

BYLAW 9. BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL CONTESTANT ON OTHER TEAMS, POSTSEASON AND ALL-STAR GAMES

Sec. 1) BASKETBALL

a) Restrictions from First Day of School through Day Prior to the First Day of Practice

(1) From the first day of school through the day prior to the first legal day of practice, no student, who after enrolling in grade nine (9) has subsequently been a contestant in basketball at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in basketball, may participate in:

- a. any manner on any nonschool sponsored team in basketball;
- b. any all-star game in basketball;
- c. any type of organized competition in basketball or variation of basketball with the exception of competition that meets the camp restrictions as detailed below in subsection (2); or
- d. any other event not sanctioned by the Board of Control.

(2) Permissible competition by males during this period shall include only those camps that are held on the campus of an NCAA or NAIA member institution or conducted by a single NCAA or NAIA member institution within a 100-mile radius of the NCAA or NAIA member institution's campus, when the only available coaches in attendance for the purpose of evaluation are the employed coaches of that institution.

(3) Permissible competition by females during this period shall include only permitted evaluations held at nonscholastic women's basketball events during the weekend designated for evaluation by NCAA coaches.

b) Restrictions from First Day of School through the Last Scheduled Contest

(1) From the first day of school through the last scheduled contest played in basketball (including KHSAA-sanctioned postseason contests) by the school, no student who, after enrolling in grade nine (9) has been a contestant in basketball at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in basketball, may participate in any manner on any nonschool sponsored team in basketball; in any all-star game in basketball; or any type of organized competition in basketball or variation of basketball unless it has been sanctioned by the Board of Control.

c) Restrictions following the End of Season

(1) Following the team's last scheduled game (including postseason), there are no restrictions on play in basketball for the student-athletes with the exception of the published restrictions in Bylaw 23.

Sec. 2) FOOTBALL

a) Restrictions from First Day of Practice through Last Scheduled Contest

(1) From the first day of practice with the school through the last scheduled contest played in football (including KHSAA-sanctioned postseason contests) by the school, no student who, after enrolling in grade nine (9) has subsequently been a contestant in football, at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in football may participate in:

- a. any manner on any nonschool sponsored team in football;
- b. any all-star game in football; or
- c. any type of organized competition in football or variation of football unless it has been sanctioned by the Board of Control.

b) Restrictions following the End of Season

(1) Following the team's last scheduled game (including postseason), there are no restrictions on play in football for the student-athletes with the exception of the published restrictions on the issuance of equipment detailed in Bylaw 23.

Case BL-9-1- Why are there restrictions on basketball and football participants that prevent them from playing in outside competition during the school year, prior to the end of their competitive seasons?

A restriction on nonschool athletic participation in these sports attempts to protect students who choose to participate on their school's athletic teams from exploitation by those who seek to capitalize on their skill and/or reputation. In addition, the restriction:

- (1) *Avoids inherent risks to participation in nonschool athletic programs that may have inadequate administrative oversight;*
- (2) *Discourages outside entities from pressuring student-athletes to miss classes while competing on nonschool teams or in nonschool events;*
- (3) *Equalizes competition by reducing any unfair advantage students who participate in nonschool athletics may have over those who do not participate in outside events, and*
- (4) *Reduces distractions from academic preparation and other school responsibilities.*

A nonschool athletic participation restriction in these sports also provides some control over the trend towards year-round competitive sports seasons. The regulation operates to reduce, or even eliminate, conflicts which may arise due to: time conflicts of practices, games, playoffs, differing coaching philosophies of the school coaching staff and the nonschool coaching staff, and team loyalty.

Case BL-9-2- What specifically is permissible, and not permissible for basketball players to participate in after the first day of school?

The following situations would be expressly prohibited:

- (1) *Any play involving more than two (2) people at a time where score is kept, either among the players, on a flip scoreboard, digital scoreboard, or using any other device;*
- (2) *Any play involving a third party acting in the role of a contest official, whether or not the person is a licensed or approved official;*
- (3) *Any type of play against other players where the teams are selected either prior to arrival or after arrival, by any other method than simple player selection by the players themselves;*
- (4) *Any play at any event where school funds are expended for participation fees, travel or any other expense, including fees paid by booster organizations or any member of the coaching staff;*
- (5) *Any play where future play is predicated by the outcome of other play at or preceding the event; and*
- (6) *Any play at which players wear school team identifying apparel of any type.*

The following situations would be permitted:

- (1) *Activity such as individual play or skill development or technique drills where neither score nor time are kept and future play is not predicated by results of other play;*
- (2) *"Pick-up" type of action initiated solely by players, and with no coaches, event organizers, promoters, referees, scorekeepers or event sponsors having any involvement in the activity whatsoever; or*
- (3) *Any individual instructional activity fully funded by the student participant at his/her own expense.*

Case BL-9-3- For the purposes of Bylaw 9, when are the seasons for basketball and football?

For the interpretation of this rule, the basketball and football seasons are considered to start on the opening date of school. Student-athletes who have both been enrolled in grade nine, and participated in a contest at the high school level (freshmen, junior varsity or varsity) cannot participate in outside competition during this time.

Case BL-9-4- Does Bylaw 9 apply to participants in any sport other than basketball or football?

No. There are no restrictions on the student-athletes in sports other than football and basketball as it relates to outside competition during the season or prior to the season beginning.

Case BL-9-5- Does Bylaw 9 restrict a student who hasn't yet played for the school in basketball from playing in an outside league or in any other organized competitive setting in basketball during the school year prior to the season?

No, not until he/she has been enrolled in grade nine and played for a team in a contest at any level (grades 9-12) within the school. The restriction, which also applies to outside competition in football by football players, does not apply to incoming freshmen or any other student who hasn't yet represented the school.

Case BL-9-6- Are there any exceptions to the participation restrictions in Bylaw 9 in girls' basketball exposure events?

Yes. For the girls, Bylaw 9 does not apply during the NCAA exempt weekend for nonscholastic girls' basketball events, which is September 23-25, 2016. There is no application necessary for girls to have that exemption.

Case BL-9-7- Are there any exceptions to the participation restrictions in Bylaw 9 for participation in Olympic Development Activities?

Yes. The Board of Control has authorized the Commissioner to consider, on a case-by-case basis, waivers to any restrictions contained in Bylaw 9 or Bylaw 23 that would allow participation by an enrolled student or employed coach in officially sanctioned U.S. Olympic Development activities. Organizations such as USA Basketball, USA Track and Field and other similar groups that have officially sanctioned Olympic Development activities, can request, through the appropriate member school, that these restrictions be waived and participation allowed.
