

BYLAW 14. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 1) GRADUATES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Any student who has graduated from a secondary school, or who has ever played on a college team, is thereafter ineligible to play on a high school team.

Sec. 2) PRACTICE OF INELIGIBLE STUDENTS

- A student awaiting a ruling regarding eligibility under Bylaws 6, 7 or 8 shall not be eligible to compete, including practice, at any level (freshman, JV or varsity) during the periods defined by Bylaw 23.
- A student ineligible by any of Bylaws 2 through 14 may not participated in competition at the varsity level.
- A student ineligible under the provisions of Bylaw 4, Sections 1(a), 1(b) and 2; Bylaws 12, 13, and 14; Bylaw 4, Section 3 for middle school students; and those students failing to meet the requirements of the Competition rules related to safety regulations as define may not practice with the high school team at any level or participate in non-varsity competition.
- All other practice by ineligible student-athletes who are otherwise permitted to be on the sport or sport-activity roster of the member school shall be determined by the member school if applicable through these and other regulations.

Sec. 3) ASSUMED NAME

If a player enters a contest under an assumed name or when not properly certified, he or she shall be permanently ineligible, and his or her school shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 27.

Case BL-14-1- Is it permissible for a student to play on a school team after he/she has graduated from high school?

Yes, but only to complete the spring sports season including baseball, softball, tennis, and track of the student-athlete's senior year if graduation occurs before KHSAA sponsored state championship play is completed. Any participant is eligible to continue participating in KHSAA sponsored state championship competition even if their spring semester has ended or graduation has been held. Only those students eligible as of the final weekly grade check may compete on any of the teams mentioned.

Case BL-14-2- If a student is in possession of a GED, does that mean the student has graduated and is ineligible per Bylaw 14, Sec. 1?

No. A student, who has previously earned a GED but who is under 21 and has not achieved a traditional high school diploma, remains eligible for educational services from a Kentucky public school district and is not summarily eligible for athletics. This interpretation is also supported by the fact that the military is no longer accepting a GED in place of a high school diploma. Lastly, KRS 158.030 requires a school district to provide an education to "every child residing in the district who satisfies the age requirements of this section has had the privilege of attending it. A local school district shall enroll any resident pupil, not holding a high school diploma, under the age of twenty-one (21) years of age who wishes to enroll." For these reasons and congruent with enrollment regulations, the GED does not count as a student having graduated for the purposes of applying Bylaw 14.

Case BL-14-3- What are the provisions regarding a student practicing after transferring or while awaiting a ruling?

Once a student enrolls at a member school after transferring from another school after playing varsity following enrollment in grade nine, they are automatically ineligible for one year from the date of their last participation. Therefore at the point of enrollment, the transferring student is ineligible and the school makes the determination as to the ability to practice.

If a transfer waiver request is then submitted, that student becomes ineligible to practice upon the receiving school submission to the KHSAA. That student remains ineligible to practice until the written ruling is received from the KHSAA. Once that written ruling is received, favorable or unfavorable,

by the school, the school then makes the determination as to the ability to practice.

If an unfavorable ruling is received by the school and the student submits an appeal, the student is ineligible to practice until the Commissioner's final order is issued and received by the school in the matter. Once the final ruling is received, it is again the school's discretion as to practice by the student.

Case BL-14-4- Is there a chart of other guidance to help determine when ineligible students can practice or when those ineligible students can participate at the non-varsity level?

Yes. The table below represents an attempt to summarize various decision points schools may have (or may not have) when dealing with a student who is ineligible per KHSAA Bylaws or adopted policies that have been approved through the regulatory process. The column on the left represents the reason a student is ineligible, and the columns on the right address whether or not the schools have any decision in the matter if state regulations supersede local decision-making. Local schools and Boards of Education should ensure that the proper group (School Based Decision Making or Local Boards) has addressed the discretionary issues as noted by "School Choice".

Subject	Practice?	Non-Varsity?	Varsity?
Bylaw 2- Age	School Choice	No, Prohibited KRS 156.070	No, Prohibited KRS 156.070
Bylaw 3- 4-Year Maximum	School Choice	School Choice	No
Bylaw 4 §(1)(a)- Grades 9-12 Legal Enrolled	No	No	No
Bylaw 4 §(1)(b)- Grades 9-12 Not enrolled or connected	No	No	No
Bylaw 4 §2- Grades 7-8 Not enrolled in feeder pattern	No	No	No
Bylaw 4 §3- Repeating students enrolled in grades 9-12	School Choice	No, Prohibited 702 KAR 7:065	No, Prohibited 702 KAR 7:065
Bylaw 4 §3- Repeating students enrolled in grades 7-8 students	No, Prohibited 702 KAR 7:065	No, Prohibited 702 KAR 7:065	No, Prohibited 702 KAR 7:065
Bylaw 5§1- First Day Credit Check	School Choice	School Choice	No
Bylaw 5§2- Weekly Grade Check	School Choice	School Choice	No
Bylaw 6-Domestic Transfer	School Choice unless awaiting original or final ruling from KHSAA	School Choice unless awaiting original or final ruling from KHSAA	No

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Practice?</i>	<i>Non-Varsity?</i>	<i>Varsity?</i>
<i>Bylaw 7-J-1/F-1 Status - Foreign Exchange Transfer</i>	<i>School Choice unless awaiting original or final ruling from KHSAA</i>	<i>School Choice unless awaiting original or final ruling from KHSAA</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Bylaw 8-Non Domestic and Not J-1 / F-1 Status</i>	<i>School Choice unless awaiting original or final ruling from KHSAA</i>	<i>School Choice unless awaiting original or final ruling from KHSAA</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Bylaw 9-FB/BK Player in outside competition prior or during season</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Bylaw 10-Recipient of Award in Violation of Limits</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Bylaw 11- Financial Aid – Award in Excess of Limitations</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Bylaw 12- Failure to Have Physical Exam or Insurance</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Bylaw 13 - Violation of Baseball Contract Requirements</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Bylaw 14 - Play Under Assumed Name</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>MS and HS Baseball Pitching Restrictions</i>	<i>School Choice</i>	<i>Ineligible for Specific Period Under Policy</i>	<i>Ineligible for Specific Period Under Policy</i>
<i>HS Track and Field Pole Vault Restrictions</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>HS Football Contact Restrictions</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>