so emergency medical services can be immediately contacted.

An AED (and in many events, multiple AEDs) will be on site for use in the event of an emergency.

A text notification will be sent each morning to coaches, athletic directors, KHSAA staff, UK HealthCare trainers and workers of the event detailing the location of all AEDs.

## **ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

For KHSAA state opening round events, host sites will be responsible for providing athletic trainers.

The Association will use the services of UK HealthCare to provide trainers for the KHSAA state final sites, and in the event of disagreement, this group shall serve as the primary determinant of medical next steps.

Athletic Training Staff will be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the event and remain available throughout the day.

For team sports - basketball, baseball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball - individual school Athletic Trainers should be included in the distribution of Team Party passes.

For other sport and sport activities, see the sport-specific section of these instructions for bringing a team trainer.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA, in consultation with the host facility, to make decisions regarding postponement, rescheduling or cancelation, including getting proper notification to all teams, media outlets and schools.

Staff will utilize the KHSAA website and Twitter to provide updates as well as an emergency text notification system.

KHSAA officials will make every effort to learn the weather forecast prior to the start of competition as the safety of the public and participants will be the most important factor in any decision.

## **HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION**

It is the responsibility of UK HealthCare on-site training staff to monitor the wet bulb globe temperature and notify on-site staff and contest officials for determinations of any necessary adjustment to activity.

The manager should be aware of the policies and work in conjunction with the licensed or certified athletic trainer hired to work the event in monitoring the Heat Illness prevention program.

The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

## **LIGHTNING/THUNDER POLICY**

Tournament staff of any outdoor sports or activities, or indoor sports with non-grounded pools, working with the certified athletic trainer and facility staff, shall monitor and adhere to the KHSAA Board adopted policy in regard to lightning and thunder.

All competitions shall be suspended at the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning and shall be suspended a minimum of 30 minutes following any subsequent sound/sighting.

If it is anticipated that the storm will pass, competition may resume following a 15-minute warm-up period.

The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

## **STOPPAGE/POSTPONEMENT**

It's the duty of the tournament staff, in consultation with the officials and certified trainers, to make decisions regarding resumption or re-scheduling.

In the event of stoppage or postponement, all parties must work together to ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.



While it's imperative to adhere to the scheduled postseason dates, the safety of all parties involved is always the top priority.

## **VIDEOTAPING, 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.

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

Control of media access and location at all levels of postseason play is with the KHSAA.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made 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, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made 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 KHSAA 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 KHSAA 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 KHSAA and shall be equitable for all teams.

A freelance/commercial photographer is any person, including a school employee, not representing an established media outlet or a person who will capture images from the event.

### **SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a student or full-time school employee, for the sole purpose of reporting the events for school internal publications.

Space permitting, school media may be granted floor photography access consistent with traditional media access.

Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.

The school media pass may not be used for taking pictures that will later be sold as these individuals need to apply for a freelance/commercial photographer pass and pay the requisite fee.

This pass must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online credentialing system linked at the end of these instructions.

### **TRADITIONAL MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through the KHSAA's online system. A link to the credential application is included at the end of these instructions.

The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. the day before competition begins.

Applications must be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.

Complete information should be submitted for all attendees (including unique email addresses and cell phone numbers), as the KHSAA will use these methods to communicate information surrounding the event.

Media outlets may be limited during this event.

Freelance/commercial photographers, as defined herein, will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.





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KHSAA Media policies are outlined online at - [credentials.khsaa.org](https://credentials.khsaa.org)

### **MEDIA RIGHTS FEE**

Freelance/commercial photographers as defined in these instructions and radio stations interested in originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event are subject to a media rights fee.

Information regarding the fee for each event is available through the online credentialing system.

### **TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS AND FEES**

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.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including first round, second round, 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 entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live.

The mandated minimum fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office on the KHSAA website.

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

### **MUSIC COPYRIGHT**

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

### **FILMING**

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

Spectators may film with a hand-held camera from the spectator area, but may not in any manner transmit live video through any resource, including personal social media accounts.

Violators are subject to removal.

### **EVENT MERCHANDISE**

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online post event - [khsaa.teamip.com](https://khsaa.teamip.com).

TeamIP is the exclusive vendor of championship apparel, please look for their tent at the championship event to purchase memorabilia.

No outside merchandise representative of the event may be produced by any other entity and sold or distributed inside the playing facility.

### **OFFICIAL KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS**

The KHSAA pays for professional photography coverage of the event.

Official championship photos will be available for purchase through the KHSAA's online photo gallery within 72 hours of the completion of the event, [khsaaphotos.org](https://khsaaphotos.org).

### **IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS**

- Athletic Participation Form, [GE04](#), English
- Athletic Participation Form, [GE04](#), Spanish
- [Media Credential Request and Guidelines](#)
- [GoFan Ticket Training](#)



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- [Sports Medicine Policies from KHSAA Board Policies](#)
- [NFHS Network Mandatory Minimum Fees for Webstreaming](#)



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