



# FOOTBALL

**2020 UK ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY &  
SPORTS MEDICINE STATE FOOTBALL FINALS  
INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR PARTICIPATING TEAMS AND FANS**

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**THE INFORMATION INCLUDED WITHIN  
THESE INSTRUCTIONS IS TENTATIVE AND  
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Throughout these instructions, portions that are different from previous seasons, or changed due to COVID-19, have been highlighted yellow.

## BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff on winning your semi-state championship game and advancing to the UK Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine State Football Finals.

Refer to this manual and the important website links included at the end to guide you through preparation for your participation in the state football championships.

## KHSAA CONTACT LIST

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Media and statistics inquiries should be directed to KHSAA Communications Director Joe Angolia ([jangolia@khsaa.org](mailto:jangolia@khsaa.org)).

Questions may also be directed to the KHSAA offices at (859) 299-5472 and any member of the staff should be able to refer you to the correct party.

## COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The KHSAA's complete "Healthy at Sports, Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Fall Sports" document for football can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3nnFr0o>.

In addition to football specific guidance, this document includes guidance for all sports, officials and officiating, COVID-19 Medical Evaluation and Return-to-Play protocol, as well as the KHSAA's COVID-19 Return to Play Form.

The information in this document should be thoroughly reviewed by all managers, participants and spectators attending a playoff contest.

REMINDER - Any individual with symptoms of COVID-19 or failing the required health screening shall not be admitted.

Guidance is broken into three areas:

- **REQUIRED-** These standards are required at all sanctioned contests.
- **RECOMMENDED-** These standards are best practices during all contests during the pandemic and are therefore recommended for all contests.
- **CONSIDER-** While these items are also best practices during this time, local site discretion should be exercised to determine if these items are practical and feasible for use at the contest.

## MASKS, FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCE (REQUIRED)

**Public Health Standards and General Areas of Consideration for Both Practices and Contests by Students, Staff and all Involved**

### BASIC MASK/FACE COVERING INFORMATION

All individuals entering a venue before, during, and after a contest shall wear a mask/face covering.

Failure to adhere to the mask/face covering requirement will be grounds to be removed from the premises without refund for ticketing.

All administrators, spectators, workers, coaches and non-competitors (including substitutes and sideline cheerleaders) shall wear a mask/face covering at all times.

Only the exercising athletes and assigned contest officials in the game on the court/field/mat at that specific moment are exempt from wearing a mask/face covering at all times.

A "gaiter" with multiple layers of cloth complies with this requirement provided it is properly worn covering the nose and mouth when the player is not participating and can easily slip down around the neck during participation.

A splash shield attached inside a football helmet covering both the upper and lower parts of the inside of the helmet to cover the nose and mouth complies with the requirement provided the helmet is being worn.



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Anyone who is not engaged in strenuous physical activity as a participant is to be wearing a mask/face covering.

All spectators must wear masks unless they are eating or drinking at the moment, or seated more than six-feet away from all other spectators and only seated with individuals who reside in the same household.

If these individuals move to another venue location, they are to wear masks when moving.

Being more than six-feet away from other individuals does NOT waive the requirement to wear a mask unless all of the group resides in the same household.

## **MASK/FACE COVERINGS DURING WORKOUTS, PRACTICES AND COMPETITIONS BY ATHLETES**

A mask/face covering is permitted for all participants at any time.

If a mask becomes saturated with moisture from breathing or sweat, a coach or athlete should change into a dry mask as a wet mask is less efficient at filtering bacteria and viruses.

Masks should only be worn once during practice, workouts, or competition and then replaced with a fresh mask.

All reusable cloth masks should be cleaned ideally in a washer with hot water and soap and then dried before the next use.

Ironing a cloth on the highest setting possible for the material can also assist with disinfection after washing and drying.

There are now multiple commercial reusable mask options available for use during exercise.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING (ALL REQUIRED WHERE PRACTICAL AND FEASIBLE)**

Social distancing of at least 6 feet shall be maintained at all times, where feasible.

No hugging, high fives, shaking hands, or fist bumps for support/encouragement.

Behavior shall be modeled by adults, who must insist on compliance by students.

Social distancing shall be maintained during the National Anthem and on sidelines.

Outdoor sports may need to extend bench areas to permit social distancing.

Indoor sports may need to use lower-level bleachers or multiple levels of seating to ensure social distancing among team members before addressing attendees.

Be mindful as we teach the students, it won't be like this forever!

## **CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER GUIDANCE**

While this section deals with sports-specific guidance, all involved in the athletic program are expected to reference all guidance standards, including the many that may be non-sports specific.

These differences in the guidance are necessitated by the differences in sports, facilities, and geographic areas, differences which are pronounced during normal years, and magnified this school year.

Portions of the football specific section of the document are included below.

## **SEASON LIMITATION AND CONTEST ADJUSTMENTS**

The limit of games for the season (not including postseason) is 9 with no more than one (1) game per week at each level.

Each athlete is limited to eight quarters per week from Friday through the following Thursday, starting September 11:

- Games in which periods are longer than six minutes, each quarter played counts as one (1) quarter towards this limitation.
- Games in which periods are six minutes or less, each quarter played counts as ½ quarter toward this limitation.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FIELD SETUP**

Rules revisions regarding the team box shall be marked for each contest with either temporary or permanent markings. (REQUIRED)

Rosters are restricted to a limit of 60 players in uniform and participating in warm-ups and competition. (REQUIRED)

All non-uniformed team members who are not essential to game management shall be seated in the stands and able to socially distance from other groups. (REQUIRED)

Suspend pregame protocol of shaking hands during introductions. (REQUIRED)

Suspend postgame protocol of shaking hands. (REQUIRED)



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Before, during, and after the contest, players, coaches, game officials, team personnel and game administration officials should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible. (RECOMMENDED)

Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times while on the sidelines and on the field of play when possible. (REQUIRED)

Everyone should have their own drink container that is not shared. (REQUIRED)

Cloth face coverings are permissible for all coaches and team staff and all game administration officials. (REQUIRED)

Gloves are permissible for all coaches and team staff and all game administration officials. (REQUIRED)

Try and limit the number of non-essential personnel who are on the field level throughout the contest. (REQUIRED)

If available, dressing facilities for game officials and teams should be large enough for them to use social-distancing protocols and shall be properly cleaned and sanitized before their arrival. (REQUIRED)

It is a recommendation to eliminate the normal "circle" huddle for those teams that use a huddle and to utilize a choir huddle (example listed at <https://bit.ly/3aWReNw>). (RECOMMENDED)

### FOOTBALLS AND FOOTBALL CLEANING

All footballs should be regularly and routinely cleaned.

Balls should be managed by competent individuals (ball managers) who are capable of the rigors of keeping them sanitized without game delay.

The ball may be switched as often as the ball managers can efficiently allow for sanitization and return, up to and including changing balls each play.

The ball managers should attempt to keep at least three good game balls always available, one in play, one being cleaned, and one ready for the next play.

Spalding Sport Ball cleaning recommendations follow CDC, state, and local guidelines for health and safety.

The following link provides common definitions for Sterilization, Disinfection, and Cleaning in Healthcare Facilities, but may be useful for one attempting to clean a ball (including; basketball, softball, football, soccer, volleyball, and baseball) with cover material made of leather, composite, or PU leather - <https://bit.ly/31qomK9>

To ensure applicable health and safety protocols, the user is responsible for determining the best method based on ball covering material, playing environment, and cleaning intervals.

#### Soap and Water Method

- Dirt and debris can be removed by using a damp cloth with soap and water, using moderate pressure.
- Be careful not to oversaturate the ball.
- Allow to air dry.

#### Disinfecting Wipe Method

- Limited disinfecting may be achieved by using a disinfecting wipe and moderate pressure to wipe the entire surface of the ball.
- Be careful not to oversaturate the ball.
- Allow to air dry.

Spalding does not recommend using bleach and alcohol-based cleaning products, or excessively frequent cleanings, as those may degrade ball covering material and ball markings, and impact overall ball performance.

Spalding will continue to review all available information and will update recommendations as new developments occur.

### PLAYER EQUIPMENT

#### TOOTH AND MOUTH PROTECTORS [RULE 1-5-1D(5)] (FROM AUGUST 2020 NFHS SMAC POSITION STATEMENT)

The best evidence to date shows us that the COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets.

Saliva from mouthguards is unlikely to be a significant source of infection transmission.

However, we recognize that parents and others may find the prospect of athletes frequently placing and removing a mouthguard concerning.

Given this reality, the NFHS SMAC suggests that state associations develop statements instructing athletes to refrain from the removal of mouthguards while on the playing field, court, rink, or mat.



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If mouthguards are removed on the sidelines or bench area, the athlete should use hand sanitizer each time after touching the mouthguard.

A properly fitted mouthguard is required by rule in Football.

## **TOOTH AND MOUTH PROTECTORS [RULE 1-5-1D(5)]**

All tooth and mouth protectors shall be attached to the helmet. (REQUIRED)

## **SPLASH SHIELDS, FACE SHIELDS, AND HELMETS WITH FACE MASKS (SECTIONS ADAPTED FROM THE NFHS SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, POSITION STATEMENT, AUGUST 2020)**

Splash Shields may be attached to the inside of the helmet and inside of the face mask to prevent respiratory droplets from spreading.

Face shields may be of a commercial brand or third-party created but must be absent of tint as concussion recognition remains critical.

Cloth masks/face coverings (that tie to the head or loop around the ears under the helmet) are permissible to be worn under the face mask. (REQUIRED)

These types of masks/face coverings have no restrictions on color. (REQUIRED)

The NFHS SMAC does not recommend anything – mask/face covering or shield on the outside of any face mask for any sport but it should be worn on the inside of the face mask for risk minimization issues as they want the face mask in front of it. (REQUIRED)

Plastic shields covering the entire face (unless integrated into the face mask and attached to the outside of the mask of the helmet and clear without the presence of any tint) are not allowed during the contest per NFHS rules.

The NFHS SMAC is always concerned that any product or device that attaches to the helmet and/or face mask will void the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) certification and will automatically void the manufacturer's warranty and/or lead to the potential of an unintended injury. NOCSAE stated the following with regards to facial coverings attached to the face mask: "A face covering attached to a faceguard would not automatically void the NOCSAE certification of compliance with our NOCSAE standard, assuming it does not attach permanently to the faceguard and has no rigid components that might protrude in to the facial area." "The helmet/faceguard manufacturer has the ultimate final say as to what can and cannot be attached to their face mask." (CONSIDER)

Please be aware of this information from the NOCSAE as it does apply to products that were not made by the manufacturer of the helmet and/or face mask: <https://bit.ly/3jbtHet> (CONSIDER)

## **OFFICIATING (MECHANICS)**

The position of the Umpire in a 5- and 7- person crew shall have the initial position in the offensive backfield, on the side of the center opposite the Referee. (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)

The position of the Umpire in a 3- or 4- person non-varsity crew shall be 9 to 10 yards behind the defensive line of scrimmage. (RECOMMENDED)

The repositioning of the Umpire does not change any responsibilities and coverage assignments. (REQUIRED)

There will be no requirement to work a pre-determined number of games per position for the 2020-21 playoff contests. (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)

## **PRE-GAME, PRE-GAME CONFERENCE, COIN TOSS AND OVERTIME PROCEDURES (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)**

During the pre-game field inspection period, perform the coin toss, limit attendees to the referee, umpire, and the head coach from each team.

If the host requests the toss to be re-enacted before the game, only the Referee, Umpire and Head Coach will come onto the field and all should maintain social distancing principles during the reenactment.

No handshakes before and following the coin toss.

Maintain social distancing of 6 feet while performing all pregame responsibilities with all officiating crew members, game administration staff, line-to-gain crew, clock operators, individuals handling the balls during the game, and team personnel.

For the overtime procedure, use the same procedure as used at the start of the contest for the coin toss.



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## OFFICIATING (RULES) (ADOPTED FOR 2020-21)

### TEAM BOX (RULE 1-2-3G)

The team box is extended on both sides of the field to the 10-yard lines (for both teams) for more social-distancing space for the teams.

The coaches' area (sideline to two yards off the field) is eliminated for 2020 and is a restricted area at all times except for a charged time-out to allow for freedom of movement and social distancing by officials, chain crews, and ball runners.

Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times while in the team box.

Do not share uniforms, towels, and other apparel and equipment.

### BALL (RULE 1-3-2)

The ball should be cleaned and sanitized throughout the contest as recommended by the ball manufacturer (see FOOTBALL AND FOOTBALL CLEANING section of this document).

The ball holders should maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times during the contest.

### HELMET FACE MASKS/FACE SHIELDS [RULES 1-5-1A, 1-5-3C(4)]

Cloth face coverings are permissible by players in the game.

Plastic shields covering the entire face (unless integrated into the face mask and attached to the inside of the helmet and clear without the presence of any tint) shall not be allowed during the contest.

See the details of FACE SHIELDS AND HELMETS WITH FACE MASKS in this section and the details of the main document labeled MASKS/FACE COVERINGS for important details.

### GLOVES (RULE 1-5-2B)

Gloves are permissible but still must comply with Rule 1-5-2b by meeting either the NOCSAE Standard or the SFIA Specification.

### STATE ASSOCIATION ADOPTIONS (RULE 1-7)

Each state association may adopt other playing/administrative rules for football for the 2020 season that would decrease exposure to respiratory droplets and COVID-19.

This notation will allow for leniency for individuals (at the discretion and with approval of the coach) deciding to wear gloves provided they don't unfairly enhance the ability of the player to catch or maintain a grip on the football.

### CHARGED TIME-OUTS AND AUTHORIZED CONFERENCE (RULES 2-6-2, 3-5-3, 3-5-8)

A single charged time-out may be extended to a maximum of two minutes in length as needed to ensure water distribution.

The authorized conference for the charged time-out should take place between the 9-yard marks and not at the sideline for social-distancing purposes. (It would be permissible for more than one coach to be involved in this conference and for technology to be used.)

Each game official and player should have their drink container brought out to them on the field.

Player hydration standards should reflect the section labeled "HYDRATION/FOOD" in the All Sports Guidance.

### INTERMISSION BETWEEN PERIODS AND AFTER SCORING (RULE 3-5-7L)

The intermission may be extended to a maximum of two minutes between the first and second and the third and fourth periods and following a try, successful field goal or safety, and before the succeeding free-kick. (REQUIRED)

## 2020 KHSAA/UK ATHLETICS GAME DAY INFORMATION

### ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY POINT.

Some key reminders as we prepare for this week's state finals...

- No tailgating
- In addition to masks, gaiters of two-ply material are now permissible
- Please remember to wear a mask or gaiter at all times inside the stadium, except when actively eating or drinking
- Fans are welcome to bring stadium seats or seat cushions to the game; the seats or cushions should be no wider than 18 inches

Thanks for your cooperation.



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After consulting with health experts from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the University of Kentucky and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), UK Athletics is implementing a number of new initiatives and regulations regarding football games at Kroger Field this fall. The health and well-being of the student-athletes, fans and staff are our top priorities and will continue to guide our decisions.

In August, the Southeastern Conference announced several conference-wide fan health and safety guidelines for all member institutions regarding football this fall. Measures specifically related to Kentucky games are listed below and will be followed by the KHSAA. These regulations are in line with, and in addition to, the SEC's guidelines.

Exposure to COVID-19 is an inherent risk in any public location where people are present. We cannot guarantee you will not be exposed during your visit to Kroger Field.

## WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Prior to arriving on the UK campus, we encourage all fans to check their temperature and conduct a health self-screening. Fans who have a temperature at or above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit are asked to stay home and isolate. Fans who have existing health complications and are therefore vulnerable are asked to proceed with the utmost caution and to consider staying home and isolating.

Face coverings, over the nose and mouth, are required for all fans as they enter, exit and move around Kroger Field, as well as any time fans are unable to maintain the recommended physical distance from other fans not in their party/household. **Children two (2) and under are not required to wear a mask.**

Physical distancing measures have been put in place at Kroger Field, including physically distance lines for concessions, bathrooms and other spots where lines generally form.

A significant number of sanitizing opportunities, including hand sanitizers and hand-washing stations, have been added inside Kroger Field.

UK Athletics staff will take additional measures to clean and sanitize Kroger Field, including high touch-point areas, which will be cleaned more frequently.

This year, the KHSAA transitioned to digital tickets for all events. Fans are to purchase their tickets in advance of arriving at Kroger Field.

The KHSAA, in partnership with University of Kentucky Athletics, seeks to provide the safest environment possible for all spectators, staff and participants. A risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place, including sporting events at the University of Kentucky. Fans with pre-existing health conditions or who are otherwise at risk should consider not attending on-campus sporting events during this unprecedented time.

Those who are not permitted to attend football games at Kroger Field:

- Tested positive or defined as a close contact and not yet cleared by the health department to exit quarantine
- Were tested and have not received the results
- Informed that they may have been exposed
- Experiencing any symptoms

UKAD EMS crew will be on site to answer questions regarding symptoms.

**Failure to comply with the requirements outlined above may result in individuals being removed from and denied future access to Kroger Field and other University of Kentucky athletic venues.**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR FANS

- Masks are required at all times other than while eating or drinking, while seated.
- Keep six feet of social distance where possible
- Clear bags are required
- Feedback can be provided in real time through texting UK to 69050 or post-event by emailing [BBNFirst@uky.edu](mailto:BBNFirst@uky.edu).
- Masks should:
  - o Always be required to be worn, including while seated in the stands, riding on shuttles, traveling through the venue, going to the restrooms, purchasing food & beverages and inside the premium spaces.
  - o Cover mouth and nose
  - o Fit snugly but comfortably
  - o Be secured with ties or ear loops





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- o Gaiters made of two-ply material are now allowed
- o Be made of multiple layers of fabric or medical grade disposable
- o Allow for breathing without restriction
- o Masks should not be worn by anyone under 2-years old
- o Fabrics masks must be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape
- o Face shields do not replace wearing a mask
- o If spectators are unable to wear masks, they are encouraged not to attend games in person for the sake of their health and the health of others
- o Mask enforcement will be treated similarly to other policies enforced at Kroger Field, including no smoking/tobacco products, alcohol beverage use, artificial noisemakers, etc.
- o Ushers or Event Staff will approach those not in compliance with policies and request they comply
- o If they are faced with push back, they will involve University of Kentucky Police or the police agency assigned to that section/area
- o If needed, those not in compliance will be removed from the premise

## **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FANS**

- No bags
  - o Medical bags only permitted through special admissions entry
- Arrive early - Pay attention to your suggested gate
- Limit time spent on the concourse – no loitering or congregating
- Utilize hand sanitizer and wash hands as frequently as possible
- Plan to use credit cards, no cash
- A game ticket is required to be on the premise of Kroger Field on football game days.
- If you feel bad, stay home.

## **PARKING REGULATIONS**

A digital ticket to the event will serve as a parking pass to all of the general parking areas around the stadium.

UK Athletics' goal, in partnership with the KHSAA, is to provide safe parking environment for all ticket holders.

- Parking lots will open one (1) hour before kickoff.
- Spectators will be strongly required to physical distance, wear a proper mask, hand sanitize etc.
- No tailgating, no tents, generators, trailers, grills or cooking of any kind are permitted
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be placed throughout lots.
- Informational signs will be placed that will encourage policies
- Ticket holders will be encouraged to arrive when lots open and enter the stadium to avoid crowds
- There will be no RV parking in Kroger Field lots in 2020

## **NO TAILGATING**

UK Athletics' goal is to provide safe parking environment for all ticket holders.

- No tailgating, no tents, generators, trailers, grills or cooking of any kind are permitted
- Parking lots are planned to open one (1) hour prior to kick off for the first game each day
- Spectators will be strongly required to physical distance, wear a proper mask, hand sanitize etc.
- Hand Sanitizer stations will be placed throughout lots. UK Athletics will distribute small bottles of sanitizer at lot entrances
- Informational signs will be placed that will encourage policies
- Ticket holders will be encouraged to arrive when lots open and enter the stadium to avoid crowds
- There will be no RV parking in Kroger Field lots in 2020



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## KROGER FIELD GAME DAY CHANGES

Due to the health and safety protocols implemented relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, UK Athletics has made several changes to the Kentucky football game day experience. This includes adjustments and/or elimination of some popular game day traditions. UK Athletics is providing these guidelines:

- Fans are asked to perform self-screening evaluations and to stay home if they feel sick or may have been exposed to COVID-19
- Parking lots will open one (1) hour before kickoff
- Only those with parking permits may park on campus on game days
- No tailgate parties, no tents, generators, trailers, grills or cooking of any kind are permitted
- Informational signs will be placed that will encourage policies outlined above
- Ticket holders will be encouraged to arrive when lots open and enter the stadium to avoid crowds
- All of these regulations are subject to change, especially if guidelines are not followed. UK Athletics thanks fans in advance for complying with these necessary gameday policies and helping to promote the health and safety of the UK campus
- Security at all Kroger Field gates will remain the same as in the past with the security check taking place outside the stadium gates prior to tickets being scanned. Spectators are encouraged not to bring bags to limit the amount of touch points upon entry.

## ELEVATORS

- Each elevator will have an operator in proper PPE. Operator will select buttons and manage floors.
- Elevators will operate intentionally, separating different groups traveling to different areas. i.e. – those traveling to Central Bank Press Box will have designated elevator.
- Premium Spaces (Woodford Reserve Club): Accessible from the Commonwealth Tower Lobby between Gates 10 & 11
- Media: Accessible from the Commonwealth Tower Lobby between Gates 10 & 11
- Elevators will be limited to 3 guests in addition to the operator.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available on the elevator and at each stop.

## CONCESSIONS

- Grab and go options will be available at each location
- Fountain drinks will be unavailable, all drinks will be sold bottled
- Condiments will be pre-packaged in portion control packs and distributed from concession stands. Counters where condiments previously sat will be unavailable.
- High touch points inside concession stands will be sanitized regularly

## SPECTATOR LIMITED MOBILITY CART

Four 6-passenger golf carts will be deployed around the immediate exterior of Kroger Field to transport those who are limited in mobility to their preferred gate. One passenger will be permitted to ride on the back of the cart at a time. The golf cart driver will be responsible for sanitation of carts between passengers.

## 1700AM

Listen to Friday and Saturday game day traffic information on 1700AM.

## SEATING CONFIGURATIONS

- UK Athletics will limit the overall capacity of Kroger Field to no more than 20%
- Spectator seating will be reconfigured throughout the general seating bowl and in the Woodford Reserve and Central Bank Club to provide physical distancing between seat blocks
- Seating pods will be arranged so that ticket holders have no one sitting directly in front or behind them. We will also allow 3-4 empty seats between pods on the same row to create physical separation between groups
- Only the lower level seating bowl will be utilized for the finals.

[Kroger Field Seating Chart](#)



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## DIGITAL TICKETING

- The KHSAA has transitioned to digital ticketing for all state events this season. Digital ticketing enhances convenience and safety for all fans, while providing flexibility and safeguarding against counterfeit tickets. Digital tickets will provide quick and contactless entry to Kroger Field, which is the most sanitary and efficient way to enter the stadium.
- Tickets will be issued via digital delivery. Ticket holders will access their tickets on their phones and can transfer them electronically to other members in their party when necessary.
- Mobile help locations will be set up on the exterior of the stadium at the Guest Services booths to assist spectators with Wi-Fi connectivity and accessing their tickets. Spectators will be strongly encouraged to save their digital tickets in their smart phone's digital wallet prior to arriving at Kroger Field.

## BOX OFFICE OPERATIONS

- At the main box office, every other ticket window will be closed. Stanchions will be arranged for one-way traffic routes at the ticket windows.
- Advance ticket sales will be promoted. With limited capacity, The KHSAA, in partnership with UK Athletics, does not anticipate selling walk-up tickets on day of event.
- If sales are necessary, credit cards are the only allowed method of payment.
- The main box office between gates 9 & 10 will be open for ticket resolution.

## ENTERING KROGER FIELD

- Gates will open one (1) hour prior to kickoff for each game.
- Ticket holders are encouraged to arrive early.
- Fans should enter at the assigned gate that will be listed on their mobile ticket. When departing the stadium, fans should exit via the same gate through which they entered.
- Physical distancing reminders will be visible in gate lines and points of entry to allow the proper distance between fans.
- All bags must adhere to the UK Athletics Clear Bag policy. All bags and items will be searched. To avoid additional touch points, fans are strongly encouraged to not bring unnecessary bags to Kroger Field.
- Fans with necessary medical bags will only be permitted through special admissions entry at Gate 9.5.
- Security at all Kroger Field gates will remain the same as in the past with the security check taking place outside the stadium gates prior to tickets being scanned. Spectators are encouraged not to bring bags to limit the amount of touch points upon entry.
- You will be asked these questions at or near the entrance:
  - Do you have a new cough, runny nose, congestion, headache or sore throat unrelated to seasonal allergies?
  - Do you have shortness of breath?
  - Do you have new muscle aches/pain/fatigue unrelated to training/workouts?
  - Have you had nausea, vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
  - Have you experienced a new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19?
  - Have you had any fever greater than 100.0 or chills in the last 24 hours?

## STADIUM GATES

- Gates 2, 4 and 9 will be open on game day.
- The Commonwealth Tower Lobby will also be open for media and Woodford Reserve Club ticketed patrons.

## PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Physical distancing measures have been put in place at Kroger Field, including physically distanced lines for concessions, bathrooms and other spots where lines generally form.
- Please keep a distance of at least six feet between yourself and other fans who are not in your party. Signs around Kroger Field will serve as a reminder.
- Please sit only in your assigned seat. This will help to maintain the required physical distancing between fans in the stadium bowl.
- Please be aware of physical distancing protocols when on the concourse area and when entering or exiting the stadium.



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## HAND WASHING & SANITIZING

There will be a number of cleaning and disinfecting opportunities in place throughout Kroger Field.

- Barriers will be placed between staff and spectators when physical distancing is not possible
- Employees will wipe down workstations regularly
- Doors will be propped open when possible
- Signage around the stadium will remind fans of regulations
- Hand sanitizer stations will be readily available throughout Kroger Field

## KROGER FIELD A-Z

### ANIMALS

Animals or pets of any kind are prohibited with the exception of service animals. Service animals are welcome inside Kroger Field but must remain on a leash or harness at all times. If guests intend to bring a service animal to the stadium, please notify your ticket representative at the time of purchase so that an aisle seat may be reserved.

### ATMS

Located next to the public elevator doors on the lower concourse inside Gates 1 & 9. Credit cards are accepted at most concession stand and merchandise locations.

### AUTOMOBILE ASSISTANCE

Guests with minor automobile problems (jump start, flat tire, etc.) can seek game day assistance from AAA at (859) 255-7600.

### BAG POLICY

Please see the new Kroger Field [Clear Bag Policy](#)

### CELL PHONES & COMPUTERS

Cell phones, tablets and laptops are allowed in the stadium as long as their use does not interfere with other guest's enjoyment of the event. No devices can be plugged into the building's electrical outlets.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to keep the state finals as enjoyable as possible for all, the KHSAA, in partnership with the University of Kentucky, asks that all patrons respect those around them. The University of Kentucky reserves the right to remove any individual from Kroger Field who displays conduct that may endanger or disrupt players, coaches, officials or other patrons. No refunds are given in such cases.

### DIAPER CHANGING STATIONS

Diaper changing stations are available in all public and family restrooms in Kroger Field.

### DRONES

The use of drones and any other unmanned or remote control aircraft is expressly prohibited both inside and in the vicinity of the Kroger Field complex on game day. Any such use is defined as a Violation of National Defense Airspace by the Federal Aviation Administration and violators may be subject to criminal penalties.

### EMERGENCIES AND EVACUATIONS

In the case of an emergency, please follow the instructions of any KHSAA or UK Athletics staff member and public address announcer, proceed to the nearest exit in a calm and safe manner. Guests should use the stairs and ramps as a means of evacuation. Elevators may not be working at the time.

### ENTRY

Fans are encouraged to make an early entry to Kroger Field for all games. Long lines develop at some stadium gates just prior to kickoff. Spectators can ease congestion by entering earlier.

### FAMILY RESTROOMS

There are family restrooms located on the lower concourse near sections 4 and 24.

### FIRST AID LOCATIONS

North side lower concourse near section 9 and South side lower concourse near section 22.



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## GAME DAY ASSISTANCE

The Game Day Assistance program enables fans to start a conversation with UK Athletics staff. Fans can text UK MESSAGE & SEAT LOCATION to 69050.

## GAME FIELD

In the interest of participant, staff and spectator safety, public access to the playing field, at any time, is strictly prohibited.

## GOLF CARTS

In the interest of safety for all guests and pedestrians, guests' golf cart use will be prohibited in the Kroger Field Complex to include all parking lots, sidewalks, streets, etc. This policy includes motorized scooters, coolers, mopeds etc. Guests are asked not to bring golf carts to the complex.

## LOST CHILDREN

Parents and guardians with a lost child should contact the nearest police officer, KHSAA staff member or UK Athletics staff member. If a child gets separated, he or she should notify the nearest police officer, KHSAA staff member or UK Athletics staff member.

## NURSING MOTHERS

There are six family restrooms located throughout the stadium that will accommodate nursing mothers. They are located on the lower concourse near section 4 and 24.

## PETS

Pets, with the exception for service dogs, are prohibited from entering Kroger Field and surrounding parking lots/tailgating areas.

## PHONE NUMBERS (area code 859)

Event Management/Game Day Assistance - 218-3716

First Aid - 323-3819

Football Parking - 257-6300

Lost & Found - 257-1616 (UK Police Department)

Ticket Office - 257-1818

UK Campus Parking - 257-5757

UK Police - 257-1616

University Switch Board - 257-9000

## POLICE ASSISTANCE LOCATION

Between Ramps 3 & 4 on the north lower concourse.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

**The following items are welcome inside:** Unopened bottle of water, smaller than one liter; personal chair backs (maximum width 18 inches); One bag per person, must be clear and not exceed 12 x 6 x 12, all bags are subject to search; small collapsible strollers that fit under a stadium seat (strollers are subject to search); camera lenses (maximum six (6) inches, no detachable lenses); service animals accompanied by guests with disabilities or a trainer.

**The following items are NOT welcome inside:** Outside food and drinks, including alcoholic beverages; outside food and drink containers, including hard-shell koozies; all weapons, including firearms, carried either concealed or openly are prohibited items at UK's Kroger Field per KRS 237.115 (anyone in violation of this will not be granted entrance into Kroger Field); portable heaters & combustibles; glass, aluminum containers and ice chests; artificial noisemakers, irritants and laser pointers; all illegal substances, tobacco products and electronic cigarettes; large bags; pets; unmanned aircrafts; inflatables; poles, extensions or selfie sticks; backpacks; purses larger than a clutch that are not clear.

## PROJECTILES

To ensure the safety of all guests and participants, the throwing of any objects is strictly prohibited. Guests identified throwing any objects are subject to ejection and potential prosecution.

## RE-ENTRY POLICY

As per KHSAA and UK Athletics policy, guests are not permitted to exit and re-enter Kroger Field on the same ticket.



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## RESALE & AUTHORIZED PURCHASE

The KHSAA, in partnership with UK Athletics, cautions against purchasing tickets through unauthorized sellers. Only tickets purchased directly through the following outlets are guaranteed to be valid:

- KHSAA
- Ticketmaster
- UK Ticket Office

## SMOKING & TOBACCO

The use of all tobacco products and electronic cigarettes is prohibited inside and outside on University of Kentucky's campus, including Kroger Field and surrounding parking lots.

## STADIUM GATES

As you enter/exit Kroger Field gates, please be extremely cautious of vehicle traffic in surrounding lots and follow instructions of parking lot attendants. Gates 2, 4 and 9 will open one (1) hour prior to kickoff.

## STADIUM SEAT SAFETY

Standing or stepping on stadium seats may lead to serious bodily injury. The KHSAA, in partnership with UK Athletics, requests, for your safety and other stadium guests, that you do not step, stand or use seats in a manner other than intended at Kroger Field.

## UMBRELLAS

Umbrellas may be brought to the stadium but may not be opened in the seating areas.

## WATER

Guests are permitted to enter with one unopened bottle of water smaller than a liter through the entry gates at Kroger Field.

## WEAPONS

All weapons, including firearms, carried either concealed or openly are prohibited items at UK's Kroger Field per KRS 237.115. Anyone in violation of this will not be granted entrance into Kroger Field.

## QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIP

Teams competing in the UK Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine State Football Finals have advanced through the first four (4) rounds of the state playoffs.

The first and second round games are paired from the district standings and the third round is the Region Championship.

The region champions then meet in the semi-state, fourth round for the right to play for a state title.

## COMPETITION DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

The 2020 UK Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine State Football Finals will be held Dec. 18-19 at Kroger Field on the campus of the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

A complete timetable and schedule of events for these championships is posted on the KHSAA website.

It is advisable to be familiar with this timetable and adhere to the restrictions that are in place.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 18

- 1A Championship - 11 a.m. ET
- 2A Championship - 3 p.m. ET
- 4A Championship - 7 p.m. ET

### SATURDAY, DEC. 19

- 3A Championship - 11 a.m. ET
- 5A Championship - 3 p.m. ET
- 6A Championship - 7 p.m. ET



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## PRACTICE/WARM-UP

There is no practice time allowed on Kroger Field's playing surface prior to the game other than the prescribed 40 minute warm-up period.

On the day of the contest, teams may not be on the field wearing any football equipment (including turfs, helmets, pants or pads) prior to 50 minutes before kickoff for any game.

This allows for a 40-minute warm-up time with five (5) minutes remaining for pregame introductions.

There will be no exceptions to these time frames.

Schools violating this policy face the possibility of a fine or other punishment permissible by KHSAA Bylaw 27.

## PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP, ON-SITE MEETING

There will be no mandatory, pre-championship meeting at the venue.

Schools should use the conference call to ask any questions.

Any ground rules will be explained in the pre-game meeting between **coaches and officials**.

## PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

### CONFERENCE CALL

There will be a web conference for participating coaches and athletic directors at 9 a.m. ET on the Monday prior to the championships.

Additional instructions regarding the call will be sent via email once the field is set.

Participants can set up from any location to join the conference and are encouraged to join by computer to view pertinent information, maps, etc.

It is highly advisable to join the call from a computer in order to be able to review instructions and documents, however it is not necessary to have each participant shown on camera.

### FB125 - PARTICIPATING TEAM INFORMATION FORM

By noon on the Monday of championship week, the Athletic Director or Designated Representative from all participating teams must submit form FB125 (Participating Team Information Form), which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

This form asks for information on contact info, housing, cheerleaders, school broadcast radio designation, sideline heaters and bands.

### FB145 - PASS LIST FORM

Each participating team is permitted 40 comp tickets per school and tickets for 25 cheerleaders (plus two coaches). The Athletic Director or Designated Representative must list the name and cell phone number of each on Form FB145 (Pass List Form), which is included as a link at the end of the instructions. Form FB145 shall be emailed to fb@khsaa.org prior to arriving for the finals.

## PRE-EVENT MATERIALS SHIPPED TO EACH SCHOOL

Football

- On Monday of the championship week, representatives of the host school are to be shipped four (4) Spalding Alpha footballs to be given to the winning team.
- These balls may be used in the championship game or be retained by the school for future use.
- The balls are provided courtesy of Spalding as part of its long-term KHSAA sponsorship package.

## MATERIALS TO BE PICKED UP AT KROGER FIELD

Athletic Directors or Designated Representatives may pick up all materials for their schools inside the Commonwealth Tower Lobby at the Media Check-In area two hours before kickoff. These items include comp tickets for non-team party, cheerleaders and extra participants, as well as the team-party field level credentials, etc.



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## DIRECTIONS

Address: 1540 University Drive, Lexington, Ky., 40506-0222

Participating teams should note the published maps on the KHSAA website, which are also included as a link at the end of these instructions.

There are many directional references (North, South, East, West) within the maps and stadium.

For those familiar to Lexington, but not the stadium, the following should help:

- The South side of the stadium is the Alumni Drive side, furthest from downtown.
- The North side of the stadium is parallel to Cooper Drive, closest to downtown.
- The East end of the stadium is parallel to Nicholasville Road.
- The West end of the stadium is parallel to Bates Creek Road.
- Team Loading and Unloading - Gate 1 is at the northwest corner of the stadium, Cooper Drive side, near the indoor training facility, while Gate 9 is at the southeast corner of the stadium, Alumni Drive/Nicholasville Road.
- While the team, cheerleaders and official party will enter Gate 1, the only other pass gate will be at the Commonwealth Tower Lobby.

## TEAM PARTY PARKING

Clearly identified team busses will not need parking passes after unloading but need to follow the parking map to the bus parking area on Farm Road.

Parking passes are not necessary as parking is provided at no charge with a ticket or credential.

## BUS DRIVERS

All drivers of band, cheerleader and other support personnel busses should be directed to the online maps which are included as links at the end of these instructions.

Bus drivers must be prepared at any time to move the team bus, particularly if it is not parked in compliance with the published maps.

Bus drivers should proceed to the Commonwealth Tower Lobby for admission ticket at media check-in.

## LOADING AND UNLOADING

Teams will load and unload players, and equipment trucks will load and unload equipment at Gates 1 and 9 before proceeding to the Farm Road parking area unless otherwise directed by University personnel.

Bus drivers must pay attention to the route maps as well as parking attendants to ensure smooth flow of traffic, patrons and team members.

## BAND AND PEP BUSES

Pep busses may drop off students holding tickets at any available entry gate.

Cheer and band busses should plan on dropping the students near Gates 1 and 9 on the directional map before proceeding to the Farm Road parking area.

## GENERAL FAN PARKING

Access to all parking is in the lots as detailed on the maps on the KHSAA website.

Parking will be provided at no charge for those holding an admission ticket.

Parking lots are anticipated to open one (1) hour prior to kick-off of the first game each day.

## LODGING

VisitLEX - The Lexington Convention and Visitor's Bureau - has coordinated the assignment of teams to housing for this year's finals.

No housing allowances are provided to teams within 40 miles of the site. If those teams desire housing, they must make their own accommodations.





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Schools are responsible for all lodging bills. At this time, with severe limitations on attendance, there are no reimbursements planned for travel that will be distributed to participating schools

School administrators should contact John Pohl, VisitLEX's Director of Sports and Equine Sales, at (859) 749-2101, regarding your pre-arranged housing for the finals if you have issues.

Mr. Pohl has been in contact with all semifinal teams and you are reminded to follow the directions to be sure you are able to obtain housing, if desired.

The complete listing of assigned hotels will be placed online after arrangements and team assignments are finalized.

## **BYLAW 22 - REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY**

You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a principal, coach or another approved individual of the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school.

## **TICKETS AND FAN ADMISSION**

### **GENERAL TICKET SALES**

Tickets are \$15 and will be assigned, reserved seats due to social distancing guidelines and reduced capacity. Field Club seats will be included in the regular sales to the teams assigned to the South side of the stadium (Alumni Drive side).

Tickets are digital only and are encouraged to be purchased in advance using the links on the KHSAA and UK host websites.

Children two (2) and under are admitted free.

A very limited amount of Woodford Reserve Club tickets will be available for \$30.

Any individual not in uniform as a participant or holding a team-party credential will be required to have a ticket for admittance.

### **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS/PASSES**

No passes, other than those produced by the Association for the championships, will be honored at the gate.

Examples of passes NOT accepted include, principal passes and cards, coach passes and cards, athletic director passes, official passes and any other type of identification.

### **WHEELCHAIR/A.D.A. ACCOMMODATIONS**

Accommodations will be made at the venue for persons in wheelchairs and those otherwise unable to utilize the traditional stadium seating.

Due to insurance and other concerns, there will be NO patron wheelchairs allowed on field level.

All requests for accessible seating shall be handled by the ticketing staff at Gate 9.5.

A shuttle will be available for patrons parking in the green accessible parking lot and needing to go to the ticket office.

### **CLEARING THE STANDS BETWEEN GAMES**

Each game fits into a distinct, ticketed session. Therefore, audible efforts will be made to clear the stands between games.

The Woodford Reserve and Field Club seating areas will be cleared following each game as well.

## **OFFICIAL TEAM PARTY ADMISSION**

### **GENERAL TEAM PARTY PROVISIONS**

Each school will be provided 40 team-party credentials with field-level access only during its respective game, including warm-ups and postgame. These credentials will be included in the team packet picked up inside the Commonwealth Tower Lobby.

These are the ONLY field-level credentials provided and must be worn by ALL individuals that are not uniformed players, including all on-field members of the coaching staff and school administrators.

Photographers and videographers may not use these credentials and those individuals issued these credentials may not have photo equipment.

Team traveling parties must purchase tickets to attend championship games other than their own.

All other persons entering the stadium other than as a group must have a ticket and may not be on field level.



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## **PARTICIPANT ADMISSION**

Up to 60 players in uniform will be admitted to the stadium at Gates 1 and 9 following team drop off.

Extra players above the limit of 60 listed on the postseason roster will have reserved tickets included in the team box picked up in the Commonwealth Tower Lobby.

## **FIELD-LEVEL ADMINISTRATORS**

Each team is to complete Form FB125 (Participating Team Information Form), included as a link at the end of these instructions, to be given to security and local law enforcement in case of any issues with fans or for when administrative support is needed from the school.

Teams may issue up to four (4) Field-Level Administrator passes, which must come from the 40-team party credentials.

These allow school administration to be on the field in front of their school's section to assist with crowd control as needed.

Administrators are expected to make themselves known to field-level KHSAA staff in case they are needed.

## **FIELD LEVEL COACHES AND OTHERS IN TEAM BOX (NOT PLAYERS IN UNIFORM)**

All members of the traveling party must wear their team party credential unless they are in full competition uniform, including shoulder pads. This includes coaches, managers, doctors, bus drivers, non-dressing players and all other personnel wanting access to the games and field.

Individuals needing field access, but not in playing uniform, will need to be issued a Team Party Credential from the allotment given to each team.

This field access is only for the areas between the 10-yard lines and cannot be used for still photography or video purposes.

Team Party access is only good for the game in which the credential holder's team is playing.

No one may come onto the playing field without a Team Party Credential.

Administrators should include coaches, coaches' wives/husbands, administrators, etc., in their plans for distributing the passes.

If using a Team Party credential, each person will be required to stay within the team box except for performing necessary functions (statistics, team doctors, etc.). Credentialed persons are liable for a penalty should they be out of the box for any other reason.

No person under 13 is permitted on the sideline and there is no allowance for baby strollers or other child carrying device even when accompanied by an adult.

School's are accountable for the conduct of all persons in the team box with regards to the competition rules.

When in doubt, non-essential persons to the playing of the game should be in the stands.

## **COACHING BOX PASSES AND REGULATIONS**

The four (4) Coaching Box Passes must come from the 40 team-party credentials and include field-level access during the contest.

All coaches in the box must be on the school's approved list, meeting all Bylaw 25 criteria.

Photographers and videographers may not use these credentials and those issued these credentials may not have photo equipment.

## **TEAM VIDEO PASSES AND REGULATIONS (COACHING PURPOSES ONLY)**

The up to two (2) persons holding Video Passes, which come from the 40 team-party credentials, will access the video deck by going to Gate 1 and using Elevator 13.

Team Party Credentials must be worn by these individuals if they come down to the sideline before, during or after the game.

As a reminder, Team Video Passes are granted for coaching purposes ONLY.

## **CHEERLEADERS ADMISSION**

A maximum of 25 cheerleaders and two (2) coaches may be present for each participating school and will be given admission at Gates 1 and 9 with a ticket provided in the team packet picked up inside the Commonwealth Tower Lobby.

All members must be listed on Form FB145 (Pass List Form), which is included as a link at the end of these instructions and shall be emailed to [fb@khsaa.org](mailto:fb@khsaa.org).



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The squad will be provided a seating section adjacent to their school's sideline. Tentatively, these are set for Section 1 (North sideline) and Section 21 (South sideline).

This seating area will be sectioned off and school administrators will be responsible for ensuring their fans (especially student body) do not intermingle with this group and/or section.

Cheerleaders are NOT to be on the playing field and may NOT do any stunting. Masks/face coverings must be worn at all times when not actively eating or drinking.

The squad, with coaches, must enter AS A GROUP.

## **BAND ADMISSION**

A maximum band of 35 members plus one (1) instructor may purchase tickets by contacting Bryan Minrovic in the UK Tickets Office at [bryan.minrovic@uky.edu](mailto:bryan.minrovic@uky.edu).

The group will be provided a seating section adjacent to their school's sideline. Tentatively, these are set for Section 1 (North sideline) and Section 21 (South sideline).

This seating area will be sectioned off and school administrators will be responsible for ensuring their fans (especially student body) do not intermingle with this group and/or section.

Bands, including the director/sponsor, must enter AS A GROUP.

Cases will be subject to inspection to ensure presence of an instrument.

No one associated with the band is permitted on the playing field.

## **VENUE LOGISTICS**

### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING SECURITY PROCEDURES**

Be aware that when you enter the event, bags, purses and packages are subject to be searched.

In the event that an item is found to be contrary to the security practices implemented by Local and Federal law enforcement authorities, you may be forced to return items to your car and/or hotel prior to entering the stadium.

The individuals involved with this determination are adhering to applicable Federal, State and Local guidelines and your cooperation is appreciated.

Please arrive to the stadium in time to allow the venue to properly execute its security plan.

The KHSAA will adhere to the [SEC Clear Bag Policy](#).

### **LOCKER ROOMS**

Teams should note that the locker rooms will not be available until two (2) hours prior to game time.

Only individuals with the team party or players in uniform will be allowed in the locker room.

Please inform parents and/or boosters of this important, safety driven restriction.

Team shall practice social distancing and follow time constraints within their locker rooms to follow state and local government guidelines.

Teams are asked to be proactive regarding use of the locker room by arriving dressed in competition equipment, excluding shoulder pads and helmets.

- School administrators and coaches will be in charge of enforcing these guidelines.

A representative of the school and the KHSAA playoff staff will inspect the locker room before and after the game.

It is expected that each of the locker rooms will be left in the same condition after the game as before the game.

The KHSAA will take whatever action is necessary, including fining the particular school and assessing the cost for cleanup, to those schools leaving the locker room in unsatisfactory condition.

The KHSAA employs a great deal of security for the championships, as well as assistants to help with the locker rooms.

It is strongly suggested that schools use a "valuables bag" to be taken to the team bench for added security.



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## LOCATION OF TEAMS, BENCHES, LOCKER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Friday, December 18, 11 a.m. ET

- Class 1A, TOP half of the bracket
  - Benches and fans on the SOUTH side of the field, where the Woodford Reserve and Field Club seating is located
  - Locker Room 2
- Class 1A, BOTTOM half of the bracket
  - Benches on the NORTH side of the field
  - Locker Room 4

Friday, December 18, 3 p.m. ET

- Class 2A, TOP half of the bracket
  - Benches and fans on the SOUTH side of the field, where the Woodford Reserve and Field Club seating is located
  - Locker Room 1
- Class 2A, BOTTOM half of the bracket
  - Benches on the NORTH side of the field
  - Locker Room 3

Friday, December 18, 7 p.m. ET

- Class 4A, TOP half of the bracket
  - Benches and fans on the SOUTH side of the field, where the Woodford Reserve and Field Club seating is located
  - Locker Room 2
- Class 4A, BOTTOM half of the bracket
  - Benches on the NORTH side of the field
  - Locker Room 4

Saturday, December 19, 11 a.m. ET

- Class 3A, TOP half of the bracket
  - Benches and fans on the SOUTH side of the field, where the Woodford Reserve and Field Club seating is located
  - Locker Room 1
- Class 3A, BOTTOM half of the bracket
  - Benches on the NORTH side of the field
  - Locker Room 3

Saturday, December 19, 3 p.m. ET

- Class 5A, TOP half of the bracket
  - Benches and fans on the SOUTH side of the field, where the Woodford Reserve and Field Club seating is located
  - Locker Room 2
- Class 5A, BOTTOM half of the bracket
  - Benches on the NORTH side of the field
  - Locker Room 4

Saturday, December 19, 7 p.m. ET

- Class 6A, TOP half of the bracket
  - Benches and fans on the SOUTH side of the field, where the Woodford Reserve and Field Club seating is located
  - Locker Room 2
- Class 6A, BOTTOM half of the bracket
  - Benches on the NORTH side of the field
  - Locker Room 3/4



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## TENTS

No three (3) or four (4) sided sideline tents may be used. At least two of the sides must be open.

## HOME AND VISITOR AND JERSEYS

The highest rated team per the playoff RPI shall be the home team and the lower RPI rated team shall be the visiting team.

In all games, the visiting team shall wear its white jerseys.

In all games, the home team shall wear its dark jersey, clearly contrasting to white.

## FIELD ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Per KHSAA policy, no coach - high school, collegiate or professional - may be on the playing surface from the start of official warm-ups through the end of the contest.

The only exception to this policy is for coaches of participating teams.

## OFFICIALS

In compliance with the Federal Court Decree, the Commissioner will assign all officials.

The officials will be announced by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association during the finals week.

Officials will be assigned based upon performance review and advancement of teams during the playoffs.

Copies of the assignments will be posted for review on the KHSAA website no later than Wednesday before the contests.

## PROHIBITED ITEMS

Amplified sound systems of any type, even if used by cheerleaders.

Animals of any type.

Any form of laser light shone toward a participant at any time, including players, coaches, officials and field-level administrators.

Band music or performance played at any time other than pregame, halftime, post-game and timeouts.

Electronic amplification equipment (except official band instruments).

Electronic, mechanical or semi-mechanical noisemakers, including stereos, speakers, cannons, fireworks, electronic horns, tanks, etc. used anywhere outside of the locker room.

Large field level objects, including oversized mascots that obstruct or could obstruct the view of any fan, participant or media representative.

Posters/signs/placards adhered to any permanent surface with any glue or adhesive material (signs may be attached to railing as long as done with easily removable string, tape or rope and doesn't obstruct existing signage and must be removed immediately following the contest).

Posters/signs/placards that contain derogatory language or sayings or negatively refer to the name of an opponent or member of the team.

Posters/signs/placards that are blocking the view of any patron.

Tobacco-related products by players, coaches, support personnel (i.e., managers and trainers), game personnel (officials, chain crews and table crews) and staff during warm-ups and competition (including banquets, press conferences, post-game interviews, and at all stadium areas).

The tobacco prohibition is applicable to all activities at the venue including press box areas and locker rooms.

Umbrellas (if opened during play).

No recorded music or other type of reproduction subject to copyright restrictions will be permitted.

## CONDUCTING THE EVENT

### ROSTERS

The online roster may not be changed or supplemented as it became final during week one (1) of the playoffs per the notification to member schools.

For athletic administrators, it is the "postseason" roster that is utilized in the school subsystem.



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Rosters are restricted to a limit of 60 players in uniform and participating in warm-ups and competition.

All non-uniformed team members who are not essential to game management shall be seated in the bleachers or general seating area and able to socially distance from other groups.

## FORMS AND INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY TEAMS

All of the following links and forms are included at the end of these instructions:

Log in to the KHSAA website and update your statistics for the semifinal game prior to noon on Monday via the school subdomain.

Complete the following forms by noon on Tuesday:

- School Media Form (SI103)
- Two-Deep Form (FB134)

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA to make pre-game decisions with regards to postponement or rescheduling, including getting proper notification to all teams, media outlets and schools.

Once the game has begun and after, emergency implementation decisions will come from UK.

Staff will utilize the KHSAA website, Twitter and the KHSAA text notification system to provide updates.

KHSAA officials will make every effort to learn the weather forecast prior to the start of play as the safety of the public and participants is the most important factor in any decision.

## WARM-UPS

Warm-up time will start 50 minutes prior to kickoff before each game.

## PRE-GAME INTRODUCTIONS

There will be no introductions of individual players or teams.

Teams will proceed to their sideline following warm-ups.

Final instructions for procedure will be communicated by the team attendants.

## TIMEOUTS

NFHS timeout rules will be used at this event.

All timeouts will be one minute and 15 seconds (1:15) in length, including timeouts after a score.

There will be NO media timeouts during the games.

## HALFTIME

Halftime will be 15 minutes for each game.

## FIELD CONDITIONS, GOAL POSTS, HASH MARKS

Kroger Field is a synthetic surface.

Goal posts at the state finals are set at the college width, which has been consistent since the mid-1970s.

Based on the goal post width, the hash marks will be 60 feet from the sidelines, slightly toward the middle of the field from the normal high-school dimensions.

In the event of inclement weather, the KHSAA and game officials will make any determinations with regard to field conditions and playability.

## FIELD PHONES

Each school may use its own wireless or wired communication for this event.

Schools utilizing their own equipment will not have equal access provisions in the event that their headsets are not working as this is solely a school issue.



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Schools are advised that most generally available equipment owned by member schools will have communication issues due to frequency restrictions around the stadium.

Any school using its own equipment to communicate shall provide specific frequency information using KHSAA Form FB143 to the Association prior to Thursday as the Association will retain a frequency coordinator to help mitigate conflicts in frequencies. Additional equipment will be available as a backup from the Association.

Teams desiring to use the KHSAA equipment can coordinate that with their team attendant.

KHSAA headsets may only be checked out by an approved and qualified coach.

Schools utilizing the KHSAA provided headsets are responsible for the full cost of replacement for any damaged headsets or equipment.

## **GAME BALLS AND BALL PERSONS**

For the championship games, each team is to provide Spalding footballs which may be used as the game ball when that team is on offense.

It is not required that the provided balls are used, but it is required that any ball used by either team be Spalding brand.

Each team is to be prepared to provide ball persons for both sides of the field to help with game administration.

These individuals will be provided with identifying vests which must be returned following the game.

Under no circumstances are the ball persons to go onto the playing field as they are to relay the ball to the official next to them on the sidelines.

Ball persons shall exercise social distance at all times.

## **TOWELS**

The Association does not provide towels for the teams participating in the playoffs.

Postgame showers will not be available.

## **WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

Coaches and athletes are reminded to bring their own water bottles and no community dispensers can be used.

Refer to the "All Sports Guidance" section of the "Healthy at Sports" document (<https://bit.ly/3nnFr0o>) for multiple references to water, hydration and food guidelines.

## **RULES EMPHASIS, REMINDERS, BANDS**

### **PLAYING RULES**

National Federation Playing Rules will be utilized without exception.

### **OVERTIME**

The NFHS recommended tie-breaking procedure (10-yard series) will be used in the event the contest is tied at the end of regulation.

### **BAND PERFORMANCES**

The playing of the National Anthem will be the responsibility of the KHSAA.

By rule, the band is not to play or cheers be given when the ball is live and particularly when the opposing team has the ball and the ball is about to become live.

Drums, cymbals, bells and mechanical noisemakers shall not be used to assist cheering.

Band performances will be limited to six (6) minutes each if both bands desire to play.

The home team shall have the right to perform first.

All band performances must be from the stands.



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## HEALTH INFORMATION

### ATHLETIC TRAINERS, DOCTORS

Information from University of Kentucky Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, led by Rob Ullery, will be provided to each of the competing teams.

Mr. Ullery will be in touch with each team early in the week of the finals to communicate not only with the school representatives, but with the assigned medical staff from your school.

Each team is also entitled to have its own team doctor available, but must make any field-level accommodations for the doctor with one of the Team Party credentials if sideline access is desired.

An ambulance will be on site, as well as first aid stations in the stadium.

A trainer will be provided and stationed outside the end zone during all games.

Trainers will be available for consultation one (1) hour before each game, as well as during and after the contest.

### EMERGENCY TREATMENT

Ambulance services will be on call/on site for this event.

First Aid and Emergency Responders are provided for patrons through Kroger Field resources, including an AED unity.

Field Level AEDs will be located in the training staff headquarters and in the field level KHSAA office.

Should emergency medical treatment be necessary, the injured person(s) will be transported to A.B. Chandler Hospital, 800 Rose Street, Lexington, KY 40506.

The member school administration is responsible for ensuring that the parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

The Principal, Athletic Director and/or the Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (the physical exam form) for this purpose, as this form contains appropriate language and should be brought for each athlete to the finals.

### VENUE SAFETY

Persons who attend KHSAA events may be injured as a result of the risks inherent in being a spectator at such events.

Please advise KHSAA or venue personnel of any situation you encounter in which you or a team member feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

### EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff and venue personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan for this event.

The plan will be available upon arrival to the site from the athletic training staff.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

### GENERAL SPORTSMANSHIP

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values.

All parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility, and perspective.

Officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

Let this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

Participating teams shall notify your non-competing students and fans that they are not to come on the playing field prior to, during, or following the game.

Any member school who has students relocate to a specific section of the stadium to rendezvous with team members; has team members enter the stands following the game, or has members of its cheering section enter the field en masse following the game will be penalized as a violation of KHSAA Bylaw 15 (Practice of Sportsmanship).

Teams cannot leave the field to go into the stands and meet parents.





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## FAN BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS

- The Field-Level Administrators are expected to assist in ensuring that fans do not come onto the playing field.
- Please make regular announcements to the student body regarding stadium damage and restricted items.
- Remind fans which side of the stadium your team has been assigned and distribute copies of the parking locator maps.
- No one is to come onto the playing field without being in uniform or wearing a Team Party credential.
- Fans, including parents, are to stay in the stands before, during and after the game.
- Please make certain you inform your student body and the team family that the school will be financially liable for damage to any part of the stadium.
- Note that all fans entering the stadium are subject to the search of any personal belongings, including purses, bags, carry-alls, back packs, etc.
- Schools will be penalized to the fullest extent of KHSAA Bylaw 27 as a violation of Bylaw 15 for violations of these provisions.
- Parents may meet team members following the game outside of the stadium gates.

## MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

### SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

- Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a student or full-time school employee, for the sole purpose of reporting the events and for taking non-commercial pictures for yearbooks, school publications, etc.
- Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.
- This pass must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online system using Form SI103 which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.
- The individual receiving the School Media Pass shall be admitted into the game via credential which may be picked up inside the Commonwealth Tower Lobby between Gates 10 and 11.
- No School Media Pass will be issued at the gate the day of the game without advance application.
- Persons issued a School Media Pass are not permitted in the team box (between the 10-yard lines).
- There is to be NO cheering or team support from approved school media representatives.
- Photographers retained by the school, school system or booster organizations may not be issued a School Media Pass but must use the traditional media credentialing system to apply for credentials.

### TRADITIONAL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

- Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through KHSAA Form SI106.
- Applications should be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.

### MEDIA BROADCASTS/FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER RIGHTS FEES

- Freelance/commercial photographers and radio stations interested in originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event are subject to a media rights fee and will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.
- Information regarding the rights fee for the state finals is available through KHSAA Form SI106.

### TEAM BROADCASTS

- The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to originate or authorize a video broadcast of any type at KHSAA State Championship events.
- By paying the requisite fee, each school qualifying for a KHSAA State Championship event may designate one (1) radio station or website to originate an AUDIO-only broadcast of each game its affiliated school participates in.
- An official representative of the participating school shall designate to the KHSAA which station/website will be permitted to broadcast its game using the Participating Team Information Form included at the end of these instructions.



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The radio station/website shall then apply for championship credentials through KHSAA Form SI106.

Additional area radio stations desiring to air a game can contact Joe Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org) for information about embedding the KHSAA's Mixlr channel broadcast into its website.

## **WEBCAST/INTERNET BROADCAST OF GAMES (AUDIO AND VIDEO)**

The KHSAA will stream all six (6) games and is the exclusive home for such live webcasts, which will also be a part of the NFHS Network and available on a subscription basis.

Audio from the KHSAA broadcasts will be streamed live for all games as well at KHSAA.net.

The audio and video links can be found at KHSAA.org by clicking on KHSAA.tv (streaming) and KHSAA.net (audio) and are also listed at the end of these instructions.

No other entity will be permitted to produce live video from the 2020 UK Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine State Football Finals, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during state level events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live and Periscope (via Twitter®).

## **FILMING/VIDEO RECORDING**

There shall be no filming (or other digital recording) of any football playoff final, other than by media members credentialed by the KHSAA or those involved with the approved coaching tape.

Credentialed outlets' entire recording unit must be contained within their seat and present no obstruction to other spectators.

Those wishing to film the game from field level for postgame highlights must wear a KHSAA Photographer/Videographer vest and stay within the marked media area. Media members are not permitted inside the team box.

## **FAN FILMING**

Spectators may film with a handheld camera from the general seating areas.

No live streaming is allowed through any platform.

No external power sources or Kroger Field power sources may be used by patrons.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

The KHSAA employs, at a significant expense, commercial photographers to take pictures during the championships, including, pre and postgame events and action shots during the game.

These photographs will be online for sale through the KHSAA photos site within 72 hours of the completion of the finals, using the link at the end of these instructions.

All photographers should be directed to the KHSAA for credentialing, and not through any school media pass.

All photographers who will sell their work, regardless of contract holder, must come through the credentialing system and will pay a rights fee.

## **OFFICIAL STATISTICS**

The KHSAA provides official statistics for the games.

Official stats will be available live on the KHSAA website and a final box score will be posted following the game.

Due to space constraints, there is no space provided in the press box for team statisticians.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS DURING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

KHSAA Digital and Online Network

- During the pregame, a representative of the KHSAA radio network may visit with each coach as a means of introduction and identification.
- This will facilitate the pregame, halftime and postgame interviews.
- This interview will be done outside the locker room.

During Game and Special Program



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- Any media member desiring special accommodations, including the “wiring” of a coach, etc., must seek permission through KHSAA Communications Director Joe Angolia (jangolia@khsaa.org) as this is precluded by rules due to event copyrights and equal access policies.
- Please direct any inquiries for interviews/accommodations of this type to Mr. Angolia.
- School officials and members of the athletic and coaching staffs are not permitted to make exceptions to this policy.

## Pregame and Locker room

- The KHSAA does not allow individuals with media credentials inside team locker rooms for any reason to ensure equal access for all reporters, irrespective of gender or media type.
- School officials and members of the athletic and coaching staffs are not permitted to make exceptions to this policy.
- Pregame interviews by media representatives should be done outside of the locker rooms.

## POSTGAME INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA NEEDS

In order to actively promote social distancing during these times, a change has been made for ALL media members during the championships. All postgame interviews will be conducted in a designated area (no interviews may be conducted prior to or on field).

- Following the game, there will be a brief (five minutes or less) period for teams to spontaneously react to the game’s ending.
- As the teams complete acknowledgment of one another, KHSAA representatives will take the winning coach and two players to the concourse ramp at Gate 12 where a temporary interview area will be provided.
- The coach and players will be in marked areas for up to 10 minutes of questions, with all media representatives asked to maintain appropriate distances from both each other and the coach/player representatives.
- When a period has completed for questions for the winning school, the coach and two players from the runner-up team will be brought to the area for a similar procedure.
- Dan White of the KHSAA staff will coordinate these interviews.
- Media representatives may place digital recording devices in the proximity of those being interviewed but are asked not to be close to the coaches or players during the interview process.
- Sound amplification will be provided in this area.
- It remains our goal to help all outlets get the material they need in a timely manner while respecting the current public health conditions.
- Any additional interviews should be conducted as the team is exiting the stadium, while maintaining social distancing.
- We appreciate your cooperation with this process.

## CORPORATE PRESENCE AND LOGOS

The 2020 UK Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine State Football Finals is under exclusive rights with several major companies regarding promotional material and equipment.

As such, the KHSAA is legally compelled to enforce the restrictions of those contracts and will take whatever action necessary, including confiscation of items for the duration of the finals, in order to protect those agreements.

The official name of the championship venue is Kroger Field.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all state championship rounds of the KHSAA postseason 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).

The Commissioner is the manager of all state championship play.

## EVENT MERCHANDISE

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online post event via the [TeamIP link](#) on all pages of the KHSAA website.

TeamIP is the exclusive vendor of championship apparel, please look for their tent at the championship event to purchase memorabilia.



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No outside merchandise representative of the event may be produced by any other entity and sold or distributed inside the playing facility.

Pre-printed or otherwise produced shirts or novelty items commemorating the championship victory or participation are not permitted in the stadium.

Persons attempting to bring such items into the stadium will have those items confiscated by event personnel.

## POST EVENT

### RESULTS

Scores and statistics will be posted on the KHSAA/Riherds Scoreboard and on the KHSAA website following each game.

### TROPHIES AND AWARDS

There are to be no post-game mass gatherings to present awards.

After completion of each game, trophies and awards will be delivered to the teams as they are exiting the stadium for presentation by the school at a later time.

- The state champion will receive a team trophy and 59 medals.
- The state runner-up will receive a team trophy and 59 medals.
  - o Additional medals may be ordered by school representatives by contacting the KHSAA.

After each game, a member of the winning squad will be selected to receive the Most Valuable Player Award, which will be selected by the tournament press box staff and included in the awards delivered to the teams outside of the stadium.

Teams should exit the field immediately following the game while avoiding crowding and gathering to respect social distancing.

### FANS, PARENTS AND PLAYERS AFTER THE GAME

Parents should wait outside of the Kroger Field gates if they wish to see their student-athlete after the game.

There is to be no gathering in Kroger Field parking lots post championship games.

The school representatives designated on Form FB125 (using the link at the end of these instructions) will be contacted should any student member of the cheering section exhibit conduct such that local police must get involved.

Security shall assist in getting the teams to the locker room IMMEDIATELY following the games.

There is NOT an opportunity for special pictures with trophies, players going into the stands, etc.

Teams will be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 27 for players attempting to climb or otherwise go into the stands following the game.

### EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

At this time, with severe limitations on attendance, there are no reimbursements planned for travel that will be distributed to participating schools in KHSAA championship events for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Commissioner and Board of Control will continually evaluate the association budget throughout the school year and determine the best, most feasible and most practical course of action in this regard prior to the end of June.

### DAMAGE TO FACILITY

The KHSAA will take whatever action is necessary, including fining the particular school and assessing the cost for repair, to those schools leaving the seating area in a damaged condition or destroying any arena property, including fences, gates and barriers that can be directly attributed to the student body or representatives of the school.

## IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Football Website](#)
- [Healthy at Sports - Stage 3 - Performance, Return to Competition: Considerations for Fall Sports, Football](#)
- [Statistics Entry Form](#)
- [Two-Deep Roster Form](#)
- [GE04 \(Physical Exam Form\) - \(Spanish Version\)](#)



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- [FB125 - Participating Team Information Form](#)
- [FB145 - Pass List Form \(DOCX\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [SI106 - Football Media Credential Request Form](#)
- [SI103 - School Media Credential Request Form](#)
- [Media Rights Fee Schedule](#)
- [FB143 - Radio Frequency Form](#)
- [KHSAA.tv \(Video\)](#)
- [KHSAA.net \(Audio\)](#)