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)
1) 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
   post season 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 tournament, and advances to the championship
game.
   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,
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II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

B) Sites for Play

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4. The Commissioner shall determine region tournament sites.

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 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.

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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, 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.

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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 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,
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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. Clinics 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 Umpires 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 rankings 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 regional 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.

E) 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.

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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 pool 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 of thirty (30) or more will be reimbursed $13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

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 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,
B) Pitching Limitations

1) For all interscholastic play including scrimmages, regular season and all rounds of postseason, the limitation on pitching 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 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

D) 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.

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 identifiable 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 next 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
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.

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.

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 first round of district play, 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.
g. 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
Competition Rules

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 in writing to the Commissioner. 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 tournament.

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.

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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 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 7 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,
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 (hamp, 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.
E) 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 amplification.
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 attempted.
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 at 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.
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 class based on a
comparison of that school’s enrollment, and the largest and
smallest of each class.
5) The enrollment of students in grades 9-12 including all special
education students.
6) The state shall be initially divided into three classes based on a
four-year average enrollment, with each class containing seven
students being placed in Class 1A, 611 to 1050 in Class 2A and
above 1050 in Class 3A.
7) 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) The 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
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 and
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 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
season 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) The roster may be revised throughout the regular season and
shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
3) On the day of post season 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
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.

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 the NFHS Track and Field Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules as published by the NFHS 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.

F) A) - Requires a single manufacturer’s logo which shall adhere to the NFHS Track and Field Rules.
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

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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) 
   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.

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.
   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, sites, tournament personnel, 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 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 contested 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 official’s 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 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 designated 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.

2) The twenty-four (24) players shall be designated each game, but shall play its entire tournament schedule.

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.


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

B) Enrollment and Criteria for Determining Classes for the 2015

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

i) 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 2013-2014
enrollments).

ii) Initial classification for the 2015-2016 period is based on
enrollment data verified by the Kentucky Department of
Education for four years through the enrollment of the
years.

iii) 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.

iv) The classification shall be for a four-year period, which may be
extended by the Board of Control.

v) The alignment will be reviewed upon receipt of the 2015-
2016 school year enrollment information from the Kentucky
Department of Education for possible adjustment to begin with
the 2017 playing season.

vi) In order to be considered for adjustment, the four-year average
enrollment (including 2015-16) 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.

vii) The schools shall be placed in enrollment ranked order (by boys
four grade enrollments, after doubling the enrollment for single-
sex schools).

viii) 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 enrollment class (1A). The remaining
schools shall then be placed into approximately equal divisions
in classes 2A through 5A.

ix) 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.

x) The highest and lowest enrollment average from each class
shall form the boundaries of the class for the purpose of making
adjustments after two years or for adding new teams.

xi) 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 up to the highest class.
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.

xii) 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 lot or by coin toss.

xiii) 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.

xiv) No other request (than the requests necessitated by playing
up) to play into a lower district than the enrollment boundaries
indicate, will be considered.

xv) 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.

xvi) Newly added schools will be placed in the alignment on a case
by case basis.

C) Declaring a District Champion

i) Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 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.

ii) To be eligible to be champion, runner-up, third place or fourth
place position in a district, a team shall play all other teams
assigned to their district.

iii) 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
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 in
each district shall be determined by the win-loss record based
upon the games played against opponents in that district. Only
games scheduled by contract prior to the first legal playing date
played before the first weekend of the state playoffs shall be
used in determining a district winner or runner-up.

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
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
Competition Rules

I) DATES AND LOCATIONS 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, official's scheduling or 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.

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

7) 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.

8) 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.

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

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

11) 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.

II) 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 receipt 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”. The following chart shall form the order of the bracket for the first round of the playoffs. In the chart, the first column represents the Class and Region label for playoff awards and bracketing.

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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 by 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
team during the regular season.
F) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS
A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall
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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
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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
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in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be
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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
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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
contests, regular season and postseason;
7) Postseason crew assignments shall not come from the local
association of either participating team;
8) 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;
9) 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;
10) To officiate in rounds 3 through 5, an official must work either
round 1 or 2; and
11) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play.
12) 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 during 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
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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. Unспорiting 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,
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 team 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) Persons subject to the rules, including bands, shall not create any noise that prohibits a team from hearing its signals. 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 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)

**ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS**

1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor separate post season 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 receiving the Commissioner’s recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

**C) Team Entry and Advancement**

1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state tournament, a contestant shall have competed in a minimum of four (4) region tournament scores.

2) At least one of the four matches shall be an 18-hole match.

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 previously announced.

**D) 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 competitors 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 competitors 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 website.

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 previously 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
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B) Trophies and Awards
1) The winning and runner-up teams (4 or 5 players) from the region tournament will advance to the state tournament.
2) In addition, the four lowest girls’ scorers and the three lowest boys’ scorers, not on the region winning or runner-up 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 tournament, the individual player with the 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 competition 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
11) Permanent Elevated Power Lines and Cables
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.

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 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) Players may not give to or receive advice from another team’s players or coaches.
   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 against the team score will be assessed for each violation.
   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 hole 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
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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.
Competition Rules

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 or after the first day of practice, practice shall be or to seed. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the district being not seeded. The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for each district tournament.

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. Tournaments may begin prior to or after the first day of practice, practice shall be or to seed. A tie vote in this situation shall result in the district being not seeded. The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for each district tournament.

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 completed.

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 Commissioner 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) The Commissioner shall establish a plan. 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.

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. Thereafter, they shall be included in the voting for the district tournament. The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for each district tournament.

C) Selection of Tournament Manager

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each district tournament shall meet to select a manager for each district. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the tournament.

D) Tournament Meeting

1) The representatives of the schools participating in each district tournament shall meet to select a manager for each district. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage 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 BR116 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 Tournament.

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

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

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 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) on the date of the first round of the state tournament.

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 guidelines 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 in addition to the number of players 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 clinics 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
E) 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.
3) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.
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.
5) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
6) Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk (*) may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tiebreaker system.
7) 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.
8) **Deadline to Start Contest**
   No contest shall be started in a postseason contest after 11:00 p.m. local time at any contest site.

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 meeting 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 result 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 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 1st 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.

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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:
   - For three (3) teams, the bracket is seeded by rule and form BR103 shall be used;
   - For four (4) teams, the unseeded BR104 shall be used;
   - For five (5) teams, the unseeded BR105 shall be used;
   - For six (6) teams, the unseeded BR106 shall be used;
   - For seven (7) teams, the unseeded BR107 shall be used;
   - For eight (8) teams, the unseeded BR108 shall be used;
   - 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, alphabetically 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, alphabetically 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, 3 and 5 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.

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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 may be directed to be corrected, including the replay of contests, by the Commissioner's office.

3) A school may enter a team composed of twenty-one (21) players. Each school shall submit a properly identified team photograph in compliance with published deadlines and directives.

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 since 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 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 Commissioner;
   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 rankings 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 ticket sales, gate receipts, and parking fees, but will not include any expenses for expenses.
   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 expenses. 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 facilities 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.

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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), $3 per meal per person, and a maximum of $13 per person per night for lodging as long as charged.
   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
Competition Rules

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.
   b) 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 regular 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.
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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
site 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 shall 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.

As of August 1, 2018, the Board of Control is reviewing the formal
of the State Swimming and Diving Championships. There will likely
be changes in the format that will be announced to the membership
but until that point, the following remains in effect.

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 utilized for postseason (region or state) competition.
KHSAA COMPETITION RULES

Governing Tennis
(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 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 events.
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.
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, 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 competitors 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 affiliated
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
posted date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for
tournament play.
3) Coaches must submit the requisite form (TN104) before the
postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its
online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
4) On the third round of championship play.
5) The Commissioner shall ensure a public announcement of the
seeded players in all brackets and of the draw.
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 competitors 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 affiliated
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.
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 substitution 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.
2) State
a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first and second, as well as 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 watch 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.
Competition Rules

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.

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 and 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 KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.
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.

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 the Pole Vault 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 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 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 listserv, 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 listserv, 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 four 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 meets 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 for the State Cross Country and Track and Field Events.

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 pistol 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 requirements 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
All coaches shall be able to verify times that are entered for an athlete in the region meet.

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 hundreds, it shall be rounded up to the nearest tenth of a second, and properly noted as a HT.

Any time which cannot be verified, cannot be used.

The only acceptable verification of meet results will be submission to the KHSAA website.

Only meet results posted using H 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.

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.

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 properly use them.
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.
7. The calculated FAT time standards represent the actual five-year average.
8. 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.
9. High Jump qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 2 inch mark above the five-year average for boys.
10. High Jump qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 2 inch mark above the five-year average for girls.
11. Pole Vault qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 6 inch mark above the five-year average for boys.
12. Pole Vault qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 6 inch mark above the five-year average for girls.
13. High Jump starting height at state meet will be 4 inches below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for boys.
14. High Jump starting height at state meet will be 4 inches below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for girls.
15. Games Committee reserves the right per NFHS rules to adjust starting height due to unforeseen conditions.

Region 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 500 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.

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.

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.
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 first round of tournament play.
   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 districts 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
Competition Rules

II) Dates and Sites for Postseason Competition

3) Criteria to be considered by the schools 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;

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
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 office 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 1 plays 2, 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 with 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 Contestants

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 Commissioner 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.
   a) 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.
   b) The host school shall be allowed fifty (50) percent of the profits from the tournament.
   c) 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.
   d) 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.
   e) 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.
   f) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from each state tournament.
   g) 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.
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
wishing 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
voters 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
classification 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 bracket 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 participant 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 correct 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 affected 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 substitute 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 Commissioner 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 Commissioner 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 Commissioner;
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 Commissioner;
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 Commissioner;
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 state 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 wrestled 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 females) 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 regional 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 regional 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 schools 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
determination 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 (or
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) 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 members.
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
A) The champion of each region competition will be the team with the highest score (sum top 12 archers).

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 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. As of August 1, 2018, the Board of Control is reviewing the format of the State Archery Tournament including tie-breakers. There will likely be changes in the format that will be announced to the membership but until that point, the following remains in effect.

B) Competition Tie Breakers

1) Individual competition tiebreaker shall:

   a) begin by comparing total score, then # of 10’s, 9’s, 8’s, etc.

   b) If a tie persists, a shoot-off will take place prior to the awards ceremony.

   i) Tied individuals will shoot a 5-arrow warm-up end at 15 meters.

   ii) Then a 5-arrow scoring end at 15 meters.

   iii) If still tied, a single arrow shot from 15 meters, closest to the middle of the target’s center will break the tie.

2) Team Competition tiebreaker shall:

   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 COMPEITION 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 and SAF 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.

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 theboats 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.

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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 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 in 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 individual 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 in 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
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 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) Contests, 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 resolve 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 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 semifinalists 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.
   e) The top four bowlers will advance to the state tournament.
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 sixth (6) 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 individual medals will be awarded to the teams finishing first and second, and two semi-finalists 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 region competition shall select an oil pattern for the competition.
   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 prohibited.
   7) Objectionable permanent body markings (tattoos) 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.
V) OFFICIALS/JUDGES/TIMERS

A) Requirements

1) All judges shall be assigned by the KHSAA.

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 (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 the KHSAA.
2) Judges must annually license and complete training as conducted by UCA.

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 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 stunts. 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:
Competition Rules

1) Starting the Routine
a) Teams shall take the floor only once and perform their entire routine.
b) No routine may exceed 2 and one-half minutes. (Timing is determined by using full seconds, not fractional portions.)
c) The person announcing the competition shall announce for the team to take the floor and the team will begin when ready. Following this statement, the time of the routine shall commence on the first perceived activity on the part of any team member or the beginning of the music/audio, whichever occurs first.

2) Timing
a) The timing of the routine shall stop with the end of the audio or the last word or perceived motion.
b) No restarting of time shall be allowed; however, any repeat or recovery within the routine is allowed providing the time limit has not been exceeded.
c) Whether or not to restart the routine and risk exceeding the time limit is entirely at the discretion of the team.
d) A mechanical failure is not considered the fault of the team.
e) Restarts of music and time should be allowed.
f) In order to avoid delay, two (2) tapes or CD’s should be available.

3) Timing Infractions
a) If the timers determine that a team has exceeded a time limit (using whole numbers), they shall report this infraction to the person in charge of the competition.
b) The person in charge shall provide this information to the technical judges prior to final tabulations and judging sheet verification at regional competition.
c) Such notification shall not be made to the person in charge of the competition until all categories have been completed.
d) If four (4) timers are used, both timers in either the entire routine or the music/audio portion must agree that a team has exceeded the time limit before a penalty deduction occurs.

4) Routine Requirements
a) The 2 ½ minute routine must incorporate music and a cheer. The routine must include all elements of cheerleading skills listed on the judge’s score sheet.
b) The entire music/audio portion of the routine shall be limited to 1:30 or less. 1:30.1 is deemed to be over and is a deduction per the scoring sheet.
c) The “time of judging” is defined from the team’s arrival at the site of the competition until their departure from said site.
d) To be considered a coed stunt/pyramid, a male must serve as a base as defined by NFHS rules. A male serving as a spotter as defined by NFHS rules does not qualify the stunt/pyramid as coed.

5) Tabulation
a) Following the judging of all categories, the judges shall tabulate the judging sheets.
b) If computer scoring is not used, tabulated sheets shall be available to the participating coaches following the awards ceremony.
c) If computer scoring is used, a compilation of the scoring shall be provided to the participating coaches following the awards ceremony.

6) Tie-breaking procedure
a) In the event of a tie, when five (5) judges are used, all five (5) scores shall be combined to break the tie.
b) If teams remain tied at the region, the tie will not be broken and both squads would advance in the event of a tie. At the state competition, the tie would not be broken.

7) Technical Judging Penalties
a) For violation of the following provisions, a penalty chart shall be developed and published on the KHSAA website.
b) There shall be separate categories for 1/2 point penalty (.5) deductions, 3 Point deductions, and 10-point deductions:
c) For violation of the following provisions, a disqualification shall occur with the time noted:

Mini-trampoline or other height increasing apparatus;
More cheerleaders than allowed per category or in an inappropriate category as defined by competition rules (boy in all-girl division);
Swan dive; and
Toe/leg pitch to a jump or tumbling skill.

8) All-Girls Scoresheet Matrix
a) For this division, the scoring shall be divided into categories with the following point values based on difficulty:

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b) For this division, the scoring shall be divided into categories with the following point values based on execution:

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c) For this division, ten points will be scored for CHOREOGRAPHY:

- Creativity, formations, transitions, spacing, use of motinos to lead crowd and incorporation of signs, poms, banners, and megaphones.

9) Coed Scoresheet Matrix
a) For this division, the scoring shall be divided into categories with the following point values based on difficulty:

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b) For this division, the scoring shall be divided into categories with the following point values based on execution:

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With its partnership with UCA, the KHSAA is undergoing revision of the scoring and technical grids as of August 1, 2018. Member schools will be notified as to the final adoption of any changes through the annual rules clinic and other communication from the KHSAA.
(4) Tumbling (Standing) - 5 points
(5) Jumps - 5 points

c) For this division, ten points will be scored for CHOREOGRAPHY
   • Creativity, formations, transitions, spacing, use of motifs to
     lead crowd and incorporation of signs, poms, banners, and
     megaphones:

d) For this division, ten points will be scored for PERFORMANCE
   • Energy level, voice, crowd appeal, school appropriate
     material (music and cheer), effort to lead crowd:

10) Difficulty and Executive Grids
   a) The Board of Control shall adopt a Difficulty grid to be used as
      a guide for scoring the All-Girls division, and shall publish this
      grid on the KHSAA web site upon any alteration.
   b) The Board of Control shall adopt a Difficulty grid to be used
      as a guide for scoring the Coed division, and shall publish this
      grid on the KHSAA web site upon any alteration.
   c) The Board of Control shall adopt an Execution grid to be
      used as a guide for scoring the All-Girls and Coed divisions,
      and shall publish this grid on the KHSAA web site upon any
      alteration.

11) Routine Penalties
   a) Disqualifications will be assessed for violations per the
      Technical judge sheet.
   b) Penalties for exceeding the routine time limit will be 10
      points.
   c) Penalties for exceeding the music/audio routine will be 10
      points.
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 these 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 assigns, 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 the Association consider sponsoring a championship. The achievement of this percentage is no guarantee of the development of a championship as the Board of Control must consider fiscal and legal consequences such as the Association budget, the budget of the member schools and the impact on such things as Title IX.

Twenty-five member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall participate each year in order that the Association maintains a championship. These criteria may be waived by the Board of Control in order to sponsor a championship in any sport that does not conflict with state or federal law and which provides additional participation opportunities exclusively for females. The Association shall survey the membership every three years to determine interest in new offerings.

Case CR-5- Who is in control of the media and press at KHSAA sponsored competition?

1) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the State championship rounds of the KHSAA postseason championships belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titleing agreements and sponsorships. No member school may approve or sign an agreement that includes rights to state contests (delayed or live).

2) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titleing agreements and sponsorships. No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (District, Region, semi-state) without agreement between the schools and approval of the KHSAA Office.

3) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, but are assigned to the Principal of each institution for management and control. No member school shall sign an exclusive regular season agreement that would “Shut out” its opponent from any audio, video streaming or having the opportunity to do so.

4) At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA.

5) At all levels of competition, including district, region, sectional, and state competition in KHSAA sponsored tournaments and meets, managers are to make allowances for members of the media to tape portions of the contests at no charge to the media outlet, as long as the taping is for the sole purpose of news highlights.

6) Contact the KHSAA Communications Director with questions.

Case CR-6- Who is empowered to make decisions at KHSAA tournaments when inclement weather forces postponement of contests or events?

While it would be ideal if all parties could meet and agree on any re-scheduling of games necessitated by inclement weather or other natural events, this may not be practical. It is the duty of the tournament manager to make decisions with regards to re-scheduling in the event of postponement and ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.

Case CR-7- Is it possible for a winner and corresponding runner-up in baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball or volleyball district tournament to meet before the final region game?

No, because they are to be placed in opposite brackets.

Case CR-8- Is there a mandatory brand of game ball to be used in postseason play in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball?

Yes, the Association has long-term agreements with multiple sponsors. Staff at KHSAA can assist with specific model numbers, although use of specific numbers is not mandated. In all postseason contests in baseball, softball, football and basketball, a Rawlings brand ball (or Worth brand in softball) 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.

In all postseason contests in soccer, a SELECT Sports brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There
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, each 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 tournament 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 postpone activity by teams and individuals?

Yes. Several sports have “traditions” regarding postpone 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 postpone 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 of the 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 reconciliation reports required to be submitted to the KHSAA after KHSAA postseason events?

Yes. All levels of KHSAA postseason event require a financial reconciliation.

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 the initial framework, 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).