

KHSAA COMPETITION RULES

Governing Wrestling

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

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

I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

- 1) The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in wrestling, provided that there is sufficient interest of the membership and such is approved by the Board of Control.
- 2) The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.
- 3) The alignment shall be reviewed for changes to be effective with the 2016-2017 school year and every four years thereafter.
- 4) In the interim, newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.
- 5) The up to date alignment of schools is maintained on the KHSAA website and is updated as information changes as provided by the membership with regard to participation.

II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

A) Dates for Play

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

B) Sites for Play

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

III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS, PAIRINGS, SEEDINGS

A) Selection of Tournament Manager

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

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

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

B) Pairings/Seeding Meeting Procedures

- 1) The region manager will coordinate a meeting of participating coaches for the purpose of making region pairings in each weight class by seeding the participants.
- 2) The Advisory Committee member from the specific region shall chair the meeting and be responsible for compliance with these Competition rules.
- 3) Each school shall have a representative at the seeding meeting for the region tournament or that school may not enter wrestlers.
- 4) The specified reports from the NWCA system that show both the minimum weight and match by match weights shall be brought to the seeding meeting for the region tournament by the coach or designated school representative of each school desiring to participate.
- 5) A wrestler may not be entered in a region tournament unless the weigh-in verification records are completed via the NWCA system.
- 6) Those present at the meeting may conduct the business of the region meeting including completion of the seeded brackets. If votes are taken, each school may only have one vote.
- 7) Collectively, the schools shall decide the seeded wrestlers in each weight class. For regions without an adopted seeding plan, the following criteria may serve as a guide:
 - a) Head to head competition between contestants.
 - b) The record against common opponents;
 - c) A contestant with a better overall record;
 - d) A contestant with an exceptional record against acknowledged strong competition;
 - e) A returning champion or runner-up in the same weight class;
- 8) The member school representatives DO NOT HAVE authority to waive the competition rules or create new ones for the basic entry, bracket and scoring procedures
- 9) Following the initial seeding, the tournament manager and the region Advisory Committee member shall develop the preliminary bracket.
- 10) Once the region seeding meeting is complete, no alterations can be made to the seeding except per Section (C) below.

C) Region Tournament Entry Revisions Following Seeding

- 1) After the seeding is completed, a coach may choose to designate a wrestler into another class by notifying the manager prior to the beginning of weigh-ins.
- 2) Once weigh-ins begin, an athlete may not be entered into a lower class than previously entered by the coach as the scales will have closed on that previous class.
- 3) An athlete missing weight at the region weigh-ins may be replaced in that weight class by any eligible member of the team who is on the NWCA online Alpha Master report, who meets the qualifications per the minimum weight guidelines, who has participated in four high school matches or bouts, who is eligible by these rules, and who is eligible by all other weight qualification rules including a valid weigh-in at the region.
- 4) The wrestler missing weight may be moved to either of the weight classes for which his/her scale weight permits.
- 5) The wrestler missing weight, if not replaced by another wrestler from the same squad, creates a bye in the bracket, and if necessary, brackets may need to be re-drawn to accurately reflect seeding.
- 6) Once the scales are closed, entries are considered final. At that point, any further withdrawal from the tournament series constitutes a forfeit.
- 7) If any entered wrestler (seeded or otherwise), due to action of the coach prior to or after weigh-ins, changes weight classes, then the region committee member and tournament manager shall convene all coaches for a supplemental meeting after the scales have closed for 285 pound class.
- 8) At that short supplemental meeting the participating coaches

- shall vote to determine if the wrestler who was seeded in a former class should now be seeded in his/her entered class or if any other wrestler changing classes since the first entries were submitted necessitates an additional seeding discussion.
- 9) No other wrestling seeding decision from the original seeding meeting is able to be discussed or reconsidered as those are final upon conclusion of the seeding meeting.
- D) Region Bracketing
- 1) After this supplemental meeting is completed (if necessary), the region committee member and manager shall ensure that the proper bracket is completed for each class according to the bracketing guidelines.
 - 2) All region wrestling brackets shall be placed in the proper 4-, 8- or 16-person bracket. A 12-person brackets may not be used as the NFHS wrestling rules require a bracket of a power of 4.
 - 3) Each weight class shall be considered separately as to bracket size. A weight class with 1-4 wrestlers shall use a 4-person bracket; 5-8 wrestlers shall use an 8-person bracket and 9-16 shall use a 16-person bracket.
- IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS
- A) Roster Requirement
- 1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
 - 2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
 - 3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
 - 4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.
- B) Individual Entry Requirements
- 1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet, a contestant shall have a combination of four matches or four weigh-ins representing the high school during the current season in order to be eligible to enter the region.
 - 2) An individual desiring to be entered in postseason competition shall be eligible according to the KHSAA Weight Management requirements.
 - 3) Each coach shall ensure that each athlete has a completed wrestling permission form on file with the school (the Alpha Report along with the sub-7% form if necessary). This form is to contain signatures from the athlete, the coach and the parents verifying compliance with all rules as well as the health care provider who did the minimum weight testing, and the doctor if the athlete is below 7%.
- C) Team Entry and Advancement
- 1) Each coach may enter one participant in each weight class in the region tournament.
 - 2) All entries must come from the online roster management system and be 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 effected coaches.
 - 4) Wrestlers unable to compete may be replaced prior to weigh-ins, and such shall not constitute a forfeit. Other positions shall be rotated up in the bracketing. Wrestlers missing weight at the State tournament shall constitute a forfeit.
- 5) The Commissioner shall draw each weight class individually for the pairings at the state tournament.
- E) Substitutions
- The KHSAA shall develop substitution procedures in an effort to ensure full brackets in each weight class in the event that one of the top four wrestlers from a region become injured or ill and cannot compete at the State Tournament.
- V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS
- A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007) and within the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.
- B) Officials will be assigned shall comply with the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.
- C) The minimum standards for all officials to officiate postseason contests shall be:
- 1) Attend approved advanced training efforts (camps, clinics, meetings) to include rules and coverage of mechanics once every four years to be eligible for the four years following the training clinic provided such are offered or approved by the KHSAA. Such interval may be revised by the KHSAA staff liaison in a particular sport due to availability. This requirement shall be for state and regional play in the sports in which such training is offered or approved, and may be extended to the district level by the Commission based on the supply of qualified officials.;
 - 2) Take Part 2 exam with passing grade of at least 80 during current year if it is offered. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;
 - 3) Receive credit for annual KHSAA Rules Clinic or approved makeup clinic;
 - 4) Attend a minimum of four (4) local association meetings in a sport which has local associations. KHSAA Rules Clinics and Part 2 Examination meetings shall not count as one of these four meetings. Local associations may adopt policies addressing excused absences, but may not count non-officiating absences as properly attending;
 - 5) Be in good standing with local association rules as it relates to financial and reporting obligations. The KHSAA may waive this requirement if it is in the best interest of the assignment of officials within a particular sport; and
 - 6) For sports and tournament levels requiring a Level 2 or Level 3 official, those sports officials shall have licensed no later than the published late deadline for licensing year.
- D) Postseason wrestling officials shall meet the following criteria:
- 1) Only officials licensed by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association may officiate in the regional or state tournament. Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the regional or State Tournaments. Exceptions may be approved by the Commission;
 - 2) Only members of the Kentucky Wrestling Officials Association will be assigned to the state tournament;
 - 3) Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to region and state tournament contests. The final selection shall be made by the Commission;
 - 4) The Assigning Secretary is to have a rankings/ratings system approved by the Regional Policy Board that includes at least two opportunities for coaches to evaluate performance. The recommended intervals are preseason, and mid-to-late season evaluations;
 - 5) The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play;
 - 6) Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and shall be approved by the Commissioner.
- VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS
- A) REGION TOURNAMENT CHAMPION
- 1) The team that scores the greatest number of points during the tournament shall be declared the team champion.
 - 2) Team points will be awarded or deducted in accordance with the National Federation Rules Book.
 - 3) There will be a full wrestle-back tournament in each weight class at the region tournament.
 - 4) The region tournament will be wrestled and scored to six places in each bracket.

B) STATE TOURNAMENT CHAMPION

- 1) The team that scores the greatest number of points during the tournament shall be declared the team champion.
- 2) Team points will be awarded or deducted in accordance with the National Federation Rules Book.
- 3) There will be a full wrestle-back tournament in each weight class at the state tournament.
- 4) The state tournament will be wrestled and scored to eight places in each bracket.

C) Trophies and Awards

- 1) Region.
 - a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.
 - b) Awards will be given to first four (4) placers in each weight class at each region tournament.
 - c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.
- 2) State.
 - a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state meet.
 - b) Awards will be given to the first eight (8) finishers in each weight class at the state tournament.
 - c) Awards will be presented to the competitor with the Quickest Pin, and to the Most Valuable Wrestler.
 - d) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VII) FINANCES, PASSES

A) Region/Section

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

B) State

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

VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

A) Playing Rules

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

B) Specifications for Wrestling Tournaments

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

C) Length of Periods

- 1) For postseason play, all matches in championship (winner's) bracket shall be 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 region wrestling tournament.
 - k) Following each match, and prior to the next competition for the squad, each coach shall enter the actual scale weights of each wrestler who weighed in for the competition, using the NWCA online system. For multiple day competition within the same event, only the first day weigh-in is to be recorded.
 - l) Repeated failure to enter scale weights prior to the next competition shall be cause for suspension of the Head Coach from regular or postseason competition or other penalty contained in KHSAA Bylaw 27 and may subject the team to ineligibility to enter the region wrestling tournament.
- 3) Certification into a Weight Class**
- a) A wrestler is certified into a particular weight class at any

regularly scheduled match or tournament any time on or prior to the Saturday of NFHS week 30 by making base weight (including growth allowance after December 25) at an official weigh-in on a certified scale as long as that certified weight is not below the documented minimum weight and is at a time allowed by the minimum weight calculations. A wrestler weighing in on or prior to the Saturday of NFHS week 30 is continually certifying at the weigh-in weight.

b) Once a wrestler is certified into a particular weight class as of the Saturday of NFHS week 30, he/she may weigh-in only in that class and one class above. He/she is automatically re-certified into a higher weight class after the Saturday of NFHS week 30 by weighing in and qualifying for that class, but never into a lower weight class. After the Saturday of NFHS week 30, making base weight (including growth) two classes above any previously certified weight class automatically renders that wrestler ineligible for the remainder of the year to wrestle in the lower weight class (previous certified weight).

c) Please note that this rule is for weigh-ins, not matches. It is possible that a wrestler weighed in at a certain class weight for a match, but wrestled up during that match. That weigh-in would count for the lower, weigh-in class.

4) Weight Control

All coaches are cautioned that rapid reduction in weight can endanger the health of the student athlete and coaches are encouraged to keep current with all research in this area. The manager of each meet is to have each participant weighed and it is highly recommended that a physician examine each participant.

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).