



Participation  
Sportsmanship  
Integrity

# Commissioner's Notes

October 2006

• PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL •

## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



October is here which means its time to begin the fall championship season. The Leachman Buick & GMC/KHSAA Girls' and Boys' State Golf Tournaments are set for October 2-7, 2006 at Bowling Green Country Club. The girls' event is October 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>- followed by the boys' event on October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>.

The KHSAA Annual Meeting of Delegates is set for the Lexington Center on October 19, 2006. This year there are 21 proposals for the voting delegates to consider and are included in this month's C-Notes for your information.

Annual Meeting registration will begin at 7:15 a.m. (ET) followed by the workshops at 8:00 a.m. The business meeting starts at 1:30 p.m. with the voting session commencing at approximately 2:00 p.m. We are currently compiling the list of voting delegates for this year's meeting so it is important that school personnel designate their delegate on line and prior to the meeting. The complete time schedule for workshops and other activities will be available on the KHSAA Website on October 10, 2006. Once it is posted it will also be mailed to the voting delegates.

I hope to see you on October 19, or in Bowling Green at the Leachman Buick & GMC/KHSAA State Golf Championships.

## ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

There are many of you who are new Athletic Administrators out there who are to date not very familiar with the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors' Association. For more information on membership and its benefits, contact Mitchell Irvin at South Oldham High School [mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us). If any of you have questions about your day-to-day operations as an athletic administrator, contact your KHSADA Board member. You can access that individual by visiting [www.khsada.org](http://www.khsada.org) for contact information.

The state conference planning committee will be meeting in mid-September to plan for next year's state conference. If you have ideas, please contact [Arthur.ballard@estill.kyschools.us](mailto:Arthur.ballard@estill.kyschools.us).

## SCHOOL PASSWORD CHANGE AND NEED TO UPDATE EMAIL ADDRESSES

For several months, the KHSAA has been requesting that the email addresses be updated for all member schools. This is vital as the new password and security system has now been implemented, which uses the email address as the login for the member schools.

As of Thursday, September 21, 2006, the old passwords are now expired and login is based solely on email address and a password set by the user. Principals, Athletic Directors and Superintendents will have one level of security, coaches a different level, and the other "data entry" individuals can also be issued passwords for such things as roster and stat entry.

The use of this type of security allows the Association to be more comfortable in posting sensitive data and allows for the different levels of users to have different levels of access. If you have questions about your password or the procedure, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA offices.

## FALL SPORTS PHOTOS/ROSTERS DUE

Please note team photos in the sports of volleyball, football, boys' soccer and girls' soccer, as well as rosters are due to the Association by October 6.

For photos, please go to the "Members Only" page on the KHSAA website and use the "Upload Photo" feature. You may also e-mail the photo provided it has been scanned at a minimum DPI of 300 and is not bitmapped. The file should be sent as an attachment and saved with a file extension of .jpg, .gif, or .tif. If mailing a photo, the photo **MUST BE AN ORIGINAL**. Faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer printouts **ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Failure to submit the photo will result in a fine as permitted by KHSAA Bylaw 33, and this will be enforced.

Rosters in these sports should also be entered on the "Members Only" page using the "Enter Team Rosters" link.

For assistance with the entry of either item contact Marilyn Mitchell at the Association or [mmitchell@khsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@khsaa.org).

## SCHOOLS REMINDED OF DISQUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

Member schools are reminded of the procedure in the event that an athlete is removed from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct.

1) The contest official is to report the disqualification online via the KHSAA web site within 24 hours of the contest. Upon reporting, an email will be automatically generated to the member school Principal and Athletic Director. Contained in that email is a link to the disqualification, and the report.

2) When that link is clicked, it will show an opportunity for the member school to request reinstatement. In general, this is a simple statement such as "This school requests reinstatement of John Doe following the mandatory minimum suspension". If the ejection is for an act so egregious as to require investigation and further suspension, this is an opportunity for the school to further respond that about its actions.

3) Once the school request has been received, KHSAA staff will reinstate the athlete and/or coach. The KHSAA WILL NOT reinstate the athlete and/or coach until the member school has requested such reinstatement via the web site.

4) Per KHSAA Bylaw 16, there is no appeal of an officials' judgement call. KHSAA staff will intercede and work with the member school and officials when an erroneous number has been reported, or data is incomplete, but Bylaw 16 binds the Association staff in terms of reinstatement prior to the minimum suspension.

If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact Marsha Day who handles the day to day mechanics of the procedure, or any of the Assistant Commissioners if you have policy or Bylaw questions.

## KHSAA CONTEST OPPONENTS, IN AND OUT OF STATE

As the holiday tournament season approaches, please note the criteria for of state teams and tournaments:

### KHSAA MEMBERS VS. IN STATE TEAMS

All regular season games against in-state opponents must be against schools that also belong to the KHSAA. Students from non-member schools in Kentucky may not, under any circumstances, compete against KHSAA member school students in the contests defined within Bylaw 25.

### KHSAA MEMBERS VS. OUT OF STATE TEAMS FROM CONTIGUOUS STATES

All regular season games played against out of state opponents must be played against schools that are members of that state's association. The KHSAA office can assist in determining the status of those teams.

A sanction form is not required if all participating schools are from Indiana, Illinois or Ohio, unless a NHFS sanction applies. Please note, however, that Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out-of-state event.

### KHSAA MEMBERS VS. NON CONTIGUOUS OR OTHERS THAT REQUIRE NFHS SANCTION

KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the NFHS sanction form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$100.00 if the contests includes any of the following criteria:

The event involves two or more schools and is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community (e.g., a university, theme park, athletic shoe/apparel company).

Non-bordering state events if five or more states are involved.

Non-bordering state events if more that eight schools are involved.

Any event involving two or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. (The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico).

The sanction fee should be made payable to the National Federation and sent to the KHSAA with the appropriate form. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Federation Office.

When Kentucky member schools are participating in out-of-state contests, the host school from out-of-state is responsible for completing the sanction form through the applicable state association and the KHSAA member is responsible for ensuring this process is complete.

The NFHS has been receiving an unusual amount of sanction applications directly from the event coordinators. When applications are submitted to the NFHS instead of through their respective state association it causes a back log of delay. PLEASE remember to send all sanctions to the KHSAA for processing.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email [mmitchell@khsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@khsaa.org).

## REPORTING OF SCORES

This is a reminder to call in the scores of contests to the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard following each contest. The number is 1-800-715-8388 and is toll free. Scoreboards are maintained in the fall sports of Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer and Football. If you have results from any fall sport, superlative performance or other note of news, you may submit that via e-mail to [bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org) for inclusion in the KHSAA weekly news release.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULING

Amendments to Bylaw 25, which are in effect for 2006-2007, change the method of counting basketball games. In summary, here is the rule.

- Each team may continue to count a maximum of two tournaments in a "shortcut fashion" (where each and every game doesn't have to be counted against the limit of games) provided that a school plays no more than four games in any one tournament;
- Each team may count a maximum of two tournaments as one-game each against the limit of games, regardless of tournament format, provided that a school plays no more than four games in either of the tournaments;
- Each game in any tournament beyond the limit of four games shall be counted against the limit of games;
- The total game limit (including two tournament shortcuts) is now 23 games. This could be 21 single games and two shortcut tournaments (where neither tournament has a team playing more than four games), 22 single games and one shortcut tournament (where a team doesn't play more than four in that tournament) or it could be 23 single games;
- There is no limit to the number of tournaments that can be entered by a team, but only two may be counted in a shortcut fashion, all others must be counted game for game.

Please feel free to contact the office if you need anything else.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ENTRY

Member school personnel must review your basketball schedules to make sure any game updates have been added. Schedules are to be entered on the KHSAA website through the "Member School Only" link. Revisions should be made no later than Oct. 10.

## BYLAW 6 AND 9 REMINDER

Student athletes applying for eligibility, including those applying for eligibility in Bylaw 6, are reminded that they cannot try out, practice or participate in competition until being ruled on by the Commissioner's office. Any athlete not eligible to play may not practice per Bylaw 9.

## KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Oct. 2-4	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Girls' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 5-7	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Boys' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 27-28	Girls' Volleyball	Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort
Nov. 1-2, 4	Boys' & Girls' Soccer	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 11	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Ky. Horse Park, Lexington
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 9-10	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium
Feb. 15-17	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 14-17	Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 21-24	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 19	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Sportsplex, Hebron, KY
May 24-26	Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 1-2	Boys' & Girls' Track	TBA
June 8-9	Fast Pitch Softball	Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
June 13-16	Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

## 2006 RULES CLINICS

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). Officials who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contest. Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest.

ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

### BASKETBALL

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)

10/9 Eddyville, Lyon County H.S.  
 10/11 Hodgenville, Larue County H.S.  
 10/12 Paris, Bourbon County H.S.  
 10/16 Louisville, Male H.S.  
 10/17 Newport, Newport H.S.

10/18 London, South Laurel H.S.  
 10/19 Paintsville, Johnson Central H.S.  
 10/23 Hartford, Ohio County H.S.  
 11/15 Lexington @ KHSAA Make Up Clinic  
 (\$75 Fine) (1:30 p.m.)

### SWIMMING & DIVING

11/14 Lexington @ KHSAA Make Up Clinic  
 (\$75 Fine) (1:30 p.m.)

### WRESTLING

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)

10/1 Princeton, Caldwell County H.S. (3 p.m.)  
 10/2 Hebron, Conner H.S.  
 10/3 Louisville, Christian Academy  
 10/4 Lexington @ KHSAA Office  
 10/12 Lexington @ KHSAA, Make Up Clinic  
 (\$75 Fine) (1:30 p.m.)

## FOOTBALL REALIGNMENT

DISTRICT SCHEDULING GRID, 2007 and 2008

(Home to be determined by mutual agreement, lettering can be agreed or drawn)

The scheduling priority for district games shall be week 9, followed by 7, followed by 5, followed by 3, followed by 4.

NOTE 1: Other weeks (specifically 6, 8 and 10) may only be used for district games if it is necessary to move the game from one of the priority dates due to fall breaks or another existing condition that necessitates the use of those weeks. District games may not be played in week 11.

NOTE 2: The letters A, B, C, D, E and F below represent up to six teams in a district which can be assigned by specific school or drawn by lot to determine the regular season games at the discretion of a majority vote of those effected schools.

2007	2008	Week	3 team district Pairings	4 team district Pairings	5 team district Pairings	6 team district Pairings
10/19/07	10/24/08	9	A vs. B	A vs. C, B vs. D	A vs. D, B vs. C, E off	A vs. B, E vs. F, C vs. D
10/5/07	10/10/08	7	B vs. C	B vs. C, A vs. D	A vs. C, D vs. E, B off	D vs. F, A vs. C, B vs. E
9/21/07	9/26/08	5	A vs. C	A vs. B, C vs. D	B vs. E, C vs. D, A off	A vs. E, B vs. D, C vs. F
9/7/07	9/12/08	3	A vs. B (reverse sites)	See note 1 above	C vs. E, A vs. B, D off	B vs. C, D vs. E, A vs. F
9/14/07	9/19/08	4	B vs. C (reverse sites)	See note 1 above	B vs. D, A vs. E, C off	C vs. E, B vs. F, A vs. D
9/28/07	10/3/08	6	A vs. C (reverse sites)	See note 1 above	See note 1 above	See note 1 above
10/12/07	10/17/08	8	See note 1 above			
10/26/07	10/31/08	10	See note 1 above			
8/24/07	8/29/08	1	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions
8/31/07	9/5/08	2	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions
11/2/07	11/7/08	11	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions	No scheduling restrictions

## FALL 2006 KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

### PROPOSALS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL AS REQUIRED BY 702 KAR 7:065 AND THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF ASSOCIATION RULES BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL

#### PROPOSAL 1

##### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

*Rationale – This change though editorial in nature, would clarify that a student must be a full time student at the member school for which they desire to participate, in order to participate. This also clearly states that the Association's rules are designed and intended to only control what is under the jurisdiction of the KHSAA and not necessarily all other rules from other agencies.*

##### Bylaw 4. Enrollment

###### Sec. 3) Deadline for Enrollment

On Friday of each grading period, a student in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) must be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation according to regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education at the member school he/she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.

A student must have enrolled as a bona fide full-time undergraduate student no later than twenty (20) school days after the beginning of the semester to be eligible during that semester.

#### PROPOSAL 2

##### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control

*Rationale – This proposal was submitted by Superintendent representatives of the Educational Cooperatives as a proposed solution to the territory and feeder pattern issues considered by the Task Force during 2005-2006. The proposal would define athletic territories for all KHSAA member schools. Students within the athletic territory of the school would be permitted to attend the member school without athletic eligibility restrictions provided the student is otherwise eligible. Students outside the territory would face a loss of eligibility at all levels of play for the first year at the school. This proposal would codify an affiliated school / feeder pattern determination as a means of restricting eligibility and attempting to make equivalent the "drawing areas" for non-public schools and the school district boundaries of public schools.*

##### Bylaw 4. Enrollment

###### Sec. 5) Athletic Territory and Feeder Pattern Requirement

a) Purpose of this Bylaw - This Bylaw defines a feeder pattern and establishes an athletic territory for each member school of the KHSAA. This feeder pattern, including a list of applicable affiliated feeder schools, shall be reported to the KHSAA on an annual basis in the manner requested by the Commissioner.

###### b) Definitions for this Bylaw

i) Classification of Schools – means the classification of the member schools as defined by the Kentucky Department of Education. The six current classifications are: [1] A1 - District operated general program or multi-program schools; [2] D1 – Kentucky Department of Education operated schools [Blind and Deaf]; [3] F1 - Federal Dependent Schools; [4] J1 - Roman Catholic schools; [5] M1 - Other Religious schools; and [6] R1 -Private non-church related schools.

ii) Public Schools – means the schools receiving funding from the Kentucky Department of Education or comparable federal sources. Public schools shall include the members schools which are classified as A1, D1 or F1.

iii) Non-Public Schools – means the schools not receiving funding from the Kentucky Department of Education or comparable federal sources. Non-public schools shall include the member schools which are classified as J1, M1 and R1.

iv) Bonafide Residence - means the primary residence of the student and his/her custodial parents.

v) Non-Public School Zone - means the zone assigned to each non-public school. The four current non-public school zones are Covington, Lexington, Louisville and Owensboro. These non-public school zones shall include the counties contained in the geographic alignment related to the archdiocese of the same name.

vi) Public School Governing Board – means the entity having oversight over the public member school. For purposes of this Bylaw, the "governing board" of a public school shall be the local board of education.

vii) Non-Public School Governing Board – means the entity having

oversight over the non-public member school. For purposes of this Bylaw, the "governing board" of a non-public school shall be determined by the school type. For J1 schools, the "governing board" shall be the archdiocese and geographic references shall be the counties included in the non-public school zone of the school. For R1 and M1 schools, the "governing board" shall be as defined by the governance structure of the institution.

viii) Affiliated School – means the junior high/middle school[s] that is governed by the same governing board as the member school and that enrolls students in any format to include grades seven (7) and/or eight (8).

ix) Terminal Public School – means a public school that is located in Kentucky which terminates after grade seven (7) or eight (8) and is neither an affiliated school to any member school nor meets the requirements of a non-resident student agreement per KRS 157.350(4).

x) Terminal Non-Public School – means either a non-public school that is located in Kentucky which terminates after grade seven (7) or eight (8) and is not an affiliated school to any member school or a non-public school that is located in Kentucky which terminates after grade seven (7) or eight (8) and is not an affiliated school to any member school within the same county.

xi) Public School Feeder Pattern – means all affiliated school[s] for a public member school as defined by the public school governing board. The public school governing board may include any or all of the affiliated schools under its jurisdiction in the public school feeder pattern.

xii) Non-Public School Feeder Pattern – means all affiliated schools for a non-public member school as defined by the non-public school governing board. The non-public school governing board may include any or all of the affiliated schools under its jurisdiction in the non-public school feeder pattern.

xiii) Public Feeder School – means any affiliated school within the public school feeder pattern for a particular public member school.

xiv) Non-Public Feeder School – means any affiliated school within the non-public school feeder pattern for a particular non-public member school.

###### c) Athletic Territory Establishment

###### i) Public School Athletic Territory

For a public member school, the public school athletic territory means any and all students who attended a school in the reported public school feeder pattern during grades seven (7) and eight (8). This public school territory may be expanded by the public school governing board to include any or all of the students that meet the requirements of an approved non-resident student agreement per KRS 157.350(4) and who attended an affiliated school in the applicable district during grades seven (7) and eight (8). This public school territory may be expanded by the public school governing board to include any student who attended and is promoted from grade eight (8) by a terminal public school or a terminal non-public school located in the county of the public member school. This public school territory may be expanded by the public school governing board to include any student whose residence lies within the member school district boundaries and who is promoted from grade eight (8) by a terminal public school or a terminal non-public school.

###### ii) Non-Public School Athletic Territory

1) For a non-public member school with an average enrollment of 300 or less students enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) during the past two years, the non-public school athletic territory means any and all students who attended a school in the reported non-public school feeder pattern under the auspices of the non-public school governing board and who attended those affiliated schools in both grades seven (7) and eight (8). This non-public school territory may be expanded by the member school to include any or all of the students whose permanent residence lies within a 20-mile radius drawn from the main entrance of the non-public school. This non-public school territory may be expanded by the non-public school governing board to include any student who attended and is promoted from grade eight (8) by a terminal public school or a terminal non-public school located in the county of the

non-public member school. This non-public school territory may be expanded by the non-public school governing board to include any student whose residence lies within the non-public school zone and who is promoted from grade eight (8) by a terminal public school or a terminal non-public school.

2) For a non-public member schools with an average enrollment of greater than 300 students enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) during the past two years, the non-public school athletic territory means any and all students who attended a school in the reported non-public school feeder pattern under the auspices of the non-public school governing board and who attended those affiliated schools in both grades seven (7) and eight (8). This non-public school territory may be expanded by the non-public school governing board to include any student who attended and is promoted from grade eight (8) by a terminal public school or a terminal non-public school located in the county of the non-public member school. This non-public school territory may be expanded by the non-public school governing board to include any student whose residence lies within the non-public school zone and who is promoted from grade eight (8) by a terminal public school or a terminal non-public school.

d) Eligibility Establishment and Compliance

i) Below Grade Nine (9) Students – a student below grade nine (9) shall be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at a member school if the student attends a feeder school as defined in this regulation for the member school and the student's participation is not in conflict with other restrictions.

ii) Students Grades Nine (9) Through Twelve (12) – a student enrolled in grade nine (9) through twelve (12) at a member school shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at any level in any sport for one year from date of enrollment at the member school if that student is not within the athletic territory of the member school. This period of ineligibility applies to any student enrolling at a public school who does not meet the definitions of being in a public school athletic territory, and to any student enrolling at a non-public school who does not meet the definitions of being in the non-public school athletic territory.

iii) The Commissioner shall have discretion (but is not required) to waive the period of ineligibility contained in this Bylaw under the exceptions contained in Bylaw 6, Section 1 but subject to the limitations contained therein.

iv) D1 and F1 schools - this Bylaw shall not apply to students enrolled at D1 or F1 schools.

v) Member School Petition Process – a member school may petition the Board of Control to expand/reduce/define/clarify the member school's feeder pattern and/or athletic territory.

vi) Compliance Responsibility – each member school shall be responsible for verifying that all student-athletes at the member school are in compliance with this Bylaw and shall maintain supporting documentation subject to disclosure to the KHSAA upon request.

REMAINDER OF BYLAW 4 REMAINS AS  
PRINTED WITH SECTIONS RENUMBERED

**CS – What is the governing Board of a non-public school?**

For the purposes of Bylaw 4, the governing board is the Diocesan Superintendent's office for any member schools who are classified as J1 by the Kentucky Department of Education, and the governing board designated by the member school for the schools who are classified as R1 or M1.

**Effective Date and Implementation Issues:** Could be effective immediately with exception of currently participating students.

**PROPOSAL 3**

**Proposed by Jim McKee, Designated Representative, Scott County High School; Paula Goodin, Principal, Pineville High School; Charles Adams, Designated Representative, Fleming County High School; Barry Noble, Designated Representative, Rockcastle County High School and Ken Roark from Middlesboro High School.**

*Rationale – These schools have no problem with the membership making a concerted effort to attempt to eliminate red-shirting. Events of a few years ago still leave a bad memory in some people's mind as student athletes received additional time due to athletic injuries. For that reason, our Bylaw 4 is a strong deterrent. But beginning the four-year count at the first promotion from grade eight has not had the desired effect and has led to inconsistencies. There are stories, most likely true, or mid-year demotions,*

*pressure being exerted on Principals at the middle school level, and a tremendous communication gap between the KHSAA and the middle schools in the Commonwealth. While this may have been a good proposal on paper, the inability to have effective communication linkage with the middle schools of the state, and the inability to obtain verifiable and defensible promotion/retention records from out of state schools has without question, led to inconsistency. Schools that have adhered to the rule have done so to be in voluntary compliance, even in many cases when student-athletes were totally unaware of the long term consequences. This change would not give anyone additional eligibility. It would simply restore the starting point for counting to the initial 9<sup>th</sup> grade entry, which is the level at which the KHSAA has jurisdiction in the first place.*

**Bylaw 4. Enrollment**

Sec. 1) Maximum Number of Semesters

a) ~~Students entering grade nine (9) promoted from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9)~~ shall have four (4) consecutive calendar years of eligibility from the date of first entry in grade nine (9) ~~such promotion by the school~~ provided the student is eligible according to this and all other Association bylaws. Such eligibility shall conclude with the completion of the spring sports season following the fourth year.

**PROPOSAL 4**

**Proposed by Dale Butler, Principal, Breckinridge County High School.**

*Rationale – Many non-public middle school students do not currently have the option to play up for a high school because their school is not located in a county where a high school under the same governing body is located. Yet, there are instances where over 98% of the graduates of a non-public middle school enroll at a specific public high school. Under these circumstances, if the public high school and the non-public middle school agree that it is in the best interests of their current and future student-athletes that the non-public middle school students have the option to play up for the high school's freshman, junior varsity, or varsity teams, the non-public middle school student-athletes should be allowed to participate as long as they are in compliance with all other KHSAA By-Laws. There are only currently two identified situations in the Commonwealth to which this proposal would potentially apply: St. Romuald Interparochial School in Hardinsburg and St. Paul School in Grayson County, which send over 98% of their graduates to Breckinridge County High and Grayson County High respectively.*

**Bylaw 4. Enrollment**

Sec. 4) Enrollment Elsewhere

No student who is enrolled or connected with any other school than the one he/she represents shall take part in any contest. A student enrolled in grades K-8 in a non-public school that does not have a member school located in that same county for which it serves as a feeder (under the same governing body), is connected to the high school within which district boundaries the student's custodial family resides, providing the student's non-public middle school has sent at least 98% of its graduates to the connected high school over the preceding five-year period, excluding instances of bona fide change in residence. In the case of an all-boys high school, girl cheerleaders from affiliated neighboring girls school may be accepted.

**PROPOSAL 5**

**Proposed by James Sexton, Principal, Eastern High School**

*Rationale – This proposal would restrict play in any organized outside competition by a member of a school team sport team during the sports season and in that sport for which the student represents the high school. The students need to choose whether they desire to play for school teams or community teams during the school season as defined in Bylaw 25. By doing this, and eliminating the dead period, we allow unlimited play in the summer, and no play other than school play during the defined sports season. The decisions regarding Dead periods, and restrictions away from the coaches and school facilities, etc. are best left to the local schools and not a central governing authority. The change also prevents the circumvention of certain health and safety rules, such as the baseball pitching limitations, by making sure that the athletes are adhering to those restrictions during the season. This proposal received widespread approval in 2005, but with the confusion of amendments, etc., the author decided to bring it back again this year.*

## **Bylaw 8. Contestant On Other Teams, Post Season and All-Star Games**

Any student who after enrolling in grade nine (9) has been a contestant representing a KHSAA member school in a team sport [baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball] ~~in football or basketball~~ at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in that sport may not participate on any non-school sponsored team or in any all-star game in that sport or any variation of that sport from the first day of practice through the last day of competition as defined in Bylaw 25 ~~school through the last scheduled contest played in that sport (including KHSAA sanctioned post-season) by that school unless it has been sanctioned by the Board of Control.~~ During the school year prior to the first date of practice, and following ~~Following~~ the team's last scheduled game (including post season), there are no restrictions on play in that specific sport for the student-athletes.

## **Bylaw 26. Summer Sports and Sports/Activities**

### **Sec. 1} School Team Play in Summer**

Member schools may participate in sanctioned play during the summer to complete spring seasons in baseball, softball, tennis and track and may begin sanctioned regular season play and practice as defined by Bylaw 25 prior to the opening of school in cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer and volleyball. Only participants eligible during the spring semester may compete on the school teams. All KHSAA eligibility rules apply, and full control of the summer program shall remain with the participating high school and the principal of that school.

### **Sec. 2} Summer Dead Period**

~~Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or cheerleading squad during the period beginning with June 25, and going through July 9. School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during this period. These restrictions shall not apply to postseason wrap up activities, celebrations and recognition events relating to a spring sports team at a school which participated in KHSAA state championship play in that particular sport during that particular year.~~

## **PROPOSAL 6**

### **Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control**

*Rationale – This proposal would add to the restrictions of Bylaw 9, stipulations restricting the use of ineligible participants at any point that school funds are used or expended, competition is school based in any manner.*

## **Bylaw 9. Other Eligibility Requirements and Regulations**

### **Sec. 1} Graduates and College Students**

Any student who has graduated from a secondary school, or who has ever played on a college team, is thereafter ineligible to play on a high school team.

### **Sec. 2} Participation by ~~Practice~~ of Ineligible Students**

Unless ineligible due to the provisions of Bylaw 11 (Sportsmanship, having been ejected from a contest), any student who is not eligible for competition during a team's next contest/meet/match/game shall not practice with the team during the defined Limitation of Seasons (Bylaw 25) for that sport. No student who is ineligible according to any KHSAA Bylaw may represent a member school in practice or competition outside of the defined periods in Bylaw 25. For purposes of this bylaw, "representing a member school" shall include, but not be limited to events where:

- 1) participation is in the school uniform (old or current), or
- 2) school funds are used to pay entry or travel fees (including booster funds), or
- 3) team members (or individuals) are coached by a member of the coaching staff in school based competition in that coach's sport, or
- 4) the school likeness or nickname is used, or
- 5) participation by any or all team members is required in whole or in part, explicitly or implicitly.

### **Sec. 3} Conduct - Student or Other Representative Under Penalty**

Any student, contest official or other official school representative who is under penalty or discipline or whose conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon the school or the KHSAA is not eligible.

## **PROPOSAL 7**

### **Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.**

*Rationale – This change would clearly state that the prohibition on "recruiting" students applies to those students not already enrolled*

*at the member school. While it may have seemed good originally to have this sentence in the rules, discussion has proven that nothing should be disallowed when a school attempts to maintain an already enrolled student who is attending that school.*

## **Bylaw 10. Recruitment**

### **Sec. 1) Foreword**

Pupils (both domestic and foreign) at any grade level shall not be recruited to a member school of the KHSAA for the purpose of participating in athletics, including recruitment under the guise of academics.

### **Sec. 2) Definition**

a) Recruiting is defined as an act, on behalf of or for the benefit of, a school, which attempts to influence a student to transfer to a member school for the purpose of participating in athletics. ~~Such also includes influencing a student to remain at a school.~~ A school official utilizing an intermediary, such as, but not limited to a peer, another school employee, a student, a parent or a citizen, for the purpose of recruiting a student athlete shall be in noncompliance.

## **PROPOSAL 8**

**Proposed by Rob Mullen, President, Trinity (Louisville) High School. Co-Sponsored by- Elaine Salvo, President, Assumption High School; Tom Seither, Principal, Bishop Brossart High School; Tim Greener, Louisville, Christian Academy; Michael Clines, Principal, Covington Catholic High School; Tim Keogh, Principal, DeSales High School; Sr. Maryann Tarquinio, Principal, Holy Cross (Louisville) High School; Sally Stephens, Principal, Lexington Catholic High School; Tim Williams, Head of School, Louisville Collegiate; Julie Crone, Principal, Mercy Academy; Bob Noll, Principal, Newport Central Catholic High School; Sr. Elaine Marie Winter, Principal, Notre Dame Academy; Harold Staples, Principal, Owensboro Catholic High School; Rick Folden, Athletic Director, Portland Christian School; Barbara Wine, Principal, Presentation Academy; Randy Douglas, Principal, Rose Hill Christian; Beverly McAuliffe, Principal, Sacred Heart Academy; Timothy O'Rourke, Principal, Sayre School; Alexandra Thurstone, Head of School, St. Francis High School; Rosann Whiting, Principal, St. Mary High School; Nelson Nunn, Principal, St. Xavier High School; Bill Hagan, Principal, Trinity (Whitesville) High School; Pam McQueen, Principal, Villa Madonna Academy; Linda Van Outen, Head of School, Walden School**

*Rationale - While current KHSAA procedures provide for a sophisticated due process hearing process, there is no corresponding compliance / investigative procedure, to permit the Association to respond in a timely, effective and consistent manner to allegations of violations or reports of rules infractions, and to make determinations that will have the confidence of their member institutions, other stakeholders and the general public. Specifically, current procedures provide that investigations are to be triggered by a request for a ruling, or by routine, periodic reports and/or audits conducted by the Association. No current procedure clearly empowers KHSAA to proceed with random compliance checks, or to conduct investigations of specific alleged violations based on information received, nor are Commissioners specifically authorized to initiate complaints/investigations on their own (based on information brought to their attention).*

*Perhaps most importantly, the Association currently does not have specific investigative procedures or staff specifically tasked to conduct meaningful investigations, preserve the Association's discretion and flexibility to police its membership, and require that member institutions, regulated student athletes and their parents, and other stakeholders, respond to investigations in a timely and cooperative manner (or, in the alternative, face appropriate sanctions.)*

*As a result of all of the above, there is a real question as to whether complaints and concerns are being investigated in a prompt and effective manner. Rumor, misinformation and suspicion have filled the void caused by the absence of an effective compliance process, and conclusions are being drawn from anecdotal information that is exaggerated or inaccurate, to the detriment of relationships within the organization and the organization's credibility with its membership and the general public.*

## **Bylaw 16. Protests, Reporting of Violations**

Any person wishing to report a violation of the KHSAA Constitution, Bylaws or Tournament rules must do so as provided by the Due Process Procedure, as amended, and as incorporated by reference

herein as provided by the Due Process Procedure, as amended, and as incorporated by reference herein in writing. If such evidence is presented to warrant an investigation, the Commissioner shall ensure that such investigation is performed. The Commissioner's office shall notify the principal or superintendent of the protested school, telling him/her the exact nature of the charges made. If a Compliance Officer is assigned an investigator is appointed to gather evidence in connection with the inquiry or complaint protest, he/she shall provide a copy of the report of the investigation to the Commissioner, and a copy of any investigative report shall be made a part of the official school records with the Association and shall be made available to the principal or superintendent of the schools involved upon request consistent with the Due Process Procedure. If the investigation results in a probable cause determination, and the inquiry or complaint is not resolved by conciliation, the matter may proceed to a hearing under the Due Process Procedure.

Protests against the decision of contest officials made during the course of game or meet will not be considered.

#### **Changes to KHSAA Due Process Procedure**

This Proposal would amend the current Due Process Procedure, by adopting the following additional provisions:

The KHSAA hereby adopts the following compliance procedures, to be supplemented by further provisions in the areas as herein identified:

1. Staffing—An Assistant Commissioner shall be tasked as the Association's contact person for compliance activities, and is hereby given the additional title: "Director of Compliance". There is further hereby created a KHSAA "Compliance Division", to be made up of the following staff positions:

- a. Director of Compliance— (an Assistant Commissioner)
- b. Compliance Officer— (2 positions)
- c. Compliance Assistant— (a staff position combining the responsibilities of i) records maintenance/retention and ii) intake and initial complaint-processing.

#### **2. Responsibilities-**

- a. The Compliance Division shall maintain existing responsibilities and lines of communication, including processing of eligibility inquiries, "requests for ruling", and similar requests under current procedures.
- b. The KHSAA shall implement and maintain a state-wide, toll-free (800) number, to field questions, provide technical assistance to members and stakeholders, and to receive inquiries/complaints of non-compliance or rules violations.
- c. The Compliance Division shall implement and maintain approved investigatory procedures, to include at least the following components:

1. Intake Officer (Compliance Officer or Compliance Assistant) interviews the caller or complaining individual(s), and attempts to obtain all information known by/available to the contact. (Note: Inquiries/complaints may be anonymously submitted, but the caller may be told that this method of reporting is likely to be an impediment to a full investigation).

2. Compliance staff shall preliminarily determine whether the inquiry/complaint warrants an investigation, based on nature of the allegations and existence of supporting evidence, consistent with criteria to be developed by KHSAA. (Staff will provide information and a recommendation to the Compliance Director, who will then make a final decision as to whether to proceed with a full investigation).

3. Inquiry or complaint information shall be written up on an "Inquiry Form" or equivalent document, be docketed with an identification number, and be assigned to a Compliance Officer for investigation. At the time the inquiry is assigned, the Inquiry Form shall be served on the individual or entity being investigated, by Certified Mail or personal service [depending on the nature of the proceeding, with specific procedures to be developed by KHSAA]. The Compliance Officer shall then have 90 days to conduct an investigation (unless the matter is designated for an "expedited" investigation/review by order of the Commissioner, under procedures to be developed by KHSAA). The investigation shall consist of personal interviews and/or review of relevant documents, and the KHSAA shall also have the discretion to conduct an "on-site" investigation, under procedures and time-lines to be developed by the Association.

4. Upon completion of the investigation, the Compliance Officer shall make a recommendation to the Compliance Director, who shall then report a finding of either: a) "no probable cause" to believe that an infraction or violation of KHSAA rules/

procedures has occurred, or a finding of b) "probable cause" to believe that an infraction or rules violation has occurred.

a. If a "no probable cause" finding is made, the matter shall be dismissed, and all interested parties will be informed of the determination. [Note: Final procedures may call for the Board to sign off on the "no probable cause" determinations, depending on procedures to be developed by the Association.]

b. If a "probable cause" determination is made, the KHSAA shall attempt to resolve the matter through "conference, conciliation and persuasion" ["conciliation"]. If the matter is resolved through conciliation, the agreement of the parties shall be reduced to writing, and will thereafter be adopted as a final Order of the KHSAA.

5. If a "probable cause" determination is made, and the matter is not resolved within 30 days through the process of conciliation, the matter shall be scheduled for a hearing, consistent with existing procedures.

6. The KHSAA will develop and maintain procedures to insure that investigations are conducted in a confidential manner, consistent with administrative procedure and Kentucky Open Records requirements.

d. Provision shall also be made [whether by amendment of the By-Laws or otherwise] for a Commissioner-initiated charge, which could be an appropriate vehicle for commencing an investigation of reported or suspected rules violations that come to the attention of KHSAA by means other than inquiries from stakeholders or the public. The procedure for investigation of Commissioner-initiated charges should mirror, insofar as practical, the investigative procedures set out above.

e. The Compliance Division will submit to the Board of Control an annual report summarizing inquiries and complaints in order to assist the Board of Control in determining if current KHSAA rules are sufficient, and to recommend adjustments to the bylaws as needed and appropriate.

#### **3. Funding-**

The three (3) "new" staff positions of the Compliance Division of the KHSAA [2 Compliance Officers and a Compliance Assistant] shall be hired with the financial support of the Association's member institutions. Any member contributions to the staff funding obligation shall be assessed on an appropriate proportionate basis between public and non-public member institutions.

---

### **PROPOSAL 9**

#### **Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control**

*Rationale - This change would ensure that programs such as the Heat and Humidity Program, Title IX reporting and other Board initiated directives are fully complied with by member schools as condition precedent to membership. In general it would result in very minimal change to the day to day operations of the school or the Association, but gives Bylaw support to many Board directives such as Title IX, Heat and Humidity, Wrestling Weight Management and other important programs that may be composed.*

#### **Bylaw 17. Supplying Information and General Compliance**

A superintendent, principal, student, and/or Designated Representative shall, when requested, supply the Commissioner with such information as that person may be asked for related to the athletic program at a member school, bearing on the eligibility of contestants at the school. A failure to comply within a reasonable time may forfeit the schools membership in the Association, or the school may be penalized in accordance with approved Association penalty codes. Each member school shall annually certify that they will comply with any and all of the rulings of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, Hearing Officer and Board of Control as they relate to the athletic program at a member school. Such compliance shall include but not limited to student eligibility matters, Board policy directives related to health and safety of student athletes, and other programs as may be instituted by the convened Board of Control.

---

### **PROPOSAL 10**

#### **Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.**

*Rationale - This change will revise the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons and replace that wording with the wording from the Bylaw prior to the changes in the early 1990s. In this manner, any two tournaments could be counted as one game each against the limit, simplifying the procedure for monitoring compliance. The maximum number of games played would continue to be 36, and could be accomplished by playing four games in each of two tournaments, and then 28*

other games. It is hoped that this wording, restoring the counting to the basic provisions in place prior to the early 1990s, would eliminate the possibility of a school inadvertently scheduling too many contests.

#### **Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons**

##### **Sec. 2] Sports Specific Limitations - Baseball - Boys**

4] A maximum of ~~thirty-six (36) thirty (30)~~ games may be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (district). ~~Doubleheaders shall be counted as two (2) games each against the limit of thirty (30) games. A maximum of three (3) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of thirty (30) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of thirty (30) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have each additional game played over four counted against the limit of thirty (30) games.~~

---

#### **PROPOSAL 11**

##### **Proposed by Jim McKee, Designated Representative, Scott County High School; Greg Scholl, Designated Representative, Southwestern High School**

*Rationale - With the movement of the State Basketball Tournaments beginning in 2008, spring football practice will be held during an even more volatile weather time and perhaps, leave schools more vulnerable to injury of the participants. In addition, the current schedule often finds schools with coaching vacancies, and/or helmets that have not been returned from reconditioners in time for the start of practice. And admittedly, schools who have successful basketball programs have had an advantage under the current rules and this rule should promote equity among programs, not further division. This change would codify that among six available weeks, all schools shall select two weeks that work the best within the school calendar of that particular school, and that those ten days must conclude at least one week prior to the postseason beginning in spring sports. This will minimize choices that need to be made by students and ensure that they have a chance to participate in multiple sports. In addition, the change would place within the body of the rule, many of the Board of Control restrictions on spring practice to ensure that they are consistently applied.*

##### **Sec. 5] Sports Specific Limitations - Football - Boys**

8] Each football school may conduct ten (10) practice periods of not more than two (2) hours in length and not more than one practice per day over ten (10) days during the period beginning with the Monday of National Federation week 38 and concluding with the Friday of National Federation week 45 ~~three calendar school weeks following the school's elimination from post-season play in basketball.~~ All equipment authorized by the football playing rules may be used during this period. There can be no inter-school competition during this period, and all participants must be eligible according to all KHSAA eligibility rules. ~~Each school shall select a three school calendar week window from which its ten (10) practices are to be selected, and shall confirm within one week the completion of its tenth practice, the exact days during which practice was conducted. All activity conducted, whether or not it involves football gear or contact, shall count toward the limitations. No student below grade nine may participate and no seniors may participate. Intrasquad games may be held but must be counted as one of the ten practice sessions. There can be no school or coach imposed penalty for any player who chooses not to participate. There may be no required participation by any person on a spring sports eligibility list or any other person not appearing on a spring sports eligibility list.~~

---

#### **PROPOSAL 12**

##### **Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.**

*Rationale - This change will revise the tournament counting shortcut exceptions contained in the Limitation of Seasons and replace that wording with the wording from the Bylaw prior to the changes in the early 1990s. In this manner, any two tournaments could be counted as one game each against the limit, simplifying the procedure for monitoring compliance. The maximum number of games played would continue to be 36, and could be accomplished by playing four games in each of two tournaments, and then 28 other games. It is hoped that this wording, restoring the counting*

*to the basic provisions in place prior to the early 1990s, would eliminate the possibility of a school inadvertently scheduling too many contests.*

#### **Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons**

##### **Sec. 8] Sports Specific Limitations - Softball - Girls (Fast Pitch)**

4] A maximum of ~~thirty-six (36) thirty (30)~~ games may be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (district). ~~Doubleheaders shall be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. A maximum of three (3) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of thirty (30) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of thirty (30) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have each additional game played over four counted against the limit of thirty (30) games.~~

##### **Sec. 9] Sports Specific Limitations - Softball - Girls (Slow Pitch)**

4] A maximum of ~~thirty-six (36) thirty (30)~~ regular season games may be played. ~~Doubleheaders shall be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. A maximum of three (3) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of thirty (30) games. Single elimination tournaments in which every team in the tournament is finished playing upon their first loss are eligible to be counted as one game against the limit of thirty (30) games. All other formats of tournaments are eligible to be counted as two games against the limit of thirty (30) games. Any team playing more than four games in any one tournament shall have each additional game played over four counted against the limit of thirty (30) games.~~

---

#### **PROPOSAL 13**

##### **Proposed by Gale Travis, Designated Representative, Madisonville North Hopkins High School.**

*Rationale - Several years ago, the KHSAA Annual Meeting adopted a Limitation of Seasons that included Indoor Track. In the time since then, many schools have added indoor track and yet do not have a facility near the school to participate in indoor competition. In many cases, these teams have not been able to find participation opportunities. This would basically unify the seasons, and allow for scheduling flexibility while not increasing the number of competition opportunities available. This proposal comes from the Track and Cross Country Advisory Committee.*

##### **Sec. 12] Sports Specific Limitations - Indoor and Outdoor Track - Boys and Girls**

- 1] Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to December 1.
- 2] There shall be no more than two (2) ~~outdoor~~ practice meets held by each team and such shall be held on or before the Monday of NFHS calendar week 38 prior to the first regular season outdoor meet of that year.
- 3] The first meet (indoor or outdoor) shall not take place before the Monday of NFHS Calendar Week 28. ~~outdoor meet shall not take place before the Monday following the conclusion of the second state basketball tournament of that year.~~
- 4] ~~The first indoor meet shall not take place prior to January 1. The last indoor meet must be held on or before the second Saturday in March. All indoor meets must be properly sanctioned.~~
- 5] ~~The indoor season shall consist of a maximum of four (4) meets (not including the Mason-Dixon games) No indoor meet shall count against the limit of outdoor meets.~~
- 4] ~~6] The track season shall consist of a maximum of nineteen (19) meets. All meets, regardless of format or of being indoor or outdoor meets, shall count against the limit of meets. The track season shall consist of The outdoor season shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) meets. No outdoor meet shall count against the limit of indoor meets.~~
- 5] ~~7] The opportunity to participate in regular season outdoor contests season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the~~

academic school year.

---

### PROPOSAL 14

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

*Rationale – This change will clarify the original intent of the Limitation, which was to restrict the cheerleading insurance coverage only to competitions and practices that adhere to the NFHS Stunt Limitations.*

#### Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

##### Sec. 15) Specific Limitations - Other Sport Activities - **Cheerleading (Spirit)**

- 1) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to July 15.
- 2) Cheerleaders are limited to a maximum of three competitions during the school year, not including in-game competitions, that each are sponsored by an organization that adheres to and enforces the Stunt Limitations of the National Federation Spirit Guide. This does not include in-game competitions. The KAPO'S Sweet Sixteen® and KAPO'S At-Large Competitions held in conjunction with the KHSAA district, region and state basketball tournaments shall not count toward the three-competition limit. Any preliminary competitions that progress to a district, region, state and/or national level will be considered as one competition.
- 3) The opportunity to cheer or enter cheerleading contests ends at all levels (grades 9-12) for that academic year on or before April 1. After April 1, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition until the end of the academic school year.

---

### PROPOSAL 15

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control

*Rationale – This change would clarify the role of the KHSAA in schools making decisions about coach hirings. The KHSAA can set baseline qualifications for coaches in conjunction with the Kentucky Department of Education, and should certainly set requirements once hired, for working with the program. However, the KHSAA role in the hiring process should probably defer to the local control of the school and school system within applicable law. The previous provisions pre-date KERA and the School Based Decision Making policies and regulations, To eliminate conflict and to keep the Association out of issues in which it should not be involved, this rule should be revised. The KHSAA should not be issuing directives to Superintendents regarding the hiring of coaches when such is solely the purview of the school Superintendent.*

#### Bylaw 27. Requirement for Coaches and Others Working With High School Teams

##### Sec. 1) Definitions

###### a) Level 1 Coaches

- i) ~~The local school district superintendent shall categorize~~ An individual seeking a coaching position shall be categorized as Level 1 if such individual meets the following criteria prior to assignment to coaching duties:
- ii) A certified teacher and member of the regular school system faculty, employed a minimum of three (3) regular periods for teaching classes, including physical education; for supervision of study halls; and/or exercising responsibilities in other activity assignments within the school schedule.

##### Sec. 2) Hiring and Employment Requirements

###### a) Required Level

Level 1 or 2 individuals (head and assistant) may be assigned as the head or assistant coach in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading).

###### b) Member School Obligations in Hiring

- i) The Superintendent shall ensure that all assignments for coaching duties comply with all applicable state and local policies.
- ii) The hiring process shall ensure that in considering those individuals seeking coaching duties, the most qualified individual shall be assigned. In considering qualifications, the qualifications desired for the position, the references, interviews and experience of those seeking the duties, and the education background shall be considered.

###### c) Compensation

Any person assigned to coaching duties at any level (grades 9-12) shall be duly employed through the respective board of education and the entire coaching salary shall be paid through such board in accordance with local Board of Education policy.

###### a) Level 4

~~Level 4 individuals (head and assistant) may be assigned as the head or assistant coach in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading). All Level 2 individuals assigned to coaching duties (head and assistant) shall have the full and same authority and responsibility, consistent with applicable law, as fully certified, teaching counterparts hired as Level 4 coaches.~~

###### b) Level 2

~~i) In the event that the member school is unable to staff head or assistant coaching positions in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading), the Superintendent of the local school district may declare the need for assignment of a Level 2 coach. The Superintendent shall provide a list of qualified candidates to the Principal, who will consult the School Based Council prior to making selection, and the superintendent will complete the final assignment process.~~

~~ii) Before assigning Level 2 individuals to coaching duties (head and assistant), the Superintendent shall declare, after reasonable notice of a relevant position that no qualified Level 4 individual has applied for the position. Coaching positions shall be filled by the best qualified person available, giving preference to the factors of academic preparation and teacher certification, prior teaching experience or related educational work, and personal attributes compatible with the demands of the position;~~

~~iii) All Level 2 individuals assigned to coaching duties (head and assistant) shall have the full and same authority and responsibility, consistent with applicable law, as fully certified, teaching counterparts hired as Level 4 coaches.~~

~~iv) In the event that the member school is unable to staff head or assistant coaching positions in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading) with a Level 4 or Level 2 individual, the member school may request through the Superintendent that the KHSAA allow for a one-time waiver of this rule in order that the additional time be available to find an applicant meeting the criteria:~~

##### Sec. 3) Duties and Responsibilities

###### a) Jurisdiction

~~All Level 4 and 2 individuals assigned duties as coaches (head and assistant) at all levels (grades 9-12) are under the jurisdiction of the member school principal, and shall act in accordance with his/her directives. The member school principal shall correctly implement site Based Decision Making policies relative to this area.~~

###### b) Compensation

~~Any person assigned to coaching duties at any level (grades 9-12) shall be duly employed through the respective board of education and the entire coaching salary shall be paid through such board in accordance with local Board of Education policy.~~

---

### PROPOSAL 16

#### Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control.

*Rationale – This change would ensure that in a sport which emphasizes risk minimization and liability prevention as much as swimming, that a properly licensed and trained official would be at each contest.*

#### Bylaw 29. Officials Division of the Association

##### Sec. 1) Officials Who Must License

Any person who officiates in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball (slow and fast pitch), swimming, volleyball and wrestling in grades 9 through 12 between member schools of the Association must be licensed by the Commissioner and must carry an official card indicating such licensure. All officials in baseball, basketball, football and softball are required to join a local officials association as described in the KHSAA Officials' Guidebook.

---

### PROPOSAL 17

#### Proposed by Phil Rison, Designated Representative, Montgomery County High School.

*Rationale – This school does not agree with any fines to coaches. We believe it is wrong to assess a fine to a coach, who is most probably underpaid in the first place. In the case of Bylaw 11, the coach is already required to sit out a game for an ejection for unsportsmanlike conduct and to me the assessment of a fine is double jeopardy. Neither I nor my school have issues with fines being assessed for schools who do not meet timelines, perform procedural duties, or for the Association seeking restitutionary damages for rules violations where the school dues and other funds are used for investigation or legal defense of the rules promulgated by the schools and otherwise detailed in this schedule. But I have*

an issue with coaches being assessed a fine and an issue with fines being used for basic rules compliance. For that reason, this amendment also strengthens and reiterates the Commissioner, Hearing Officer and Board of Control's ability to suspend offenders from scrimmage and game competition, which in reality, is the most effective punishment in interscholastic athletics. Competition is what both athletes and coaches work toward, suspension from that is an effective rules deterrent, and eliminates the perception that some individuals will simply "buy their way" out of violations. If passed, it is hoped that the Board of Control will look long and hard at revising the fine schedule to adhere to this philosophy.

### **Bylaw 33. Imposition of Penalties**

When Association rules and regulations have been violated, penalties may be imposed on the offending schools or individual by the Commissioner's office, the KHSAA Hearing Officer and/or the Board of Control. Each member school of the KHSAA through its Principal shall ensure that its athletic program remains compliant with KHSAA rules.

For violation of any rule or regulation by any member school or school designated staff, student-athlete, official, or other representative, such penalty as may be called for under the specific rule or regulation, or, in case no specific penalty is called for, such disciplinary action, including warning, reprimand, probation, suspension, and/or payment of a fine may be imposed by the Commissioner's office or Board of Control.

- 1) FINE - A fine may be levied in lieu of, or in addition to, any other penalty imposed upon the school and may only be levied against a member school. The Board of Control shall adopt a schedule of fines and publish said schedule annually in the Association Handbook. The fine schedule shall also include any amounts paid by the Association and/or received by the school as a result of postseason competition. A fine may not be levied against any individual within the interscholastic athletic program but may only be levied against the member school and only for selected violations as determined by the Board of Control.
- 2) FORFEIT - The forfeit of contests/meets may be included in penalties assessed for violation of Association rules.
- 3) WARNING - A warning is written notification that a violation, or an inexcusable or unethical action, has occurred, is a matter of record, and that such action must not be repeated.
- 4) LETTER OF REPRIMAND - A written reprimand of the individual, program, or school may be issued if a violation of the rules has occurred which was preventable. The action is a matter of record, and warnings that repeat actions of this type will be cause for further penalty.
- 5) PROBATION - Probation is a more severe penalty and may be described in the following manner. Normally, an individual or a school on probation is on conditional Association membership, but may engage in their/its regular schedule, sanctioned events, and district, regional and state championships. This is provided that the individual and/or school has taken steps to insure the problem which placed the individual, sport or school on probation has taken steps to alleviate the problem which caused the probation. Additionally, a school on probation may be restricted to limits on contests/scrimmages as may be deemed appropriate.
- 6) SUSPENSION - An individual participant, coach, specific sport or school may be suspended from competition or from scrimmage participation. This penalty may range from the elimination of individual and/or team(s) participation in games, tournaments, meets or state championship competition, to suspension of the school from the Association. Individuals and/or teams suspended may not engage in contests with member schools of the Association, or with any other school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- 7) RESTITUTION - A fine may be levied equal to the amount of itemized legal fees expended by the Association in defense of its rules in a court of law in cases where a school or school system is directly or indirectly involved in the legal challenge of an association rule which has passed via the proper Constitutional process and in which case, the Association prevails in court. If the Association, its Commissioner, or other persons associated or employed by the Association are named as a party, or if the Association intervenes in any action to enforce a ruling, bylaw or other provision, it shall be presumed that the school where the student attends or the coach or such other person is employed or is otherwise associated or connected, is involved in the legal challenge. The presumption of involvement may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence. Such involvement includes but is

not limited to, providing testimony, staff, staff legal counsel and/or funds for such counsel, or direct filings by or on behalf of the school or school system.

If the Association conducts an investigation regarding any player, coach, assistant coach, paraprofessional, booster, supporter or other person associated with a team, program or member school, and the investigation results in any penalty being imposed by the Association, the school may be required to pay all costs of such investigation. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, the costs, fees and expenses charged by an investigator, and the costs, fees and expenses charged by the Association's legal counsel.

- 8) PERMANENT SUSPENSION - Any coach, participant or other school representative may be permanently suspended from involvement in interscholastic athletics in this state if found by competent and conclusive evidence to be guilty of assaulting a sports official.
- 9) REDISTRIBUTION - If a school is found to have used an ineligible competitor and as an extension to the fine penalty listed above, the Commissioner may direct that a portion or all of the net proceeds received from a postseason contest or tournament be returned to the host and/or redistributed to the other contest or tournament participants.
- 10) VACATE / STRIKE - If a school is found to have used an ineligible competitor, the Commissioner may direct that 1) Individual records and performances be vacated or stricken; 2) Team records and performances including place finishes be vacated or stricken; and/or 3) Individual or team awards be returned to the Association.

---

## **PROPOSAL 18**

### **Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control**

*Rationale - This revision would state that the full Board of Control would only be required to conduct four regular meetings per year. In this manner, smaller groups of Board members may meet for committees, etc. and not force the expense of a full Board meeting more than is necessary to fulfill the Board's functions.*

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATION**

#### **Section 3. Duties of Officers**

##### **D) BOARD OF CONTROL**

The Board of Control shall:

- 7) Hold a minimum of four ~~four~~ ~~six~~ ~~six~~ regular meetings.

---

## **PROPOSAL 19**

### **Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control**

*Rationale - This revision would move the deadline date for proposals back to May 1 of the year that the change is to be considered. In this manner, changes can be discussed and debated among all KHSAA constituencies, impact analysis can be performed and reviewed, and input can be gathered from all KHSAA Constituencies. This will ensure that changes to the foundation documents of the Association, the Constitution and the Bylaws, are well thought out, discussed and that those approved truly represent the best interests of the membership.*

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section 1. Deadline for Filing**

On or before May 1 ~~September 10~~ preceding the convening of the Annual Meeting of each year, a DELEGATE or REPRESENTATIVE may file with the Commissioner any proposed change in the Association Constitution and/or Bylaws. The Commissioner shall submit the proposed changes approved by the Board of Control to the member schools by electronic or printed means within seven (7) calendar days of the Annual Meeting. Any proposal to be offered by the Board of Control shall be submitted to the member schools by electronic or printed means within seven (7) calendar days of the Annual Meeting. ~~No~~ Except by two-thirds vote of the DELEGATES answering the roll, ~~no~~ proposals other than these may be considered at the ANNUAL MEETING.

---

## **PROPOSAL 20**

### **Proposed by Arthur Ballard, Designated Representative, Estill County High School.**

*Rationale - This proposal ensures open communication of the business of the Board of Control with the member schools and accountability for the Board's action. The posting of this information could be done in a secure portion of the KHSAA web site available*

only to member schools within the constraints of the Kentucky Open Records Act.

## ARTICLE IV

### ADMINISTRATION AND LEGISLATION

#### Section 3. Duties of Officers

##### D) BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control shall:

8) Be empowered to transact its business when a majority of its members is present at a meeting. This shall constitute a quorum. The complete Board of Control agenda shall be published online [exclusive of specific student appeal information] not less than five (5) business days before the date of the meeting. The minutes of all meetings of the Board of Control shall be published online [exclusive of specific student appeal information] not later than five (5) working days following the meeting. The minutes shall be detailed in nature. Unless the vote on an issue related to the Constitution, Bylaws and Tournament Rules was unanimously approved, the minutes shall include a record of how each member of the Board voted on each issue. The recorded vote shall not be required on matters related to the KHSAA Due Process Procedure and student eligibility.

## PROPOSAL 21

### Proposed by Ron Madrick, Designated Representative, Holmes High School

*Rationale – There is a need for representation of all regions every year. While the current Board has made all efforts to be truly representative, the current system leaves long amounts of time between an official representative being able to be elected from every region. With the passage of this proposal, every region would be represented, and in addition, the number of designated representatives [females and African Americans] would be doubled, thereby complying with the Court Decree of 1971. The other represented groups placed on the Board of Control were placed by regulatory authorities and those authorities, not the body of delegates, should decide if additional representation is needed for those groups. While there are added expenses, there are other ways to address the cost issue including the timing and frequency of meetings, and other containment measures. This proposal would also reduce the number of required Board meetings to four and the remainder of the meetings could effectively be held via committee system and small representative groups.*

##### B) BOARD OF CONTROL

###### 1) REPRESENTATION

- a) Sixteen [16] ~~Eight (8)~~ Board of Control members shall be elected by a vote of the PRINCIPALS or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES of member schools in each region section to serve as REGIONAL SECTIONAL Board of Control members. A REGION is defined SECTION is defined as the combination of two (2) contiguous regions as defined by the KHSAA alignment in basketball. (Basketball Regions 1 and 2 (S. 1), 3 and 4 (S. 2), 5 and 6 (S. 3), 7 and 8 (S. 4), 9 and 10 (S. 5), 11 and 12 (S. 6), 13 and 14 (S. 7), 15 and 16 (S. 8)) Terms of the REGIONAL SECTIONAL Board of Control members shall be staggered so that four [4] ~~two (2)~~ are elected each year. Initial terms for the newly elected members not currently serving on the Board of Control shall be drawn by lot to develop the proper rotation.
- b) ~~Two One~~ African-Americans shall be elected by the PRINCIPALS or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES from regions 1 through 8 and ~~two one~~ African-Americans shall be elected by PRINCIPALS or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES from regions 9 through 16 to serve as DESIGNATED members of the Board of Control. ~~Two One~~ females shall be elected by the PRINCIPALS or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES from regions 1 through 8 and ~~two one~~ females shall be elected by PRINCIPALS or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES from regions 9 through 16 to serve as DESIGNATED members of the Board of Control. Terms of the DESIGNATED members shall be staggered so that one African American and one female are ~~is~~ elected each year. Initial terms for the newly elected members not currently serving on the Board of Control shall be drawn by lot to develop the proper rotation.
- c) ~~Two One~~ persons shall be elected by the PRINCIPALS or DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES from regions 1 through 8 who shall come from the non-public (not classification A1, D1 or F1 schools) member schools of the Association, and ~~Two One~~ persons shall be elected by the PRINCIPALS or

DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES from regions 9 through 16 and shall come from the non-public (not classification A1, D1 or F1 schools) member schools of the Association to serve as DESIGNATED members of the Board of Control. ~~Initially, one non-public school representative shall serve a three-year term, and one shall serve a five-year term. Terms of the DESIGNATED members shall be staggered so that one of the DESIGNATED representatives required to be from the non-public member schools is elected each year. Initial terms for the newly elected members not currently serving on the Board of Control shall be drawn by lot to develop the proper rotation. Following initial election, the terms of the DESIGNATED representatives required to be from the non-public member schools shall be staggered so that one is elected each even-numbered year. Balloting for these non-public school representatives shall only be conducted among the non-public school representatives of the Association.~~

d) Four (4) at-large members of the Board of Control are to be appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. These members are to be at-large appointments recommended by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education. These appointees shall not be an employee of any member school or its central administration, or the administration of the Kentucky Department of Education. At least one of these appointees shall be an African-American and one shall be a female. Terms of the at-large members shall be staggered so that one is appointed each year.

###### 2) TERM IN OFFICE

- a) Members of the Board of Control shall serve a four-year term in office unless filling an unexpired term created by death or resignation of a member, in which case the balance of the remaining term is the term in office. The term year for the Board of Control is July 1 through June 30.
- b) No member is eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive complete four-year terms with no further limits as to lifetime eligibility.
- c) ~~SECTIONAL members are not eligible to serve on the Board of Control if the region has been represented for two (2) consecutive four-year terms. If a SECTIONAL representative moves to a different region following his/her election, the region in which the member was employed at the time of election shall be used to determine the status of section for the next election.~~

###### 3) ELIGIBILITY

- a) To be eligible for membership as a REGIONAL SECTIONAL or DESIGNATED representative on the Board of Control, one must be an employee holding a valid Kentucky Teaching Certificate issued by the Education Professional Standards Board and be an employee of an accredited KHSAA member school or system which is in good standing with the KHSAA. He/she must be employed in the region [regions in the case of DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES] section he/she is to represent, and must remain employed in that region [regions in the case of DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES] section during his/her tenure of office. Serving in a part-time capacity [less than three hours of instruction or other administrative duties other than a bonafide 100-day contract assignment as approved by rules of the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System] or on leave of absence [exclusive of employee earned sick leave] will terminate the eligibility of the member. ~~He/she shall not be eligible after serving two (2) consecutive four-year terms.~~
- b) If a vacancy occurs with less than one year remaining on the term in office, the Board of Control shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. If a vacancy occurs with one year or more remaining or if a newly elected member of the Board of Control is unable to take office at the start of his/her term, the Commissioner shall ensure the vacancy is filled within sixty (60) days in the same manner as that prescribed for the regular selection of Board members.