KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Baseball

(As Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS AND SEEDING

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in baseball for boys, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) District Seeding

1) For district tournaments that for whatever reason, fall to where only two teams the following shall govern:
   a) The head to head results from the regular season shall determine the host team and number one (1) seed for postseason play.
   b) The number one (1) seed shall host the district tournament (region if the sport does not have districts) and shall be the designated home team, even if unable to host the game at their home site due to facility requirements in the sport.
2) For district tournaments with three teams, the district tournament shall be seeded in accordance with the following three-team seeding rules:
   a) The competing teams within a district shall, by majority vote, determine if the schools are required to play each other once or twice during the regular season. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts.
   b) The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
   c) The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
   d) In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position,
      (1) The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the winner in the game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
         b. In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
   e) In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
      (1) In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the tie shall be broken by blind draw. The team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed).
      (2) In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         b. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the first game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         c. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         d. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         e. If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie. In this case, the team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed)
         f. Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.
   f) In the event of game re-scheduling or cancellation, the original game schedule shall determine which game is "second" for tie-breaking purposes.
3) For district tournaments with four or more teams, the district tournament brackets may be drawn by random lot or placed into the bracket using a seeding system. A majority vote (recorded in writing) of the Principals, Athletic Directors or Designated Representatives of the schools in the district is required in order to make or change seeding decisions. In the absence of any documentation, minutes or other verification, the districts shall not be seeded. The rules concerning the seeding of a district with four or more teams are as follows:
   a) The decision to seed and the method used in seeding (including all tie-breakers) shall be determined by majority vote of the participating teams in the district and the manager shall record this vote in writing and submit it to the Association. The representatives making the written declaration shall decide all issues related to seeding.
   b) Seeding methods shall be determined prior to the start of the regular season, recorded in writing with a copy provided to the KHSAA, and shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions. Such changes to the district seeding plan may not be made for the current year once play has begun in the regular season.
   c) In the event of dispute, the current copy on file with the KHSAA shall prevail in determining resolution.
   d) Seeding plans may, at the discretion of the majority vote of the schools, stipulate a particular team to a particular seeded position.
   e) It shall be the district tournament manager's responsibility to update the Association with respect to any changes to the seeding decision or method being used and any relevant tiebreakers. In the absence of this documentation, consultation with, and written verification and documentation from, prior year tournament managers, will be utilized by staff to assist with interpretation and clarification.
   f) There are no statewide rules on a seeding method once the determination has been made to seed. Some of the more common and recommended means of seeding is the record of games played within a district provided all teams have played all other teams. In that case, each district shall adopt tie-breaking procedures in the event that the primary method of seeding results in a tie or other situations arise which cause an alteration in the scheduled seeding method. Among the more common tie-breaking methods are:
      (1) seeding by overall win-loss record;
      (2) seeding by win-loss record in specific contests,
      (3) seeding by a rating/ranking from a statewide poll,
      (4) seeding by a majority vote,
      (5) seeding by a committee,
      (6) seeding a specific team(s) into a position to avoid scheduling complications and issues, and
      (7) seeding by a rating turned in by each school.
   g) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of midnight Wednesday prior to the Monday of the week of the district tournament. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season to discuss tournament operations (i.e. dates, times,

sites, tournament personnel needs, etc.). However, if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded games have been played prior to the meeting.

h) Seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published deadline for seeded games shall be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

i) If a change in the alignment of teams moves a single new team into a previously seeded district during the current school year, the previous decision as to seeding shall prevail. If the new team enters the alignment following the completion of all game contracts and the new team is unable to schedule all required opponents, the new team shall be seeded in the last position for the current season, and shall be included in seeded game scheduling for the subsequent seasons. If a single change in the alignment occurs prior to the end of the previous school year, the district teams will conduct a new vote as to seeding.

j) If a change in the alignment of teams moves more than one team into a seeded district, the district teams shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote will result in the seeding decision being not seeded.

k) If the Board of Control approves a total realignment of teams within a district, the teams in the district shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the district being not seeded.

l) Once a vote has been conducted for the district to be seeded, all required contests shall be considered to be contracted for the seeding requisite number of contests. If school representatives do not notify all schools in the district of their intent NOT to participate by the first day of practice, the contest shall be played or a forfeit declared. Where a fee is not specified, a $1000 default forfeiture fee will be assessed for non-played contests.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) District tournament play shall begin not later than Monday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for district tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts. Tournaments may begin prior to that Monday if all schools concur and all regular season play is ended.

2) Region tournament play shall begin not later than Tuesday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for region tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts.

3) All tournaments shall be held on or as near the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar as local conditions permit. Any exceptions shall be approved by the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) District tournament sites shall be selected by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the schools eligible to compete in each district tournament. If a district is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.

2) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and having a schedule of ten (10) or more baseball games shall be allowed to vote for the district tournament location or participate in the tournament.

3) Criteria to be considered by the schools for the district tournament include but are not limited to:

a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) an officials dressing room;

c) adequate parking for projected attendance; and

d) meet the published site selection criteria for baseball as posted on the KHSAA website.

4) The Commissioner shall determine region tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a region tournament shall submit their request through a meeting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of all schools in the region and shall supply information relating to the listed criteria for hosting. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

5) A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt any plan for recommending the region tournament sites and voting shall include all schools within a region, not simply the schools playing in a particular year's event.

6) Criteria to be considered by the schools for recommending regional tournament sites include but are not limited to:

a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) an officials dressing room;

c) adequate parking for projected attendance; and

d) meet the published site selection criteria for baseball as posted on the KHSAA website.

7) The schools in the district and region shall agree on the amount of proceeds (if any) that is to be kept by the host school as well as limitations on expenses by the host school; determining the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each school that participates; the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each team in the region not competing in the tournament; and the disbursement of any proceeds from commissions, parking, advertising and any other revenue related to the tournament but not directly related to ticket, program or novelty sales. Resolution as to disputes on any of these issues may be facilitated by the Commissioner's office and if agreement cannot be reached, may be considered by the Board of Control.

8) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The principal of the host school shall designate an official of the school to serve as the manager for each district tournament. The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.

2) It is the duty of each district and region tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans.

3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. In addition, it shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct a drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

B) Tournament Meeting

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the games, and make all other arrangements necessary to conduct the tournament.

2) The district meetings shall be held in the school designated as the tournament host not later than the Wednesday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Calendar. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams.

3) The Region meeting shall be held on Sunday afternoon immediately following the district tournaments not prior to 2:00 local time in the school designated as the host. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams, but not prior to the completion of all district tournament games. The site for future regional tournaments is not an issue for this meeting unless the Principal or the Designated Representative as listed

on the KHSAA website is present for all teams in the region (not limited to the competing teams).

C) Tournament Pairings

1) The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school.

2) District (non-seeded): The pairings for the district tournament shall be made in accordance with the following procedure, with all byes being arranged to be in the first round:

a) The appropriate bracket shall be used for team placement according to the number of teams entering the tournament:

(1) For three (3) teams, the bracket is seeded by rule and form BR103 shall be used;

(2) For four (4) teams, the unseeded BR104 shall be used;

(3) For five (5) teams, the unseeded BR105 shall be used;

(4) For six (6) teams, the unseeded BR106 shall be used;

(5) For seven (7) teams, the unseeded BR107 shall be used;

(6) For eight (8) teams, the unseeded BR108 shall be used;

(7) If more than eight (8) teams are in the district bracket, contact the KHSAA offices for assistance in utilizing the unseeded BR116 bracket.

b) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

c) The participants shall then draw for the non-BYE positions in the bracket. For example, in a five team bracket, the draw shall be for positions 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

d) The home team shall be determined by the bracket form.

e) The games of the tournament shall be played in the order listed on the bracket unless unanimous agreement is reached among the competing teams due to facility logistics concerns.

f) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

3) District (seeded): After seeding positions have been determined, the seeded bracket pairings shall be observed. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket. The brackets (from top down) are as follows:

a) 2 Team - The district tournament shall then be a single game, with the winner being advanced to the region tournament as the district winner (regardless of the regular season results).

b) 3 Teams (seeded by rule) – Seed 2 plays 3, Seed 1 plays winner of Seed 2 vs. Seed 3 for championship.

c) 4 Teams - Seed 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, winners meet for championship.

d) 5 Teams - Seed 5 plays 4, 1 plays winner of 5 vs. 4, 2 plays 3, remaining winners meet for championship.

e) 6 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 plays winner of 3 vs. 6, remaining winners meet for championship.

f) 7 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

g) 8 Teams - Seed 1 plays 8, 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 vs. 8 winner plays 4 vs. 5 winner, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

h) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

4) Region: The pairings for the region tournament shall be made in accordance to the following procedure.

a) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

b) In a region tournament with participants from four districts, the district winners will draw for positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 in a standard eight-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will draw for a position in the opposite bracket.

c) In a region tournament with participants from three districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The format will follow a standard eight-team bracket with two byes, those falling into positions 2 and 7. The district winners shall draw for positions 1 and 8 in the bracket. The district winner not drawing a bye shall draw for a position in slots 3 through 6. The district runner-up to the district champion drawing for position in slots 3 through 6 will draw into one of the two remaining slots in the bracket opposite the district winner, and the remaining two runner-up teams will be placed opposite their corresponding district winners in the remaining two slots in the bracket.

d) In a region tournament with participants from two districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The district winners will draw for positions 1 and 3 in a standard four-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will be placed in the position in the opposite bracket from the district winner.

e) In regions where the drawing of district boundaries result in two or three districts, the Board of Control may approve an alternate format in order to allow for a full eight-team bracket in the region tournament.

f) The winner of each region tournament shall advance to the state tournament.

5) Semi-State.

a) The state shall be divided into eight semi-state areas for both boys and girls play for the first round of the state tournament.

b) Each semi-state game shall be held at a field that meets the site specifications for holding a semi-state game whether or not the host is playing in the contest.

c) The winner of each semi-state game advances to the State Tourament.

d) Unless further altered by the Board of Control, the semi-state pairings for six-year period are:

SS	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
1	1 @ 2	4 @ 1	1 @ 3	2 @ 1	1 @ 4	3 @ 1
2	3 @ 4	2 @ 3	4 @ 2	4 @ 3	3 @ 2	2 @ 4
3	5 @ 6	8 @ 5	5 @ 7	6 @ 5	5 @ 8	7 @ 5
4	7 @ 8	6 @ 7	8 @ 6	8 @ 7	7 @ 6	6 @ 8
5	9 @ 10	12 @ 9	9 @ 11	10 @ 9	9 @ 12	11 @ 9
6	11 @ 12	10 @ 11	12 @ 10	12 @ 11	11 @ 10	10 @ 12
7	13 @ 14	16 @ 13	13 @ 15	14 @ 13	13 @ 16	15 @ 13
8	15 @ 16	14 @ 15	16 @ 14	16 @ 15	15 @ 14	14 @ 16

6) State. The Commissioner shall conduct a blind draw to determine the pairings for the state tournament. The winner of each of the sixteen (16) region tournaments shall advance to the state tournament.

7) Regardless of any vote or consensus of the competing teams, any bracket not drawn in accordance with the above procedures may be directed to be corrected, including the replay of contests, by the Commissioner's office.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Withdrawal after draw

1) No school which enters a district, region or state tournament (draws for place) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its games, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.

2) If a school withdraws from a district, region or state tournament at any time following the draw for district tournament positions or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded district,

that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

C) Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

D) Per Game Roster/Substitutions

1) A school may enter a team composed of twenty-one (21) players in each postseason tournament game from the roster submitted online.

2) The twenty one (21) players shall be designated each game, and no other players may be in uniform and participate in warm-ups.

3) Tournament management may limit the total number of individuals in the dugouts.

E) Minimum Number of Contests

To be eligible to compete in the district, region or state tournament, a member school team shall have competed in at least ten games during the regular season.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Umpires for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007).

B) Umpires assigned for championship play shall comply with the published provisions of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:

1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;

2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;

4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;

5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and

6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

D) Baseball Umpries shall meet the following criteria for postseason assignments:

1) Umpires for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission;

2) Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the regional or state tournaments. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to district, region and state tournament contests through the Assigning Secretary. The final selection shall be made by the Commission;

4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations;

5) The resultant rankings of officials (final ranked list of scores) is public information. The individual ratings by coaches are NOT public and may not be disclosed under any circumstances;

6) A crew of two (2), three (3) or four (4) umpires shall be assigned to regular season play;

7) A crew of three (3) or four (4) umpires shall be assigned to all district tournament play;

8) A crew of four (4) umpires shall be assigned to all region and state tournament play;

9) Umpires desiring to be assigned to the Region and State Tournaments shall have, within the preceding four years, attended the Baseball Advance Umpires Camp; and

10) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play.

11)Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) The champion of each district and region tournament will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.

2)The champion of the state tournament will be the winning team in a single elimination tournament.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Trophies will be given to each district and region tournament winner and runner-up.

2) The trophies at the district and region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.

3) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and twenty-four (24) individual medals.

4) An All-Tournament team will be selected at the state tournament including a Most Valuable Player.

5) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) District and Region

1) The participating schools may adopt by majority vote, any plan that they desire for the distribution of receipts. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

2) If no plan can be agreed upon, the following shall prevail:

a) A mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense. An allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.

b) The host school shall be allowed fifteen (15) percent of the gross ticket receipts derived from the district or region tournament for rental of the gymnasium and other services rendered to include setup and clean-up charges and for paying documented incidental bills related to the tournament that are approved by the participating teams.

c) Prior to any additional distribution, the gross receipts, less the host designated share outlined in subsection (2), shall be reduced by team travel expenses and the amounts paid for game officials and trophies.

d) The remainder of the profit shall be divided among the schools participating in the tournament and the non-participating schools in accordance with previously approved plans.

e) The host school should be allowed the profits made on programs, concessions, parking, etc.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament. The following allowances will apply if the receipts from the tournament make them justifiable, otherwise, the Board of Control will determine the allowance.

2) Expenses will be paid for meals, lodging and travel for each team through breakfast on the day following elimination from the tournament for each team.

3) The state tournament squad for purposes of reimbursement shall be limited to twenty-four (24) persons, including the principal, coaches, team members and other personnel.

4) Schools failing to stay in the motel/hotel assigned by the Association shall forfeit the lodging allowance. Schools within forty (40) one-way miles will not be provided a lodging allowance, but will be considered commuting teams. Commuting teams shall be paid an allowance in accordance with pre-tournament instructions.

5) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is $1 per mile (round trip), $5 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

6) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from each state

tournament.

7) The competing teams in the state tournament will be afforded passes to accommodate a traveling party of forty (40), to include the school principal(s) and other administrators, the coaching staff, the team members in uniform (maximum 21) and the support staff for the team. No additional passes will be issued.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules

1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Baseball Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Pitching Limitations

1) For all interscholastic play including scrimmages, regular season and all rounds of postseason, the limitation on picthing is based on the number of pitches thrown in a game with the following provisions:

a) The pitch count is based on pitches thrown for strikes (including all foul balls); balls; balls in play and outs.

b) Warm-up pitches allowed before each inning, warm up pitches allowed by the umpire in case of injury or game delay, and plays attempted against the batter-runner or any runner at first, second or third base do not count against the limit.

c) A pitcher at any level who reaches the pitch count limit in the middle of an at-bat will be allowed to finish that hitter.

d) All NFHS Substitution and Pitching Rules must be followed.

e) For pitchers pitching multiple levels, the most restrictive rule shall apply when there is conflict.

f) The pitch count charts of both teams from prior contests are to be presented to the opposing coach BEFORE the game.

g) A Designated Pitch Count Recorder shall be designated by the home team (DPCR).

h) During the game, pitch counts will be recorded by the DPCR and are to be reviewed between innings. Any discrepancy shall be settled by the DPCR without umpire involvement and that record shall be considered final.

i) A protest over a discrepancy in pitch counts discovered in a later inning from an earlier inning in the game will not be permitted due to end of an inning verification.

j) At game's conclusion, the KHSAA pitch count form will be signed by both head coaches or designated representatives.

k) Both schools have the responsibility to maintain every pitching chart form until the school season is complete.

l) Any discrepancy found after the game will be reported to the KHSAA and shall be treated as a potential eligibility issue to resolve.

m) The use of a pitcher not eligible to pitch by the pitch count restrictions shall constitute the use of an ineligible player and result in contest forfeiture and additional penalties per Bylaw 27.

n) An archive copy of each game and the entire season must be available upon KHSAA request at any point during and following the season.

o) For interpretations and clarifications, see http://khsaa.org/021716-faqs-baseball-pitch-count-limitations/

2) DAILY LIMITATION

a) The limit on the number of pitches is based on the level of pitching.

b) Specific rest periods are in place when a pitcher reaches a threshold of pitches delivered in a day.

c) The day of pitching for purpose of the limit is the calendar day on which the game began, regardless of the completion time of any interrupted game.

d) The calendar rest begins immediately following midnight on the day following the date on which the game began regardless of the conclusion time of the game.

e) For state championship tournament play, all pitching shall be established as being pitched on the day the first game that each specific round occurred.

3) The rest periods required during the regular and postseason are listed below:

a) VARSITY LEVEL PITCHES THROWN IN ONE DAY REQUIRED REST

(1) Maximum Pitches – 120
(2) 76 pitches or more – Three (3) calendar days of rest
(3) 51-75 – Two (2) calendar days of rest
(4) 26-50 – One (1) calendar day of rest
(5) 1-25 – No mandated rest

b) JUNIOR VARSITY/FRESHMAN LEVEL PITCHES THROWN IN ONE DAY REQUIRED REST

(1) Maximum Pitches – 110
(2) 66 pitches or more – Three (3) calendar days of rest
(3) 41-65 – Two (2) calendar days of rest
(4) 26-40 – One (1) calendar day of rest
(5) 1-25 – No mandated rest

c) MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL RECOMMENDATION PITCHES THROWN IN ONE DAY REQUIRED REST

(1) Maximum Pitches – 85
(2) 56 pitches or more – Three (3) calendar days of rest
(3) 36-55 – Two (2) calendar days of rest
(4) 20-35 – One (1) calendar day of rest
(5) 1-19 – No mandated rest

C) Speed-Up Rules

All baseball contests shall utilize the optional speed-up rules allowed by the National Federation as detailed for the courtesy runner(s) for the pitcher and catcher upon reaching base.

D) Specifications of Fields and Game Balls

1) The specifications for recommended and required standards for fields to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

2) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

E) Coaching Uniform

1) Coaches in the coaching boxes (first and third bases) shall wear baseball uniform pants, shoes, stirrups (if worn by the team), and baseball/athletic shoes (no sandals, etc.) The top may differ from the team uniform but shall, if not identically matching the team uniform, contained readily identified team references using either the school name or the school mascot. Such items as golf polo shirts, wind shirts and other tops shall be allowed provided the proper school name/nickname provisions are met. Such items shall not be allowed if containing references to other school teams (i.e. X County football), or nonschool related facilities (i.e. X County Country Club).

2) Other coaches who may appear on the field for conferences, including the pre-game conference, or offensive or defensive charged conferences, shall be uniformly dressed in school identified clothing. These individuals shall either be 1) wearing baseball uniform pants, shoes, stirrups (if worn by the team), and baseball/athletic shoes (no sandals, etc.) with the top provisions as specified for the base coaches; or 2) they may wear khaki dress slacks (full length), with appropriate shoes, and the top provisions as specified for the base coaches.

F) Team Uniform

In KHSAA sanctioned postseason play, all players who enter the contest shall wear the same color and style uniform.

G) Interrupted Games

1) If a game is interrupted in tournament play or in regular season play, and is subsequently to be completed, it will be reset at the same point, same inning, same out or outs, same balls and strikes, same batter or number of batter in the batting order.

2) If a game is interrupted and cannot be resumed that day, three choices exist for completing the game:

a) If agreed by both teams, terminate game with score as it exists if such is allowable by the playing rules of the NFHS, and if such agreement is reached at the site, it shall be considered final;

b) If agreed by both teams, resume game at point of interruption at a mutually agreed date and time, provided that the date and time decision is finalized at the site prior to the teams departing, and if such agreement is reach at the site, it shall be considered final; or

c) If agreement cannot be reached, resume the game on the

next available playing date for both teams that does not conflict with specific local board policies (i.e. Sunday play), does not violate the Bylaw 23 prohibition on playing games on consecutive days (Monday through Thursday) and based on schedules as published as of the interrupted game. If one of the competing teams on the first available date chooses for any reason not to play, that team shall be considered to have forfeited the contest. If both teams choose not to play on the first available date, the contest shall be officially recorded as a double forfeit and if it is a seeded district game, the required procedure utilized to determine counting toward seeding position.

3) If a game is interrupted and is to be resumed:
   a) The same officials are expected to return to complete contest;
   b) Substitute officials shall be paid the local policy board mileage add-on only;
   c) Local associations shall develop policy on compensation of substitute officials, such as pooling game fees, etc.;
   d) Officials have no say in the postponement decisions, except to moderate discussion;
   e) Officials and coaches should involve not solely coaches, but school administrators in the decision; and
   f) All involved shall remember that this situation is caused by elements such as weather that are uncontrollable by anyone, and keep the discussions in that perspective.
   g) There shall be no guarantee that infield will take place prior to the resumption of the interrupted game.
4) If a game is interrupted and unable to be completed, it shall be counted against all applicable game limits, including total number of games and all pitching restrictions.

H) Complete Game and Run Rule
1) In regular season and postseason, a complete game of 6 1/2 or 7 innings shall be played unless other rules adopted by the Board of Control apply to the situation.
2) For all games, regular season and postseason, a ten (10) run differential between teams after five or more complete innings (including after the top half if the home team is ahead) shall constitute a complete game.
3) For all games, regular season and postseason, a fifteen (15) run differential between teams after three or more complete innings (including after the top half if the home team is ahead) shall constitute a complete game.

I) Pitcher Warm-up Area
1) If the pitcher's warm-up area is in live ball territory, only those individuals specified by NFHS playing rules (pitcher - catcher - personal protector) may be in the live ball area during any warm-up period.
2) Only members of the team and adult coaches may serve as personal protector, and all persons serving in that role shall wear a properly fitted helmet.

J) Use of Electronic Devices
1) Electronic devices, such as radar devices to measure pitching speed, may only be used by either team outside of the dugout with mutual consent of both teams.
2) If either team objects, then the equipment shall be used in the confines of the dugout.

L) Heat Index
All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

M) Deadline to Start Contest
No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Basketball

(As Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS AND SEEDING

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in basketball for boys and for girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) District Seeding

1) For district tournaments that for whatever reason, fall to where only two teams the following shall govern:
   a) The head to head results from the regular season shall determine the host team and number 1 seed for postseason play.
   b) The number 1 seed shall host the district tournament (region if the sport does not have districts) and shall be the designated home team, even if unable to host the game at their home site due to facility requirements in the sport.
2) For district tournaments with three teams, the district tournament shall be seeded in accordance with the following three-team seeding rules:
   a) The competing teams within a district shall, by majority vote, determine if the schools are required to play each other once or twice during the regular season. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts.
   b) The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
   c) The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
   d) In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position,
      (1) The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the winner in the game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
         b. In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
   e) In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
      (1) In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the tie shall be broken by blind draw. The team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed).
      (2) In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         b. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the first game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         c. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         d. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         e. If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie. In this case, the team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed)
         f. Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.
   f) In the event of game re-scheduling or cancellation, the original game schedule shall determine which game is "second" for tie-breaking purposes.
3) For district tournaments with four or more teams, the district tournament brackets may be drawn by random lot or placed into the bracket using a seeding system. A majority vote (recorded in writing) of the Principals, Athletic Directors or Designated Representatives of the schools in the district is required in order to make or change seeding decisions. In the absence of any documentation, minutes or other verification, the districts shall not be seeded. The rules concerning the seeding of a district with four or more teams are as follows:
   a) The decision to seed and the method used in seeding (including all tie-breakers) shall be determined by majority vote of the participating teams in the district and the manager shall record this vote in writing and submit it to the Association. The representatives making the written declaration shall decide all issues related to seeding,
   b) Seeding methods shall be determined prior to the start of the regular season, recorded in writing with a copy provided to the KHSAA, and shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions. Such changes to the district seeding plan may not be made for the current year once play has begun in the regular season.
   c) In the event of dispute, the current copy on file with the KHSAA shall prevail in determining resolution.
   d) Seeding plans may, at the discretion of the majority vote of the schools, stipulate a particular team to a particular seeded position.
   e) It shall be the district tournament manager's responsibility to update the Association with respect to any changes to the seeding decision or method being used and any relevant tiebreakers. In the absence of this documentation, consultation with, and written verification and documentation from, prior year tournament managers, will be utilized by staff to assist with interpretation and clarification.
   f) There are no statewide rules on a seeding method once the determination has been made to seed. Some of the more common and recommended means of seeding is the record of games played within a district provided all teams have played all other teams. In that case, each district shall adopt tie-breaking procedures in the event that the primary method of seeding results in a tie or other situations arise which cause an alteration in the scheduled seeding method. Among the more common tie-breaking methods are:
      (1) seeding by overall win-loss record;
      (2) seeding by win-loss record in specific contests,
      (3) seeding by a rating/ranking from a statewide poll,
      (4) seeding by a majority vote,
      (5) seeding by a committee,
      (6) seeding a specific team(s) into a position to avoid scheduling complications and issues, and
      (7) seeding by a rating turned in by each school.
   g) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of midnight Wednesday prior to the Monday of the week of the district tournament. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season to discuss tournament operations (i.e. dates, times, sites, tournament

personnel needs, etc.). However if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded games have been played prior to the meeting.

h) Seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published deadline for seeded games shall be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

i) If a change in the alignment of teams moves a single new team into a previously seeded district during the current school year, the previous decision as to seeding shall prevail. If the new team enters the alignment following the completion of all game contracts and the new team is unable to schedule all required opponents, the new team shall be seeded in the last position for the current season, and shall be included in seeded game scheduling for the subsequent seasons. If a single change in the alignment occurs prior to the end of the previous school year, the district teams will conduct a new vote as to seeding.

j) If a change in the alignment of teams moves more than one team into a seeded district, the district teams shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote will result in the seeding decision being not seeded.

k) If the Board of Control approves a total realignment of teams within a district, the teams in the district shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the district being not seeded.

l) Once a vote has been conducted for the district to be seeded, all required contests shall be considered to be contracted for the seeding requisite number of contests. If school representatives do not notify all schools in the district of their intent NOT to participate by the first day of practice, the contest shall be played or a forfeit declared. Where a fee is not specified, a $1000 default forfeiture fee will be assessed for non-played contests.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) All tournaments shall be held on or as near the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar as local conditions permit. Boys' region tournaments shall be completed by Saturday night prior to the boys' state tournament in years when the boys' state tournament is played first, but may extend to Tuesday before the girls' state tournament if the boys' state tournament is played second. Girls' region tournaments shall be completed by the Saturday night prior to the girls' state tournament in years when the girls' state tournament is played first, but may extend to Tuesday before the boys' state tournament if the girls' state tournament is played second.

2) In regions where boys' and girls' region tournaments are assigned to separate sites in different cities, the region tournament manager(s) shall schedule games in order that the games are not played on the same date at separate sites. In regions where boys' and girls' region tournaments are assigned to the same site, the region manager(s) shall be responsible for scheduling games in the best interest of all participating schools.

B) Sites for Play

1) District tournament sites shall be selected by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the schools eligible to compete in each district tournament. If a district is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.

2) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and having a schedule of twelve (12) or more basketball games shall be allowed to vote for the district tournament location or participate in the tournament.

3) Criteria to be considered by the schools for the district tournament include but are not limited to:

a) Satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) Enough dressing rooms if double headers are to be played;

c) An officials dressing room;

d) Adequate parking for projected attendance; and

e) meet the published site selection criteria for basketball as posted on the KHSAA website.

4) The Commissioner shall determine region tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a region tournament shall submit their request through a meeting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of all schools in the region and shall supply information relating to the listed criteria for hosting. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

5) A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt any plan for recommending the region tournament sites and voting shall include boys' and girls' sites and shall include all schools within a region, not simply the schools playing in a particular year's event.

6) Criteria to be considered by the schools for recommending regional tournament sites include but are not limited to:

a) satisfactory capacity within the gym to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) A minimum of four dressing rooms if double headers are to be played;

c) An officials dressing room;

d) Adequate parking for projected attendance; and

e) meet the published site selection criteria for basketball as posted on the KHSAA website.

7) In addition, the schools shall agree on the amount of proceeds (if any) that is to be kept by the host school as well as limitations on expenses by the host school; determining the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each school that participates; the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each team in the region not competing in the tournament; and the disbursement of any proceeds from commissions, parking, advertising and any other revenue related to the tournament but not directly related to ticket, program or novelty sales.

8) Resolution as to disputes on any of these issues may be facilitated by the Commissioner's office and if agreement cannot be reached, may be considered by the Board of Control.

9) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager and Duties

1) The principal of the host school shall designate an official of the school to serve as the manager for each district tournament. The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.

2) It is the duty of each district and region tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans.

3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school.

4) It shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

5) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct a drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

B) Tournament Meeting

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the games, and make all other arrangements necessary to conduct the tournament.

2) The district meetings shall be held in the school designated as the tournament host not later than the Wednesday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Calendar.

These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams.

3) The Region meeting shall be held on Sunday afternoon immediately following the district tournaments not prior to 2:00 local time in the school designated as the host. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams, but not prior to the completion of all district tournament games. The site for future regional tournaments is not an issue for this meeting unless the Principal or the Designated Representative as listed on the KHSAA website is present for all teams in the region (not limited to the competing teams).

C) Tournament Pairings

1) The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school.

2) District (non-seeded): The pairings for the district tournament shall be made in accordance with the following procedure, with all byes being arranged to be in the first round:

a) The appropriate bracket shall be used for team placement according to the number of teams entering the tournament:
(1) For three (3) teams, the bracket is seeded by rule and form BR103 shall be used;
(2) For four (4) teams, the unseeded BR104 shall be used;
(3) For five (5) teams, the unseeded BR105 shall be used;
(4) For six (6) teams, the unseeded BR106 shall be used;
(5) For seven (7) teams, the unseeded BR107 shall be used;
(6) For eight (8) teams, the unseeded BR108 shall be used;
(7) If more than eight (8) teams are in the district bracket, contact the KHSAA offices for assistance in utilizing the unseeded BR116 bracket.

b) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

c) The participants shall then draw for the non-BYE positions in the bracket. For example, in a five team bracket, the draw shall be for positions 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

d) The home team shall be determined by the bracket form.

e) The games of the tournament shall be played in the order listed on the bracket unless unanimous agreement is reached among the competing teams due to facility logistics concerns.

f) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

3) District (seeded): After seeding positions have been determined, the seeded bracket pairings shall be observed. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket. The brackets (from top down) are as follows:

a) 2 Team - The district tournament shall then be a single game, with the winner being advanced to the region tournament as the district winner (regardless of the regular season results).

b) 3 Teams (seeded by rule) – Seed 2 plays 3, Seed 1 plays winner of Seed 2 vs. Seed 3 for championship.

c) 4 Teams - Seed 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, winners meet for championship.

d) 5 Teams - Seed 5 plays 4, 1 plays winner of 5 vs. 4, 2 plays 3, remaining winners meet for championship.

e) 6 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 plays winner of 3 vs. 6, remaining winners meet for championship.

f) 7 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

g) 8 Teams - Seed 1 plays 8, 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 vs. 8 winner plays 4 vs. 5 winner, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

h) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

4) Region: The pairings for the region tournament shall be made in accordance to the following procedure.

a) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

b) In a region tournament with participants from four districts, the district winners will draw for positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 in a standard eight-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will draw for a position in the opposite bracket.

c) In a region tournament with participants from three districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The format will follow a standard eight-team bracket with two byes, those falling into positions 2 and 7. The district winners shall draw for positions 1 and 8 in the bracket. The district winner not drawing a bye shall draw for a position in slots 3 through 6. The district runner-up to the district champion drawing for position in slots 3 through 6 will draw into one of the two remaining slots in the bracket opposite the district winner, and the remaining two runner-up teams will be placed opposite their corresponding district winners in the remaining two slots in the bracket.

d) In a region tournament with participants from two districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The district winners will draw for positions 1 and 3 in a standard four-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will be placed in the position in the opposite bracket from the district winner.

e) In regions where the drawing of district boundaries result in two or three districts, the Board of Control may approve an alternate format in order to allow for a full eight-team bracket in the region tournament.

f) The winner of each region tournament shall advance to the state tournament.

5) State. The Commissioner shall conduct a blind draw to determine the pairings for the state tournament. The winner of each of the sixteen (16) region tournaments shall advance to the state tournament.

6) Regardless of any vote or consensus of the competing teams, any bracket not drawn in accordance with the above procedures may be directed to be corrected, including the replay of contests, by the Commissioner's office.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Withdrawal after draw

1) No school which enters a district, region or state tournament (draws for place) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its games, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.

2) If a school withdraws from a district, region or state tournament at any time following the draw for district tournament positions or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded district, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

C) Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

D) Per Game Roster/Substitutions

1) A school may enter a team composed of fifteen (15) players in each postseason tournament game from the roster submitted online.

2) The fifteen (15) players shall be designated each game, and no other players may be in uniform and tournament management may limit the total number of individuals on the benches.

E) Minimum Number of Contests

To be eligible to compete in the district, region or state tournament,

a member school team shall have competed in at least twelve games during the regular season.

V) OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007).

B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:

1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;

2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;

4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;

5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and

6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

D) Officials assigned to postseason basketball tournaments shall meet the following criteria:

1) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored state championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission;

2) Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the district, regional or state tournaments;

3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to district, region, and state tournament contests through the Assigning Secretary. The final selection shall be made by the Commission;

4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations;

5) The resultant rankings of officials (final ranked list of scores) is public information. The individual ratings by coaches are NOT public and may not be disclosed under any circumstances;

6) A crew of three (3) officials shall be assigned to regular season and postseason varsity play;

7) To be eligible to officiate postseason in boys' basketball, an official shall officiate at least eight (8) high school boys' games, and eight (8) high school girls' games;

8) To be eligible to officiate postseason in girls' basketball, an official shall officiate at least eight (8) high school girls' games;

9) Beginning with postseason play in 2021, officials desiring to be assigned to the Region and State Tournaments shall have within the preceding four years, attended the Basketball Advance Officials Camp; and

10) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play.

11) Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) The champion of each district and region tournament will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.

2) The champion of each state tournament will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Trophies will be given to each district and region tournament winner and runner-up.

2) The trophies at the district and region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.

3) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and thirty-three (33) individual medals.

4) An All-Tournament team will be selected at the state tournament including a Most Valuable Player.

5) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) District and Region Finances

1) The participating schools may adopt by majority vote, any plan that they desire for the distribution of receipts. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

2) If no plan can be agreed upon, the following shall prevail:

a) A mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense. An allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.

b) The host school shall be allowed fifteen (15) percent of the gross ticket receipts derived from the district or region tournament for rental of the gymnasium and other services rendered to include setup and clean-up charges and for paying documented incidental bills related to the tournament that are approved by the participating teams.

c) Prior to any additional distribution, the gross receipts, less the host designated share outlined in subsection (2), shall be reduced by team travel expenses and the amounts paid for game officials and trophies.

d) The remainder of the profit shall be divided among the schools participating in the tournament and the non-participating schools in accordance with previously approved plans.

e) The host school should be allowed the profits made on programs, concessions, parking, etc.

B) State

1) The Association will finance state tournament. The following allowances will apply if the receipts from the tournament make them justifiable, otherwise, the Board of Control will determine the allowance.

2) Expenses will be paid for meals, lodging and travel for each team through breakfast on the day following elimination from the tournament for each team.

3) The state tournament squad for purposes of reimbursement shall be limited to thirty-three (33) persons, including the principal, coaches, team members, cheerleaders, cheer sponsor and other personnel.

4) Schools failing to stay in the motel/hotel assigned by the Association shall forfeit the lodging allowance. Schools within forty (40) one-way miles will not be provided a lodging allowance, but will be considered commuting teams. Commuting teams shall be paid an allowance in accordance with pre-tournament instructions.

5) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is $1 per mile (round trip), $5 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

6) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from each state tournament.

C) Passes/Tickets

1) Each participating school shall be allowed passes for one coach and principal to the district and region tournament.

2) Each member school of the Association may, upon application by the principal, purchase up to four priority tickets to the boys' and girls' state tournaments for use by school personnel. Each superintendent may, upon application, purchase up to two priority tickets to each state basketball tournament.

3) The competing teams in the state tournament will be afforded passes to accommodate a traveling party of thirty-three (33), to include the school principal(s) and other administrators, the

coaching staff, the team members (maximum 15) and the off court staff for the team. No additional passes will be issued. Cheerleaders from participating schools will be admitted in uniform to each contest in which their team is participating, with a maximum of sixteen (16) allowed to participate at any time.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules

1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Basketball Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Dimensions of the Tournament Courts and Game Balls

1) The dimensions of the court on which the games will be played will be determined by the size of the court at the designated tournament site.

2) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

C) Music/Sound Effects/Artificial Noisemakers

1) Per NFHS Rule 1-18, the playing of music/sound effects shall only be permitted during the pregame, time-outs, intermission and postgame. The use of artificial noisemakers shall be prohibited, to include but not be limited to any mechanical device manufactured to create noise and multiple objects which together make noise. Such prohibition shall include the use of equipment such as megaphones when used by anyone of than a cheerleader and for any other purpose than voice ampification.

2) Megaphones are allowed to be used by cheerleaders as long as they are used in the traditional sense. Megaphones are not to be used to bang against the floor or wall to incite crowds or intimidate players. Megaphones may not be used by fans as noisemakers.

D) Cheerleaders on Court During Timeouts

Basketball Rule 5-12-5 deals with the shortened timeout (30-second timeout.). This is not a timeout during which cheerleaders are allowed on the floor. During full length timeouts, cheerleaders may be allowed by officials to be on the court dependent upon game activity and space limitations.

E) Cheerleaders on Court During Free Throw Attempts

Cheerleaders may not be in the area between the foul lane lines extended when a free throw is being attemped.

F) Coaching Box

KHSAA member schools may utilize a coaching box per the NFHS rules drawn 14 feet from the 28' mark on the court. There is no coaching box beyond the 14' mark toward the baseline.

G) Point Differential Rule

1) All member schools will utilize a running clock rule at all levels of basketball (freshman, JV, Varsity) when one team is ahead by 35 or more points after halftime.

2) The clock shall be stopped only for a charged timeout, an injury/blood or disqualification, and immediately following the reporting of a foul if free throws are to be administered.

a) After reporting a shooting foul, the official will signal the timer to stop the clock. This will be signaled by the official to the timer after reporting the foul.

b) Once the official signals the timer to stop the clock, it will be started when the free throw ends if the last free throw is missed (when it is certain the try will not be successful or when the try touches the floor or any player, 4-20-3), or when the ball is at the disposal of the opponent if the last throw is successful (Available to a player after a goal and the official begins the throw-in count, 4-4-7.)

H) Spirit/Pep Line for Introductions, Warm-up Areas

1) Regular Season

a) During the regular season, A team's spirit line is not to extend onto any part of the other team's half of the court and area leading up to the playing field.

b) A team's half of the court will be designated by NFHS rules. This includes the end zones.

c) No spirit line is to extend over past the start of the center circle.

d) No players, coaches, team attendants, or anyone associated with the opposing team is to enter or interfere with the opponent's spirit line.

2) Postseason

a) In games played on neutral courts, spirit lines will not be allowed onto the courts including the end zones.

b) The Association will designate warm-up areas for the postseason games as necessary.

I) Deadline to Start Contest

No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Cross Country

(As Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in cross country for boys and girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership to participate in said competition.
2) Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to September 1.
7) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
8) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office, with new schools with a four-year average enrollment of less than 611 students being placed in Class 1A, 611 to 1050 in Class 2A and above 1050 in Class 3A.
9) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) Enrollment and Criteria for Determining Classes

1) The classification shall be based on the four-year average total enrollment of students in grades 9-12 including all special education students.
2) The enrollment of schools enrolling only one gender shall be doubled for classification purposes.
3) The enrollment data used to determine the class boundaries shall be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Education or other verifiable sources in the case of nonpublic schools.
3) Schools playing up into a higher classification that the four-year average enrollment dictates shall remain that higher class for the duration of the alignment.
4) The state shall be initially divided into three classes based on a four-year average enrollment, with each class containing seven (7) regions.
5) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections within three (3) enrollment based classes with the approval of the Board of Control.
6) For the current four-year alignment period, the schools shall be divided to where approximately 40% of those offering track and field are placed in Class 1A, the next 30% in Class 2A an the next 30% in Class 3A.
7) After the initial division, any schools offering Cross Country but not offering track are placed in the appropriate class based on comparison of that school's enrollment, and the largest and smallest of each class.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state meets.
2) All meets shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region meet sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the meet is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the meet shall be allowed to apply, and only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region meet site selection plan.
5) If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) All hosts granted an event shall host at least one meet during the region meet year with at least five schools entering competitors and using the electronic entry and results system.
7) All host courses shall be properly marked per NFHS rules if the markings are not able to be affixed to the ground.
8) The region host school shall own a current license to the Association designated software application for managing region entries and results or shall contract with a current license holder.
9) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region meets, and shall serve as the manager for the state meet. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the meet as to the time and place of the meet, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the meet.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state meet and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Individual Entry Requirements

1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet, a contestant shall be enrolled in the seventh (7th) grade or higher and be otherwise eligible by all KHSAA Bylaws.

C) Team Entry and Advancement

1) The initial entry report for contestants in the region meet shall be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. four (4) days prior to the region meet.
2) A school may enter a total of ten (10) eligible individuals on a region/state meet entry that must come from the master online roster. Entry must be done via the designated electronic software. From that list and only from that list, a school shall designate a maximum of seven (7) runners who may actually compete in the region meet. A school not having enough runners to qualify as a team (five (5) runners) may enter less than five (5) runners as individual contestants in the region meet.
3) Only in the case of documented medical emergency can these deadlines be waived or a substitution be allowed.
4) Each manager is responsible for the forwarding of the entries

for the region meet to all competing teams.

D) Advancement to State Meet

1) In regions that have 1 full team enters the Region Meet, 1 team advances.
2) In regions that have 2-3 full teams enter the Region Meet, 2 teams advance.
3) In regions that have 4-5 full teams enter the Region Meet, 3 teams advance.
4) In regions that have 6-7 full teams enter the Region Meet, 4 teams advance.
5) In regions that have 8-10 full teams enter the Region Meet, 5 teams advance.
6) In regions that have 11 or more full teams enter the Region Meet, 6 teams advance.
7) In addition to the advancing teams the top five (5) individuals not on a qualifying team shall advance from the region to the state meet.

E) Substitutions

1) Any contestant whose name is on the ten person region/state entry list may be a member of a qualifying team or declared for the State Meet for a qualifying team
2) Substitutes for individual qualifiers in the state meet are not be allowed.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Regular Season Competition

1) It is strongly recommended that a KHSAA licensed official (Track and Field), be present at each Cross Country meet that counts toward the limit of meets in accordance with Bylaw 23.
2) In any meet where more than four (4) schools are entering teams or individuals, there shall be a KHSAA licensed Track official.

B) Postseason Competition

1) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007) and within the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.
2) The local management of the postseason cross country meets shall have the authority to hire and utilize all licensed officials necessary for properly conducting the meets.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) All entrants from a school accumulate team points toward the team championship.
2) A team, for scoring purposes in determining the team champion, shall consist of a minimum of five (5) participating members.
3) The team score shall be determined by totaling the places of the first five finishing contestants on each team. The scores of the individual contestants, those not on a team, shall be disregarded in computing the team score.
4) The champion of each meet will be the team compiling the lowest total team score, with teams with less than five contestants disregarded in the team competition.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first and second at the region meets.
2) The first eight (8) runners finishing will receive awards at the region meet.
3) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that meet.
4) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state meet.
5) The ten (10) individuals on the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth will receive awards at the state meet,
6) The first fifteen (15) runners finishing in each race will receive awards at the state meet.
7) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state meet.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region

1) The finances of the region meet will be managed at the region level.
2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state meet.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules

1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Track and Field Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
3) The Board of Control shall serve as the Games Committee as designated by the NFHS Track and Field Rules. The Board shall through its normal procedures, receive input from the Commissioner's Advisory Committee and all other internal opportunities prior to finalizing any decision in compliance with these rules.
4) National Federation Track and Field Rule 9 shall govern meets in Cross Country where appropriate and in particular where participant safety is ensured.

B) Length and Specifications for Course

1) The course will be approximately 5,000 meters for both boys and girls. All Cross Country races shall be a minimum of 2,500 meters and a maximum of 5,000 meters in order to count toward the applicable required minimum number of meets.
2) The specifications for recommended and required standards for cross country courses to be used in postseason may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

C) Interrupted Races

1) When lightning or other inclement weather, heat and humidity conditions or other events beyond the control of meet management cause the interruption of a race by the Meet Referee after it has begun, it shall be considered to be complete with respect to the counting against the maximum number of meets for a school or minimum number of required meets for an athlete.
2) Any race so interrupted shall be complete to the extent of the compensation for meet officials.

D) Starter's Pistol Specifications

The starter's pistol, which shall be a .32 caliber (.22 for indoor track), shall meet all district, local, state and federal regulations including possession ordinances and registration requirements.

E) Uniform allowances per NFHS Track Rule 3

1) All contestants in Cross Country shall adhere to National Federation Rule 4-3 as it relates to the uniform of the competitors. In addition, the Games Committee for the State Cross Country and Track Meets may, within the allowable limits of Rule 4-3, establish clarifications and enhancements to the uniform requirement to ensure equal treatment of all competitors.
2) The following areas have been addressed for consistent enforcement by meet officials and which are applicable to all contestants. NOTHING ABOUT THESE RULES MANDATE A REQUIRED COLOR:
   a) HEADS - Hats are not allowed however the toboggan or stocking cap/wrap are permitted in cold or hot weather. All head gear and holders shall be checked by the Meet Referee to make sure they are secure. Anything worn on the head shall be secure, designed for the head, and without a visible manufacturer's logo or other decoration (other than the school name / nickname).
   b) TOPS - If shirts are worn under the school issued jersey by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel shall be exactly the same single solid color on all who choose to wear the undergarments. It is not necessary that all team members wear them. No lettering or designs or decals will be allowed on undershirts anywhere with the exception of a single manufacturer's logo which shall adhere to the NFHS restrictions. The restrictions on undershirts do not include sleeve length. For example one team member can wear long

sleeves, one 3/4 sleeves and one short sleeves as long as they are the same solid color.

c) BOTTOMS - If leotards, body suits or bike shorts are worn under the school issued running trunks by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel shall be a single solid color and alike in color. Long underwear will not be accepted as a visible undergarment for either tops or bottoms. No lettering, designs or decals will be allowed on underpants anywhere, with the exception of a single manufacturer's logo which shall meet NFHS restrictions. The restrictions on pants do not include pants length. For example one team member can wear long pants, one 3/4 pants and one short pants as long as they are the same solid color.

d) UNIFORM VIOLATIONS - If a uniform violation is not detected prior to the start of an event, there can be no disqualification for violations.

e) HANDS - Gloves or socks may be worn on the hands during cold weather.

f) FEET - Shoes shall be worn. Shoes of different runners on the team do not have to be the same make and model. The use of ballet slippers, gymnastic or sweat socks does not meet the requirements of this rule.

g) JEWELRY – There are no restrictions on jewelry worn during meets.

h) BODY MARKINGS / TATTOOS - A permanent tattoo that is not objectionable in the judgement of an official, would be allowed. A permanent tattoo that is objectionable in its content or form shall be covered. Anything non permanent including tattoos, face paint, etc. would not be legal if visible on any part of the body as it would be excessive body decoration.

i) SPORTS BRA – These items are considered foundation garments and are not to be considered as part of the uniform or undergarment rule.

j) SUNGLASSES- Unless prescribed by a medical doctor for the purpose of vision correction, sunglasses may not be worn during competition.

F) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Field Hockey

(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
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I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS AND SEEDING

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in field hockey for girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
4) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) Region Seeding

1) For region tournaments that for whatever reason, fall to where only two teams enter the following shall govern:
   a) The head to head results from the regular season shall determine the host team and number 1 seed for postseason play. (Wording for Seeded vs. Non-Seeded) ...tiebreaking ...blind draw….are we saying #1 or schools vote (wording)
   b) The number 1 seed shall host the region tournament and shall be the designated home team, even if unable to host the game at their home site due to facility requirements in the sport.
2) For region tournaments with three teams, the region tournament shall be seeded in accordance with the following three-team seeding rules:
   a) The competing teams within a region shall, by majority vote, determine if the schools are required to play each other once or twice during the regular season. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these regions.
   b) The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the region tournament, and advances to the championship game.
   c) The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the region tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
   d) In the case of a two-way tie for the region winning position, the tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
      (1) In regions that have decided to play each other only once in region play, the winner in the game played between the tied region opponents would have the higher finishing position.
      (2) In regions that have decided to play each other twice in region play, the winner in the second game played between the tied region opponents would have the higher finishing position.
   e) In the case of a three-way tie for the region winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
      (1) In regions that have decided to play each other only once in region play, the tie shall be broken by blind draw. The team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed).
      (2) In regions that have decided to play each other twice in region play, the tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all region opponents involved in the tie.
         b. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the first game played against all region opponents involved in the tie.
         c. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         d. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         e. If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie. In this case, the team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed)
         f. Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team regions.
   f) In the event of game re-scheduling or cancellation, the original game schedule shall determine which game is "second" for tie-breaking purposes.
3) For region tournaments with four or more teams, the region tournament brackets may be drawn by random lot or placed into the bracket using a seeding system. A majority vote (recorded in writing) of the Principals, Athletic Directors or Designated Representatives of the schools in the region is required in order to make or change seeding decisions. In the absence of any documentation, minutes or other verification, the regions shall not be seeded. The rules concerning the seeding of a region with four or more teams are as follows:
   a) The decision to seed and the method used in seeding (including all tie-breakers) shall be determined by majority vote of the participating teams in the region and the manager shall record this vote in writing and submit it to the Association. The representatives making the written declaration shall decide all issues related to seeding,
   b) Seeding methods shall be determined prior to the start of the regular season, recorded in writing with a copy provided to the KHSAA, and shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions. Such changes to the region seeding plan may not be made for the current year once play has begun in the regular season.
   c) In the event of dispute, the current copy on file with the KHSAA shall prevail in determining resolution.
   d) Seeding plans may, at the discretion of the majority vote of the schools, stipulate a particular team to a particular seeded position.
   e) It shall be the region tournament manager's responsibility to update the Association with respect to any changes to the seeding decision or method being used and any relevant tiebreakers. In the absence of this documentation, consultation with, and written verification and documentation from, prior year tournament managers, will be utilized by staff to assist with interpretation and clarification.
   f) There are no statewide rules on a seeding method once the determination has been made to seed. A recommended point system for seeded region play has been adopted by the Board of Control following a recommendation from the Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Field Hockey.
      (1) Each team shall play each region opponent at least once during the regular season.
      (2) Each team is awarded three (3) points for a win
      (3) Each team is awarded one (1) point for a tie
      (4) Each team is awarded zero (0) points for loss
      (5) The team that has the highest point total will be awarded the number one (1) seed. The team with the second highest point total will be the number two seed. The team with the third highest point total will be the number three seed. The team with the fourth highest point total will be the fourth seed. The team with the fifth highest point total will be the fifth seed. Etc.
      (6) Tie breaker Procedures
         a. In the event of a two way tie after point calculations and each team plays each other once, the winner of the regular season contest will be the higher seed in the tournament bracket.
         b. In the event of a two way tie after point calculations and

region teams choose to play each other more than once, the winner of the last game will be awarded the higher seed.

c. In the event there are multiple ties, a region could choose an alternative method for determining the highest seed.

d. a blind draw would determine the higher seed winner

e. the team that allowed the fewest goals in region play would be awarded the higher seed.

g) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of the date of the pre-tournament meeting as published on the KHSAA memorandum calendar. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season to discuss tournament operations (i.e. dates, times, sites, tournament personnel needs, etc.). However if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded games have been played prior to the meeting. Games played after the published meeting date SHALL NOT factor into the seeded position.

h) Seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published date for the region tournament meetings will be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

i) If a change in the alignment of teams moves a single new team into a previously seeded region during the current school year, the previous decision as to seeding shall prevail. If the new team enters the alignment following the completion of all game contracts and the new team is unable to schedule all required opponents, the new team shall be seeded in the last position for the current season, and shall be included in seeded game scheduling for the subsequent seasons. If a single change in the alignment occurs prior to the end of the previous school year, the region teams will conduct a new vote as to seeding.

j) If a change in the alignment of teams moves more than one team into a seeded region, the region teams shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote will result in the seeding decision being not seeded.

k) If the Board of Control approves a total realignment of teams within a region, the teams in the region shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the region being not seeded.

l) Once a vote has been conducted for the region to be seeded, all required contests shall be considered to be contracted for the seeding requisite number of contests. If school representatives do not notify all schools in the region of their intent NOT to participate by the first day of practice, the contest shall be played or a forfeit declared. Where a fee is not specified, a $1000 default forfeiture fee will be assessed for non-played contests.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) Region tournament play shall begin not later than Monday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for region tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts.

2) All tournaments shall be held on or as near the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar as local conditions permit. Any exceptions shall be approved by the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) Region tournament sites shall be selected by a site selection plan approved by a unanimous vote of the schools eligible to compete in each region tournament.

2) If a region is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Board of Control shall establish a plan.

3) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, shall be allowed to vote for the region tournament location or participate in the tournament.

4) The Commissioner shall determine region tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a region tournament shall submit their request through the defined site selection process at prior year tournaments. The applicant shall supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

5) A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt any plan for recommending the region tournament sites and voting shall include all schools within a region, not simply the schools playing in a particular year's event. Criteria to be considered by the schools include but are not limited to- satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers; an officials dressing room; and adequate parking for projected attendance. In addition, all sites shall meet the published site selection criteria baseball as posted on the KHSAA website.

6) The schools in the region shall agree on the amount of proceeds (if any) that is to be kept by the host school as well as limitations on expenses by the host school; determining the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each school that participates; the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each team in the region not competing in the tournament; and the disbursement of any proceeds from commissions, parking, advertising and any other revenue related to the tournament but not directly related to ticket, program or novelty sales. Resolution as to disputes on any of these issues may be facilitated by the Commissioner's office and if agreement cannot be reached, may be considered by the Board of Control.

7) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The principal of the host school shall designate an official of the school to serve as the manager for each region tournament.

2) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.

3) It is the duty of each region tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans.

4) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. In addition, it shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

5) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.

B) Tournament Meeting

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the games, and make all other arrangements necessary to conduct the tournament.

2) The region meetings shall be held in the school designated as the tournament host not later than the Wednesday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Calendar. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams.

C) Tournament Pairings

1) The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school in the region tournaments.

2) Region (non-seeded). The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school. The pairings for the region tournament shall be made in accordance with the following procedure, with all byes being arranged to be in the first round:

a) The number of places to be considered shall be four, eight, sixteen, thirty-two, etc. Of the above numbers, the one that is next greater than the number of teams in the drawing shall

be considered in the drawing. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket.

b) If the number of teams in the drawing is less than the number of places to be considered, the even number 2 shall be designed as the first bye; the largest even number as the second bye; number 4 as the third bye; the next largest even number as the fourth bye; and so on until the number of places not so designated equals the number of teams in the drawing. The places shall be determined by drawing by lot, the numbers assigned to the "byes" having been first taken from the numbers to be drawn.

c) The teams which pair with "byes" shall have a rest period during the first round of the playing of games in the tournament.

d) The winner of the No. 1 and No. 2 games shall play the winner of the No. 3 and No. 4 game. The winner of the No. 5 game and No. 6 game shall play the winner of No. 7 and No. 8 game. The two winners shall play for the championship. The same general procedure shall be used in the case of more than eight places or teams.

e) The region champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the state tournament.

3) Region (seeded). After seeding positions have been determined, the seeded bracket pairings shall be observed. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket.

4) State. The pairings for the state tournament shall be made in accordance to the following procedure.

a) In a state tournament with participants from four regions, the region winners will draw for positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 in a standard eight-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will draw for a position in the opposite bracket.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Withdrawal after draw

1) No school which enters a region or state tournament (draws for place) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its games, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.

2) If a school withdraws from a region or state tournament at any time following the draw for region tournament positions or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded region, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

C) Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

D) Per Game Roster/Substitutions

1) A school may enter a team composed of twenty-four (24) players in each postseason tournament game from the roster submitted online.

2) The twenty four (24) players shall be designated each game, and no other players may be in uniform and tournament management may limit the total number of individuals in the bench area.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007).

B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:

1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;

2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;

4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;

5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and

6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) The champion of each region tournament will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.

2) The champion of the state tournament will be the winning team in a single elimination tournament.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Trophies will be given to each region tournament winner and runner-up.

2) The trophies at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.

3) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and twenty-seven (27) individual medals.

4) An All-Tournament team will be selected at the state tournament along with a Most Valuable Player.

5) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region

1) The proceeds of each of the region tournaments shall be used to defray the expenses of the participating teams, officials, trophies and other necessary expenses. Net profit or loss shall be shared based on the revenue distribution plan approved by a vote of the schools in the classification in accordance with the KHSAA Constitution.

2) If no agreement can be reached on payment of expenses for the region tournament, a mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense and an allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament.

2) Each participating team will receive an expense allowance for twenty-four (24) players and one coach.

3) If the Association makes motel/hotel assignments, teams failing to stay in the motel/hotel assigned by the Association shall forfeit their lodging allowance.

4) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is $1 per mile (round trip), $5 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

VIII) SPECIAL TOURNAMENT AND REGULAR SEASON RULES

A) Playing Rules

1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Field Hockey Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and

participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Specifications of Fields and Game Balls

1) The specifications for recommended and required standards for fields to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.
2) To be eligible to host a region the facility must be equipped with lights that adhere to the KHSAA lighting standards.
3) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

C) Tied games (Regular Season and Postseason)

1) When a game is tied at the end of a regular season contest a 10 minute 7-A-Side Sudden Victory will be played.
   a) Teams will play with six (6) field players plus a goalkeeper with unlimited substitution during the overtime period and three defenders (3) plus the goalkeeper may be back on corners.
   b) After a five (5) minute intermission a coin flip will be conducted for a passback.
   c) Teams will keep the same ends of the field as the end of regulation.
   d) A timeout is only allowed if the team has one left from regulation.
2) If teams are still tied at the end of the sudden victory period, penalty strokes will break the tie.
   a) A five (5) minute intermission a coin flip will be conducted for team to select strokers and an order.
   b) Five (5) strokers will be chosen from the roster.
   c) Coaches must turn in a lineup and an order of strokers.
   d) Subsequent penalty strokes will continue if still tied with the team going first in strokes alternating .
   e) If score remains tied after five (5) strokers, an additional five (5) minute intermission will be granted and coaches may turn in new strokers and/or a new order of strokers and the procedure repeated.
3) If score remains tied after a second set of five (5) strokers, a set of "sudden victory" strokes shall be taken.
   a) A five (5) minute intermission a coin flip will be conducted for team to select strokers and an order.
   b) The team stroking first for the first set of penalty strokes shall start the "sudden victory" The team not stroking first in the first set shall start the second set of strokes.
   c) The strokers and /or order of the strokers may be changed for the second set.
   e) The first team awarded more goals than the opponent, after an equal number of strokes shall be declared the winner.

F) Mercy Rule Provisions

1) If one team has a ten (10) goal lead at the end of the first half or at any point in the second half, the match will be terminated.
2) If one team has a five (5) goal lead at any point in the game the game clock will not stop when additional goals are scored.
3) This rule is to be observed in regular and postseason play.

G) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

H) Deadline to Start Contest

No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Football

(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in football provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership to participate in said competition.
2) Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to September 1.
3) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections within six (6) enrollment based classes with the approval of the Board of Control.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) Enrollment and Criteria for Determining Classes for the 2019 through 2022 playing seasons.

1) The basis for determining the schools to be placed in Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A will be the average boys enrollment, including all non-graded special education students, in grades 9-12 for the four most recent years available for the entire membership at the time of classification (including 2017-2018 enrollments).
2) Initial classification for the 2019-2022 period is based on enrollment data verified by the Kentucky Department of Education for the four years through the enrollment of the , 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years.
3) The enrollment data used to determine the class boundaries shall be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Education or other verifiable sources in the case of nonpublic schools.
4) The classification shall be for a four-year period, which may be extended by the Board of Control.
5) The alignment will be reviewed upon receipt of the 2019-2020 school year enrollment information from the Kentucky Department of Education for possible adjustment to begin with the 2021 playing season.
6) In order to be considered for adjustment, the four-year average enrollment (including 2019-20) would have to be within the boundaries of another class, and the school shall have had at least a 10% change in four year average enrollment during the two-year period.
5) The schools shall be placed in enrollment ranked order (by boys four grade enrollments, after doubling the enrollment for single-sex schools).
6) The minimum number of teams necessary for a full bracket in the playoff system (32 teams) shall be placed in the highest class (6A) and the lowest enrolment class (1A). The remaining schools shall then be placed into approximately equal divisions in classes 2A through 5A.
7) The Board shall attempt to ensure that districts do not fall below four (4) teams and that travel distance is the primary determinant in both alignment decisions, and decisions involving playoff pairings.
8) The highest and lowest enrollment average from each class shall form the bounds of the class for the purpose of making adjustments after two years or for adding new teams.
9) If there are an odd number of schools or the number of schools is not evenly divisible by the number of classes, the extra teams shall be placed from the lowest class first, up to the highest class. For example, if there were 154 teams to divide into the middle four (4) classes, there would be 39 in 4A and 5A, and 38 in 2A and 3A.
10) If the ranking and division leaves two or more teams with equal enrollments at the dividing point for class division, the Board of Control shall determine which teams go into each class. First preference is to use enrollment data at levels other than the top four (4) grades to determine the class boundaries. If the enrollment data does not yield a clear conclusion, the teams going into each class shall be drawn by random chance by drawing by lot or by coin toss.
11) The Board shall give schools, once the ranked enrollments are determined by prior to placement into geographic districts, an opportunity to play to a higher class. Following the receipt of the playing up decisions, the lowest teams in the classes into which teams have played up shall be offered the opportunity to play in the class the playing up team has vacated, thereby re-drawing the enrollment boundary line. A maximum of three teams from the bottom of the class will be offered this opportunity for the slots needed in the lower class due to playing up. As an example, if three teams request to play up to Class 3A from 2A, then a maximum of five teams would be offered the opportunity to play in Class 2A, with the options in ranked order starting with the smallest school, until three have accepted, or five had been offered the opportunity.
12) No other request (than the requests necessitated by playing up) to play into a lower district than the enrollment boundaries indicate, will be considered.
13) If at any time during the classification period, a school withdraws from playoff competition, it shall not be eligible to participate in the playoffs until the odd numbered playing season.
14) Newly added schools will be placed in the alignment on a case by case basis.

C) Declaring a District Champion

1) Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5Aand 6A will be divided into two semi-states with four regions in each semi-state, and those four regions having two districts in each region.
2) To be eligible to be champion, runner-up, third place or fourth place position of a district, a team shall play all other teams assigned to their district.
3) The champion, runner-up, third place or fourth place position in each district shall be determined by the win-loss record based upon the games played against opponents in the district. Only games scheduled by contract prior to the first legal playing date and played before the first weekend of the state playoffs shall be used in determining a district winner or runner-up.
   a) TIE-BREAKER (two teams). In the case of a tie for the champion, runner-up, third place or fourth place position between two teams based upon the win-loss record, the team that won the game contested between the two tied teams shall be declared the winner.
   b) TIE-BREAKER (more than two teams). Should three or more teams tie for the a district position based upon the win-loss record, the position shall be determined by the following:
      i) If one of the teams has defeated each of the other teams tied in games contested between them, that team shall be declared to hold the highest position, and the winner of the game between the remaining teams (if less than four) shall be declared the second highest position. In the event of more than three teams being tied, where one has defeated each of the tied teams, that team shall be declared the highest position, and the tie-breaking procedure shall be re-applied for the remaining tied teams.
      ii) If the tie remains, each team tied for the position shall receive one point for each game won by any four of their defeated opponents in all games, except for the games played between any two of the tied teams. All games played shall be counted in applying the tie-breaking procedure, including out of state games, with the exception that a defeated school may be counted only once in the procedure regardless of the number of games played against that particular school. Teams awarded forfeit victories (whether or not a forfeit fee is paid) may count the defeated opponents of the forfeiting team, provided the game was not replaced on the schedule.
      iii) If the tie remains after application of provision (ii), an additional defeated opponent's wins will be added to the

point total for each team until the tie is broken and the winner of the tied position declared, or until all games are exhausted.

iv) If the tie for the position involves only three teams, and the application of (ii) and (iii) results in one team being declared the winner of the tied position based on point totals, the highest point total from the application of (ii) and (iii) between the two remaining tied teams shall be declared to hold the next position.

v) If the tie for the championship involves more than three teams, and the application of (ii) and (iii) results in one team being declared the winner of the tied position based on point totals, the procedure shall then be re-applied to determine the next position.

vi) If the tie for the position involves more than three teams, and the application of (ii) and (iii) results in two teams remaining tied for the position based on points, the head to head game played between them shall break the tie, and head to head competition will break any remaining ties.

vii) If a tie results after application of all provisions of the above plan, the tie shall be broken by the Commissioner.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) Playoff competition will begin on the Friday or Saturday three weeks prior to Thanksgiving Day.

2) All playoff contests shall be held on Friday unless there exists a mutual agreement between the schools to hold the game on another day due to field conditions or availability, availability of officials, or in the mutual best interests of the competing teams.

B) Sites for Play

1) All playoff contests shall be played at sites that meet any adopted required field standards approved by the Board of Control.

2) The first place team from the paired districts on the cross bracket chart (see Section III of the Competition Rules) shall serve as the host school for the first round game against the fourth place team from the paired district, the second place team from the paired districts on the cross bracket chart shall serve as the host school for the third place team from the paired district.

3) In the second round the winner of the game between first and fourth place cross bracketed teams will play the winner of the game between the second and third place cross bracketed teams.

4) All other districts will use the same playoff pattern.

5) In all games in the second round, the team with the highest seeded position (finishing position in the district) shall serve as the host school for the game.

5) The highest seed (finishing position in the district) shall serve as the host school the region championship game (third round).

6) Should teams with the same seeding meet in the third round, the team representing the even-numbered District shall serve as the host school the games in even-numbered years, while the team representing the odd-numbered District shall host the game in odd-numbered years. If the paired districts are both even or both odd, the highest numbered district shall host the game in even numbered years and the lowest numbered district shall serve as the host school for the game in odd numbered years.

7) For the semi-state round (fourth round), the champion of region 1 will play the champion of Region 2 while the champion of Region 3 will play the champion of Region 4. The team representing the even-numbered Region shall serve as the host school for the games in even-numbered years, while the team representing the odd-numbered Region shall serve as the host school for the game in odd-numbered years.

8) Winners of the fourth round games will play for the class championships.

9) The Board of Control may review and consider for revision, the playoff pairings at any time during the alignment period.

10) The site of all games during the first four rounds in all classes shall be determined by the designated home team. The Board of Control may review and consider this provision for revision at any time during the alignment period.

11) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS AND PAIRINGS

A) Manager

1) The Principal of the home school or his/her designee shall serve as the manager for each game of the football playoffs with the exception of the final game in each class, and shall be responsible for ensuring that the game arrangements are complete.

2) The principals of the competing schools, or their representatives shall agree on all matters pertaining to the game, including but not limited to, date and starting time, admission charges, expenses, and allocation of reserved seat tickets for the game. Disagreement on any of these items shall be referred to the Commissioner, whose decision in the matter shall be final.

3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. In addition, it shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state football playoff finals and shall handle all arrangements for the games. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.

B) Tournament Pairings

1) The top four teams as determined by intra-district records after all tie breakers have been applied will qualify for the championship playoffs. The finishing position within the Region shall hereinafter be referred to as the "seeded position".

2) For the 2019 through 2022 seasons, the playoffs shall bracketed within district with the 1st place team hosting the 4th place team and the 2nd place team hosting the 3rd place team during the first two playoff rounds.

3) For the third round, in games involving remaining teams from Districts 1-4, the pairings shall be set with the highest ranked team according to the KHSAA RPI hosting the 4th ranked team and the 2nd highest ranked team hosting the 3rd highest ranked team.

4) For the third round, in games involving remaining teams from Districts 5-8, the pairings shall be set with the highest ranked team according to the KHSAA RPI hosting the 4th ranked team and the 2nd highest ranked team hosting the 3rd highest ranked team.

5) For the fourth round, in games the pairings shall be set with the highest ranked team according to the KHSAA RPI hosting the 4th ranked team and the 2nd highest ranked team hosting the 3rd highest ranked team.

6) For the finals, the highest ranked team according to the KHSAA RPI shall be designated as the home team.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Withdrawal after draw

1) No school which enters a district, region or state tournament (draws for place or is placed into bracket via results) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its games, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.

2) If a school withdraws from a district, region or state tournament at any time following the draw for district tournament positions or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded district, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

C) Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

D) Per Game Roster/Substitutions

1) A school may enter a team composed of an unlimited number of players in each postseason tournament game from the roster submitted online.

2) Tournament management may limit the total number of individuals on the sideline due to risk management concerns.

E) Minimum Number of Contests

To be eligible to compete in postseason competition, a member school team shall have competed in games against all teams in a district during the regular season.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007).

B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:

1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;

2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;

4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;

5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and

6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

D) Postseason Football Officials shall meet the following additional criteria:

1) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored state championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission.

2) Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the final four rounds of the state football playoffs. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission.

3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to playoff contests. The final selection shall be made by the Commission through the Assigning Secretary.

4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations.

5) The resultant rankings of officials (final ranked list of scores) is public information. The individual ratings by coaches are NOT public and may not be disclosed under any circumstances;

6) A crew of five (5) officials shall be assigned to all varsity regular season contests.

7) A crew of five (5) or (7) officials shall be assigned to the first round varsity playoff contests based on the discretion of the participating teams and provided availability from the assigned association.

8) A crew of seven (7) officials shall be assigned to all varsity playoff contests following the first round.

9) Postseason crew assignments shall not come from the local association of either participating team.

10) To be eligible to officiate postseason rounds three through five, an official shall officiate at least eight (8) varsity games at the position to be worked in postseason, with linesman and line judge being counted as the same position.

11) Assignments, by local association, will be made by the Commission for the first four-rounds of the playoffs, with the exception that the Commission will assign the championship crews as a unit to a second, third or fourth-round game.

12) To officiate in rounds 3 through 5, an official must work either round 1 or 2.

13) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play.

14) Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) The champion of each district in each class will be the team finishing first in the regular season district play.

2) The champion of each region in each class will be the winner of the games duing the third playoff round.

3) The champions of each semi-state in each class will be the winner of the games during the fourth playoff round.

4) The champion of each class shall be the winner of the game played in the final game

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Trophies will be given to each district and region tournament winner and runner-up.

2) The trophies at the district and region shall be paid from the gate receipts.

3) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and fifty-nine (59) individual medals.

4) A Most Valuable Player will be selected each championship game.

5) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES AND PASSES

A) FIRST, SECOND, THIRD and FOURTH ROUND

1) The proceeds of all playoff games, with the exception of the final game in each class, will be used to defray the expenses of the visiting team, officials, trophies, and other necessary expenses. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

2) If no agreement can be reached on lodging, meal, and travel expenses, it is recommended that the gross gate be divided evenly between the teams after the payment of officials and trophies. This encourages the visiting team to minimize the travel expenses and the home team to control game costs and eliminates the perception of inflated costs by either the traveling team or home management.

3) There shall be no allowable expense for field or facility rental unless such can be documented by the payment of rental to an outside entity. If such allowable expense is to be paid, the amount shall be the exact amount paid to the outside entity.

4) If no other agreement can be reached, using the state expense allowance is recommended. For the third and fourth round, schools are encouraged to consider a mileage allowance to be paid to the visitors prior to the gate split due to the potential of substantial travel distances involved.

B) STATE FINALS

1) The Association will finance the final game in each class. Expenses for lodging and meals and an allowance for team travel will be paid to each participating school. The squad for expense reimbursement purposes shall be limited to fifty-nine (59) persons, including the principal, coaches, team members, cheerleaders, cheer sponsor and other personnel.

2) Schools failing to stay in the motel/hotel assigned by the

Association shall forfeit the lodging allowance. Schools within forty (40) one-way miles will not be provided a lodging allowance, but will be considered commuting teams. Commuting teams shall be paid an allowance in accordance with pre-tournament instructions.

3) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is $1 per mile (round trip) for two vehicles, $5 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

4) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from each state tournament.

5) At the state finals, only a squad of fifty-nine (59) persons, including all support personnel shall be included in the expense reimbursement. Cheerleaders from participating schools will be admitted in uniform to each contest.

VIII) SPORTS SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules

1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Football Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Tied Games

If the score is tied at the end of any game, it will be broken in accordance with the National Federation 10-yard tie-breaking procedure enumerated in the Football Rules Book.

C) Choice of Ends of Field and Use of Field in Warm-ups

1) The visiting team shall have the choice as to the end of the field on which they want to warm up.

2) No warm-up activity by either team may extend past the 45-yard line (in the direction of the 50-yard line).

3) During pre-game warm-up activity, not team may be beyond its own 45 yard line and the mid-field area must remain vacant. Unsporting activity between the 45-yard lines will be penalized by the contest officials, and if not penalized by the officials, may be penalized by the Association in accordance with Bylaw 27 as a violation of Bylaw 15.

D) Officials Jurisdiction

Game officials shall assume jurisdiction over the contest one hour before time for the game.

E) Specifications of Fields and Game Balls

1) The specifications for recommended and required standards for fields to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

2) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

F) Running Clock Provisions

1) The Association shall utilize provisions of the National Federation playing rules which allow for the clock to continue running (with the exception of a charged timeout) when the score reaches a 36-point differential in any contest.

a) Any time the score differential reaches 36 points or more, the following changes will be made regarding rules determining when the clock will be stopped or started. The clock shall continue to run from the point that the differential occurs (without regard to a later return to less than the differential) with the following clarifications:

b) The clock SHALL STOP when an official's timeout is called as in the following specific 3-5-7 occurrences, and shall subsequently start on the READY FOR PLAY signal:

(1) For measurement of a possible first down,

(2) When captains and coaches are notified of the time remaining,

(3) For a player who appears to be injured,

(4) For a player in need of equipment repair,

(5) When a coach-referee conference occurs,

(6) After a foul, to administer a penalty,

(7) For any unusual delay in getting the ball ready to play,

(8) Following the try, successful FG or safety.,

(9) A score occurs. Following a try, field goal, or safety, the clock shall start on the ready for play. Following a 6-point touchdown, the clock shall remain stopped for the PAT, but shall resume on the ready for play for the ensuing kickoff,

c) The clock SHALL STOP when an official's timeout is called as in the following specific 3-5-7 occurrences, and shall subsequently start on the SNAP:

(1) For unusual heat or humidity which may create a health risk to the players,

(2) For an approved TV/radio timeout,

(3) A charged timeout is called,

(4) At the end of a period

(5) The clock shall NOT stop when an official's timeout is called as in the following specific 3-5-7 occurrences:

(6) When a first down is declared,

(7) Following a change of team possession,

(8) To dry or change the game ball.

2) The use of this rule does not preclude the use of NFHS Rule 3-1-3 that reads: "A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee, any remaining periods may be shortened at any time or the game terminated."

G) Interrupted Regular Season Games

1) Refer to NFHS Playing Rule 3-1-4 as KHSAA has authority to determine the procedure for a game ending. The following procedure is adopted in accordance with that rule.

2) If a game is interrupted PRIOR to the completion of the first half, the following options exist-

a) Mutually agree to terminate game with score as it exists if mutually agreed by both teams;

b) Mutually agree to resume the game at the point of interruption on a specific mutually agreed date and time, a decision that shall be finalized at the site prior to team departure.

c) Mutually agree to declare the result of the game as a 0-0 tie, and the game cannot be replaced by either team.

d) If neither (a), (b) nor (c) are mutually agreed to, the teams shall resume the game on the following calendar day, unless there exists published, written Board of Education policies that prohibit such play, in which case it shall be played the following day. If one school fails to abide by (d) and there has not been a mutual agreement to (a), (b) or (c), the game shall be declared a forfeiture by the Commissioner for the purpose of records and standings.

3) If a game is interrupted AFTER the completion of the first half and cannot be resumed, the following options exist-

a) Mutually agree to terminate game with score as it exists if mutually agreed by both teams;

b) Mutually agree to resume the game at the point of interruption on a specific mutually agreed date and time, a decision which shall be finalized at the site prior to team departure.

c) If (a) and (b) above are not mutually agreed to, the teams shall resume the game on the following calendar day, unless exists published, written Board of Education policies prohibit such play, in which case it shall be played the following day.

d) If neither (a) nor (b) are mutually agreed to, and provision (c) is implemented, if one school fails to abide by (c), the game shall be declared a forfeiture by the Commissioner for the purpose of records and standings.

4) With respect to the game officials, if a game is interrupted

a) Same crew of officials is expected to return to complete contest

b) Substitute officials shall be paid the local policy board mileage add-on only

c) Local associations shall develop policy on compensation of substitute officials, such as pooling game fees, etc.

d) Officials have no say in the postponement decisions, except to moderate discussion.

e) Officials and coaches should involve not solely coaches, but school administrators in the decision.

f) All involved shall remember that this situation is caused by elements such as weather that are uncontrollable by anyone, and keep the discussions in that perspective..

H) Videotaping Standard and Procedures and Video Exchange Policy:

1) All Visiting teams will be given the same area to record from as

the home team.
2) All exchange video should be recorded digitally with a digital Camera.
3) All exchange video should be recorded in DVD format or Online
4) All exchange video shall be recorded using a Tripod.
5) All exchange video shall be recorded from the highest possible point in the stadium
6) All exchange video shall be recorded so that the teams numbers are visible
7) All exchange video shall be recorded from the huddle to z few seconds past the end of the play (5-10 seconds).
8) If the team is a no huddle team, the video shall begin recording before any shifts or motions and continue past the end of the play (5-10 seconds).
9) If there is a penalty, the video shall continue to record until the penalty has been enforced.
10) All exchange video shall be recorded from the deepest offensive back to the safety to begin the play, then zooming in closer to the play in order to see the numbers on the players as the play progresses.
11) On all Punts and Punt returns, the video should NOT follow the ball. The video should begin with a wide view showing both the punt and punt return teams, and then zoom in to the return team after the ball is punted and received.
12) On all Kickoffs and Kick Returns, the video should NOT follow the ball. The video should begin with a wide view of both the kickoff and return teams and then zoom in to the return team after the returner has received the ball.
13) The video shall show the down and distance with a short shot of the downs marker between plays.
14) The video shall show the scoreboard after every score, at each timeout, and between quarters.
15) All teams shall make available at least 2 tapes to exchange (choice made by the opponent)
16) All teams shall exchange an updated roster, clearly indicating offensive and defensive starters.
17) All Video shall be available by 8 am on the day following the game if online exchange is utilized, or by noon on the day following the game if there is a physical exchange of video.

I) Location of Home Team / Fans
1) It is a home game management decision as to which side of the field is designated for home team fans and which side is designated for visiting team fans.
2) The home team benches shall be located on the side of the field designated to the home team fans and the visiting team benches shall be located on the side of the field designated for visiting team fans.

J) Band or other school Provided Music During Live Ball
1) The band is not to play or cheers be given when the ball is alive by rule.
2) Any music being played by the band of the opposing team is to cease when the quarterback breaks the huddle or begins cadence in a no-huddle offense.
3) Persons subject to the rules, including bands, shall not create any noise that prohibits a team from hearing its signals.
4) Drums, cymbals, bells and mechanical noisemakers shall not be used to assist cheering.

K) Presence of a Doctor and Ambulance at Games
1) It is recommended that a doctor be on site and available at all regular season games.
2) At all playoff games, the home school shall be responsible for providing a doctor to be present.
3) At all regular season and postseason games, the designated home school shall ensure that an ambulance is available (on site or properly notified of game date and time to be "on-call") to service the needs at the game and an emergency plan is distributed to all teams.
4) It is recommended that the ambulance be on site during all games.

L) Use of Visible Play Clocks
1. During the regular season, if a host school has a twenty-five second clock on both ends of the playing field and both are operable, they are to be used without mutual agreement of the opponent.
2) During the regular season, if a host school has a twenty-five second clock at only one end of the field, the host school must acquire permission from the visiting team before the clock may be used. The officials, absent a clock malfunction, may not order the play clock not to be used.
3. During the playoffs, if a host school has a twenty-five second clock on both ends of the playing field and both are operable, they are to be used.
4) During the playoffs, if a host school has a twenty-five second clock at only one end of the field, the clock shall not be used.
5) The 25-second field clocks are the official delay of game timepieces.
6) The 25-second clock operator will work under the supervision of the BJ and will report to him before the game for instructions in or near the officials' dressing room.
7) The 25 Second Clock Operator will be instructed to:
a) Set the clock display to 25 seconds before the game starts.
b) Start 25-second clock on the Referee's Ready-for-Play signal or Wind-the-Clock signal, whichever comes first.
c) Leave display at '00' seconds if there is a delay of game penalty called until Referee has completed his signals to the press box after enforcing the delay of game penalty.
d) Reset display immediately to 25 seconds when ball is put in play (snapped) if there is no delay foul called.
e) Reset display to 25 seconds anytime Referee interrupts 25-second count and gives the reset signal (palm up with pumping arm motion).
f) Turn off both displays should either 25 second clock malfunction or become inoperative. Both 25- second clocks will not operate again until the problem is corrected and both 25-second clocks are working. Both coaches will be notified immediately if the 25-second clock is no longer official. The 25-second count will then be kept on the field by the BJ on his watch. When doing this, BJ raises his hand when 10 seconds remain in the 25-second count.
g) Do not use 25-second clock when less than 25 seconds remain in any period if the game clock IS running. If 25-second clock is mistakenly started in this situation, DO NOT stop game or game clock to correct. If the game clock is not running when less than 25 seconds remaining in any period, then the 25-second clock is used.
h) NOTE: If the 25-second clock is erroneously started, it shall be stopped immediately. The BJ may be asked to help the Referee determine the amount of time lost when the clock is stopped for reasons beyond the circumstances of either team. The amount of time run off the 25-second clock can be used to determine the amount of lost time

M) Spirit/Pep Line for Introductions, Warm-up Areas
1) Regular Season
a) During the regular season, A team's spirit line is not to extend onto any part of the other team's half of the playing field and area leading up to the playing field.
b) A team's half of the field will be the side on which its team bench is located, with the playing field and area leading up to the playing field being dissected equally down its length. This includes the end zones.
c) No spirit line is to extend over the forty-five-yard line.
d) No players, coaches, team attendants, or anyone associated with the opposing team is to enter or interfere with the opponent's spirit line.
2) Postseason
a) In games during the playoffs, played on neutral fields, spirit lines will not be allowed onto the playing field including the end zones.
b) The Association will designate warm-up areas for the championship games.

N) Use of Nontraditional Film Locations
1) It is an individual team decision as to whether or not filming is done from any location other than the press box and locations stipulated by the video standards.
2) No coach utilizing a nontraditional locations may have direct communication with the coaching staff from the opening kickoff until the conclusion of the game relative to the contents of what is being filmed or observed.

O) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

P) Deadline to Start Contest

No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Golf

(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor separate postseason competition for boys in golf, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The entire alignment shall be reviewed when the Board of Control conducts a realignment related to golf.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates and sites of the region and state tournaments.
2) All tournaments shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives. Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The region courses shall properly measure within allowable ranges for postseason play. For the girls this will be no less than 5000 and no greater than 5700 yards. For the boys the yardage will be no less than 6200 and no greater than 6800 yards.
2) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region tournament sites.
3) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
4) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
5) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the tournament shall be allowed to apply.
6) Only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region tournament site selection plan. If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
7) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.
2) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
3) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
4) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

B) Pairings

1) Region Pairings
   a) The region manager shall contract with a KGA rules official. Instructions and contact information for securing this official shall be detailed in the postseason instructions.
   b) The regional manager shall place the competitiors into groups (threesomes/foursomes) based on average scores.
   c) No two players from one school shall play in the same group.
2) State Pairings
   a) The Commissioner's office shall, with assistance from the KGA Rules officials, place the qualifying competitiors for the State Tournament into groups (threesomes) based upon region tournament scores.
   b) On both days of the State Tournament, no two players from one school shall play in the same group.
   c) On day one, the low scores will be entered in early groups.
   d) On day two, the high schools will be entered in the early groups.
   e) Day two times for individual members of advancing will be based on scores. After times are set for day two, coaches cannot change the order of competitors. In the event of a tie, the earlier finished gets the later time on day two.
   f) In the state tournament, there will be a cut after the first day of play.
   g) Second round pairings will be made at the close of the first 18 holes by the KHSAA in conjunction with the KGA Rules officials.
   h) The second round pairings will be announced via the KHSAA web site.
3) State Pairing Error
   a) If after the announcement, it is discovered that competitors have been erroneously paired, the KHSAA staff will work with KGA officials to properly notify the coach of the erroneously paired competitors.
   b) If such notification of an erroneous pairing is not able to be made to the coach prior to 9:00 p.m. on the first night of play, the tee time adjustments will be made at the State Tournament site prior to the start of second round play.
   c) No player whose coach was unable to be timely notified and who was erroneously placed shall be compelled to play in an earlier time than perviously announced.
   d) No representative of the KHSAA or the KGA will attempt personal contact with any competitor to correct a pairing error.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Individual Entry Requirements

1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state tournament, a contestant shall have competed in a minimum of four (4) matches on a team or as an individual representing a member school during the regular season.
2) At least one of the four matches shall be an 18-hole match. Coaches should maintain and have available copies of all results for the region manager to verify in case of a challenge to the required participation minimums by any athlete.

C) Team Entry and Advancement

1) The initial entry report for contestants in the region meet shall be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. four (4) days prior to the

region meet.
2) A school may enter a maximum of five (5) players in the region tournament from the electronic roster.

D) Advancement to State Meet
1) The winning team (4 or 5 players) from the region tournament will advance to the state tournament.
2) In addition, the seven lowest scorer not on the region winning team, will advance to the state tournament.

E) Substitutions
1) Any player whose name appears on that electronic roster may be substituted on a team prior to the first time of play for the region tournament.
2) Any player whose name appears on that electronic roster may be substituted on a team prior to the first time of play in the first round for the state tournament.
3) There will be no substitutes for individual qualifiers. In the case that an individual qualifier is unable to play at the state tounament, the individual player with the next lowest region score may be substituted prior to the groups being set.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition (region and state) shall be selected by the Association staff in consultation with the Kentucky Golf Association representatives.

B) The KGA rules official shall establish the conditions of play at the region and state tournaments.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion
1) The team champion of each region tournament is the four or five-person team with the lowest aggregate score for four golfers playing 18 holes.
2) The individual champion at the region tournament is the golfer with the lowest score.
3) The team champion of the state tournament shall be the four or five-person team with the lowest aggregate score for four golfers playing 36 holes.
4) The individual champion of the state tournament is the individual with the lowest score for 36 holes.
5) The tournament committee may cancel the State tournament, or shorten the tournament to one round (18 holes) if it is deemed advisable because of conditions beyond the control of all involved including providence.
6) At the State Tournament, the champion (team and individual) will be determined after 18 holes if the second round is canceled or not entirely completed.
7) At the State Tournament, a tie for first place by a team or individual will be broken by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff immediately following the conclusion of the round.

B) Trophies and Awards
1) Region.
a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up.
b) Awards will be given to the individual winners through eighth place.
2) State.
a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state tournament.
b) The five individuals on the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth will receive awards at the state tournament,
c) Awards will be given to the individuals finishing first through eighth place.
d) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES

A) Region
1) The finances of the region meet will be managed at the region level.
2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State
1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state meet.

VIII) SPECIAL TOURNAMENT AND REGULAR SEASON RULES

A) Playing Rules
1) All Tournaments shall be played using the Rules of Golf as established by the United State Golf Association unless modified by the KHSAA.
2) Additional rules otherwise developed by the KHSAA may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
3) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
4) The KHSAA and its managers will contract with KGA/PGA personnel to assist with the Region and State Tournaments.
5) The KHSAA Board of Control constitute the KHSAA Rules Committee for all postseason play as it relates to USGA Rules.

B) Specifications for Golf Courses and Tournaments
1) The specifications for recommended and required standards for golf courses to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.
3) For the region tournaments stroke play for 18 holes shall be used.
4) For the State Tournament, stroke play for 36 holes shall be used.
5) The regional and state course must be set up for girls with no less than 5000 yards and no greater than 5700 yards.
6) The regional and state course must be set up for boys with no less than 6200 yards and no greater than 6800 yards.

C) Tie-Breaker
1) Regular Season
The local committee shall agree upon a formula for breaking necessary ties PRIOR TO the beginning of all regular season tournaments (if ties are to be broken) and share the procedure with all coaches.
2) Region and State Tournament
a) A tie for first place by a team or individual will be broken by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff immediately upon completion of play.
b) The best 4 of 5 scores with respect to par will determine the team playoff score.
c) The individual playoff will precede the team playoff if both are required.
d) The holes to be used will be designated by the Tournament Manager prior to the start of the first day of play
e) For a two-team tie, pairings will be as follows, with player numbered order determined by tournament scores:
1. Group I: Team A (Players 3-4-5) Team B (Players 4-5)
2, Group II: Team A (Players 1-2) Team B (Players 1-2-3)
f) For a tie with three or more teams, the tie-breaker will proceed as follows:
1. Hole #1: Player #1 from each team
2. Hole #2: Player #2 from each team
3. Hole #3: Player #3 from each team
4. Hole #4: Player #4 from each team
5. Hole #5: Player #5 from each team

D) Carry/Cart Rule
Each player shall carry his/her own clubs or pull a cart (motorized carts are not permitted for coaches or participants).

E) KHSAA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for KHSAA Events (regular and postseason) (HARD CARD)
1) Play is governed by the current Rules of Golf and the Decision based on them published by the United States Golf Association and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Definitions, subject to changes for particular tournaments by the KHSAA Rules Committee. Appendix I refers to Appendix of Local Rules in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet.
2) Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or condition is:
a) Stroke Play – Two Strokes
b) Match Play – Loss of Hole
3) Coaching Advice Rule
a) The Committee may, in the conditions of a team competition (Rule 33-1), permit each team to appoint a coach, who has met all KHSAA coaching requirements and who is appointed

by the school and is listed within the school information on file with the KHSAA, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team.

b) The Committee may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

c) There are no conditions on conduct of a coach in this regard, other than requiring advice to be given in a private manner and requiring that the advice does not unduly delay play.

d) Coaches are prohibited from being on the putting greens and prohibits coaches from entering all hazards (other than to search for golf balls).

e) A breach of this advice rule by any coach will result in a 2-stroke penalty for the player. For each additional breach by a coach, a 2-stroke penalty will be assessed to the player.

f) Coaches may use electronic measuring devices during competition of the KHSAA Region, State or Invitational tournaments.

g) A player may have the line indicated to him by a coach, but he/she may not be positioned by the player on or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hole while the stroke is being made. Coaches (including their cart) are considered an outside agency and would not be penalized if their ball struck them or their cart.

h) Further rules regarding the Advice Rule may be developed for KHSAA Region and State Tournaments and shall be distributed to the competiting teams.

4) List of Conforming Golf Balls
Option Condition prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.

5) Conformity of Golf Clubs
The player's clubs shall conform to Rule 4, provisions, specifications and interpretations set forth in Appendix II.

6) Pace of Play
See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play guidelines.

7) Practice Between Holes
Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played.

8) Lifting an Embedded Ball Through the Green
Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.

9) Tree Wrappings, Electrical Wires and Cables, Closely Attached to Trees
Such wires and cable are not obstructions. No relief without penalty.

10) Staked Trees
Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect. Relief may be taken without penalty.

11) Permanent Elevated Power Lines and Cables
Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.

12) Out of Bounds

a) Defined by the inside edge, at ground level, of white stakes and/or white lines and/or fence post.

b) When a white line on the ground defines Out of Bound the line itself is Out of Bounds. Please Note: "A ball which crosses a public road deined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course."

13) Water Hazards

a) Defined by yellow lines and/or identified by yellow stakes.

b) When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin.

c) When water hazards are bounded by out bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

14) Lateral Water Hazards

a) Defined by red lines and/or identified by red stakes. When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin.

b) When a lateral water hazard is defined only one side, its margin is deemed to extend infinitely.

c) When lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

15) Loose Impediment
Rule 23 - shall include wood chips and mulch.

16) Ground Under Repair
Defined by white lines. French drains and fire ant mounds are ground under repair areas.

17) Sodded Areas

a) Relief may be taken from sodded areas if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam.

b) A player may also take relief if the intended area of their swing may be interfered by a sod seam. They player shall drop the ball as near to where it originally lay, which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

18) Roads and Paths – White Lines
White-lined areas tying into roads or paths have the same status as the roads or paths, that of obstructions.

19) Automotive Transportation

a) Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players shall not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round.

b) Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.

20) Discontinuance of Play
When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in the group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

21) KGA Rules Help Line (800-254-2742)

F) Advice Rule for Postseason Competition

1) The Committee may, in the conditions of a team competition (Rule 33-1), permit each team to appoint a coach, who has met all KHSAA coaching requirements and who is appointed by the school and is listed within the school information on file with the KHSAA, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team.

2) During play, the contestants may receive advice from the designated high school coach in accordance with this KHSAA Golf Coaching Advice Rule:

a) The Committee may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

b) There are no conditions on conduct of a coach in this regard, other than requiring advice to be given in a private manner and requiring that the advice does not unduly delay play.

c) Coaches are prohibited from being on the putting greens and from entering all hazards (other than to search for golf balls).

d) If a coach is found to be in violation of the advice rule (e.g., disruption of play or use of more than one designated coach), a two-stroke penalty against the team score will be assessed for each violation.

e) If a player(s) is found in violation of the advice rule, the player(s) and/or team will be assessed a two-stroke penalty.

f) Players may not give to or receive advice from another team's players or coaches.

g) If a coach is found to be in violation of the advice rule (e.g. disruption of play or use of more than one designated coach) a two stroke penalty will be assessed against each individual player receiving the illegal advice.

h) Each additional violation against a coach will also result in an additional two stroke penalty against the overall team score.

i) A player may have the line of play indicated to him/her by a coach, but he/she may not be positioned by the player on or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hold while the stroke is being made.

j) Coaches (including their cart) are considered an outside agency and would not be penalized if one of their player's ball strikes the coach or the cart.

k) A coach, player or team disqualification can result from coaching advice rule violations.

l) Spectators should be no closer than 30 yards from a player at any time and at no time be on the green, tee, in a fairway, bunker, or hazard, nor should they ever stand behind a player during his/her swing.

m) The high school head coach attending the annually required

KHSAA Golf Rules Clinics will be the individual identified for all levels of postseason play as the only coach allowable, under the "Advice Rule", to converse with players from that high school team. Any change in the identity of that individual MUST come through official notification from the high school Principal or Athletic Director. Any designated head coach must meet the KHSAA coaching qualification requirements (KHSAA Bylaw 25).

G) Dress

1) Appropriate dress is required. Both boys and girls must wear shirts with collars or course permissible turtle (or mock) neck shirts. Girls, but not boys, may wear sleeveless shirts. Plain Bermuda shorts are permissible. Jams and cut-offs are not permissible. Short shorts are not acceptable. Girl's short's inseam must be at least five (5) inches. Hemmed cargo shorts are permissible. No blue jeans or shorts made of denim material are allowed.
2) Appropriate golf or tennis shoes are required.
3) Spikes, if worn, must be Soft Spikes.
4) Coaches and players are expected to observe the dress code during practice and competitive play rounds at the State Tournament.

H. Distance-Measuring Devices:

1) For all KHSAA postseason competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a distance-measuring device that shall be capable of measuring distance only. Such information may also be obtained from a coach as designated in Bylaw 25.
2) If, during a stipulated round, a player or coach uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient/slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification. This penalty is to be imposed whether or not any such additional function is actually used.
NOTE: The restriction on the use of distance-measuring devices that are capable of measuring anything but distance will be reiterated in the published instructions and KHSAA hard card, and golfers directed to not use any of the restricted devices while they are on the course.
3) Helpful information concerning the use of these devices can be found on the KHSAA web site at http://khsaa.org/sports/fall/golf/, and then click General Information.
4) For all regular season competition involving KHSAA member schools, host facilities are permitted to address the permissive or restrictive use of distance measuring devices, but are not permitted to allow any distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient/slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.)
NOTE: Tournament directors are encouraged to take all preventive steps possible including notification to coaches and players to prevent violation, but failure to issue such notice shall not constitute a waiver of the restriction.

I) Communication Devices:

1) For all KHSAA postseason competition, voice communication devices (including all types of cell phones, two-way radios, and other devices) may not be turned on or used by a player, his side or caddie during any stipulated round or match.
2) If used during a round or match, for anything other than at the direction of tournament management or a life or health and safety threatening emergency, the player is in breach of Rule 33-7, for which the penalty is: 1st Offense, Warning, 2nd Offense, Disqualification for serious breach of etiquette.
NOTE: The restriction on the use of voice communication devices will be reiterated in the published instructions and KHSAA hard card, and golfers directed to ensure that if the device is in the bag of the golfer for use at the direction of tournament management or in an emergency, it remain in an off position and available solely for use in the case of an actual emergency.
3) For all regular season competition involving KHSAA member schools, host facilities are encouraged to address the permissive or restrictive use of communication devices, but are not permitted to allow any communication device during play unless it is at the direction of tournament management or a life or health and safety threatening emergency.
NOTE: Tournament directors are encouraged to take all preventive steps possible including notification to coaches and players to prevent violation, but failure to issue such notice shall not constitute a waiver of the restriction.

J) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Soccer

(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS AND SEEDING

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor separate postseason competition in soccer for boys and girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) District Seeding

1) For district tournaments that for whatever reason, fall to where only two teams the following shall govern:
   a) The head to head results from the regular season shall determine the host team and number 1 seed for postseason play.
   b) The number 1 seed shall host the district tournament (region if the sport does not have districts) and shall be the designated home team, even if unable to host the game at their home site due to facility requirements in the sport.
2) For district tournaments with three teams, the district tournament shall be seeded in accordance with the following three-team seeding rules:
   a) The competing teams within a district shall, by majority vote, determine if the schools are required to play each other once or twice during the regular season. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts.
   b) The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
   c) The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
   d) In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position,
      (1) The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the winner in the game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
         b. In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
   e) In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
      (1) In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the tie shall be broken by blind draw. The team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed).
      (2) In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         b. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the first game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         c. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         d. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         e. If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie. In this case, the team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed)
         f. Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.
   f) In the event of game re-scheduling or cancellation, the original game schedule shall determine which game is "second" for tie-breaking purposes.
3) For district tournaments with four or more teams, the district tournament brackets may be drawn by random lot or placed into the bracket using a seeding system. A majority vote (recorded in writing) of the Principals, Athletic Directors or Designated Representatives of the schools in the district is required in order to make or change seeding decisions. In the absence of any documentation, minutes or other verification, the districts shall not be seeded. The rules concerning the seeding of a district with four or more teams are as follows:
   a) The decision to seed and the method used in seeding (including all tie-breakers) shall be determined by majority vote of the participating teams in the district and the manager shall record this vote in writing and submit it to the Association. The representatives making the written declaration shall decide all issues related to seeding,
   b) Seeding methods shall be determined prior to the start of the regular season, recorded in writing with a copy provided to the KHSAA, and shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions. Such changes to the district seeding plan may not be made for the current year once play has begun in the regular season.
   c) In the event of dispute, the current copy on file with the KHSAA shall prevail in determining resolution.
   d) Seeding plans may, at the discretion of the majority vote of the schools, stipulate a particular team to a particular seeded position.
   e) It shall be the district tournament manager's responsibility to update the Association with respect to any changes to the seeding decision or method being used and any relevant tiebreakers. In the absence of this documentation, consultation with, and written verification and documentation from, prior year tournament managers, will be utilized by staff to assist with interpretation and clarification.
   f) There are no statewide rules on a seeding method once the determination has been made to seed. A recommended point system for seeded district play has been adopted by the Board of Control following a recommendation from the Commissioner's Advisory Committee on Soccer.
      (1) Each team shall play each district opponent at least once during the regular season.
      (2) Each team is awarded three (3) points for a win
      (3) Each team is awarded one (1) point for a tie
      (4) Each team is awarded zero (0) points for loss
      (5) The team that has the highest point total will be awarded the number one (1) seed. The team with the second highest point total will be the number two seed. The team with the third highest point total will be the number three seed. The team with the fourth highest point total will be the fourth seed. The team with the fifth highest point total will be the fifth seed. Etc.
      (6) Tie breaker Procedures
         a. In the event of a two way tie after point calculations and each team plays each other once, the winner of the regular season contest will be the higher seed in the tournament bracket.

b. In the event of a two way tie after point calculations and district teams choose to play each other more than once, the winner of the last game will be awarded the higher seed.
c. In the event there are multiple ties, a district could choose an alternative method for determining the highest seed.
d. a blind draw would determine the higher seed winner
e. the team that allowed the fewest goals in district play would be awarded the higher seed.

g) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of midnight Wednesday prior to the Monday of the week of the district tournament. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season to discuss tournament operations (i.e. dates, times, sites, tournament personnel needs, etc.). However if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded games have been played prior to the meeting.

h) Seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published deadline for seeded games shall be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

i) If a change in the alignment of teams moves a single new team into a previously seeded district during the current school year, the previous decision as to seeding shall prevail. If the new team enters the alignment following the completion of all game contracts and the new team is unable to schedule all required opponents, the new team shall be seeded in the last position for the current season, and shall be included in seeded game scheduling for the subsequent seasons. If a single change in the alignment occurs prior to the end of the previous school year, the district teams will conduct a new vote as to seeding.

j) If a change in the alignment of teams moves more than one team into a seeded district, the district teams shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote will result in the seeding decision being not seeded.

k) If the Board of Control approves a total realignment of teams within a district, the teams in the district shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the district being not seeded.

l) Once a vote has been conducted for the district to be seeded, all required contests shall be considered to be contracted for the seeding requisite number of contests. If school representatives do not notify all schools in the district of their intent NOT to participate by the first day of practice, the contest shall be played or a forfeit declared. Where a fee is not specified, a $1000 default forfeiture fee will be assessed for non-played contests.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) District tournament play shall begin not later than Monday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for district tournaments. Tournaments may begin prior to that Monday if all schools concur and all regular season play is ended.

2) Region tournament play shall begin not later than Tuesday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for region tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts.

3) All tournaments shall be held on or as near the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar as local conditions permit. Any exceptions shall be approved by the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) District tournament sites shall be selected by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the schools eligible to compete in each district tournament.

2) If a district is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.

3) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, shall be allowed to vote for the district tournament location or participate in the tournament.

4) Criteria to be considered by the schools for the district tournament include but are not limited to:
a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;
b) an officials dressing room;
c) adequate parking for projected attendance; and
d) meet the published site selection criteria for soccer as posted on the KHSAA website.

5) The Commissioner shall determine region tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a region tournament shall submit their request through a meeting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of all schools in the region and shall supply information relating to the listed criteria for hosting. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

6) A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt any plan for recommending the region tournament sites and voting shall include all schools within a region, not simply the schools playing in a particular year's event.

7) Criteria to be considered by the schools for recommending regional tournament sites include but are not limited to:
a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;
b) an officials dressing room;
c) adequate parking for projected attendance; and
d) meet the published site selection criteria for soccer as posted on the KHSAA website.

8) The schools in the district and region shall agree on the amount of proceeds (if any) that is to be kept by the host school as well as limitations on expenses by the host school; determining the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each school that participates; the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each team in the region not competing in the tournament; and the disbursement of any proceeds from commissions, parking, advertising and any other revenue related to the tournament but not directly related to ticket, program or novelty sales. Resolution as to disputes on any of these issues may be facilitated by the Commissioner's office and if agreement cannot be reached, may be considered by the Board of Control.

8) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The principal of the host school shall designate an official of the school to serve as the manager for each district tournament.

2) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.

3) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the semi-state games.

4) It is the duty of each district and region tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans.

5) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. In addition, it shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

6) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.

B) Tournament Meeting

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the games, and make all other arrangements necessary to conduct the tournament.

2) The district meetings shall be held in the school designated as

the tournament host not later than the Wednesday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Calendar. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams.

3) The Region meeting shall be held on Sunday afternoon immediately following the district tournaments not prior to 2:00 local time in the school designated as the host. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams, but not prior to the completion of all district tournament games. The site for future regional tournaments is not an issue for this meeting unless the Principal or the Designated Representative as listed on the KHSAA website is present for all teams in the region (not limited to the competing teams).

C) Tournament Pairings

1) The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school.

2) District (non-seeded): The pairings for the district tournament shall be made in accordance with the following procedure, with all byes being arranged to be in the first round:

a) The appropriate bracket shall be used for team placement according to the number of teams entering the tournament:
(1) For three (3) teams, the bracket is seeded by rule and form BR103 shall be used;
(2) For four (4) teams, the unseeded BR104 shall be used;
(3) For five (5) teams, the unseeded BR105 shall be used;
(4) For six (6) teams, the unseeded BR106 shall be used;
(5) For seven (7) teams, the unseeded BR107 shall be used;
(6) For eight (8) teams, the unseeded BR108 shall be used;
(7) If more than eight (8) teams are in the district bracket, contact the KHSAA offices for assistance in utilizing the unseeded BR116 bracket.

b) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

c) The participants shall then draw for the non-BYE positions in the bracket. For example, in a five team bracket, the draw shall be for positions 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

d) The home team shall be determined by the bracket form.

e) The games of the tournament shall be played in the order listed on the bracket unless unanimous agreement is reached among the competing teams due to facility logistics concerns.

f) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

3) District (seeded). After seeding positions have been determined, the seeded bracket pairings shall be observed. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket. The brackets (from top down) are as follows:

a) 2 Team - The district tournament shall then be a single game, with the winner being advanced to the region tournament as the district winner (regardless of the regular season results).

b) 3 Teams (seeded by rule) – Seed 2 plays 3, Seed 1 plays winner of Seed 2 vs. Seed 3 for championship.

c) 4 Teams - Seed 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, winners meet for championship.

d) 5 Teams - Seed 5 plays 4, 1 plays winner of 5 vs. 4, 2 plays 3, remaining winners meet for championship.

e) 6 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 plays winner of 3 vs. 6, remaining winners meet for championship.

f) 7 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

g) 8 Teams - Seed 1 plays 8, 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 vs. 8 winner plays 4 vs. 5 winner, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

h) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

4) Region. The pairings for the region tournament shall be made in accordance to the following procedure.

a) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

b) In a region tournament with participants from four districts, the district winners will draw for positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 in a standard eight-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will draw for a position in the opposite bracket.

c) In a region tournament with participants from three districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The format will follow a standard eight-team bracket with two byes, those falling into positions 2 and 7. The district winners shall draw for positions 1 and 8 in the bracket. The district winner not drawing a bye shall draw for a position in slots 3 through 6. The district runner-up to the district champion drawing for position in slots 3 through 6 will draw into one of the two remaining slots in the bracket opposite the district winner, and the remaining two runner-up teams will be placed opposite their corresponding district winners in the remaining two slots in the bracket.

d) In a region tournament with participants from two districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The district winners will draw for positions 1 and 3 in a standard four-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will be placed in the position in the opposite bracket from the district winner.

e) In regions where the drawing of district boundaries result in two or three districts, the Board of Control may approve an alternate format in order to allow for a full eight-team bracket in the region tournament.

f) The winner of each region tournament shall advance to the semi-state tournament.

5) Semi-State.

a) The state shall be divided into eight semi-state areas for both boys and girls play for the first round of the state tournament.

b) Each semi-state game shall be held at a field that meets the site specifications for holding a semi-state game whether or not the host is playing in the contest.

c) The winner of each semi-state game advances to the State Tourament.

d) The semi-state pairings for six-year period are:

SS	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
1	1@4	3@1	1@2	4@1	1@3	2@1
2	3@2	2@4	3@4	2@3	4@2	4@3
3	5@8	7@5	5@6	8@5	5@7	6@5
4	7@6	6@8	7@8	6@7	8@6	8@7
5	9@12	11@9	9@10	12@9	9@11	10@9
6	11@10	10@12	11@12	10@11	12@10	12@11
7	13@16	15@13	13@14	16@13	13@15	14@13
8	15@14	14@16	15@16	14@15	16@14	16@15

6) State. The Commissioner shall direct a blind draw for pairings in the boys' and girls' state soccer tourments.

7) Regardless of any vote or consensus of the competing teams, any bracket not drawn in accordance with the above procedures may be directed to be corrected, including the replay of contests, by the Commissioner's office.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Withdrawal after draw
1) No school which enters a district, region, semi-state or state tournament (draws for place) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its games, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.
2) If a school withdraws from a district, region, semi-state or state tournament at any time following the draw for district tournament positions or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded district, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

C) Photo Requirement
Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

D) Per Game Roster/Substitutions
1) A school may enter a team composed of twenty-four (24) players in each postseason tournament game from the roster submitted online.
2) The twenty four (24) players shall be designated each game, and no other players may be in uniform and tournament management may limit the total number of individuals in the bench area.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007).

B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:
1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;
2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;
3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;
4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;
5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and
6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

D) Postseason soccer officials shall meet the following additional criteria:
1) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored state championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission and shall be licensed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association;
2) Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the regional, semi-state or State Tournaments. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;
3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to district, region, and state tournament contests through the Assigning Secretary. The final selection shall be made by the Commission;
4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations;
5) The resultant rankings of officials (final ranked list of scores) is public information. The individual ratings by coaches are NOT public and may not be disclosed under any circumstances;
6) A crew of three (3) officials shall be assigned to regular season and postseason play;
7) Officials desiring to be assigned to the Region and State Tournaments shall have within the preceding four years, attended the Soccer Officials Camp;
8) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play;
9) Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion
1) The champion of each district and region tournament will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.
2) The champion of the state tournament will be the winning team in a single elimination tournament.

B) Trophies and Awards
1) Trophies will be given to each district and region tournament winner and runner-up.
2) The trophies at the district and region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.
3) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and twenty-seven (27) individual medals.
4) An All-Tournament team will be selected at the state tournament including a Most Valuable Player.
5) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) District and Region
1) The proceeds of each of the district and region tournaments shall be used to defray the expenses of the participating teams, officials, trophies and other necessary expenses. Net profit or loss shall be shared based on the revenue distribution plan approved by a vote of the schools in the classification in accordance with the KHSAA Constitution. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.
2) If no agreement can be reached on payment of expenses for district or region tournaments, a mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense and an allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.

B) Semi-State
1) The Association will finance the semi-state games.
2) Following the receipt of the financial report from the semi-state games, the Association shall pay all bills from the games,
3) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain equal shares to the host and participating teams in the semi-state games and shall retain an equal share.

C) State
1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
2) Each participating team will receive an expense allowance for twenty-four (24) players and one coach.
3) If the Association makes motel/hotel assignments, teams failing to stay in the motel/hotel assigned by the Association shall forfeit their lodging allowance.
4) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is $1 per mile (round trip), $5 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

VIII) SPECIAL TOURNAMENT AND REGULAR SEASON RULES

A) Playing Rules
1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Soccer Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Specifications of Fields and Game Balls
1) The specifications for recommended and required standards for fields to be used in tournament play may be developed by

Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

2) To be eligible to host a region, and all subsequent rounds, the facility must be equipped with lights that adhere to the KHSAA lighting standards.

3) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

C) Tied games (Regular Season)

When a game is tied at the end of a regular season contest that is not part of an event where a progression to the next round is dependent upon that game's winner, and the contest is not a part of a seeded district, the game shall end tied.

D) Tied games in Regular Season Progression Events (i.e. Invitational Tournaments)

1) When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team areas. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.

2) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.

a) Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the kicks.

b) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2d. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.

c) Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.

d) The defending team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.

e) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.

f) Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. The KHSAA strongly recommends that an asterisk (*) be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tiebreaker system.

3) If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:

a) Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a "sudden victory" situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken. If a team has fewer than ten available players at the end of the first set of kicks from the penalty mark due to either injuries or disqualification, the coach shall use all players who have not participated in the first five kicks. The coach may choose additional players from the first five kickers to ensure that five different players participate in the second set of kicks.

b) If the score remains tied, continue the "sudden victory" kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 3-A.

4) During all tiebreaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds or it is retouched by the kicker.

E) Tied games (Regular Season Seeded District and all Post-Season Rounds)

1) There shall be two five-minute sudden-victory overtime periods. If a team scores in those periods, the match shall end.

a) A coin toss shall be held-as in Rule 5-2-2d.

b) At the end of the first sudden-victory period, if no team has scored teams shall change ends.

c) There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.

2) If the score remains tied, all coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:

a) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.

b) Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the kicks.

c) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2d. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.

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b) If the score remains tied, continue the "sudden victory" kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 3-a.

4) During all tiebreaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds or it is retouched by the kicker.

F) Mercy Rule Provisions

1) If one team has a 10 goal lead at the end of the first half or at any point in the second half, the match will be terminated.

2) This rule is to be observed in regular and postseason play

G) Heat Index

1) All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

2) In games where the heat index has been determined to be 95 or higher:

a) play will be stopped at the next natural stoppage after the 20-minute mark of each half of play to allow the student-athletes and officials to take a mandatory 10-minute heat timeout and water break;

b) Contest officials will get heat index information from game management before the start of the contest and they will implement the timeout procedures by notifying the coaches at the required pre-game meetingl and

c) Under no circumstances shall play continue past the 30-minute mark without the stoppage.

H) Deadline to Start Contest

No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Softball (Fastpitch)

(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS AND SEEDING

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in fastpitch softball for girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) District Seeding

1) For district tournaments that for whatever reason, fall to where only two teams the following shall govern:
   a) The head to head results from the regular season shall determine the host team and number 1 seed for postseason play.
   b) The number 1 seed shall host the district tournament (region if the sport does not have districts) and shall be the designated home team, even if unable to host the game at their home site due to facility requirements in the sport.
2) For district tournaments with three teams, the district tournament shall be seeded in accordance with the following three-team seeding rules:
   a) The competing teams within a district shall, by majority vote, determine if the schools are required to play each other once or twice during the regular season. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts.
   b) The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
   c) The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
   d) In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position,
      (1) The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the winner in the game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
         b. In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
   e) In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
      (1) In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the tie shall be broken by blind draw. The team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed).
      (2) In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         b. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the first game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         c. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         d. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         e. If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie. In this case, the team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed)
         f. Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.
   f) In the event of game re-scheduling or cancellation, the original game schedule shall determine which game is "second" for tie-breaking purposes.
3) For district tournaments with four or more teams, the district tournament brackets may be drawn by random lot or placed into the bracket using a seeding system. A majority vote (recorded in writing) of the Principals, Athletic Directors or Designated Representatives of the schools in the district is required in order to make or change seeding decisions. In the absence of any documentation, minutes or other verification, the districts shall not be seeded. The rules concerning the seeding of a district with four or more teams are as follows:
   a) The decision to seed and the method used in seeding (including all tie-breakers) shall be determined by majority vote of the participating teams in the district and the manager shall record this vote in writing and submit it to the Association. The representatives making the written declaration shall decide all issues related to seeding,
   b) Seeding methods shall be determined prior to the start of the regular season, recorded in writing with a copy provided to the KHSAA, and shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions. Such changes to the district seeding plan may not be made for the current year once play has begun in the regular season.
   c) In the event of dispute, the current copy on file with the KHSAA shall prevail in determining resolution.
   d) Seeding plans may, at the discretion of the majority vote of the schools, stipulate a particular team to a particular seeded position.
   e) It shall be the district tournament manager's responsibility to update the Association with respect to any changes to the seeding decision or method being used and any relevant tiebreakers. In the absence of this documentation, consultation with, and written verification and documentation from, prior year tournament managers, will be utilized by staff to assist with interpretation and clarification.
   f) There are no statewide rules on a seeding method once the determination has been made to seed. Some of the more common and recommended means of seeding is the record of games played within a district provided all teams have played all other teams. In that case, each district shall adopt tie-breaking procedures in the event that the primary method of seeding results in a tie or other situations arise which cause an alteration in the scheduled seeding method. Among the more common tie-breaking methods are:
      (1) seeding by overall win-loss record;
      (2) seeding by win-loss record in specific contests,
      (3) seeding by a rating/ranking from a statewide poll,
      (4) seeding by a majority vote,
      (5) seeding by a committee,
      (6) seeding a specific team (s) into a position to avoid scheduling complications and issues, and
      (7) seeding by a rating turned in by each school.
   g) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of midnight Wednesday prior to the Monday of the week of the district tournament. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season to discuss tournament operations (i.e. dates, times, sites, tournament

personnel needs, etc.). However if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded games have been played prior to the meeting.

h) Seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published deadline for seeded games shall be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

i) If a change in the alignment of teams moves a single new team into a previously seeded district during the current school year, the previous decision as to seeding shall prevail. If the new team enters the alignment following the completion of all game contracts and the new team is unable to schedule all required opponents, the new team shall be seeded in the last position for the current season, and shall be included in seeded game scheduling for the subsequent seasons. If a single change in the alignment occurs prior to the end of the previous school year, the district teams will conduct a new vote as to seeding.

j) If a change in the alignment of teams moves more than one team into a seeded district, the district teams shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote will result in the seeding decision being not seeded.

k) If the Board of Control approves a total realignment of teams within a district, the teams in the district shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the district being not seeded.

l) Once a vote has been conducted for the district to be seeded, all required contests shall be considered to be contracted for the seeding requisite number of contests. If school representatives do not notify all schools in the district of their intent NOT to participate by the first day of practice, the contest shall be played or a forfeit declared. Where a fee is not specified, a $1000 default forfeiture fee will be assessed for non-played contests.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) District tournament play shall begin not later than Monday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for district tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts. Tournaments may begin prior to that Monday if all schools concur and all regular season play is ended.

2) Region tournament play shall begin not later than Tuesday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for region tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts.

3) All tournaments shall be held on or as near the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar as local conditions permit. Any exceptions shall be approved by the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) District tournament sites shall be selected by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the schools eligible to compete in each district tournament. If a district is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.

2) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and having a schedule of ten (10) or more softball games shall be allowed to vote for the district tournament location or participate in the tournament.

3) Criteria to be considered by the schools for the district tournament include but are not limited to:

a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) an officials dressing room;

c) adequate parking for projected attendance; and

d) meet the published site selection criteria for softball as posted on the KHSAA website.

4) The Commissioner shall determine region tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a region tournament shall submit their request through a meeting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of all schools in the region and shall supply information relating to the listed criteria for hosting. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

5) A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt any plan for recommending the region tournament sites and voting shall include all schools within a region, not simply the schools playing in a particular year's event.

6) Criteria to be considered by the schools for recommending regional tournament sites include but are not limited to:

a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) an officials dressing room;

c) adequate parking for projected attendance; and

d) meet the published site selection criteria for softball as posted on the KHSAA website.

7) The schools in the district and the region shall agree on the amount of proceeds (if any) that is to be kept by the host school as well as limitations on expenses by the host school; determining the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each school that participates; the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each team in the region not competing in the tournament; and the disbursement of any proceeds from commissions, parking, advertising and any other revenue related to the tournament but not directly related to ticket, program or novelty sales. Resolution as to disputes on any of these issues may be facilitated by the Commissioner's office and if agreement cannot be reached, may be considered by the Board of Control.

8) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The principal of the host school shall designate an official of the school to serve as the manager for each district tournament. The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.

2) It is the duty of each district and region tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans.

3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. In addition, it shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct a drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

B) Tournament Meeting

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the games, and make all other arrangements necessary to conduct the tournament.

2) The district meetings shall be held in the school designated as the tournament host not later than the Wednesday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Calendar. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams.

3) The Region meeting shall be held on Sunday afternoon immediately following the district tournaments not prior to 2:00 local time in the school designated as the host. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams, but not prior to the completion of all district tournament games. The site for future regional tournaments is not an issue for this meeting

unless the Principal or the Designated Representative as listed on the KHSAA website is present for all teams in the region (not limited to the competing teams).

C) Tournament Pairings

1) The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school.

2) District (non-seeded): The pairings for the district tournament shall be made in accordance with the following procedure, with all byes being arranged to be in the first round:

a) The appropriate bracket shall be used for team placement according to the number of teams entering the tournament:

(1) For three (3) teams, the bracket is seeded by rule and form BR103 shall be used;

(2) For four (4) teams, the unseeded BR104 shall be used;

(3) For five (5) teams, the unseeded BR105 shall be used;

(4) For six (6) teams, the unseeded BR106 shall be used;

(5) For seven (7) teams, the unseeded BR107 shall be used;

(6) For eight (8) teams, the unseeded BR108 shall be used;

(7) If more than eight (8) teams are in the district bracket, contact the KHSAA offices for assistance in utilizing the unseeded BR116 bracket.

b) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

c) The participants shall then draw for the non-BYE positions in the bracket. For example, in a five team bracket, the draw shall be for positions 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

d) The home team shall be determined by the bracket form.

e) The games of the tournament shall be played in the order listed on the bracket unless unanimous agreement is reached among the competing teams due to facility logistics concerns.

f) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

3) District (seeded): After seeding positions have been determined, the seeded bracket pairings shall be observed. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket. The brackets (from top down) are as follows:

a) 2 Team - The district tournament shall then be a single game, with the winner being advanced to the region tournament as the district winner (regardless of the regular season results).

b) 3 Teams (seeded by rule) – Seed 2 plays 3, Seed 1 plays winner of Seed 2 vs. Seed 3 for championship.

c) 4 Teams - Seed 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, winners meet for championship.

d) 5 Teams - Seed 5 plays 4, 1 plays winner of 5 vs. 4, 2 plays 3, remaining winners meet for championship.

e) 6 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 plays winner of 3 vs. 6, remaining winners meet for championship.

f) 7 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

g) 8 Teams - Seed 1 plays 8, 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 vs. 8 winner plays 4 vs. 5 winner, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

h) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

4) Region: The pairings for the region tournament shall be made in accordance to the following procedure.

a) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

b) In a region tournament with participants from four districts, the district winners will draw for positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 in a standard eight-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will draw for a position in the opposite bracket.

c) In a region tournament with participants from three districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The format will follow a standard eight-team bracket with two byes, those falling into positions 2 and 7. The district winners shall draw for positions 1 and 8 in the bracket. The district winner not drawing a bye shall draw for a position in slots 3 through 6. The district runner-up to the district champion drawing for position in slots 3 through 6 will draw into one of the two remaining slots in the bracket opposite the district winner, and the remaining two runner-up teams will be placed opposite their corresponding district winners in the remaining two slots in the bracket.

d) In a region tournament with participants from two districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The district winners will draw for positions 1 and 3 in a standard four-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will be placed in the position in the opposite bracket from the district winner.

e) In regions where the drawing of district boundaries result in two or three districts, the Board of Control may approve an alternate format in order to allow for a full eight-team bracket in the region tournament.

f) The winner of each region tournament shall advance to the state tournament.

5) Semi-State.

a) The state shall be divided into eight semi-state areas for both boys and girls play for the first round of the state tournament.

b) Each semi-state game shall be held at a field that meets the site specifications for holding a semi-state game whether or not the host is playing in the contest.

c) The winner of each semi-state game advances to the State Tourament.

d) Unless further altered by the Board of Control, the semi-state pairings for six-year period are:

SS	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
1	1 @ 2	4 @ 1	1 @ 3	2 @ 1	1 @ 4	3 @ 1
2	3 @ 4	2 @ 3	4 @ 2	4 @ 3	3 @ 2	2 @ 4
3	5 @ 6	8 @ 5	5 @ 7	6 @ 5	5 @ 8	7 @ 5
4	7 @ 8	6 @ 7	8 @ 6	8 @ 7	7 @ 6	6 @ 8
5	9 @ 10	12 @ 9	9 @ 11	10 @ 9	9 @ 12	11 @ 9
6	11 @ 12	10 @ 11	12 @ 10	12 @ 11	11 @ 10	10 @ 12
7	13 @ 14	16 @ 13	13 @ 15	14 @ 13	13 @ 16	15 @ 13
8	15 @ 16	14 @ 15	16 @ 14	16 @ 15	15 @ 14	14 @ 16

6) State. The Commissioner shall conduct a blind draw to determine the pairings for the state tournament. The winner of each of the sixteen (16) region tournaments shall advance to the state tournament.

7) Regardless of any vote or consensus of the competing teams, any bracket not drawn in accordance with the above procedures may be directed to be corrected, including the replay of contests, by the Commissioner's office.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Withdrawal after draw

1) No school which enters a district, region or state tournament (draws for place) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its games, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.

2) If a school withdraws from a district, region or state tournament at any time following the draw for district tournament positions

or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded district, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

C) Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

D) Per Game Roster/Substitutions

1) A school may enter a team composed of twenty-one (21) players in each postseason tournament game from the roster submitted online.

2) The twenty one (21) players shall be designated each game, and no other players may be in uniform and tournament management may limit the total number of individuals in the dugouts.

E) Minimum Number of Contests

To be eligible to compete in the district, region or state tournament, a member school team shall have competed in at least ten games during the regular season.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Umpires for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007).

B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:

1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;

2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;

4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;

5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and

6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

D) Postseason softball umpires shall meet the following additional criteria

1) Umpires for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission;

2) Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the regional or state tournaments. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to district, region and state tournament contests through the Assigning Secretary. The final selection shall be made by the Commission;

4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations;

5) The resultant rankings of officials (final ranked list of scores) is public information. The individual ratings by coaches are NOT public and may not be disclosed under any circumstances;

6) A crew of three (3) umpires shall be assigned to all postseason tournament play;

7) Umpires desiring to be assigned to the Region and State Tournaments shall have, within the preceding four years, attended the Softball Advance Umpires Camp;

8) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play;

9) Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner;

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) The champion of each district and region tournament will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.

2)The champion of the state tournament will be the winning team in a double elimination tournament.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Trophies will be given to each district and region tournament winner and runner-up.

2) The trophies at the district and region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.

3) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and twenty-four (24) individual medals.

4) An All-Tournament team will be selected at the state tournament including a Most Valuable Player.

5) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) District and Region

1) The participating schools may adopt by majority vote, any plan that they desire for the distribution of receipts. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

2) If no plan can be agreed upon, the following shall prevail:

a) A mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense. An allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.

b) The host school shall be allowed fifteen (15) percent of the gross ticket receipts derived from the district or region tournament for rental of the gymnasium and other services rendered to include setup and clean-up charges and for paying documented incidental bills related to the tournament that are approved by the participating teams.

c) Prior to any additional distribution, the gross receipts, less the host designated share outlined in subsection (2), shall be reduced by team travel expenses and the amounts paid for game officials and trophies.

d) The remainder of the profit shall be divided among the schools participating in the tournament and the non-participating schools in accordance with previously approved plans.

e) The host school should be allowed the profits made on programs, concessions, parking, etc.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament. The following allowances will apply if the receipts from the tournament make them justifiable, otherwise, the Board of Control will determine the allowance.

2) Expenses will be paid for meals, lodging and travel for each team through breakfast on the day following elimination from the tournament for each team.

3) The state tournament squad for purposes of reimbursement shall be limited to twenty-four (24) persons, including the principal, coaches, team members and other personnel.

4) Schools failing to stay in the motel/hotel assigned by the Association shall forfeit the lodging allowance. Schools within forty (40) one-way miles will not be provided a lodging allowance, but will be considered commuting teams. Commuting teams shall be paid an allowance in accordance with pre-tournament instructions.

5) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is $1 per mile (round trip), $5 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

6) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from each state tournament.

7) The competing teams in the state tournament will be afforded passes to accommodate a traveling party of forty (40), to include

the school principal(s) and other administrators, the coaching staff, the team members in uniform (maximum 21) and the support staff for the team. No additional passes will be issued.

VIII) SPECIAL TOURNAMENT AND REGULAR SEASON RULES

A) Playing Rules

1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Softball Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Specifications for Fields and Game Balls

1) The specifications for recommended and required standards for fields to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

2) The twelve (12) inch softball shall be utilized in all regular season and postseason contests.

3) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

D) Time Limit

There shall be no time limit on regular or postseason varsity softball contests.

E) Speed-Up Rules

All softball contests shall utilize the optional speed-up rules allowed by the National Federation such as courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher upon reaching base and any other speed-up rules mandated by the National Federation including a "run rule" where run differential determines the end of the contest.

F) Interrupted Games

1) If a game is interrupted in tournament play or in regular season play, and is subsequently to be completed, it will be reset at the same point, same inning, same out or outs, same balls and strikes, same batter or number of batter in the batting order.

2) If a game is interrupted and cannot be resumed that day, three choices exist for completing the game:

a) If agreed by both teams, terminate game with score as it exists if such is allowable by the playing rules of the NFHS, and if such agreement is reach at the site, it shall be considered final;

b) If agreed by both teams, resume game at point of interruption at a mutually agreed date and time, provided that the date and time decision is finalized at the site prior to the teams departing, and if such agreement is reach at the site, it shall be considered final; or

c) If agreement cannot be reached, resume the game on the next available playing date for both teams that does not conflict with specific local board policies (i.e. Sunday play), does not violate the Bylaw 23 prohibition on playing games on consecutive days (Monday through Thursday) and based on schedules as published as of the interrupted game. If one of the competing teams on the first available date chooses for any reason not to play, that team shall be considered to have forfeited the contest. If both teams choose not to play on the first available date, the contest shall be officially recorded as a double forfeit and if it is a seeded district game, the required procedure utilized to determine counting toward seeding position.

3) If a game is interrupted and is to be resumed:

a) The same officials are expected to return to complete contest;

b) Substitute officials shall be paid the local policy board mileage add-on only;

c) Local associations shall develop policy on compensation of substitute officials, such as pooling game fees, etc.;

d) Officials have no say in the postponement decisions, except to moderate discussion;

e) Officials and coaches should involve not solely coaches, but school administrators in the decision;

f) All involved shall remember that this situation is caused by elements such as weather that are uncontrollable by anyone, and keep the discussions in that perspective; and

g) There shall be no guarantee that infield will take place prior to the resumption of the interrupted game.

4) If a game is interrupted and unable to be completed, it shall be counted against all applicable game limits, including total number of games and all pitching restrictions.

G) Complete Game and Run Rule

1) In regular season and postseason, a complete game of 6 1/2 or 7 innings shall be played unless other rules adopted by the Board of Control apply to the situation.

2) For all games, regular season and postseason, a ten (10) run differential between teams after five or more complete innings (including after the top half if the home team is ahead) shall constitute a complete game.

3) For all games, regular season and postseason, a fifteen (15) run differential between teams after three or more complete innings (including after the top half if the home team is ahead) shall constitute a complete game.

H) International Tie-Breaker (Regular)

1) The international tie-breaker (ITB) system shall be used in all regular season games if the game is still tied after nine complete innings.

2) By mutual agreement of the two competing coaches, the ITB may be used in the 8th and 9th innings if the score is tied after seven complete innings.

2) The provisions of the ITB are:

a) At the start of each half-inning beginning in the top of the 10th (or 8th and 9th by mutual agreement), the offensive team will begin its turn at bat with the player scheduled to bat ninth in that half inning being placed on second base. If the Pitcher or Catcher is that ninth batter, then a courtesy runner may be used. A substitute may also be legally inserted for the runner.

2) The ITB shall not be utilized in postseason play.

I) Double First Base

1) The double first base provisions of the NFHS playing rules shall be utilized in all regualr season games hosted by KHSAA member schools at school owned facilities.

2) The double first base provisions of the NFHS playing rules shall be utilized in all rounds of KHSAA championship play.

J) Pitcher Warm-up Area

1) If the pitcher's warm-up area is in live ball territory, only those individuals specified by NFHS playing rules (pitcher - catcher - personal protector) may be in the live ball area during any warm-up period.

2) Only members of the team and adult coaches may serve as personal protector, and all persons serving in that role shall wear a properly fitted helmet.

K) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

L) Deadline to Start Contest

No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Swimming & Diving

(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor separate postseason competition in swimming for boys and girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The entire alignment shall be reviewed when the Board of Control conducts a realignment related to swimming.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state meets.
2) All meets shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region meet sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the meet is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the meet shall be allowed to apply, and only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region meet site selection plan.
5) If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) All hosts granted an event shall host at least one meet during the region meet year with at least five schools entering competitors and using the electronic entry and results system. All host courses shall be properly marked per NFHS rules if the markings are not able to be affixed to the ground. The region host school shall own a current license to the Association designated software application for managing region entries and results or shall contract with a current license holder.
7) The region host school shall own a current license to the Association designated software application for managing region entries and results or shall contract with a current license holder.
8) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region meets, and shall serve as the manager for the state meet. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the meet as to the time and place of the meet, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the meet.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state meet and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Individual Entry Requirements

1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet, a contestant shall have competed in a minimum of four(4) meets involving a minimum of two schools on a team representing a member school during the regular season.
2) Athletes competing in high school races (grades 9-12) and participating with a high school as a representative of that school irrespective of level of the meet, shall be allowed to count that meet toward the four meet minimum.
3) Athletes desiring to enter the Diving competition shall have competed in Diving during at least four high school meets on a team representing a member school during the regular season. Such participation shall be verified to the region manager using the required KHSAA forms. Athletes entering high school meets where only Diving is contested or meets where that school's only participation is Diving may count that participation against the required four (4) meets and the school does not have to count that particular meet against its maximum number of meets allowed under Bylaw 23.
3) Coaches should maintain and have available copies of all results for the region manager to verify in case of a challenge to the required participation minimums by any athlete. Such individual meet verification (results) may be recorded on standard forms distributed by the Association in lieu of keeping individual results.

C) Team Entry and Advancement

1) The initial entry report for contestants in the region meet shall be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. four (4) days prior to the region meet.
2) All entries in KHSAA postseason play shall be done electronically using the Association designated software application not later than one week prior to the start of the region meet.
3) A school may enter as many as four contestants in each event at the region meet except for the relay events.
4) A school may enter only one relay team in each relay event at the region meet.
5) Only in the case of documented medical emergency can these deadlines be waived or a substitution be allowed.
6) Each manager is responsible for the forwarding of the entries for the region meet to all competing teams.

D) Advancement to State Meet

1) The top two finishers in each event from each region meet shall qualify for the state meet.
2) The next twenty-two (22) at-large times from each event, or highest scores in the case of diving shall qualify for the State meet.

E) Substitutions

1) Any otherwise eligible contestant whose name is on the entry blank may be substituted for the original entry prior to the time that heats are set up for the region meet. The region manager shall establish this deadline.
2) There are no substitutes for individual event qualifiers to the state meet.
3) In the State Meet, relay teams need not be composed of the same contestants as those in the region meet.
4) In relay events, eight (8) individuals may be listed as entries, any four (4) of which shall be assigned to swim. Participating in the preliminary or final round of an event shall count as an event toward this limitation.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Regular Season Competition

It is strongly recommended that a KHSAA licensed official be present at each Swim meet that counts toward the limit of meets in accordance with Bylaw 23.

B) Postseason Competition

1) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007) and within the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.
2) The local management of the postseason swim meets shall have the authority to hire and utilize all licensed officials necessary for properly conducting the meets.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) All entrants from a school finishing in the first sixteen (16) places in each event shall accumulate team points toward the team championship.
4) The champion of each meet will be the team compiling the highest total score.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Region.
   a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up .
   b) Awards will be given to top six (6) finishing in each event at the region meet.
   c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that meet.
2) State.
   a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state tournament.
   b) Awards will be given to the top eight (8) individuals finishing in each event at the state meet.
   c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region

1) The finances of the region meet will be managed at the region level.
2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state meet.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules

1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Swimming Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
3) The Board of Control shall serve as the Games Committee as designated by the NFHS Swimming Rules. The Board shall through its normal procedures, receive input from the Commissioner's Advisory Committee and all other internal opportunities prior to finalizing any decision in compliance with these rules.

B) Specifications for Swim Venues

The specifications for recommended and required standards for swim venues to be used in postseason competition may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

C) Events

All meets will have the following events: 200 Yard Medley Relay, 200 Yard Freestyle, 50 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Individual Medley, 1 Meter Diving, 100 Yard Butterfly, 100 Yard Freestyle, 100 Yard Backstroke, 500 Yard Freestyle, 100 Yard Breaststroke, 400 Yard Freestyle Relay and 200 Freestyle Relay.

D) Wedges

Starting wedges are neither permitted nor utlized for postseason (region or state) competition.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Tennis

(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)
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I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor separate postseason competition for boys and girls in tennis, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2014-2015 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region, semi-state and state meets.
2) All meets shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the meet is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the meet shall be allowed to apply, and only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region meet site selection plan.
5) If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

B) Pairings

1) For the individual region singles and doubles tournaments, the manager may seed the contestants and draw for the remaining places in the tournament.
2) For individual region singles and doubles tournaments, there should be 1 seeded player for every four players entered (1 to 4).
3) The regional draw/meeting should follow the regulations as set forth by the USTA Friend of Court for seed lines and draw procedure.
4) For the individual region singles and doubles tournaments, singles players and doubles teams from the same school shall be placed in opposite brackets.
5) For the individual state singles and doubles tournaments, the Commissioner shall supervise the seeding of the brackets in all tournaments, and supervise a draw for the remaining places in the tournament. No active coach may be involved in the seeding process.
6) Seeding shall be based on the All Factors Method, considering each entrants' chances of winning the tournament and shall consider all reasonably available information, including ranking lists, standing lists, recent records, types of surface, and particularly head-to-head encounters.
7) For individual state singles and doubles tournaments, there should be 1 seeded player for every eight players entered.
8) Per the Listing Seeds description in the USTA Friend of Court guidance, seeds 1-4 shall be listed individually, and seeds 5-8 shall be grouped.
9) The Main draw, based initially on the Positioning Seeds guidance from the USTA Friend of Court, shall ensure that Seed 1 is placed on line 1, seed 2 on line 64, 3 and 4 drawing at random for lines 17 or 48, and then seeds 5-8 placed at random for line 9, 25, 40 or 56. This draw ensures that seeded players do not meet until the third round of championship play.
10) During initial placement, the draw shall be adjusted to ensure that competitiors from the same school are not in the same bracket half.
11) The seeding and the remainder of the draw shall be done by a Committee appointed by the Commissioner involving USTA designees, KHSAA staff and the nonschool affiiliated tournament management. Any active coach may not be a part of the seeding / draw process.
12) The Commissioner shall ensure a public announcement of the seeded players in all brackets and of the draw.
13) Regardless of any vote or consensus of the competing individuals or teams, any bracket not drawn in accordance with the above procedures may be directed to be corrected, including the replay of contests, by the Commissioner's office.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
2) This roster may be revised during the regular season up to the point where the draw/seeding for regional tournament brackets are conducted and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.
5) Coaches must submit the requisite form (TN104) before the regiona draw/seeding meeting, listing the ranked order of individuals that meet all eligibility requirements for entry into postseason play.

B) Individual Entry Requirements

1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state matches, a contestant shall have competed in a minimum of four (4) matches representing a member school during the regular season. Coaches should maintain and have available copies of all results for the region manager to verify in case of a challenge to the required participation minimums by any athlete.
2) All matches played in a tournament during the season count

as one match of the four (4) required to qualify for region play.
3) Using the Association prescribed entry forms, a school may enter a maximum of two singles players and two doubles teams in the individual singles and doubles region tournaments.
4) No contestant shall compete in both the singles and doubles competition.
5) Members playing in the singles and doubles may represent the member school in the team championship series.

C) Individual Advancement to State Meet
1) The champion, runner-up and other two semi-finalists in both the singles and doubles region tournaments shall qualify for the individual State Singles and Doubles Tournaments (top 4 finishers from each region.
2) Players shall participate in all rounds of region tournament play to be eligible for individual singles and doubles state tournaments.

D) Substitutions
1) Region Substitutions
a) Any player whose name is on the official roster may be substituted on a team prior to the time of the draw for the region tournament.
b) After the region draw is final, the region tournament manager may allow substitution in singles or doubles only if the original entry is prevented from participating due to circumstances due to injury/illness. No advantage may be gained by a substitution or it will not be permitted.
2) State Substitutions
a) Prior to the first match at the state tournament, the tournament manager may allow substitution on a doubles team if the original entry is prevented from participating due to circumstances due to injury/illness. No advantage may be gained by a substitution or it will not be permitted.
b) After the first match has begun at the state tournament, there cannot be a subtitution on a doubles team.
c) There cannot be a substitute for a singles player at any time during the state tournament.
d) Any withdrawal of a non-seeded player prior to tournament play shall result in leaving the player in the draw and advancing the opponent by withdrawal.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be selected by the Association staff in consultation with the Kentucky Tennis Association representatives.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Individual Play (Singles/Doubles)
1) All individual matches (singles and doubles) shall be played using a match (2 of 3 sets) format with the third set being a 10-point tie break.
2) The region champion in the individual singles and doubles tournaments shall be the singles player or doubles team undefeated in a single elimination bracket.
3) The state champion in the individual singles and doubles tournaments shall be the singles player or doubles team undefeated in a single elimination bracket.

B) Team Championship
1) Region
a) Points are awarded from each advancement by a singles and doubles player.
b) The state team champion shall be the team accumulating the most points.

C) Trophies and Awards
1) Region.
a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.
b) Awards will be given to winner through quarterfinalist at each region meet.
2) State.
a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first and second, and the semi-finalists at the state tournament (these four teams are made up of the semi-state winners).
b) Awards will be given to the winner through quarterfinalist in Singles and doubles play at the state meet.
c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and awards at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region/Semi-state
1) The finances of the region tournament will be managed at the region level.
2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.
3) The finances of the Team semi-state tournament will be managed at the local semi-state level.

B) State
1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state tournament.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules
1) All Tournaments shall be played using the rules as established by the United State Tennis Association unless modified by the KHSAA.
2) Additional rules otherwise developed by the KHSAA may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
3) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
4) All team match play shall be best two out of three sets with the third set being a 10-point tie break.

B) Specifications for Tennis Courts

The specifications for recommended and required standards for tennis facilities to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

C) Dress Code
1) It is recommended that players wear school uniforms during play.
2) The following shall NOT be allowed during tournament play:
a) Visible undergarments under either shorts, skirts or shirts. Note: Compression shorts, if worn as an undergarment above the knee, are legal.
b) Bare midriffs.
c) Any garment or hat advertising alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or other inappropriate items deemed objectionable by the KHSAA State Tournament Director.
d) Objectionable permanent body markings (tattoos) shall be covered; non-permanent body markings (temporary tattoos or body paint) shall be prohibited.
e) Black-soled shoes are prohibited.

D) Limit of Coaches

More than one coach coaching at the same time during the same match is prohibited.

E) Coach Communication
1) The following standards are required for coach communication:
a) The head coach or one assistant coach designated by the school may talk to the players and this is only allowed between points and during an authorized rest/break period and should not delay play. Coaching is NOT permitted when the player changes ends during a tie-break game or during any warm-up period.
b) Once all championship tournament play is inside the Stadium Courts, all coaching shall be done on the court. Coaching from outside the court will be prohibited.
c) Coaches may walk onto/enter the court to coach at the designated appropriate times. Players shall stay on the court with coaches during this communication.
d) The 90-second period for coaching begins immediately following the last game point, not when conversation begins.
e) During the designated coaching breaks, a player may confer with his/her coach. Both singles players and both doubles teams SHALL be at their respective baselines ready to play at the conclusion of the 90-second period. If the break period is NOT adhered to, the following penalties will be applied:
(1) Both players not ready to play – The server starts the next game 0-30.
(2) The server is not ready to play – The server starts the next game 0-30.

(3) The receiver is not ready to play – The server starts the next game 30-0.

F) Improper Use of Passes

Schools found to be issuing coaching passes to unqualified personnel will result in the loss of all coaching passes, except for one head coach, and may result in the disqualification of student participant(s).

G) Tardiness

For the State Tournament - Tardiness for Match Participation Rule:

5 minutes or less tardy – Loss of toss and loss of one game

5:01 minutes to ten minutes tardy – Loss of toss and loss of two games

10:01 minutes to fifteen minutes tardy – Loss of toss and loss of three games

More than fifteen minutes tardy - Default

H) Continuous Play at State Tournament

1) Continuous play will be in effect for the first two sets with a ten minute break allowed.

2) A two minute break is allowed between the first and second sets.

3) There is no rest period after the first game of any set.

4) The KHSAA will work cooperatively with representatives of the Kentucky Medical Association and the Kentucky Tennis Association to implement provisions of the USTA Rest Period rule should the tournament format dictate such implementation.

I) Inclement Weather at the State Tournament

1) In the event inclement weather occurs during the state tournament, and in the opinion of the state manager as approved by the Commissioner, it is in the best interest of completing the event within the time schedule to shorten specific matches, a No-Ad system of scoring can be used.

2) Once implemented, the system will be used at the discretion of the manager, all matches in a quartile (group of four matches in round 1, or 2 matches in round 2) shall be played using the same format. If this occurs, such may continue to be implemented until a time when the regular schedule of matches can resume.

J) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

K) Deadline to Start Contest

No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Track and Field

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

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I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in track and field for boys and girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership to participate in said competition.
2) Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to September 1.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office, with new schools with a four-year average enrollment of less than 611 students being placed in Class 1A, 611 to 1050 in Class 2A and above 1050 in Class 3A.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) Enrollment and Criteria for Determining Classes

1) The classification shall be based on the FOUR-year average total enrollment of students in grades 9-12 including all special education students.
2) The enrollment of schools enrolling only one gender shall be doubled for classification purposes.
3) The enrollment data used to determine the class boundaries shall be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Education or other verifiable sources in the case of nonpublic schools.
4) Schools playing up into a higher classification that the four-year average enrollment dictates shall remain that higher class for the duration of the alignment.
5) The state shall be initially divided into three classes based on a four-year average enrollment, with each class containing seven (7) regions.
6) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections within three (3) enrollment based classes with the approval of the Board of Control.
7) For the current four-year alignment period, the schools shall be divided to where approximately 40% of those offering track and field are placed in Class 1A, the next 30% in Class 2A an the next 30% in Class 3A.
8) After the initial division, any schools offering Cross Country but not offering track are placed in the appropriate class based on comparison of that school's enrollment, and the largest and smallest of each class.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state meets.
2) All meets shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region meet sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner. All host sites shall comply with any adopted site specifications as published on the KHSAA website.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the meet is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the meet shall be allowed to apply, and only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region meet site selection plan.
5) If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) All hosts granted an event shall host at least one meet during the region meet year with at least five schools entering competitors and using the electronic entry and results system.
7) All host sites shall adhere to the required postseason site specifications as adopted by the Board of Control.
8) The region host school shall own a current license to the Association designated software application for managing region entries and results or shall contract with a current license holder.
9) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) MEET MANAGERS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region meets, and shall serve as the manager for the state meet. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the meet as to the time and place of the meet, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the meet.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Individual Entry Requirements

1) A school may enter any eligible student-athlete from the electronic roster in the postseason region meet. All entries in KHSAA postseason play shall be done electronically using the Association designated software application.
2) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet, a contestant shall be enrolled in the seventh (7th) grade or higher and be otherwise eligible by all KHSAA Bylaws.
3) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet in all events with the exception of Pole Vault, a contestant shall have competed in at least four meets (indoor or outdoor) involving a minimum of two schools on a team representing a member school during the regular season. For all events except for Pole Vault, such participation requirement is not event specific.
4) Schools desiring to enter athletes in the Pole Vault, shall have proof of completion of the Pole Vault Coaching Certification Course managed through www.pvscb.com, or the course managed by the NFHS on NFHSLearn.com on or before the first pole vault competition of the current year. Such certification shall be current and shall be maintained when certification periods change. Only those coaches who have successfully

completed the Pole Vault course and designated by the school as a coach may utilize any coaching box or additional coaching privilege afford to coaches by NFHS rules.

5) Athletes desiring to enter the Pole Vault shall have competed in Pole Vault at least four high school meets on a team representing a member school during the regular season. Such participation shall be verified to the region manager using the required KHSAA forms. Athletes entering high school meets where only the Pole Vault is contested or meets where that school's only participation is Pole Vault may count that participation against the required four (4) meets and the school does not have to count that particular meet against its maximum number of meets allowed under Bylaw 23.

6) Athletes competing in high school meets (grades 9-12) and participating with a high school as a representative of that school irrespective of level of the meet shall be allowed to count that meet toward the four meet minimum. Coaches should maintain and have available copies of all results for the region manager to verify in case of a challenge to the required participation minimums by any athlete. Such individual meet verification (results) may be recorded on standard forms distributed by the Association in lieu of keeping individual results.

C) Team Entry and Advancement

1) The electronic entry for contestants in the region meet shall be submitted not later than 9:00 p.m. four (4) days prior to the first day of preliminaries. For those regions holding preliminary competition in Pole Vault or other events at a different time, the entry deadline will be not less than four (4) days prior to that date for those events.

2) By 9 p.m., three (3) days prior to the region meet, the manager shall distribute a preliminary Performance Listing to all coaches in the region, shall also submit the list via the UK listserve, and shall also submit to KHSAA for posting on website.

3) By 9 p.m., two (2) days before the region, all coaches desiring to challenge a particular time shall have notified the region manager as to the objection, and the region manager shall thereafter resolve and determine the entry time.

4) By 9 p.m., one (1) day prior to the region meet, the manager shall distribute a final Performance Listing to all coaches in the region, shall also submit the list via the UK listserve, and shall also submit to KHSAA for posting on website.

5) Only in the case of documented medical emergency can these deadlines be waived or a substitution be allowed.

6) Each manager is responsible for the forwarding of the entries for the region meet to all competing teams.

7) An entry with no time entered for an athlete may be challenged.

8) The KHSAA impose a fine of $100 against any school attempting to enter athletes after any published deadline.

9) A school may enter one or two contestants in each individual event and one team in each relay race at the region meet.

10) Eight participants may be named to a relay team, any four of whom may be used in the preliminaries or in the finals. The same eight individuals are the only athletes eligible to be entered in that relay race at the state meet. Coaches should list a maximum of eight individuals on the relay entry, and then shall declare the runners that will run prior to each race. The same eight individuals are the only athletes eligible to be entered in that race at the state meet. Listing on the entry does not count as one of their events unless they actually report to the clerk. Being listed as an alternate does not count as one of the events for the athlete against the four-event limit. Only those relay contestants who actually participate will be considered official entries.

11) In any meet, a contestant shall not compete in more than four events. Any number of these events may be relays. If a competitor exceeds participation limits, they shall forfeit all individual and team points earned in any event and shall be disqualified from further participation in that meet.

D) Advancement to State Meet

1) The State Meet shall include in each event, twenty-four competitors, and any person tied for the twenty-fourth qualifying position.

a) The top two competitors in each event at the region meet shall automatically qualify for the state meet.

b) The next ten best times/heights/marks from the state-at-large shall qualify for the state meet.

2) In the event that the format for advancement to the state meet qualifies sixteen (16) or less competitors to each event, a set of automatic qualifying standards shall be developed, and any other contestant not otherwise qualifying in (1) above that meets the published time standards in accordance with the published guidelines shall also qualify for the state meet.

E) Substitutions:

1) Any contestant whose name is on the entry form may be substituted for the original entry at a region meet, prior to the deadline for scratch/add.

2) After the region meet deadline, the manager may only allow the substitution if the original entry is prevented from participating in the event because of circumstances beyond their control and with medical documentation.

3) There are no substitutions at the State Meet.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Regular Season Competition

1) It is strongly recommended that a KHSAA licensed official (Track and Field), be present at each Track meet that counts toward the limit of meets in accordance with Bylaw 23.

2) In any meet where more than four (4) schools are entering teams or individuals, there shall be a KHSAA licensed Track official.

B) Regular and Postseason Referees for Track and Field/ Cross Country (including the starter as referenced) shall meet the following criteria:

1) It is strongly recommended that a KHSAA licensed official (Track and Field), be present at each Cross Country and Track and Field meet that counts toward the limit of meets in accordance with Bylaw 23. In any meet where more than four (4) schools are entering teams or individuals, there shall be a KHSAA licensed Track official;

2) The local management of the postseason track and field, and cross country meets shall have the authority to hire and utilize all licensed officials necessary for properly conducting the meets. Where possible, these managers are encouraged to utilize KHSAA licensed track officials. In Track and Field meets where more than four (4) teams are participating, a KHSAA licensed official shall be used;

3) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007) and within the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

4) The local management of the postseason track meets shall have the authority to hire and utilize all licensed officials necessary for properly conducting the meets.

5) For the State Track and Field, and Cross Country meets, the Commission shall have the authority to hire and utilize all officials necessary for properly conducting the meets. Where possible, the Association shall utilize KHSAA licensed track officials for the state meets;

6) Final approval for all selections to the meets shall be made by the Commission;

7) It is strongly recommended that Track and Field officials hold dual certification with United States of America Track and Field (USATF);and

8) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play. Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) All entrants from a school accumulate team points toward the team championship.

2) Six (6) places shall count in scoring in each event at the region meets with values of 10-8-6-4-2-1.

3) Eight (8) places shall count in scoring in each event at the state meet with values of 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1.

4) The champion of each meet will be the team compiling the highest number of points in each meet.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Region.

a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at

each region.
b) Awards will be given to first six (6) finishers in each event at each region meet.
c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that meet.
2) State.
a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state meet.
b) Awards will be given to the first eight (8) placers in each event at the state meet.
c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that meet.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region
1) The finances of the region meet will be managed at the region level.
2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State
1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state meet.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules
1) All meets shall be contested using the NFHS Track and Field Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
3) The Board of Control shall serve as the Games Committee as designated by the NFHS Track and Field Rules. The Board shall through its normal procedures, receive input from the Commissioner's Advisory Committee and all other internal opportunities prior to finalizing any decision in compliance with these rules.

B) Specifications for Track Facilities
The specifications for recommended and required standards for track facilities to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

C) Starter's Pistol Specifications
Any meet, indoors or outdoors, where at FAT system is being used my be started by a .32 or .22 caliber starter's pistol. The pisol shall meet all district, local, state and federal regulations including possession ordinances and registration requirements.

D) Interrupted Meets
When lightning or other inclement weather, heat and humidity conditions or other events beyond the control of meet management, cause the interruption of a meet by the Meet Referee after it has begun, and the determination has been made that it cannot be resumed at the point of interruption, it shall be considered to be complete with respect to the counting against the maximum number of meets for a school or minimum number of required meets for an athlete. In addition, it shall be complete to the extent of the compensation for meet officials.

E) UNIFORM ALLOWANCES PER NFHS TRACK RULE 3
1) All contestants in Track shall adhere to National Federation Rule 4-3 as it relates to the uniform of the competitors. In addition, the Games Committee for the State Cross Country and Track Meets may, within the allowable limits of Rule 4-3, establish clarifications and enhancements to the uniform requirement to ensure equal treatment of all competitors.
2) The following areas have been addressed for consistent enforcement by meet officials and which are applicable to all contestants. NOTHING ABOUT THESE RULES MANDATE A REQUIRED COLOR):
a) HEADS - Hats are not allowed however the toboggan or stocking cap/wrap are permitted in cold or hot weather. All head gear and holders shall be checked by the Meet Referee to make sure they are secure. Anything worn on the head shall be secure, designed for the head, and without a visible manufacturer's logo or other decoration (other than the school name / nickname).
b) TOPS - If shirts are worn under the school issued jersey by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel shall be exactly the same single solid color on all who choose to wear the undergarments. It is not necessary that all team members wear them. No lettering or designs or decals will be allowed on undershirts anywhere with the exception of a single manufacturer's logo which shall adhere to the NFHS restrictions. The restrictions on undershirts do not include sleeve length. For example one team member can wear long sleeves, one 3/4 sleeves and one short sleeves as long as they are the same solid color.
c) BOTTOMS - If leotards, body suits or bike shorts are worn under the school issued running trunks by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel shall be a single solid color and alike in color. Long underwear will not be accepted as a visible undergarment for either tops or bottoms. No lettering, designs or decals will be allowed on underpants anywhere, with the exception of a single manufacturer's logo which shall meet NFHS restrictions. The restrictions on pants do not include pants length. For example one team member can wear long pants, one 3/4 pants and one short pants as long as they are the same solid color.
d) UNIFORM VIOLATIONS - If a uniform violation is not detected prior to the start of an event, there can be no disqualification for violations.
e) HANDS - Gloves or socks may be worn on the hands during cold weather.
f) FEET - Shoes shall be worn. Shoes of different runners on the team do not have to be the same make and model. The use of ballet slippers, gymnastic or sweat socks does not meet the requirements of this rule.
g) JEWELRY – There are no restrictions on jewelry worn during meets.
h) BODY MARKINGS / TATTOOS - A permanent tattoo that is not objectionable in the judgement of an official, would be allowed. A permanent tattoo that is objectionable in its content or form shall be covered. Anything non permanent including tattoos, face paint, etc. would not be legal if visible on any part of the body as it would be excessive body decoration.
i) SPORTS BRA – These items are considered foundation garments and are not to be considered as part of the uniform or undergarment rule.
j) SUNGLASSES- Unless prescribed by a medical doctor for the purpose of vision correction, sunglasses may not be worn during competition.
k) HIP NUMBERS – UNIFORM – When hip numbers are worn for purpose of assisting the automated timing system in region and state competition, the uniform topped shall be tucked into the shorts when the competitors are at the start.

F) Events
1) All boys' region meets as well as the state meet shall have the following events: 110 Meter High Hurdles, 100 Meter Dash, 4 x 200 Meter Relay, 1600 Meter Run, 4 x 100 Meter Relay, 400 Meter Dash, 300 Meter Low Hurdles, 3200 Meter Run, 800 Meter Run, 200 Meter Dash, 4x400 Meter Relay, 4x800 Meter Relay, Shot Put, Discus, Pole Vault, Triple Jump, Long Jump, High Jump.
2) All girls' region meets as well as the state meet shall have the following events: 100 Meter Low Hurdles, 100 Meter Dash, 4 x 200 Meter Relay, 1600 Meter Run, 4 x 100 Meter Relay, 400 Meter Dash, 300 Meter Low Hurdles, 3200 Meter Run, 800 Meter Run, 200 Meter Dash, 4x400 Meter Relay, 4x800 Meter Relay, Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Triple Jump.
3) These events shall be conducted in metric measurements when possible. The traditional English measurements may be used when necessary. National Federation Track and Field Rules shall govern the competition.

G) Region Meet Entry Mark (Seeding) Requirements

1) All coaches shall be able to verify times that are entered for an athlete in the region meet.
2) Entry times for the region meet may be FAT (Fully Automated Timing) or HT (Hand Times). All HT times shall be properly converted per NFHS Rule 3-9-4. If any HT is recorded in hundredths, it shall be rounded up to the nearest tenth of a second, and properly noted as a HT.
3) Any time which cannot be verified, cannot be used.
4) The only acceptable verification of meet results will be submission to the KHSAA website.
5) Only meet results posted using Hytek Meet Manager Software and its formatting will be used for the purpose of seeding the region. In this manner, a statewide listing of performances can be maintained by multiple sources to validate seed times.
6) Only meets contested up until the day before entries are due will be used for the purpose of seeding the region. While other meets may be held per Bylaw 23, those meets may be used to satisfy the 4 meet minimum, but not used toward seeding.

H) Region Meet Format and Rules
1) To ensure competitive balance between the potential at-large qualifiers to the state meet, all region meets in a given Class shall follow the same time schedule.
2) Regions running multiple meets at the same site will be required to run them consecutively, not concurrently.
3) The fast heat/section in all races shall be full (use all lanes), even if this leaves a single competitor in the slower heat.
4) Each of the region meets will be conducted in one session and use the same standard schedule including field events. The Pole Vault may be held at an alternative site at the discretion of the tournament manager and with the approval of the Commissioner.
5) The region meets shall be held on Saturday unless there is an agreement among the participating teams to hold the meet on an alternate day. If an alternate day is selected, and any school is in session that day, the meet shall be held after 3 p.m. Conflicts with graduation ceremonies and the academic school day should be avoided.
6) By consensus of the schools in the region through communication with the manager, the preliminaries in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put and Discus may be conducted using an Open Ring / Open Pit, "Cafeteria Style" format.
   a) In doing this, the manager would define a block of time and allow the competitors to check in, perform their trials without regard to a pre-defined order, and return to other events or event venues.
   b) In order to use this Cafeteria Style, the manager would define a block of time where trials would be allowed. No more than ten (10) minutes following the closing of the pit/ring and the announcing of the finalists, the finals would begin in NFHS defined order.
7) The meet shall be scheduled at a time when there is not a conflict with instructional time at a participating school and all efforts should be made to avoid conflict with the actual graduation exercises. It is impossible to avoid all conflicts, but managers are to afford member schools the same courtesy they would expect.
8) Any race where the initial leg (or total race) is 400 meters or less shall be started with blocks, and all competitors shall be required to properly use them.
9) All individuals placing sixth or higher in each event shall score team points in the region meet.
10) Six places shall count in the scoring in each event at the region meet with values 10-8-6-4-2-1.
11) The meet shall be made up of all of the events on the region entry form.
12) No preliminaries will be conducted. All running events will be timed-final events, broken into sections according to NFHS rules.
13) In the running races where enough competitors are entered to cause the need for sections, the slower runners or relay teams shall be placed in the first section, with the faster competitors assigned to the last section (NFHS Rule 5-5-7).
14) The hurdle height for the girls 100m hurdles is 33" and the height for the boys 300m hurdles is 36"
15) In the case of a tie in field events, if all tie breaking procedures fail to break the tie according to the National Federation Rule Book; competitors tying for second in the region shall advance to the state meet. All region meets and the state meet shall be conducted utilizing fully automated timing. In the event that the timing system fails for any reason, the NFHS provision for adjusting marks to be comparable shall be utilized.

I) State Meet Automatic Qualifying Standards and Starting Heights
1) In the event that the format for advancement to the state meet qualifies sixteen (16) or less competitors to each event, a set of automatic qualifying standards shall be developed. In this case, an athlete achieving the qualifying mark at the regional meet would automatically qualify for the state meet, if not among the competitors qualifying in any other manner.
2) In the event that the format for advancement to the state meet qualifies more than sixteen (16) competitors for each event, no automatic qualifying standards will be used.
3) If automatic qualifying standards are used due to the number of athletes per event qualifying for the state meet, the following provisions shall be used:
   a) Automatic Qualifying Standards are determined by the average fifth place time the last five years of State Meets.
   b) The calculated FAT time standards represent the actual five-year average.
   c) Automatic Qualifying HAFT Standards are derived by taking the five-year average electronic (FAT) time, reducing it by .24 and then rounding to the next tenth in compliance with Track Rule 3-9.
   d) High Jump qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 2 inch mark above the five-year average for boys.
   e) High Jump qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 2 inch mark above the five-year average for girls.
   f) Pole Vault qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 6 inch mark above the five-year average for boys.
   g) Pole Vault qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 6 inch mark above the five-year average for girls.

J) State Meet Starting Heights and Marks
1) Pole Vault starting height at state meet will be 2 feet below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for boys.
2) Pole Vault starting height at state meet will be 2 feet below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for girls.
3) High Jump starting height at state meet will be 4 inches below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for boys.
4) High Jump starting height at state meet will be 4 inches below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for girls.
5) Games Committee reserves the right per NFHS rules to adjust starting height due to unforeseen conditions

K) State Meet Format
1) The State Meet will be conducted in one day, with all running events being timed finals
2) KHSAA staff is to determine class placement and distribute to schools.
3) There will be no practice date prior to the State Meet
4) The standard order of events will be followed from the Rules Book with the fastest section running last
5) The 4 x 800 relay and 800 meter run will be run in 2 sections, with 14 in the faster section, and 10 in the slower section
6) The 100/110 Hurdles, 100 Dash, 4x200 Relay, 4 x 100 Relay, 400 Dash, 300 Hurdles, 200 Dash and 4 x 400 Relay will be run in three sections, with the two fastest sections using all available lanes.
7) The 1600 and 3200 runs will be run in one race each.
8) The State Meet will utilize at least three fully automatic timing systems

L) Sector for Shot Put and Discus
The sector for the Shot Put and Discus shall be marked at 34.92 degrees. All regular and postseason competition shall utilize this sector measurement, whether or not the event is held inside the oval.

M) Communication Devices
Unless otherwise legal within the playing rules as adopted by the NFHS, wireless communication between participants and coaches, or the use of wireless communication devices by coaches or participants is prohibited. This includes participant to participant, coach to participant, and coach to coach.

N) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Volleyball

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

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I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS AND SEEDING

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in volleyball for girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

B) District Seeding

1) For district tournaments that for whatever reason, fall to where only two teams the following shall govern:
   a) The head to head results from the regular season shall determine the host team and number 1 seed for postseason play.
   b) The number 1 seed shall host the district tournament (region if the sport does not have districts) and shall be the designated home team, even if unable to host the game at their home site due to facility requirements in the sport.
2) For district tournaments with three teams, the district tournament shall be seeded in accordance with the following three-team seeding rules:
   a) The competing teams within a district shall, by majority vote, determine if the schools are required to play each other once or twice during the regular season. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts.
   b) The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
   c) The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
   d) In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position,
      (1) The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the winner in the game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
         b. In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
   e) In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
      (1) In districts that have decided to play each other only once in district play, the tie shall be broken by blind draw. The team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed).
      (2) In districts that have decided to play each other twice in district play, the tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
         a. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         b. If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the first game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
         c. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         d. If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
         e. If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie. In this case, the team drawn first in the draw shall be considered the highest seed (one seed)
         f. Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.
   f) In the event of game re-scheduling or cancellation, the original game schedule shall determine which game is "second" for tie-breaking purposes.
3) For district tournaments with four or more teams, the district tournament brackets may be drawn by random lot or placed into the bracket using a seeding system. A majority vote (recorded in writing) of the Principals, Athletic Directors or Designated Representatives of the schools in the district is required in order to make or change seeding decisions. In the absence of any documentation, minutes or other verification, the districts shall not be seeded. The rules concerning the seeding of a district with four or more teams are as follows:
   a) The decision to seed and the method used in seeding (including all tie-breakers) shall be determined by majority vote of the participating teams in the district and the manager shall record this vote in writing and submit it to the Association. The representatives making the written declaration shall decide all issues related to seeding,
   b) Seeding methods shall be determined prior to the start of the regular season, recorded in writing with a copy provided to the KHSAA, and shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions. Such changes to the district seeding plan may not be made for the current year once play has begun in the regular season.
   c) In the event of dispute, the current copy on file with the KHSAA shall prevail in determining resolution.
   d) Seeding plans may, at the discretion of the majority vote of the schools, stipulate a particular team to a particular seeded position.
   e) It shall be the district tournament manager's responsibility to update the Association with respect to any changes to the seeding decision or method being used and any relevant tiebreakers. In the absence of this documentation, consultation with, and written verification and documentation from, prior year tournament managers, will be utilized by staff to assist with interpretation and clarification.
   f) There are no statewide rules on a seeding method once the determination has been made to seed. Some of the more common and recommended means of seeding is the record of matches played within a district provided all teams have played all other teams. In that case, each district shall adopt tie-breaking procedures in the event that the primary method of seeding results in a tie or other situations arise which cause an alteration in the scheduled seeding method. Among the more common tie-breaking methods are:
      (1) seeding by overall win-loss record;
      (2) seeding by win-loss record in specific contests,
      (3) seeding by a rating/ranking from a statewide poll,
      (4) seeding by a majority vote,
      (5) seeding by a committee,
      (6) seeding a specific team(s) into a position to avoid scheduling complications and issues, and
      (7) seeding by a rating turned in by each school.
   g) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of midnight Wednesday prior to the Monday of the week of the district tournament. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season to discuss tournament operations (i.e. dates, times, sites, tournament

personnel needs, etc.). However if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded matches have been played prior to the meeting.

h) Seeded matches unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published date for the district tournament meetings will be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

i) If a change in the alignment of teams moves a single new team into a previously seeded district during the current school year, the previous decision as to seeding shall prevail. If the new team enters the alignment following the completion of all match contracts and the new team is unable to schedule all required opponents, the new team shall be seeded in the last position for the current season, and shall be included in seeded match scheduling for the subsequent seasons. If a single change in the alignment occurs prior to the end of the previous school year, the district teams will conduct a new vote as to seeding.

j) If a change in the alignment of teams moves more than one team into a seeded district, the district teams shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote will result in the seeding decision being not seeded.

k) If the Board of Control approves a total realignment of teams within a district, the teams in the district shall conduct a new vote as to seeding. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the district being not seeded.

l) Once a vote has been conducted for the district to be seeded, all required contests shall be considered to be contracted for the seeding requisite number of contests. If school representatives do not notify all schools in the district of their intent NOT to participate by the first day of practice, the contest shall be played or a forfeit declared. Where a fee is not specified, a $250 default forfeiture fee will be assessed for non-played contests.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) District tournament play shall begin not later than Monday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for district tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts. Tournaments may begin prior to that Monday if all schools concur and all regular season play is ended.

2) Region tournament play shall begin not later than Tuesday of the week on the KHSAA Calendar for region tournaments. Permission may be obtained from the KHSAA office to start later than that date only in the event of facility conflicts.

3) All tournaments shall be held on or as near the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar as local conditions permit. Any exceptions shall be approved by the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) District tournament sites shall be selected by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the schools eligible to compete in each district tournament. If a district is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.

2) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and having a schedule of ten (10) or more volleyball matches shall be allowed to vote for the district tournament location or participate in the tournament.

3) Criteria to be considered by the schools for the district tournament include but are not limited to:

a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) an officials dressing room;

c) adequate parking for projected attendance;

d) meet the published site selection criteria for volleyball as posted on the KHSAA website.

4) The Commissioner shall determine region tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a region tournament shall submit their request through a meeting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of all schools in the region and shall supply information relating to the listed criteria for hosting. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

5) A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt any plan for recommending the tournament sites and voting shall include all schools within a region, not simply the schools playing in a particular year's event.

6) Criteria to be considered by the schools for recommending regional tournament sites include but are not limited to:

a) satisfactory capacity within the facility to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers;

b) an officials dressing room;

c) adequate parking for projected attendance; and

d) meet the published site selection criteria for volleyball as posted on the KHSAA website.

7) The schools in the district and the region shall agree on the amount of proceeds (if any) that is to be kept by the host school as well as limitations on expenses by the host school; determining the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each school that participates; the fixed amount or percentages to be given to each team in the region not competing in the tournament; and the disbursement of any proceeds from commissions, parking, advertising and any other revenue related to the tournament but not directly related to ticket, program or novelty sales. Resolution as to disputes on any of these issues may be facilitated by the Commissioner's office and if agreement cannot be reached, may be considered by the Board of Control.

8) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The principal of the host school shall designate an official of the school to serve as the manager for each district tournament. The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.

2) It is the duty of each district and region tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans.

3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. In addition, it shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball and volleyball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct a drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

B) Tournament Meeting

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the matches, and make all other arrangements necessary to conduct the tournament.

2) The district meetings shall be held in the school designated as the tournament host not later than the Wednesday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Calendar. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams.

3) The Region meeting shall be held on Sunday afternoon immediately following the district tournaments not prior to 2:00 local time in the school designated as the host. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams, but not prior to the completion of all district tournament matches. The site for future regional tournaments is not an issue for this

meeting unless the Principal or the Designated Representative as listed on the KHSAA website is present for all teams in the region (not limited to the competing teams).

C) Tournament Pairings

1) The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school.

2) District (non-seeded): The pairings for the district tournament shall be made in accordance with the following procedure, with all byes being arranged to be in the first round:

a) The appropriate bracket shall be used for team placement according to the number of teams entering the tournament:

(1) For three (3) teams, the bracket is seeded by rule and form BR103 shall be used;

(2) For four (4) teams, the unseeded BR104 shall be used;

(3) For five (5) teams, the unseeded BR105 shall be used;

(4) For six (6) teams, the unseeded BR106 shall be used;

(5) For seven (7) teams, the unseeded BR107 shall be used;

(6) For eight (8) teams, the unseeded BR108 shall be used;

(7) If more than eight (8) teams are in the district bracket, contact the KHSAA offices for assistance in utilizing the unseeded BR116 bracket.

b) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

c) The participants shall then draw for the non-BYE positions in the bracket. For example, in a five team bracket, the draw shall be for positions 1, 3, 5, 6 and 7.

d) The home team shall be determined by the bracket form.

e) The games of the tournament shall be played in the order listed on the bracket unless unanimous agreement is reached among the competing teams due to facility logistics concerns.

f) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

3) District (seeded): After seeding positions have been determined, the seeded bracket pairings shall be observed. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket. The brackets (from top down) are as follows:

a) 2 Team - The district tournament shall then be a single game, with the winner being advanced to the region tournament as the district winner (regardless of the regular season results).

b) 3 Teams (seeded by rule) – Seed 2 plays 3, Seed 1 plays winner of Seed 2 vs. Seed 3 for championship.

c) 4 Teams - Seed 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, winners meet for championship.

d) 5 Teams - Seed 5 plays 4, 1 plays winner of 5 vs. 4, 2 plays 3, remaining winners meet for championship.

e) 6 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 plays winner of 3 vs. 6, remaining winners meet for championship.

f) 7 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

g) 8 Teams - Seed 1 plays 8, 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 vs. 8 winner plays 4 vs. 5 winner, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.

h) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the region tournament.

4) Region: The pairings for the region tournament shall be made in accordance to the following procedure.

a) The participants may determine the order in which the bracket positions will be drawn in any manner agreeable to the majority. This could be alphabetically by school name, alphabetical by some other variable, totally random (a draw to determine the order of draw) or any other method for which agreement is reached. However, such agreement may NOT determine the bracket positions, only the drawing order.

b) In a region tournament with participants from four districts, the district winners will draw for positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 in a standard eight-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will draw for a position in the opposite bracket.

c) In a region tournament with participants from three districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The format will follow a standard eight-team bracket with two byes, those falling into positions 2 and 7. The district winners shall draw for positions 1 and 8 in the bracket. The district winner not drawing a bye shall draw for a position in slots 3 through 6. The district runner-up to the district champion drawing for position in slots 3 through 6 will draw into one of the two remaining slots in the bracket opposite the district winner, and the remaining two runner-up teams will be placed opposite their corresponding district winners in the remaining two slots in the bracket.

d) In a region tournament with participants from two districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The district winners will draw for positions 1 and 3 in a standard four-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will be placed in the position in the opposite bracket from the district winner.

e) In regions where the drawing of district boundaries result in two or three districts, the Board of Control may approve an alternate format in order to allow for a full eight-team bracket in the region tournament.

f) The winner of each region tournament shall advance to the state tournament.

5) State. The Commissioner shall conduct a blind draw to determine the pairings for the state tournament. The winner of each of the sixteen (16) region tournaments shall advance to the state tournament.

6) Regardless of any vote or consensus of the competing teams, any bracket not drawn in accordance with the above procedures may be directed to be corrected, including the replay of contests, by the Commissioner's office.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Withdrawal after draw

1) No school which enters a district, region or state tournament (draws for place) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its matches, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.

2) If a school withdraws from a district, region or state tournament at any time following the draw for district tournament positions or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded district, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

C) Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

D) Per match Roster/Substitutions

1) A school may enter a team composed of fifteen (15) players in each postseason tournament match from the roster submitted online.

2) The fifteen (15) players shall be designated each match, and no other players may be in uniform and tournament management may limit the total number of individuals on the benches.

E) Minimum Number of Contests

To be eligible to compete in the district, region or state tournament, a member school team shall have competed in at least ten (10) matches during the regular season.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007).

B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:
1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;
2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;
3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;
4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;
5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and
6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

D) Postseason volleyball shall meet the following additional criteria:
1) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored state championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission and shall be licensed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association;
2) Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the regional, sub-sectional, sectional, semi-state or State Tournaments. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;
3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to district, region, sectional and state tournament contests through the Assigning Secretary. The final selection shall be made by the Commission;
4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations;
5) The resultant rankings of officials (final ranked list of scores) is public information. The individual ratings by coaches are NOT public and may not be disclosed under any circumstances;
6) Officials desiring to be assigned to the Region and State Tournaments shall have within the preceding four years, attended the Volleyball Officials Camp; and
7) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play. In all tournament levels;
8) Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion
1) The champion of each district and region tournament will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.
2)The champion of the state tournament will be the winning team in a single elimination tournament.

B) Trophies
1) Trophies will be given to each district and region tournament winner and runner-up.
2) The trophies at the district and region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.
3) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and twenty-four (24) individual medals.
4) An All-Tournament team will be selected at the state tournament including a Most Valuable Player.
5) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) District and Region
1) The participating schools may adopt by majority vote, any plan that they desire for the distribution of receipts. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.
2) If no plan can be agreed upon, the following shall prevail:
a) A mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense. An allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.
b) The host school shall be allowed fifteen (15) percent of the gross ticket receipts derived from the district or region tournament for rental of the gymnasium and other services rendered to include setup and clean-up charges and for paying documented incidental bills related to the tournament that are approved by the participating teams.
c) Prior to any additional distribution, the gross receipts, less the host designated share outlined in subsection (2), shall be reduced by team travel expenses and the amounts paid for game officials and trophies.
d) The remainder of the profit shall be divided among the schools participating in the tournament and the non-participating schools in accordance with previously approved plans.
e) The host school should be allowed the profits made on programs, concessions, parking, etc.

B) State
1) The Association will finance the state tournament. The following allowances will apply if the receipts from the tournament make them justifiable, otherwise, the Board of Control will determine the allowance.
2) Expenses will be paid for meals, lodging and travel for each team through breakfast on the day following elimination from the tournament for each team.
3) The state tournament squad for purposes of reimbursement shall be limited to twenty-four (24) persons, including the principal, coaches, team members and other personnel.
4) Schools failing to stay in the motel/hotel assigned by the Association shall forfeit the lodging allowance. Schools within forty (40) one-way miles will not be provided a lodging allowance, but will be considered commuting teams. Commuting teams shall be paid an allowance in accordance with pre-tournament instructions.
5) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is $1 per mile (round trip), $5 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.
6) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from each state tournament.
7) The competing teams in the state tournament will be afforded passes to accommodate a traveling party of thirty (30), to include the school principal(s) and other administrators, the coaching staff, the team members in uniform (maximum 15) and the support staff for the team. No additional passes will be issued.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules
1) All matches shall be played using the NFHS Volleyball Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Specifications for Volleyball Courts and Game balls
1) The specifications for recommended and required standards for volleyball facilities to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

C) Match Format
1) Varsity Play, Regular and Postseason Season

a) The standard format will be best 3 of 5 sets, rally scoring, with the fifth set being to 15 per the NFHS Rules Book.
b) Regular season Individual contests, by advance mutual agreement of the competing schools, may be played in best 2 of 3 sets with the third set to 25 and no cap. Should both schools not agree on match length, the default shall be the NFHS rule of 3 of 5 sets.
c) Member schools may agree in advance during regular season tournaments, on alternate scoring formats but may not increase scoring in play.
d) In all cases, whatever format is used, each match shall count as one against the overall limit of matches contained in Bylaw 23.
e) For all rounds of postseason play, standard format will be the best 3 of 5 sets (winning score to 25 with the 5th game being to 15).

2) Junior Varsity Play
a) Best 2 of 3 sets to 21.
b) Member schools may agree in advance during regular season tournaments, on alternate scoring formats (but not longer than 2 of 3 sets to 21).
c) In all cases, whatever format is used, each match shall count as one against the overall limit of matches contained in Bylaw 23.

3) Freshmen Play
a) Best 2 of 3 sets to 21.
b) Member schools may agree in advance during regular season tournaments, on alternate scoring formats (but not longer than 2 of 3 sets to 21).
c) In all cases, whatever format is used, each match shall count as one against the overall limit of matches contained in Bylaw 23.

D) Warm-up Time, Regular/Postseason

Standard 15 minutes of warm-up time between matches: using the 4-5-5-1 format (4 minutes of shared court; 5 minutes of each team with serving team taking court first, and 1 minute back at the bench area prior to taking the court).

E) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

F) Deadline to Start Contest

No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Wrestling

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in wrestling, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2016-2017 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state meets.
2) All meets shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region meet sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the meet is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the meet shall be allowed to apply, and only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region meet site selection plan.
5) If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) The region host school shall own a current license to the Association designated software application for managing region entries and results or shall contract with a current license holder.
7) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, PAIRINGS, SEEDINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct the drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

B) Pairings/Seeding Meeting Procedures

1) The region manager will coordinate a meeting of participating coaches for the purpose of making region pairings in each weight class by seeding the participants.
2) The Advisory Committee member from the specific region shall chair the meeting and be responsible for compliance with these Competition rules.
3) Each school shall have a representative at the seeding meeting for the region tournament or that school may not enter wrestlers.
4) The specified reports from the NWCA system that show both the minimum weight and match by match weights shall be brought to the seeding meeting for the region tournament by the coach or designated school representative of each school desiring to participate.
5) A wrestler may not be entered in a region tournament unless the weigh-in verification records are completed via the NWCA system.
6) Those present at the meeting may conduct the business of the region meeting including completion of the seeded brackets. If votes are taken, each school may only have one vote.
7) Collectively, the schools shall decide the seeded wrestlers in each weight class. For regions without an adopted seeding plan, the following criteria may serve as a guide:
   a) Head to head competition between contestants.
   b) The record against common opponents;
   c) A contestant with a better overall record;
   d) A contestant with an exceptional record against acknowledged strong competition;
   e) A returning champion or runner-up in the same weight class;
8) The member school representatives DO NOT HAVE authority to waive the competition rules or create new ones for the basic entry, bracket and scoring procedures
9) Following the initial seeding, the tournament manager and the region Advisory Committee member shall develop the preliminary bracket.
10) Once the region seeding meeting is complete, no alterations can be made to the seeding except per Section (C) below.

C) Region Tournament Entry Revisions Following Seeding

1) After the seeding is completed, a coach may choose to designate a wrestler into another class by notifying the manager prior to the beginning of weigh-ins.
2) Once weigh-ins begin, an athlete may not be entered into a lower class than previously entered by the coach as the scales will have closed on that previous class.
3) An athlete missing weight at the region weigh-ins may be replaced in that weight class by any eligible member of the team who is on the NWCA online Alpha Master report, who meets the qualifications per the minimum weight guidelines, who has participated in four high school matches or bouts, who is eligible by these rules, and who is eligible by all other weight qualification rules including a valid weigh-in at the region.
4) The wrestler missing weight may be moved to either of the weight classes for which his/her scale weight permits.
5) The wrestler missing weight, if not replaced by another wrestler from the same squad, creates a bye in the bracket, and if necessary, brackets may need to be re-drawn to accurately reflect seeding.
6) Once the scales are closed, entries are considered final. At that point, any further withdrawal from the tournament series constitutes a forfeit.
7) If any entered wrestler (seeded or otherwise), due to action of the coach prior to or after weigh-ins, changes weight classes, then the region committee member and tournament manager shall convene all coaches for a supplemental meeting after the scales have closed for 285 pound class.
8) At that short supplemental meeting the participating coaches

shall vote to determine if the wrestler who was seeded in a former class should now be seeded in his/her entered class or if any other wrestler changing classes since the first entries were submitted necessitates an additional seeding discussion.

9) No other wrestling seeding decision from the original seeding meeting is able to be discussed or reconsidered as those are final upon conclusion of the seeding meeting.

D) Region Bracketing

1) After this supplemental meeting is completed (if necessary), the region committee member and manager shall ensure that the proper bracket is completed for each class according to the bracketing guidelines.

2) All region wrestling brackets shall be placed in the proper 4-, 8- or 16-person bracket. A 12-person brackets may not be used as the NFHS wrestling rules require a bracket of a power of 4.

3) Each weight class shall be considered separately as to bracket size. A weight class with 1-4 wrestlers shall use a 4-person bracket; 5-8 wrestlers shall use an 8-person bracket and 9-16 shall use a 16-person bracket.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.

2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.

3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.

4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Individual Entry Requirements

1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet, a contestant shall have a combination of four matches or four weigh-ins representing the high school during the current season in order to be eligible to enter the region.

2) An individual desiring to be entered in postseason competition shall be eligible according to the KHSAA Weight Management requirements.

3) Each coach shall ensure that each athlete has a completed wrestling permission form on file with the school (the Alpha Report along with the sub-7% form if necessary). This form is to contain signatures from the athlete, the coach and the parents verifying compliance with all rules as well as the health care provider who did the minimum weight testing, and the doctor if the athlete is below 7%.

C) Team Entry and Advancement

1) Each coach may enter one participant in each weight class in the region tournament.

2) All entries must come from the online roster management system and be currect with all records on the NWCA online weight management system.

D) Advancement to State Meet

1) The top four wrestlers in each weight class shall advance from the region tournament into the state tournament. In the event that a seeded wrestler is not able to participate in the state tournament due to injury or other reason beyond the control of the wrestler, the appropriate seeded wrestler(s) will be moved up in the seeding, and the fifth place wrestler from the region tournament will be seeded fourth.

2) There shall be a rotation system developed that attempts to ensure that there are no byes in the state tournament by rolling into the tournament, the fifth place wrestler from a randomly selected region if the qualifying region has less than five wrestlers or the fifth place wrestler is unavailable and a replacement is needed.

3) Notification of situations of this type where substitutions are made shall be made to the Commissioner immediately with further notification to all effected coaches.

4) Wrestlers unable to compete may be replaced prior to weigh-ins, and such shall not constitute a forfeit. Other positions shall be rotated up in the bracketing. Wrestlers missing weight at the State tournament shall constitute a forfeit.

5) The Commissioner shall draw each weight class individually for the pairings at the state tournament.

E) Substitutions

The KHSAA shall develop substitution procedures in an effort to ensure full brackets in each weight class in the event that one of the top four wrestlers from a region become injured or ill and cannot compete at the State Tournament.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007) and within the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:

1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;

2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;

4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;

5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and

6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.

D) Postseason wrestling officials shall meet the following criteria:

1) Only officials licensed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association may officiate in the regional or state tournament. Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the regional or State Tournaments. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;

2) Only members of the Kentucky Wrestling Officials Association will be assigned to the state tournament;

3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to region and state tournament contests. The final selection shall be made by the Commission;

4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations;

5) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play;

6) Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) REGION TOURNAMENT CHAMPION

1) The team that scores the greatest number of points during the tournament shall be declared the team champion.

2) Team points will be awarded or deducted in accordance with the National Federation Rules Book.

3) There will be a full wrestle-back tournament in each weight class at the region tournament.

4) The region tournament will be wrestled and scored to six places in each bracket.

B) STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPION
1) The team that scores the greatest number of points during the tournament shall be declared the team champion.
2) Team points will be awarded or deducted in accordance with the National Federation Rules Book.
3) There will be a full wrestle-back tournament in each weight class at the state tournament.
4) The state tournament will be wrestled and scored to eight places in each bracket.

C) Trophies and Awards
1) Region.
a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.
b) Awards will be given to first four (4) placers in each weight class at each region tournament.
c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.
2) State.
a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state meet.
b) Awards will be given to the first eight (8) finishers in each weight class at the state tournament.
c) Awards will be presented to the competitor with the Quickest Pin, and to the Most Valuable Wrestler.
d) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region/Section
1) The finances of the region tournament will be managed at the region level.
2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State
1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state tournament.

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules
1) All games shall be played using the NFHS Wrestling Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Specifications for Wrestling Tournaments
The specifications for recommended and required standards for wrestling facilities to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

C) Length of Periods
1) For postseason play, all matches in championship (winner's) bracket shall be wrested in 2 minute periods for all three periods.
2) For consolation bracket matches, including medal rounds, the first round shall only be 1 minute in length.

D) Weight Management, Certification
1) Minimum Weight Determination, Weight Control and Reporting
a) All athletes shall meet eligibility requirements including the development of a set minimum body weight.
b) An individual desiring to be entered in postseason competition shall be eligible according to the KHSAA Weight Management requirements detailed in the Board of Control policies.
c) Only competitors whose minimum weight has been determined using the NWCA online weight management system (including all recording and tracking) are eligible to compete.
d) Athletes without a minimum weight determination may not wrestle in competition or in practice after the first date for competition during the regular season.
e) The minimum weight class for each wrestler shall be determined using the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) online system between October 15 and the first regular season match.
f) The Head Coach of the team is responsible for maintaining a signed copy of the Alpha Report as the wrestling permission form.
g) Each athlete subject to the sub-7% (sub 12% for femals) physician permission shall have a properly completed form processed, and the Head Coach shall send a copy of that form to the KHSAA prior to the first competition. Once properly received, the KHSAA will authorize the wrestler to compete using the online system and until such is done, the wrestler may not compete.
h) A wrestler may not compete on the day of the minimum body weight testing.
i) A wrestler desiring to appeal the original minimum weight certification results shall complete the hydrostatic weight appeal within two (2) weeks of the original test.
j) A wrestler may never be certified into a class which is below the minimum body weight determined by the wrestler, his/her parents, his/her coach and his/her doctor and verified by using the proper calculation forms.

2) Weight Classes, Weigh-ins and Records
a) Competition shall be divided into weight classes for regular and postseason competition as defined in the NFHS Wrestling Rules.
b) The two-pound growth allowance will be added to each class boundary on December 25, thereby shifting the bounds of the class. The individual wrestler does not "receive" two pounds, the class weight limit is simply increased by two pounds.
c) For each round of the KHSAA postseason tournament, the two pound weight / growth allowance provisions from the National Federation Rules shall be used as such shall be added on December 25.
d) A certified scale shall be used to verify weight at all matches (regular and postseason). Scales which do not display current certification or for which current documentation is not available shall not count toward the wrestler's weigh-in requirements but shall count as though the wrestler weighed 288.
e) If an athlete competes in a match where no certified scale was available, the weigh-in counts as a "miss" in all fourteen weight classes with respect to achieving a desired weight class weigh-in.
f) A member school representative may not compete in any match where a weigh-in is not conducted and recorded.
g) The Head Coach of each team shall be responsible for entering the complete competition schedule of the team prior to the first competition date, using the NWCA online system and shall maintain the accuracy of that schedule throughout the season.
h) The Head Coach of each team shall provide, for each competition weigh-in, a match weigh-in form produced by the NWCA online system showing the lowest applicable weight for each competing wrestler on the actual date of competition.
i) Local event managers should have in place an option to produce such listing in the event that the competing coach does not produce this report at weigh-ins.
j) Repeated failure to produce these required weigh-in reports shall be cause for suspension of the Head Coach from regular or postseason competition or other penalty contained in KHSAA Bylaw 27 and may subject the team to ineligibility to enter the region wrestling tournament.
k) Following each match, and prior to the next competition for the squad, each coach shall enter the actual scale weights of each wrestler who weighed in for the competition, using the NWCA online system. For multiple day competition within the same event, only the first day weigh-in is to be recorded.
l) Repeated failure to enter scale weights prior to the next competition shall be cause for suspension of the Head Coach from regular or postseason competition or other penalty contained in KHSAA Bylaw 27 and may subject the team to ineligibility to enter the region wrestling tournament.

3) Certification into a Weight Class
a) A wrestler is certified into a particular weight class at any

regularly scheduled match or tournament any time on or prior to the Saturday of NFHS week 30 by making base weight (including growth allowance after December 25) at an official weigh-in on a certified scale as long as that certified weight is not below the documented minimum weight and is at a time allowed by the minimum weight calculations. A wrestler weighing in on or prior to the Saturday of NFHS week 30 is continually certifying at the weigh-in weight.

b) Once a wrestler is certified into a particular weight class as of the Saturday of NFHS week 30, he/she may weigh-in only in that class and one class above. He/she is automatically re-certified into a higher weight class after the Saturday of NFHS week 30 by weighing in and qualifying for that class, but never into a lower weight class. After the Saturday of NFHS week 30, making base weight (including growth) two classes above any previously certified weight class automatically renders that wrestler ineligible for the remainder of the year to wrestle in the lower weight class (previous certified weight).

c) Please note that this rule is for weigh-ins, not matches. It is possible that a wrestler weighed in at a certain class weight for a match, but wrestled up during that match. That weigh-in would count for the lower, weigh-in class.

4) Weight Control

All coaches are cautioned that rapid reduction in weight can endanger the health of the student athlete and coaches are encouraged to keep current with all research in this area. The manager of each meet is to have each participant weighed and it is highly recommended that a physician examine each participant.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Archery

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Competition

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in archery, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
4) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Competition

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state competitions.
2) All competitions shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Competition

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region competition sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the meet is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the meet shall be allowed to apply, and only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region meet site selection plan.
5) The region host shall acquire all permits needed to conduct such competition.
6) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by competition equipment, necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) COMPETITION MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Competition Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region meets, and shall serve as the manager for the state meet. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the competition as to the time and place of the competition, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the competition.
3) It is an explicit duty of each competition manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the competition. The receipts of a competition may be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state competition and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct all of the business necessary to conduct the state competition.
5) Each competition manager shall appoint (in addition to him/herself) a competition committee of at least three (3) participating coaches or school administrators. The decision(s) of the competition committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the KHSAA Archery Competition Rules.
6) Neither the KHSAA Office nor the Board will review competition committee decisions, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER COMPETITION PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Enrollment Requirement for this Sport-Activity
   a) To be a contestant on a member school team, a student must, on Friday of each grading period, be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.
   b) A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade.
   c) A pupil in grades 7 & 8 may play on the high school team provided that the elementary school, middle school or junior high school where the student is enrolled is under the direct administrative supervision of the same board of education as the member school the student desires to represent. If the local Board of Education has an adopted and enforced defined feeder pattern for the middle/junior high school students under the Board, participation at the high school level is restricted to the schools within that pattern (feeder school).
2) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
3) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
4) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional contestants may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for competition play.
5) After this time, the only revisions allowed to the overall roster will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Team Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

C) School Entry into Regional Competition

1) A team consists of 12-24 students.
2) After this entry, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

D) Withdrawal after Entry Deadline

1) No school which enters a region or state competition (draws for place) shall withdraw from the competition.
2) If a school withdraws from a region or state competition at any time following the deadline for entry at the region competition, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

E) Minimum Number of Contests

There is no minimum number of contests needed to be eligible to compete in the region or state competition.

F) Advancement to State Competition

1) The winning and runner-up team at each regional competition shall advance to the state competition.
2) In addition, any individual (boy or girl) finishing in the top three (3) at each regional competition that is not advancing with a team shall advance to the state competition as an individual.
3) A team will comprise of a minimum of 12 total shooters for that school. A school may shoot up to 24 at the region.

G) Substitutions

1) Substitutions may not be made at the regional competition following the initial entry.
2) Following the regional, substitutes for the members of a qualifying team may be made from the list of individuals on the

online roster.
3) There are no substitutes for individual qualifiers.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS / RULES

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition (region and state) shall be selected by the Association staff in consultation with NASP®/KYNASP® representatives.

B) The NASP®/KYNASP® rules officials shall, in conjunction with the competition manager, establish the conditions of play at the region and state competitions.

C) Tournament Format

1) Region

a) Each Team with a minimum 12 Shooters (24 Maximum) will shoot one flight (Three 10 Meter Scoring Ends and Three 15 Meter Scoring Ends). The top 12 scores will be combined to determine the team score.

b) The winning and runner-up team at each regional competition shall advance to the state competition.

c) In addition, any individual (boys or girls) finishing in the top three (3) at each regional competition that is not advancing with a team shall advance to the state competition as an individual.

2) State

a) Each team will shoot one flight (Three 10 Meter Scoring Ends and Three 15 Meter Scoring Ends). The top 12 scores will be combined to determine the team's score.

b) The four teams with the highest first flight scores will advance to the medal round.

c) The Medal Round will involve these four teams who will complete a flight to determine placement for awards. Champion, Runner-up, Third place and fourth place teams.

d) Individual medals will be given to the top eight (8) individual finishers (boys or girls) at the state tournament.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion

1) The champion of each region competition will be the team with the highest score (sum top 12 archers).

2) The champion of the state competition will be the team with the highest score.

B) Trophies and Awards

1) Region

a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.

b) Individual medals will be given to top four (4) individuals (boys or girls) at each region competition.

2) State

a) Trophies and individual medals will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth place teams at the state tournament.

b) Individual medals will be given to the top eight (8) individual finishers (boys or girls) at the state tournament.

c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES AND PASSES

A) Region

1) The finances of the region competition will be managed at the region level.

2) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.

3) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state competition.

2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state competition.

C) Passes

1) Each school will receive passes for all qualifiers.

2) Only people with passes will be allowed in the range and lane area.

VIII) SPECIAL COMPETITION AND REGULAR SEASON RULES

A) Competition Rules

1) KHSAA championship competition shall be conducted in accordance with NASP® competition rules. These rules shall be posted on the KHSAA website as updated.

2) Additional rules otherwise developed by the KHSAA may be implemented in competitions played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

3) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Competition Tie Breakers

1) Individual Competition

a) Individual competition tiebreaker shall begin by comparing total score, then # of 10's, 9's, 8's, etc.

b) If a tie persists, the tie shall remain.

2) Team Competition

a) begin by comparing total score, then # of 10's, 9's, 8's, etc.

b) If a tie persists, begin by each team selecting five archers from their teams.

i) These five archers from each team will shoot a 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters and then a 5-arrow scoring end at 15 meters.

ii) The combined scores of team members will be compared to break the tie.

iii) If a tie persists both teams will choose one shooter who will shoot a single arrow shot from 15 meters, closest to the middle of the target's center will break the tie.

C) Equipment

1) Only equipment specified for use in the NASP® program may be used in competition.

2) Only the stock (original) unmodified Genesis™ bow approved for NASP® may be used.

3) Only the stock (original) unmodified Easton 1820 arrows approved for NASP® may be used.

D) Uniforms

1) School uniforms must be worn during competition.

2) School uniforms can have the school name and/or logo and the student's name on them.

3) Sponsorships may be secured, but may not be from companies that manufacture alcohol or tobacco products.

4) Any sponsorship the school has secured may be displayed on the uniforms of the competitors.

E) Unsportsmanlike Conduct

1) Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any contestant/coach/captain/pilot and/or other person guilty or profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.

2) If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host site, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred.

F) Insurance Coverage

1) The schools and students will be responsible for any equipment related insurance and other necessary insurance as in any other sport or sport activity the KHSAA conducts.

2) All member schools are reminded to take precautionary steps to ensure that all equipment and product safety risk measures are taken including insurance coverage.

3) The KHSAA shall have catastrophic medical coverage for both the regional and state competitions.

G) Other

1) Tobacco Products: No coach, contestant or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.

2) Alcohol: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any KHSAA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any KHSAA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Bass Fishing

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Competition

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in bass fishing, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
4) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Competition

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state competitions.
2) All competitions shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.
3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Competition

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region competition sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to boat launch and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the competition is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the competition shall be allowed to apply.
5) All competition lakes/bodies of water shall be properly marked for and evacuation plan in case of bad weather.
6) The region host working with representatives of the Association's designated management partner(s) shall acquire all permits needed to conduct such competition.
7) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) COMPETITION MANAGERS, MEETINGS AND PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Competition Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region competitions. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the competition as to the time and place of the competition, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the competition.
3) It is an explicit duty of each competition manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the competition. The receipts of a competition can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state competition and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct all of the business necessary to conduct the state competition.
5. Each competition manager shall appoint (in addition to him/herself) a competition committee of at least three (3) participating coaches or school administrators. The decision(s) of the competition committee shall be final in matters pertaining to the KHSAA Bass Fishing Competition Rules.
6. Neither the KHSAA Office nor the Board will review competition committee decisions, whether alleged errors are due to faulty judgment or misinterpretation of the rules.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER COMPETITION PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

A) Roster Requirement

1) Each contestant shall have a valid Kentucky Fishing license.
2) Enrollment Requirement for this Sport Activity
   a) To be a contestant on a member school team, a student must, on Friday of each grading period, be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.
   b) A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade.
   c) A pupil in grades 7-8 may play on the high school team provided that the elementary school, middle school or junior high school where the student is enrolled is under the direct administrative supervision of the same board of education as the member school the student desires to represent. If the local Board of Education has an adopted and enforced defined feeder pattern for the middle/junior high school students under the Board, participation at the high school level is restricted to the schools within that pattern (feeder school).
3) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.,
4) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
5) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional contestants may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for competition play.
6) After this time, the only revisions allowed to the overall roster will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Team Photo Requirement

Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives. For bass fishing you submit one for each of the boats that qualify for the state finals.

C) Individual Requirement for SAF (Student Angler Foundation) Membership

1) Each participant must be enrolled in the Student Angler Federation (SAF).
2) Student Angler Federation enrollment provides:
   a) Insurance coverage for the student angler and adult volunteer while competing in KHSAA and SAF competitions;
   b) Insurance coverage for all school team fishing events (including the option to add the school as additionally insured);
   c) Optional additional insured coverage for the member school for which the student is representing;
   d) An innovative high-value fundraising program that allows teams to sell custom Solar Bat polarized sunglasses;
   e) Educational material for every team, including free access to the Faculty of Fishing Advantage Angler Training Package (students create an account at the TBF Members-only Store using their SAF membership number to access the program);
   f) A digital subscription to FLW Bass Fishing magazine;
   g) Discounts on FLW clothing; and
   H) Students 16 or older, are also eligible to win prizes in the monthly FLW Giveaway.

D) School Entry into Regional Competition
1) Each school shall enter up to six boats in regional competition.
2) Each boat may have up to four contestants assigned from the online roster to be designated as a member of that boat entry, only two of which may be in the boat at any one time.
3) No student may be on more than one boat roster.
4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.
5) Schools must enter in the assigned competition designated to the county in which your school is in unless prior approval has been granted by the KHSAA for competitions on Sunday which would conflict with school policy.
6) All boats from a school must be entered in the same Regional.

E) Withdrawal after Entry Deadline
1) No school which enters a region or state competition (draws for place) shall withdraw from the competition.
2) If a school withdraws from a region or state competition at any time following the deadline for boat entry at the region competition, that school shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

F) Minimum Number of Contests
There is no minimum number of contest needed to be eligible to compete in the region or state competition.

G) Advancement to State Competition
1) In regions with five (5) or fewer boats entering the regional competition, all competing teams will advance to the State Competition.
2) In regions with more than five (5) boats entering the regional competition, the greater of five (5) boats or fifty (50) percent of the number of boats entering the regional competition, not greater than sixteen (16) boats from any region, shall advance to the State Competition.

H) Substitutions
1) Regional entry names (4 per boat) may be adjusted by the coach prior to the entry revision deadline.
2) Substitutes for the qualifying boats in the state competition are not be allowed.

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition (region and state) shall be selected by the Association staff in consultation with FLW representatives.

B) The FLW rules officials shall, in conjunction with the competition manager, establish the conditions of play at the region and state competitions.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Champion
1) The champion of each region competition will be the team with the most weight for bass caught with ties broken as detailed within the Special Competition and Regular Season Rules.
2) The champion of the state competition will be the team that accumulates the most weight in bass caught in the time designated for the entire state finals with ties broken as detailed within the Special Competition and Regular Season Rules.

B) Trophies and Awards
1) Region
a) Trophies and individual medals will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.
b) An additional medal will be given to the participant that caught the largest bass of that competition.
2) State
a) Trophies and inidivual medals will be awarded to the top four (4) teams at the state tournament.
b) An additional medal will be given to the participant that caught the largest bass of that competition.
c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES AND PASSES

A) Region
1) The finances of the region competition will be managed at the region level.
2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared.All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State
1) The Association will finance the state competition.
2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state competition.

C) Passes
1) Each school will receive passes for all qualifiers, a pass for the coach, and a captain's pass to drive the boat.
2) Only people with passes will be allowed on boats.

VIII) SPECIAL COMPETITION AND REGULAR SEASON RULES

A) Coaches / Captains / Pilots
1) Coaches: Each school shall designate at least one (1) individual to be the coach of the Bass Fishing program.
a) The designated coach(es) must meet all Bylaw 25 requirements.
b) The coach may serve as the captain of one of the boats and is held to the same restrictions as the captain.
2) Captains: Each boat entered in the region or state competition must have an adult captain on the boat at all times.
a) The captain shall be restricted in their activity, and have general supervision over the students in that specific boat.
b) The captain of the boat is allowed to talk to the participants and may make suggestions but may not fish in any respect, including tying lures and handling fish or gear. Please note exception in Subsection E for captain's ability to help net fish if only one student is in the boat.
c) The captain/coach or team participants can operate the electric (trolling) motor.
d) It is member school discretion as to whether or not the captain has to meet all Bylaw 25 requirements, however, the captain must be 21 years of age; not be a violent offender or convicted of a sex crime as defined by KRS 17.165 that is classified as a felony; and shall submit to a criminal record check under KRS 160.380.
3) Pilot: Each boat may have a fourth occupant, normally the owner, who may choose to pilot the boat. The pilot is held to the same restrictions as the captain.

B) Boat Requirements
1) Any volunteer found acceptable by school administration may provide a boat.
2) Each school shall ensure that for each boat provided, an adult captain is provided.
3) The boat owner shall provide proof of liability insurance to the school administration or verification that the owner's homeowners insurance has provisions for boat coverage.
4) A school unable to secure a boat but with competitors desiring to compete in the region or state competition should contact FLW for assistance, which is available from numerous clubs across the state.
5) No student will be allowed to operate the outboard motor on the boat.
6) Either a student or the captain (or pilot if it is the boat owner) may operate the trolling motor.
7) The captain (or pilot if it is the boat owner) will be responsible for operating the outboard motor.
8) All boats must be propeller-driven and a minimum of 16 feet in length. No barges or similarly cumbersome craft will be permitted.
9) Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment.
10) Boats must contain a properly aerated live-well space to maintain alive a limit catch of bass.

C) Safety Provisions
1) All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water. If they do not, disqualification will occur. This includes the captain (and pilot if applicable) of the boat.
2) Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the captain (and pilot if applicable)
3) All boats must go through a safety check prior to the start of the competition
4) The captain (and pilot if applicable) must observe all posted state and local speed restrictions. If no such restrictions are in place, the speed limit shall be 45 miles per hour.
5) In the event of equipment failure or emergency, the competition

manager must be notified as soon as it is safe to do so. There are then three permitted methods of returning to the check-in: (1) by both contestants remaining in their boat and being towed by water, (2) with permission from the competition manager, by one contestant entering the boat of another team or (3) both contestants entering a rescue boat so designated by the completion manager. Under these three conditions the team's catch may be counted without penalty (except for late penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules). Teams that elect to return to the check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit their day's catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Any team returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition under the supervision of the competition manager for his designated official.

D) Competition Rules
1) All Competitions shall be held using the competition rules as promulgated by FLW unless modified by the KHSAA.
2) Additional rules otherwise developed by the KHSAA may be implemented in competitions played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
3) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
4) The KHSAA and its managers will contract with FLW personnel to assist with the Region and State Competitions.

E) Competition Provisions and Procedures
1) Each boat team shall consist of up to four student participants per boat.
2) A school may enter up to six boats where only two of the four students entered for that boat may fish at any one time on that boat.
3) During competition, any boat may return to the dock and exchange competitors, each of whom must have been on the four-person entry.
4) All regions will be scheduled for at least 5 hours of fishing and cannot exceed 8 hours on the water. This might have to be adjusted due to weather.
5) A region competition is considered to be complete if half of the scheduled competition time has been fished.
6) If the competition is postponed until the rain date, no fish will count towards the rain date weigh-ins.
7) If weather shuts down the Region once it has been rescheduled for rain date, the winner will be determined by the fish caught during the time allotted for that region on the second day.
8) State final will consist of two days of fishing with a maximum of eight (8) hours of fishing each day, when possible.
9) If weather shuts down either day of the State final once it has started, that day's weight will be determined by the fish caught during the time allotted for that day.
10) In the state final, if one of the days is completed and the other day is not able to be fished because of weather, the winner(s) will be determined by the one day weigh-in.
11) All participants in the first flight must be back in for weigh-in by 3:00 p.m. at the region and the state final. This would vary only if a weather alert has been issued which might shorten that day's competition. It is the participant(s) in the first flight's responsibility to make sure the boat is back to the dock by 3:00 p.m.
12) All participants in the second flight must be back in for weigh-in by 3:15 p.m. at the region and the state final. This would vary only if a weather alert has been issued which might shorten that day's competition. It is the participant(s) in the second flight's responsibility to make sure the boat is back to the dock by 3:15 p.m.
13) There will be a one pound deduction for every minute a participant is late getting back for weigh-ins up to 15 minutes. After 15 minutes, no weight will be allowed for that day. It is the participant's responsibility to notify the competition manager in advance of the 3:00 p.m. (or 3:15 in second flight) closing time of any problems that may have occurred
14) Participants must only use the gear that is in the boat when the boat leaves the dock at the start of the day. They may use their own gear or the gear of the captain in the boat. If an alternate is used in the competition, the gear of the alternate must be secured in an area and can be added once the alternate is picked up.
15) Team participants of the boat may net the fish for that boat. The captain of the boat may net fish for the participants with one or two contestants if asked to do so.
16) Participants must stay completely in the boat unless they are using an authorized rest room facility, are back at the dock switching participants, or due to some other emergency or malfunction. If an emergency or malfunction occurs, the boat must contact the local manager or his/her designee prior to leaving the boat.
17) No live bait or trolling is allowed in the region or state final.

F) Weights and Weigh-ins
1) The total weight for each of the five (5) fish limited to that boat will count for the team total of that competition.
2) Ties will be broken, if the poundage is equal, in the following manner: First criteria will be the largest fish; second criteria will be the number of fish.
3) Individual weight will also be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat.
4) The minimum length limit for bass is 12 inches unless the state or lake limit is more than 12 inches, in which case, the state or lake limit prevails. Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure the minimum length will be penalized at the rate of one pound for each inch short for each bass presented.
5) There will be a five fish limit per boat. No more than five (5) fish in the live well at any time.
6) Fish may be culled if a participant(s) has five (5) fish in the live well.
7) All fish that are put in the livewell must be kept alive. Dead fish will have a ½ pound deduction and cannot count as the large fish for that boat. Dead fish may not be culled.
8) Any transfer of fish from one live well to a different live well in another boat due to malfunction must be made in the presence of the local manager or his/her designee.
9) All fish will be released immediately after weigh-in.

E) Off-limits, Practice and Competition
1) Once competition is under way, contestants may not obtain fishing patterns or locations from non-competitors, follow a non-competitor's boat or participate in the practice of "hole sitting", a practice wherein a non-competitor sits on a fishing spot, holding it for a contestant.
2) Non-competitors may not place markers for contestants. All of these acts are prohibited and may result in the immediate disqualification of the boat.
3) There is no practice period or off-limits period. Competitors may be on competition waters anytime until the start of the precompetition meeting.
4) Contestants, coaches nor captains (including pilots if applicable) may not enter competition waters to locate bass or potential fishing waters or sightsee after the start of the precompetition meeting except during competition hours.
5) Testing equipment on competition waters after the start of the precompetition meeting is permitted only with prior approval from the competition director.
6) The purchasing of, or bartering for, information about locating or catching fish on competition waters, including but not limited to GPS waypoints (other than through commercially available sources) and the hiring of fishing guide services is not permitted by contestants, coaches or captains within 15 days of any competition. The penalty for violation of this rule is disqualification

F) Uniforms
1) School uniforms must be worn during competition.
2) School uniforms can have the school name and/or logo and the student's name on them.
3) Sponsorships may be secured, but may not be from companies that manufacture alcohol or tobacco products.
4) Any sponsorship the school has secured may be displayed on the uniforms or on the captain/pilot of the boat.
5) Sponsorship logos may be displayed on the boats that are in the competition.
6) The uniform of the student anglers shall be distinct from that of the coach or boat captain to limit concerns as to who is fishing.

G) Unsportsmanlike Conduct

1) Managers and officials have the strictest instructions to disqualify any contestant/coach/captain/pilot and/or other person guilty or profane or indecent language or of gross unsportsmanlike conduct.
2) If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host site, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred.

H) Insurance Coverage

1) Membership in the Student Angler Federation provides insurance coverage for all team activities throughout the membership term.
2) The schools and students will be responsible for any equipment related insurance and other necessary insurance just as in any other sport or sport activity the KHSAA conducts.
3) All member schools are reminded to take precautionary steps to ensure that all equipment and product safety risk measures are taken including insurance coverage.
4) The KHSAA will also have catastrophic medical coverage for both the regional and state competitions.

I) Medical and Other

1) Tobacco Products: No coach, captain, pilot or contestant or any other person connected with a team shall be permitted to use tobacco products in the competition area, either during practice or while a contest is in progress.
2) Use of Inhalers: A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an KHSAA competition (including while in the boat), while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self administration in the School Code.
3) Alcohol: The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any KHSAA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any KHSAA event being held at the site. Violation of this policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments.

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES
Governing Bowling

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in bowling for boys and girls, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
4) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates and sites of the region and state tournaments.
2) All tournaments shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives. Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region tournament sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the tournament shall be allowed to apply.
5) Only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region tournament site selection plan. If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.
7) It is recommended the regional tournaments only be held at sites that are BPAA member sites.
8) The Commissioner shall ensure that the state tournament site is a BPAA member.

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, PAIRINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct the drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY

A) Roster Requirement

1) Enrollment Requirement for this Sport Activity
   a) To be a contestant on a member school team, a student must, on Friday of each grading period, be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.
   b) A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade.
   c) A pupil in grades 7 & 8 may play on the high school team provided that the elementary school, middle school or junior high school where the student is enrolled is under the direct administrative supervision of the same board of education as the member school the student desires to represent. If the local Board of Education has an adopted and enforced defined feeder pattern for the middle/junior high school students under the Board, participation at the high school level is restricted to the schools within that pattern (feeder school).
2) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of enrolled contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
3) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
4) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
5) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

B) Per match Roster/Substitutions

1) A school may enter a team composed of twelve (12) players in each postseason tournament match from the roster submitted online.
2) Any player whose name is on the official roster may be substituted on a team prior to the time of the draw for the region tournament. After the draw is final, the region tournament manager may allow substitution if the original entry is prevented from participating due to circumstances due to injury/illness. No advantage may be gained by a substitution or it will not be permitted.
3) Players shall participate in region tournament play to be eligible for the state tournaments.
4) A school does not have to have the required number of competitors to constitute a team to enter singles into the singles competition.

C) Minimum Number of Contests

1) There is no minimum number of contests for team competition.
2) There is no minimum number of contests for singles competition.

D) Advancement to State Tournament

1) The champion and runner-up shall qualify for the team State Tournaments (top 2 finishers from each region).
2) The top four individual finishers from each region shall advance to the State Tournament,

V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

1) The Association shall contract with outside individuals as necessary to serve as officials at the Region tournament.
2) The Association shall contract with outside individuals as necessary to serve as officials at the State tournament.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Team Tournament Format Champion

1) Region

a) Teams will bowl one game with two teams of four bowlers, dropping the low score on each lane. That six bowler total will be used to seed the team into a bracket.

b) The team will then bowl whichever team they are seeded to bowl in a match.

c) A match will consist of baker games.

d) The first team to win three games will be the winner.

e) The winner will advance to the next round.

f) Rounds will continue until a winner and runner-up are established. Region winners and runners-up will advance to the state tournament.

2) State

a) Teams will bowl one game with two teams of four bowlers, dropping the low score on each lane. That six bowler total will be used to seed the team into a bracket.

b) The team will then bowl whichever team they are seeded to bowl in a match.

c) A match will be consist of baker games.

d) The first team to win three games will be the winner.

e) The winner will advance to the next round.

f) Rounds will continue until a champion, runner-up and semifinalist are established.

B) Individual Tournament Format Champion

1) Region

a) Individuals shall be entered to the region by designation of their coach.

b) Each school may enter their top 4 individual bowlers in each of the boys and girls singles competitions.

c) Bowlers shall bowl 3 games and the top eight will advance to the semi-finals where they will bowl two additional games.

d) At the conclusion of the two semi-final round games their 5 game total will be used to determine the top four bowlers who will be seeded into a stepladder final. This will also establish the fifth through eight place finishers.

e) From that point on the top four bowlers will bowl a ladder tournament until a champion is determined, and the stepladder final will establish the first through fourth place finishers.

f) The top four bowlers will advance to the state tournament.

2) State

a) Four individuals will advance from the region tournament.

b) Bowlers shall bowl 3 games and the top eight will advance to the semi-finals where they will bowl two additional games.

c) At the conclusion of the two semi-finals round games their 5 game total will be used to determine the top four bowlers who will be seeded into a stepladder final. This will also establish the fifth through eight place finishers.

d) From that point on the top four bowlers will bowl a ladder tournament until a champion is determined, and the stepladder final will establish the first through fourth place finishers.

C) TieBreaking Rules

1) Team Qualifying Games

a) Add all dropped qualifying scores back in to total score to break the tie.

b) If there is still a tie, the tie shall be broken with the highest individual score bowled taking the higher seed.

2) Team Baker Games

a) When a team ties in a baker game, each team receives half a point.

b) If teams are tied after fifth (5) games, a sixth (6) game shall be played to determine a winner.

c) If the (6) sixth baker game ends in a tie, then a (9) ninth and (10) tenth frame roll off will be used to break the tie.

3) Singles Qualifying Games

a) For 4th place – a one (1) game roll off between all tied parties.

b) If another tie occurs a (9) ninth and (10) tenth frame roll off will be used to break the tie.

c) For first (1) through fourth (4) places the tie is broken by the highest single game during qualifying taking the higher seed.

4) Singles Stepladder Games

a) A ninth (9) and tenth (10) frame roll off would be used and continued until a winner is determined.

D) Trophies and Awards

1) Region

a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.

b) Individual medals will be given to top four (4) individuals at each region meet.

c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.

2) State

a) Trophies and inidivual medals will be awarded to the teams finishing first and second, and two semifinalists at the state tournament.

b) Awards will be given to the top eight (8) individual finishers at the state tournament.

c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES

A) Region

1) The finances of the region tournament will be managed at the region level.

2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament.

2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state tournament.

VIII) SPORT-ACTIVITY SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules

Additional rules developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

B) Dress Code

1) It is recommended that players wear school uniforms during play.

2) It is recommended that a uniform number be on the right sleeve of the uniform for identification.

3) Bowlers must also wear full length slacks. These slacks may be of any color as long as they are similar to that of the rest of the team and do not have any tears or holes in them.

4) Bowlers may NOT wear shorts, or jeans.

5) Bowlers out of uniform will not be allowed to bowl until they are able to comply with the rules.

6) Any garment or hat advertising alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or other inappropriate items deemed objectionable by the KHSAA State Tournament Director. may not be worn.

7) Objectionable permanent body markings (tattoos) shall be covered; non-permanent body markings (temporary tattoos or body paint) shall be prohibited.

7) Proper shoes are required.

C) Oil Patterns

1) The office of the Commissioner may select an oil pattern for each regional.

2) The office of the Commissioner shall select an oil pattern for the state tournament and shall notify the competing teams upon arrival.

KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS
Governing Competitive Cheer

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in competitive cheer, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.
6) Competition sponsored by the KHSAA shall be conducted in consultation with and with execution by, representatives of the Universal Cheer Association (UCA) division of Varsity Brands.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR REGION COMPETITIONS

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates and sites of the region and state tournaments.
2) All tournaments shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the regional competition schedule as adopted. Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region tournament sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the tournament shall be allowed to apply.
5) Only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region tournament site selection plan. If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) COMPETITION MANAGERS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct the drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Roster Requirement

1) Enrollment Requirement for this Sport Activity
   a) To be a contestant on a member school team, a student must, on Friday of each grading period, be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.
   b) A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade.
   c) A pupil in grades 7 & 8 may play on the high school team provided that the elementary school, middle school or junior high school where the student is enrolled is under the direct administrative supervision of the same board of education as the member school the student desires to represent. If the local Board of Education has an adopted and enforced defined feeder pattern for the middle/junior high school students under the Board, participation at the high school level is restricted to the schools within that pattern (feeder school).
2) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of enrolled contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
3) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
4) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
5) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.
6) There is no minimum number of competitions to have participated in to be eligible to compete in the postseason.

B) Advancement to State Competition

The champion and runner-up of each division at the region competition shall qualify for the same division at the state competition.

C) Withdrawal from postseason

1) All squads shall designate participation status and division on or prior to October 1.
2) No out of state travel will be approved for teams that do not participate in the KHSAA region competition or for those that participate in the region competition and then withdraw from the state competition after having qualified.
3) If a school withdraws from the state competition after having qualified, that school shall also be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

D) Substitution

1) Any member of the roster may be substituted for an originally named individual squad member prior to the region competition.
2) No individual participating in the region competition for a specific squad may compete in a different division at the state competition.
3) The same competitors that participate in the specific division at the region competition shall participate in that division at the state competition.
4) In the event of an injury, substitution can be made in compliance with the Injuries During Competition section of these rules.

V) OFFICIALS,/JUDGES/TIMERS

A) Requirements

1) All judges shall be assigned by UCA in collaboration with the

KHSAA.
2) Judges must annually license and complete training as conducted by UCA.
3) Judges should be aware of and report to UCA and the KHSAA any conflicts of interest with regard to assignments.

B) Number of Judges
1) For region, five judges will be used.
2) For the state competition, five (5) judges will be used.

C) Exceptions to any of these requirements must be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Region
The champion of each region within each division will be squad with the highest final score after deductions.

B) State
The champion of each division at the state competition will be squad with the highest score after deductions.

C) Trophies and Awards
1) Region
a) Trophies will be given to each region and division competition winner and runner-up.
b) The trophies at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of the region event.
2) State
a) The state competition in each division shall have awarded a trophy to the champion, runner-up, third place and fourth place teams.
b) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state competition.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region
1) The participating schools may adopt by majority vote, any plan that they desire for the distribution of receipts. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.
2) If no plan can be agreed upon, the following shall prevail:
a) A mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense. An allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.
b) The host school shall be allowed fifteen (15) percent of the gross ticket receipts derived from the district or region tournament for rental of the gymnasium and other services rendered to include setup and clean-up charges and for paying documented incidental bills related to the tournament that are approved by the participating teams.
c) Prior to any additional distribution, the gross receipts, less the host designated share outlined in subsection (2), shall be reduced by team travel expenses and the amounts paid for game officials and trophies.
d) The remainder of the profit shall be divided among the schools participating in the tournament and the non-participating schools in accordance with previously approved plans.
e) The host school should be allowed the profits made on programs, concessions, parking, etc.

B) State
The Association will finance the state competition. After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from the state competition.

C) Passes
The competing teams in the postseason events will be afforded passes to accommodate the squad size plus four (4) additional competitors and a maximum of four (4) coaches, all of whom shall meet the criteria of Bylaw 25. No additional passes will be issued.

VIII) SPORT-ACTIVITY SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules (Competition Rules)
1) The KHSAA sponsors competitive cheer championships for two and one-half minute routines (2:30).
2) All contests shall be played using the NFHS Spirit Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
3) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Squad Size/Divisions
1) A school may enter not more than a total of two squads (no competitor on both teams) in not more than one division each of region/state competition in the following competitions:
a) Small – minimum of 6, maximum of 12 All-Girls (a male participant would result in disqualification)
b) Medium – minimum of 13, maximum of 16 All-Girls (a male participant would result in disqualification)
c) Large – minimum of 17, maximum of 20 All-Girls (a male participant would result in disqualification)
d) Super-Large – minimum of 21, maximum of 24 All Girls (a male participant would result in disqualification)
e) Coed Division A – 1 to 3 males and no more than 24 total members.
f) Coed Division B – 4 or more males and no more than 24 total members.
2) Any team advancing from region to state, must compete in the same division at state as they competed in at region.
3) Only one mascot per squad is permitted and is to be counted in the division limits of the team size.
4) A mascot in full head and/or body costume must not spot or stunt except for a forward roll or cartwheel.
5) The mascot is not permitted to participate in pyramids or partner students. Should this occur, the team will be disqualified.

C) Scoresheets and Scoring
1) The KHSAA judge's score sheet (all-girls/coed), difficulty grid (all-girls/coed), execution grid and technical sheet are to be used at both region and state competitions.
2) For State Competition, five (5) routine judges are to be used.
3) For State and Region, two routine timers, two music timers and three technical judges are to be used.
4) Two of the three tech judges must both report an infraction before any deductions/disqualifications are assessed.
5) Both timers must record an infraction before a penalty is assessed.

D) Music and Routine Rights
1) Member schools should strongly support the rights and privileges of the artists that produce the musical scores and other pieces that are sometimes used in conjunction with competitions.
2) It is the obligation of each school and team to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal law with regard to copyright and trademark protection.
3) It is strongly advised that coaches not allow cheerleaders to perform using recorded or live music before any audience without securing the proper license and permission from the American Society of Composers, Artists and Publishers, 2690 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 490, Atlanta, GA, 30339, (800) 492-7227.
4) Squads are required to adhere to USA Cheer Music Specifications and the approved list of vendors.
5) It is also advised that the proper mechanical license be obtained if necessary for anyone duplicating music to be used in conjunction with cheer competition by contacting the Harry Fox Agency, 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10017.

D) Mats
1) Mats are required at all levels of competition.
2) In regional competitions, all categories shall be performed on mats as provided/arranged by the host.
3) For the state competition, all categories shall be performed on mats furnished by the Association.

E) Injuries During Competition
1) If a team member is seriously injured or becomes extremely ill during judging, he/she may be excused for the remainder of the competition without the team's being disqualified or penalized unless as specifically detailed in the execution grid scoring.
2) However, the team is expected to show competence in adjusting to the member's absence.
3) A legal substitute from the roster would be allowed to cheer the remainder of this competition at the discretion of the coach provided that person had not cheered in another division at the region competition.

4) Injuries during performance shall be handled as follows:
   a) If a coach chooses to stop a routine/cheer due to an injury/ illness that would endanger the rest of the team or the injured party, he or she must notify the person in charge.
   b) If a coach enters the performing surface, the routine/cheer shall be stopped.
   c) After a routine/cheer has been stopped due to an injury/ illness, the decision as to whether or not to repeat the routine/ cheer shall be left to the discretion of the coach.
   d) The injured person cannot perform in the restarted routine or any remaining categories of the competition. An alternate would be allowed to cheer the remainder of the competition.
   e) The person in charge of the competition shall have the team repeat the routine/cheer after five (5) teams have performed or after ten (10) minutes, should this unforeseen accident happen at the end of the competition. Judges shall judge the repeat performance from the point at which the injury occurred. Any notes/judging of the first performance up until the point of injury will be included in the judge's final score.
   f) If the person in charge feels that more time is needed to regroup, he/she shall have final authority to make this decision.

F) Warmup and Sound Check
   1) Every attempt should be made to provide warm-up time prior to the beginning of the competition at all levels.
   2) Teams shall be allowed to have a sound check prior to the beginning of their routines.

G) Competition Provisions
   1) All competition provisions used by the KHSAA shall be established in accordance with UCA (Varsity) guidelines.
   2) The KHSAA shall establish and publish any procedural restrictions for its region and state competitions.
   3) Any tie score unable to be broken by the provisions adopted by UCA shall remain unbroken.
   4) Electronic scoring shall be used at all competitions and all results published for the schools in a secure login location.
   5) The KHSAA shall annually evaluate and determine which applicable divisions in which it will sponsor competitions and such divisions may or may not be in congruence with current UCA divisions.

KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS
Governing Dance

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in dance, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2017-2018 school year and every four years thereafter.
4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.
6) Competition sponsored by the KHSAA shall be conducted in consultation with and with execution by, representatives of the Universal Dance Association (UDA) division of Varsity Brands.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR SECTION COMPETITIONS

A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates and sites of the section and state tournaments.
2) All tournaments shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the sectional competition schedule as adopted. Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the section tournament sites.
2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the tournament shall be allowed to apply.
5) Only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the section tournament site selection plan. If a section is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
6) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) COMPETITION MANAGERS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the section tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
2) It is the duty of each section manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.
4) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament and may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. The Commissioner will direct the drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Roster Requirement

1) Enrollment Requirement for this Sport Activity
   a) To be a contestant on a member school team, a student must, on Friday of each grading period, be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.
   b) A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade.
   c) A pupil in grades 7 & 8 may play on the high school team provided that the elementary school, middle school or junior high school where the student is enrolled is under the direct administrative supervision of the same board of education as the member school the student desires to represent. If the local Board of Education has an adopted and enforced defined feeder pattern for the middle/junior high school students under the Board, participation at the high school level is restricted to the schools within that pattern (feeder school).
2) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of enrolled contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
3) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
4) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
5) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.
6) There is no minimum number of competitions to have participated in to be eligible to compete in the postseason.

B) Advancement to State Competition

The champion of each division at the section competition shall qualify for the same division at the state competition. Additional teams shall qualify for the state on a pro-rata basis based on the number of section competing teams, and the numbers for those teams shall be announced by the KHSAA following the sectional declaration deadline.

C) Substitution

1) Any member of the roster may be substituted for an originally named individual squad member prior to the section competition.
2) No individual participating in the section competition for a specific squad may compete in a different division at the state competition.
3) The same competitors that participate in the specific division at the section competition shall participate in that division at the state competition.
4) In the event of an injury, substitution can be made in compliance with the Injuries During Competition section of these rules.

V) OFFICIALS,/JUDGES/TIMERS

A) Requirements

1) All judges shall be assigned by the KHSAA.
2) Judges must annually license and complete training as conducted by UDA.
3) Judges should be aware of and report to the KHSAA any conflicts of interest with regard to assignments.

B) Number of Judges

1) For section, five judges will be used.
2) For the state competition, five (5) judges will be used.

C) Exceptions to any of these requirements must be approved by the Commissioner.

VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

A) Section

The champion of each section within each division will be squad with the highest final score after deductions.

B) State

The champion of each division at the state competition will be squad with the highest score after deductions.

C) Trophies and Awards

1) Section
   a) Trophies will be given to each section and division competition winner and runner-up.
   b) The trophies at the section shall be paid from the gate receipts of the section event.
2) State
   a) The state competition in each division shall have awarded a trophy to the champion, runner-up, third place and fourth place teams.
   b) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state competition.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Section

1) The participating schools may adopt by majority vote, any plan that they desire for the distribution of receipts. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.
2) If no plan can be agreed upon, the following shall prevail:
   a) A mileage fee of $1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense. An allowance for one meal at $5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.
   b) The host school shall be allowed fifteen (15) percent of the gross ticket receipts derived from the district or section tournament for rental of the gymnasium and other services rendered to include setup and clean-up charges and for paying documented incidental bills related to the tournament that are approved by the participating teams.
   c) Prior to any additional distribution, the gross receipts, less the host designated share outlined in subsection (2), shall be reduced by team travel expenses and the amounts paid for game officials and trophies.
   d) The remainder of the profit shall be divided among the schools participating in the tournament and the non-participating schools in accordance with previously approved plans.
   e) The host school should be allowed the profits made on programs, concessions, parking, etc.

B) State

The Association will finance the state competition. After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from the state competition.

C) Passes

The competing teams in the postseason events will be afforded passes to accommodate the squad size plus four (4) additional competitors and a maximum of four (4) coaches, all of whom shall meet the criteria of Bylaw 25. No additional passes will be issued.

VIII) SPORT-ACTIVITY SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules (Competition Rules)

1) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

B) Squad Size/Divisions

1) A school may enter not more than a total of two squads (no competitor on both teams) in not more than one division each of section/state competition in the following competitions:
   a) The Dance categories shall be Hip Hop, Jazz and Pom.
   b) Squads may enter a small division (7-16 participants) or Large Division (17-30 participants) in each dance category
2) Any team advancing from section to state, must compete in the same division at state as they competed in at section.

C) Competitions, Scoresheets, Scoring

1) The UDA rules, judge's score sheet and all related technical sheets are to be used at both section and state competitions.
2) For State Competition, five (5) routine judges are to be used.

D) Music and Routine Rights

1) Member schools should strongly support the rights and privileges of the artists that produce the musical scores and other pieces that are sometimes used in conjunction with competitions.
2) It is the obligation of each school and team to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal law with regard to copyright and trademark protection.
3) It is strongly advised that coaches not allow cheerleaders to perform using recorded or live music before any audience without securing the proper license and permission from the American Society of Composers, Artists and Publishers, 2690 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 490, Atlanta, GA, 30339, (800) 492-7227.
4) Squads are required to adhere to USA Cheer Music Specifications and the approved list of vendors.
5) It is also advised that the proper mechanical license be obtained if necessary for anyone duplicating music to be used in conjunction with cheer competition by contacting the Harry Fox Agency, 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10017.

D) Injuries During Competition

1) If a team member is seriously injured or becomes extremely ill during judging, he/she may be excused for the remainder of the competition without the team's being disqualified or penalized unless as specifically detailed in the execution grid scoring.
2) However, the team is expected to show competence in adjusting to the member's absence.
3) A legal substitute from the roster would be allowed to cheer the remainder of this competition at the discretion of the coach provided that person had not cheered in another division at the section competition.
4) Injuries during performance shall be handled as follows:
   a) If a coach chooses to stop a routine/cheer due to an injury/illness that would endanger the rest of the team or the injured party, he or she must notify the person in charge.
   b) If a coach enters the performing surface, the routine/cheer shall be stopped.
   c) After a routine/cheer has been stopped due to an injury/illness, the decision as to whether or not to repeat the routine/cheer shall be left to the discretion of the coach.
   d) The injured person cannot perform in the restarted routine or any remaining categories of the competition. An alternate would be allowed to cheer the remainder of the competition.
   e) The person in charge of the competition shall have the team repeat the routine/cheer after five (5) teams have performed or after ten (10) minutes, should this unforeseen accident happen at the end of the competition. Judges shall judge the repeat performance from the point at which the injury occurred. Any notes/judging of the first performance up until the point of injury will be included in the judge's final score.
   f) If the person in charge feels that more time is needed to regroup, he/she shall have final authority to make this decision.

E) Warmup and Sound Check

1) Every attempt should be made to provide warm-up time prior to the beginning of the competition at all levels.
2) Teams shall be allowed to have a sound check prior to the beginning of their routines.

CASE SITUATIONS RELATED TO THE COMPETITION RULES of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Specific case situations are contained in this section of the KHSAA Handbook which are interpretations and rulings which have been made by the Commissioner in accordance with applicable provisions of the KHSAA Constitution. These interpretations supplement the printed rules but do not in any manner substitute for the actual rule. Many of these rulings have established precedent for the interpretation or enforcement of these provisions, and remain in place until further altered, re-interpreted, or otherwise set aside. Specific inquiries not addressed by published interpretations should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of the KHSAA, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505. Interpretive questions or eligibility rulings shall be requested and issued in writing.

Case CR-1- What is the purpose of the Competition Rules of the KHSAA?

In many sports and sports activities, there are decisions that have to be made to establish a framework for competition. These rules (different than the Playing Rules) establish alignments, bracketing provisions and championship arrangements. In all cases, the Board of Control has final jurisdiction over the Competition Rules.

Case CR-2- What are the current championships of the KHSAA?

The KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) sports championship events in the fall, winter and spring seasons. Fall championships are considered to be cross country (boys and girls), field hockey, golf (boys and girls), soccer (boys and girls), volleyball (girls), and football (combined); winter championships are basketball (boys and girls), wrestling (combined) and swimming and diving (boys and girls); spring championships are baseball (boys), softball (fastpitch for girls), tennis (boys and girls) and track and field (boys and girls)

In addition, the KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) a state championship in the Sport Activities of Archery (combined), Bass Fishing (combined), Bowling (Boys and Girls) and Cheer (All Girl and Coed divisions).

Case CR-3- What sports and sport activities are insured by the KHSAA?

The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase Catastrophe Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to insure the student-athletes who compete in the sanctioned sports and sport activities of the KHSAA. In addition, students serving in a support capacity at those sponsored events (managers, trainers, sideline cheerleaders (providing they comply with the NFHS rules restrictions).

Such insurance coverage shall be in force from the first day of the Bylaw 23, Limitation of Seasons in a sponsored sport or sport activity, through the last day, provided such competition complies with all parts of the Bylaw and its individual competitors comply with all applicable KHSAA bylaws. The deductible for this policy shall be published in a timely manner to ensure that the school and student-athletes have adequate opportunity to comply with Bylaw 12.

The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase General Liability Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to provide for General Liability coverage for the Association and its agents and assignees, in all KHSAA sponsored competition in all sports (postseason) for which the Association sponsors a championship. The Commissioner shall ensure through all forms of due diligence, that all levels of these sponsored championships are conducted in accordance with applicable KHSAA Competition Rules in order to maintain the integrity of the policy.

Case CR-4- How many schools are required to agree to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition in order for the Association to hold a championship in that sport or sport-activity?

Fifty (50) member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall agree to field a team in order that is

no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

In all postseason contests in volleyball, a Baden brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

Case CR-9– Are there any restrictions on the scheduling and playing of games in a "seeded district" in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, or volleyball?

Yes. Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches should consult the Competition Rules related to each of these sports for more specific dates for tournament meetings and allowances for scheduling of these meetings. All games involved in the calculation of a seed position SHALL be played on or before the Wednesday prior to the start of postseason play. Games played after that time SHALL NOT factor into the seeded position.

Case CR-10- How are the tournament sites selected for district tournament sites for baseball, basketball, soccer, softball in the event that agreement cannot be reached on a site selection plan?

If a site selection plan cannot be reached on first round (normally district) tournaments, the Commissioner will intervene and establish a rotation plan subject to appeal to the Board of Control. The site selection plan shall be confirmed by annual balloting during the season and reported to the Association along with seeding decisions. Rotating the tournament sites does not necessarily mean that each school shall host the tournament at that school's home site, but that each school, with available proper and adequate facilities, shall have the opportunity to host the tournament, even if an alternative site is required due to site requirements within a given sport.

Case CR-11- Is there a deadline for a district host school in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball or volleyball to select a playing site if the school home site doesn't meet the requirements for holding the tournament?

Yes. Through various rules and rulings in past years, every school in a specific district alignment shall have an opportunity to serve as the host for the tournament. Each school may, of course, decline that opportunity. However, this requirement ensures that on a periodic basis, all schools get to share in the concession and parking proceeds, host share of the ticket receipts and other benefits that come from serving as the host. It is recognized that all schools in a given alignment grouping will not meet the tournament specifications.

For this reason, the following steps shall be taken by the schools in the district-

1) The schools shall meet and decide what facilities can hold the attendance of the last five years of the tournament based on the fan followings of the schools, and satisfy other logistical needs such as accessibility, parking, etc. (agreed sites). In addition, all sites must meet any adopted site criteria for the sport that has been approved by the Board of Control. If there is a disagreement, the Board of Control can serve as the final resolution and KHSAA staff shall assist in that determination.

2) The discussion on site applicability is separate from the ability to "host", that is being the tournament manager, operating concessions, etc. as all schools shall be given that opportunity to host, just not necessarily at a site that cannot accommodate the event.

3) From that list of agreed sites, the rotation of sites is to be considered, factoring in of course, that all schools shall be given a chance (if they want) to host, even if it isn't played at the host school's home playing facility.

4) In a year when the designated host's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the final selection as to the playing site rests with the designated host school. That school has sole discretion to make that decision, but is compelled to choose only from the list of agreed facilities as mentioned in (1) above.

5) In a year when the designated host school's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the designation shall be made by September 20 in volleyball and soccer; January 1 in basketball; and April 15 for baseball and

softball.

Case CR-12- How are the contest sites selected for region tournaments/meets/contests?

The Commissioner establishes all regional sites. The Commissioner shall be generally guided by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 vote of the member schools in the region, but is not compelled to assign the event to that site specified in the plan, and shall only assign to the sites meeting specified sports specific criteria.

Changes to a requested site selection plan shall be confirmed by balloting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of the member schools.

Case CR-13- May a name be added to the roster or entry form after the first day of postseason competition?

No, changes cannot be made unless otherwise provided in the competition rules for a specific sport. The principal shall check the online roster in all sports and sport-activities to ensure that all players are on the list as the rosters are locked after postseason play begins. For individual sports using the published entry list and/or forms, the specific sport touranment rules will address any options for substitution or correction, if such options exist.

Case CR-14- How is it determined that a meet counts against the four meet minimum in Track and Field or Cross Country?

In order to count as a meet for the four meet minimum a meet shall be a meet which rises to the standard of counting as a meet towards the interpretations of Bylaw 23. In addition, in Cross Country, the distance would be a minimum of 2500 meters and a maximum of 5000 meters and involved entries from two or more schools. To count towards the minimums, the meets may be at the varsity or nonvarsity level in terms of meet structure. It shall be counted in the same manner for all competitors (varsity, JV or freshman). The school approved or provided uniform shall be worn in this competition. In accordance with Bylaw 22, a school representative shall accompany the team.

Case CR-15- If a Cross Country Meet is interrupted by weather, can other races be run that day?

Yes. The particular interrupted race is considered complete and counts both towards meet limits and participation minimums. If other competition can resume after required delays, that is permissible. Only races actually started can count towards meet limits or participation minimums.

Case CR-16 - Are there policies on participation by boys on girls' teams and vice-versa?

Yes. See the Board of Control policies for complete details.

Case CR-17 - Are there policy statements or recommendations from the Commissioner's office on postgame activity by teams and individuals?

Yes. Several sports have "traditions" regarding postgame handshakes, etc. by team members (both en masse and as individuals), but none of them have such action dictated by playing rules. While it is an obvious sign of sportsmanship and civility, many incidents have occurred both in Kentucky (more than two dozen in the last three years in Kentucky alone) and throughout the country, where fights and physical conflicts have broken out during these postgame handshakes. And this is not restricted to specific sports.

Unfortunately, the adrenaline and effort required to participate in the sport sometimes seems to deplete the supply of judgement available to participants. And this can be particularly problematic when there is a lack of an appropriate level of adult supervision, or counterproductive actions by the adults involved with the team.

During 2013-14, the following directors were issued by the Commissioner to the membership for all ofthe schools and officials regarding post game in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling:

Following the contests, officials are to quickly and efficiently leave the playing facility following all rules mandated duties and ensure that the rules book mandated jurisdiction ends promptly. There is no need for officials to secure the game balls, shake hands with the coaches or players, or stick around the playing area for any other reason.

Officials have no role in what goes on in postgame, including handshakes, etc. after jurisdiction has ended. Officials also have NO role in administering this time period. Officials choosing to involve themselves in postgame activities will be penalized appropriately;

Game management and the administration of the participating team(s) are solely responsible for what happens after the contest is concluded.

Certain interaction is required by the NFHS playing rules (i.e. the awarding of a bout winner in wrestling). Other postgame rituals such as handshakes, etc. must be closely monitored by school officials and are not a part of the game regulated by game officials. However, any unsportsmanlike conduct occurring during this time will subject the coach/player to penalties and discipline; and

The coaches and administration of the teams are always responsible for the individual conduct of the members of the team following the contest and shall be held accountable for such.

Henceforth, any incidents by an individual squad member (including coaches) or group of squad members that results in unsporting acts immediately following the contest will result in a penalty against the member school athletic program, and additional penalties against the individuals or schools as deemed appropriate following investigation.

Case CR-18 - Who pays for the trophies for KHSAA postseason Competition?

In all sports and sport-activities, the host of the event is responsible for the payment of trophies and is permitted to take that amount for the standard trophies ordered by the Association from gate receipts or other agreed fees. Those not charging a fee for admission are permitted to assess each member school for entry into the event to help cover these and other costs, but such assessment shall be included in any financial settlement published for the event.

Case CR-19 - Are financial reconcilliation reports required to be submitted to the KHSAA after KHSAA postseason events?

Yes. All levels of KHSAA postseason event require a financial reconcilliation.

Case CR-20 - Has the Board of Control adopted a position statement or policy on the realignment / alignment of teams?

Yes. On a perpetual basis, the Commissioner shall ensure that staff maintains a current alignment of teams in each sport with the following review points considered:

If a single school adds a team (or individuals) or deletes a team (or all individuals), the alignment may be revised on an ongoing basis by the Commissioner;

The Board of Control may, at its own discretion, choose to realign all teams participation in a sport or sport activity based on input from the Commissioner;

A realignment may also be caused by a previously adopted alignment having an expiration of its valid period. This is especially important in the enrollment based sports (classified sports). Cross Country/Track and Field and Football are aligned on a four-year alignment period;

Cross Country and Track and Field shall have the same alignment;

Football shall be aligned based on the average four-year enrollment of boys in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed, and the final alignment shall attempt to result in a final product being adopted at least twelve (12) months notice to the member schools for scheduling;

Cross Country/Track and Field shall be aligned on a not less than every four year basis, using the average four-year enrollment of total students in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed; and

Specific parameters about each sport alignment shall be

contained in the Competition rules for the Sport or Sport Activity.

Whenever a sport or sport activity is to be realigned, the Board shall direct the Commissioner to produce the necessary information as to seed discussion by the Board of Control. The criteria and factors to be used in developing a draft alignment shall adhere to the following steps:

- *Identification as to whether or not enrollment classifications will be used;*
- *Plot/Diagram the location of all competing schools;*
- *Begin by looking at geographic clusters of schools. Geography (including specific travel route information) is an important criteria for placement in groups (regions, districts, etc.), but is not the sole determinant for placement;*
- *Travel routes must be reviewed as a potential factor, as well as the identification of the existence of multiple travel routes;*
- *In the non-classified team sports (baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball), the basketball alignment should be an initial framework, specifically the region boundaries;*
- *If possible in the non-classified team sports, the district boundaries should be important element, but the level of participation of the schools in the district must be factor;*
- *The unique factors of each sport, particularly the individual sports, must be reviewed including facilities; and*
- *The participation and alignment history, both individual and teams, is a factor in consideration, but not the final determinant;*

When reviewing alternative suggestions for alignments, the Board shall prioritize the requests from the membership that effect the requesting school over those suggestions that result from suggestions about other schools without effecting the suggesting school.

The following factors are NOT to be considered:

- *Past success or failure;*
- *Enrollment (in a non-classified sport);*
- *Socio-economic status and student body composition;*
- *Type of school (A1, D1, F1, J1, M1, R1); and*
- *Specific desires of coaches (input must be from administrative level).*