

KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing Competitive Cheer

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

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

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

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

II) DATES AND SITES FOR REGION COMPETITIONS

A) Dates for Play

- 1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates and sites of the region and state tournaments.
- 2) All tournaments shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the regional competition schedule as adopted. Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

B) Sites for Play

- 1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region tournament sites.
- 2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
- 3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
- 4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the tournament shall be allowed to apply.
- 5) Only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region tournament site selection plan. If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
- 6) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

III) COMPETITION MANAGERS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

- 1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
- 2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
- 3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the

tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

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

IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Roster Requirement

- 1) Enrollment Requirement for this Sport Activity
 - a) To be a contestant on a member school team, a student must, on Friday of each grading period, be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.

- b) A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade.

- c) A pupil in grades 7 & 8 may play on the high school team provided that the elementary school, middle school or junior high school where the student is enrolled is under the direct administrative supervision of the same board of education as the member school the student desires to represent. If the local Board of Education has an adopted and enforced defined feeder pattern for the middle/junior high school students under the Board, participation at the high school level is restricted to the schools within that pattern (feeder school).

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

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

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

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

- 6) There is no minimum number of competitions to have participated in to be eligible to compete in the postseason.

B) Advancement to State Competition

The champion and runner-up of each division at the region competition shall qualify for the same division at the state competition.

C) Withdrawal from postseason

- 1) All squads shall designate participation status and division on or prior to October 1.

- 2) No out of state travel will be approved for teams that do not participate in the KHSAA region competition or for those that participate in the region competition and then withdraw from the state competition after having qualified.

- 3) If a school withdraws from the state competition after having qualified, that school shall also be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27.

D) Substitution

- 1) Any member of the roster may be substituted for an originally named individual squad member prior to the region competition.

- 2) No individual participating in the region competition for a specific squad may compete in a different division at the state competition.

- 3) The same competitors that participate in the specific division at the region competition shall participate in that division at the state competition.

- 4) In the event of an injury, substitution can be made in compliance with the Injuries During Competition section of these rules.

V) OFFICIALS, JUDGES/TIMERS

A) Requirements

- 1) All judges shall be assigned by 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 students. Should this occur, the team will be disqualified.

C) Scoresheets and Scoring

1) The KHSAA judge's score sheet (all-girls/coed), difficulty grid (all-girls/coed), execution grid and technical sheet are to be used at both region and state competitions.

2) For State Competition, five (5) routine judges are to be used.

3) For State and Region, two routine timers, two music timers and three technical judges are to be used.

4) Two of the three tech judges must both report an infraction before any deductions/disqualifications are assessed.

5) Both timers must record an infraction before a penalty is assessed.

D) Music and Routine Rights

1) Member schools should strongly support the rights and privileges of the artists that produce the musical scores and other pieces that are sometimes used in conjunction with competitions.

2) It is the obligation of each school and team to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal law with regard to copyright and trademark protection.

3) It is strongly advised that coaches not allow cheerleaders to perform using recorded or live music before any audience without securing the proper license and permission from the American Society of Composers, Artists and Publishers, 2690 Cumberland Parkway, Suite 490, Atlanta, GA, 30339, (800) 492-7227.

4) Squads are required to adhere to USA Cheer Music Specifications and the approved list of vendors.

5) It is also advised that the proper mechanical license be obtained if necessary for anyone duplicating music to be used in conjunction with cheer competition by contacting the Harry Fox Agency, 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY, 10017.

D) Mats

1) Mats are required at all levels of competition.

2) In regional competitions, all categories shall be performed on mats as provided/arranged by the host.

3) For the state competition, all categories shall be performed on mats furnished by the Association.

E) Injuries During Competition

1) If a team member is seriously injured or becomes extremely ill during judging, he/she may be excused for the remainder of the competition without the team's being disqualified or penalized unless as specifically detailed in the execution grid scoring.

2) However, the team is expected to show competence in adjusting to the member's absence.

3) A legal substitute from the roster would be allowed to cheer the remainder of this competition at the discretion of the coach provided that person had not cheered in another division at the region competition.

4) Injuries during performance shall be handled as follows:

- a) If a coach chooses to stop a routine/cheer due to an injury/illness that would endanger the rest of the team or the injured party, he or she must notify the person in charge.
 - b) If a coach enters the performing surface, the routine/cheer shall be stopped.
 - c) After a routine/cheer has been stopped due to an injury/illness, the decision as to whether or not to repeat the routine/cheer shall be left to the discretion of the coach.
 - d) The injured person cannot perform in the restarted routine or any remaining categories of the competition. An alternate would be allowed to cheer the remainder of the competition.
 - e) The person in charge of the competition shall have the team repeat the routine/cheer after five (5) teams have performed or after ten (10) minutes, should this unforeseen accident happen at the end of the competition. Judges shall judge the repeat performance from the point at which the injury occurred. Any notes/judging of the first performance up until the point of injury will be included in the judge's final score.
 - f) If the person in charge feels that more time is needed to regroup, he/she shall have final authority to make this decision.
- F) Warmup and Sound Check
- 1) Every attempt should be made to provide warm-up time prior to the beginning of the competition at all levels.
 - 2) Teams shall be allowed to have a sound check prior to the beginning of their routines.

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.

G) Competition Provisions

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 during the routine if declared by the sound official.
- e) Restarting 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:
 Height Limitation on Stunts and Pyramids more than 2 levels high;
 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:
 - (1) Stunting - 10 points
 - (2) Pyramids/Tosses - 10 points
 - (3) Tumbling (Running) - 5 points
 - (4) Tumbling (Standing) - 5 points
 - (5) Jumps - 7 points
 - (6) Dance - 3 points
- b) For this division, the scoring shall be divided into categories with the following point values based on execution:
 - (1) Stunting - 10 points
 - (2) Pyramids/Tosses - 10 points
 - (3) Tumbling (Running) - 5 points
 - (4) Tumbling (Standing) - 5 points
 - (5) Jumps - 7 points
 - (6) Dance - 3 points
- c) For this division, ten points will be scored for CHOREOGRAPHY - Creativity, formations, transitions, spacing, use of motions 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:

9) Coed Scoresheet Matrix

- a) For this division, the scoring shall be divided into categories with the following point values based on difficulty:
 - (1) Coed Stunting - 15 points
 - (2) Coed Pyramids/Tosses - 10 points
 - (3) Tumbling (Running) - 5 points
 - (4) Tumbling (Standing) - 5 points
 - (5) Jumps - 5 points
- b) For this division, the scoring shall be divided into categories with the following point values based on execution:
 - (1) Coed Stunting - 15 points
 - (2) Coed Pyramids/Tosses - 10 points
 - (3) Tumbling (Running) - 5 points

- (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 motions 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.

CASE SITUATIONS RELATED TO THE COMPETITION RULES of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Specific case situations are contained in this section of the KHSAA Handbook which are interpretations and rulings which have been made by the Commissioner in accordance with applicable provisions of the KHSAA Constitution. These interpretations supplement the printed rules but do not in any manner substitute for the actual rule. Many of these rulings have established precedent for the interpretation or enforcement of these provisions, and remain in place until further altered, re-interpreted, or otherwise set aside. Specific inquiries not addressed by published interpretations should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of the KHSAA, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505. Interpretive questions or eligibility rulings shall be requested and issued in writing.

Case CR-1- What is the purpose of the Competition Rules of the KHSAA?

In many sports and sports activities, there are decisions that have to be made to establish a framework for competition. These rules (different than the Playing Rules) establish alignments, bracketing provisions and championship arrangements. In all cases, the Board of Control has final jurisdiction over the Competition Rules.

Case CR-2- What are the current championships of the KHSAA?

The KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) sports championship events in the fall, winter and spring seasons. Fall championships are considered to be cross country (boys and girls), field hockey, golf (boys and girls), soccer (boys and girls), volleyball (girls), and football (combined); winter championships are basketball (boys and girls), wrestling (combined) and swimming and diving (boys and girls); spring championships are baseball (boys), softball (fastpitch for girls), tennis (boys and girls) and track and field (boys and girls)

In addition, the KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) a state championship in the Sport Activities of Archery (combined), Bass Fishing (combined), Bowling (Boys and Girls) and Cheer (All Girl and Coed divisions).

Case CR-3- What sports and sport activities are insured by the KHSAA?

The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase Catastrophe Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to insure the student-athletes who compete in the sanctioned sports and sport activities of the KHSAA. In addition, students serving in a support capacity at those sponsored events (managers, trainers, sideline cheerleaders (providing they comply with the NFHS rules restrictions).

Such insurance coverage shall be in force from the first day of the Bylaw 23, Limitation of Seasons in a sponsored sport or sport activity, through the last day, provided such competition complies with all parts of the Bylaw and its individual competitors comply with all applicable KHSAA bylaws. The deductible for this policy shall be published in a timely manner to ensure that the school and student-athletes have adequate opportunity to comply with Bylaw 12.

The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase General Liability Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to provide for General Liability coverage for the Association and its agents and assignees, in all KHSAA sponsored competition in all sports (postseason) for which the Association sponsors a championship. The Commissioner shall ensure through all forms of due diligence, that all levels of these sponsored championships are conducted in accordance with applicable KHSAA Competition Rules in order to maintain the integrity of the policy.

Case CR-4- How many schools are required to agree to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition in order for the Association to hold a championship in that sport or sport-activity?

Fifty (50) member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall agree to field a team in order that

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 titling 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 titling 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 a 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 for 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

is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

In all postseason contests in volleyball, a Baden brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

Case CR-9- Are there any restrictions on the scheduling and playing of games in a “seeded district” in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, or volleyball?

Yes. Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches should consult the Competition Rules related to each of these sports for more specific dates for tournament meetings and allowances for scheduling of these meetings. All games involved in the calculation of a seed position SHALL be played on or before the Wednesday prior to the start of postseason play. Games played after that time SHALL NOT factor into the seeded position.

Case CR-10- How are the tournament sites selected for district tournament sites for baseball, basketball, soccer, softball in the event that agreement cannot be reached on a site selection plan?

If a site selection plan cannot be reached on first round (normally district) tournaments, the Commissioner will intervene and establish a rotation plan subject to appeal to the Board of Control. The site selection plan shall be confirmed by annual balloting during the season and reported to the Association along with seeding decisions. Rotating the tournament sites does not necessarily mean that each school shall host the tournament at that school's home site, but that each school, with available proper and adequate facilities, shall have the opportunity to host the tournament, even if an alternative site is required due to site requirements within a given sport.

Case CR-11- Is there a deadline for a district host school in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball or volleyball to select a playing site if the school home site doesn't meet the requirements for holding the tournament?

Yes. Through various rules and rulings in past years, every school in a specific district alignment shall have an opportunity to serve as the host for the tournament. Each school may, of course, decline that opportunity. However, this requirement ensures that on a periodic basis, all schools get to share in the concession and parking proceeds, host share of the ticket receipts and other benefits that come from serving as the host. It is recognized that all schools in a given alignment grouping will not meet the tournament specifications.

For this reason, the following steps shall be taken by the schools in the district-

- 1) The schools shall meet and decide what facilities can hold the attendance of the last five years of the tournament based on the fan followings of the schools, and satisfy other logistical needs such as accessibility, parking, etc. (agreed sites). In addition, all sites must meet any adopted site criteria for the sport that has been approved by the Board of Control. If there is a disagreement, the Board of Control can serve as the final resolution and KHSAA staff shall assist in that determination.
- 2) The discussion on site applicability is separate from the ability to “host”, that is being the tournament manager, operating concessions, etc. as all schools shall be given that opportunity to host, just not necessarily at a site that cannot accommodate the event.
- 3) From that list of agreed sites, the rotation of sites is to be considered, factoring in of course, that all schools shall be given a chance (if they want) to host, even if it isn't played at the host school's home playing facility.
- 4) In a year when the designated host's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the final selection as to the playing site rests with the designated host school. That school has sole discretion to make that decision, but is compelled to choose only from the list of agreed facilities as mentioned in (1) above.
- 5) In a year when the designated host school's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the designation shall be made by September 20 in volleyball and soccer; January 1 in basketball; and April 15 for baseball and

softball.

Case CR-12- How are the contest sites selected for region tournaments/meets/contests?

The Commissioner establishes all regional sites. The Commissioner shall be generally guided by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 vote of the member schools in the region, but is not compelled to assign the event to that site specified in the plan, and shall only assign to the sites meeting specified sports specific criteria.

Changes to a requested site selection plan shall be confirmed by balloting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of the member schools.

Case CR-13- May a name be added to the roster or entry form after the first day of postseason competition?

No, changes cannot be made unless otherwise provided in the competition rules for a specific sport. The principal shall check the online roster in all sports and sport-activities to ensure that all players are on the list as the rosters are locked after postseason play begins. For individual sports using the published entry list and/or forms, the specific sport 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 postgame activity by teams and individuals?

Yes. Several sports have “traditions” regarding postgame handshakes, etc. by team members (both en masse and as individuals), but none of them have such action dictated by playing rules. While it is an obvious sign of sportsmanship and civility, many incidents have occurred both in Kentucky (more than two dozen in the last three years in Kentucky alone) and throughout the country, where fights and physical conflicts have broken out during these postgame handshakes. And this is not restricted to specific sports.

Unfortunately, the adrenaline and effort required to participate in the sport sometimes seems to deplete the supply of judgement available to participants. And this can be particularly problematic when there is a lack of an appropriate level of adult supervision, or counterproductive actions by the adults involved with the team.

During 2013-14, the following directors were issued by the Commissioner to the membership for all 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 important element, but the level of participation of the schools in the district must be factor;

The unique factors of each sport, particularly the individual sports, must be reviewed including facilities; and

The participation and alignment history, both individual and teams, is a factor in consideration, but not the final determinant;

When reviewing alternative suggestions for alignments, the Board shall prioritize the requests from the membership that effect the requesting school over those suggestions that result from suggestions about other schools without effecting the suggesting school.

The following factors are NOT to be considered:

Past success or failure;

Enrollment (in a non-classified sport);

Socio-economic status and student body composition;

Type of school (A1, D1, F1, J1, M1, R1); and

Specific desires of coaches (input must be from administrative level).