

## KHSAA COMPETITION RULES

### Governing Golf

*(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)  
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)*

#### I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in golf for boys and girls, provided that ten (10) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to September 1. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control. Newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.

As of August 1, 2015, the alignment for boys' golf is as follows —

REGION 1 – Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Carlisle County, Christian Fellowship, Crittenden County, Fulton City, Fulton County, Graves County, Hickman County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Marshall County, Mayfield, McCracken County, Murray, Paducah Tilghman, St. Mary, Trigg County

REGION 2 – Apollo, Breckinridge County, Butler County, Christian County, Daviess County, Dawson Springs, Fort Campbell, Frederick Fraize, Hancock County, Henderson County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Madisonville-North Hopkins, McLean County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic, Trinity (Whitesville), Union County, University Heights, Webster County

REGION 3 – Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Bowling Green, Caverna, Clinton County, Cumberland County, Edmonson County, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Greenwood, Hart County, Logan County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Russellville, South Warren, Todd County Central, Warren Central, Warren East

REGION 4 – Adair County, Anderson County, Bardstown, Bethlehem, Boyle County, Burgin, Campbellville, Casey County, Danville, East Jessamine, Garrard County, Green County, Lincoln County, Marion County, Mercer County, Nelson County, Russell County, Taylor County, Thomas Nelson, Washington County, West Jessamine

REGION 5 – Beth Haven, Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Central, Central Hardin, DeSales, Doss, Elizabethtown, Evangel Christian, Fairdale, Fort Knox, Grayson County, Holy Cross (Louisville), Iroquois, John Hardin, LaRue County, Meade County, North Bullitt, North Hardin, Pleasure Ridge Park, Portland Christian, Shawnee, Southern, Spencer County, St. Francis, Valley, Western

REGION 6 – Atherton, Ballard, Brown, Christian Academy-Louisville, Collins, DuPont Manual, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Kentucky Country Day, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Moore, North Oldham, Oldham County, Seneca, Shelby County, South Oldham, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville), Waggener, Walden, Whitefield Academy

REGION 7 – Beechwood, Boone County, Calvary Christian, Carroll County, Conner, Cooper, Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Dixie Heights, Gallatin County, Henry County, Heritage, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Owen County, Ryle, Scott, Simon Kenton, St. Henry District, Trimble County, Villa Madonna, Walton-Verona

REGION 8 – Augusta, Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Bourbon County, Bracken County, Campbell County, Dayton, Fleming County, Grant County, Harrison County, Highlands, Lloyd Memorial, Mason County, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Nicholas County, Pendleton County, Robertson County, Silver Grove, St. Patrick, Williamstown

REGION 9 – Berea, Bryan Station, Frankfort, Franklin County, George Rogers Clark, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model, Paris, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Sayre, Scott County, Tates Creek, Western Hills, Woodford County

REGION 10 – Barbourville, Bell County, Clay County, Corbin, Harlan, Harlan County, Jackson County, Knox Central, Lee County, Lynn Camp, McCreary Central, Middlesboro, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist Institute, Owsley County, Pineville, Pulaski County, Rockcastle County, Somerset, South Laurel, Southwestern, Wayne

County, Whitley County, Williamsburg

REGION 11 – Allen Central, Belfry, Betsy Layne, Breathitt County, Cordia, East Ridge, Estill County, Hazard, Jackson City, Jenkins, Johnson Central, June Buchanan, Knott County Central, Letcher County Central, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Perry County Central, Phelps, Piarist, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Powell County, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley, Sheldon Clark, South Floyd, Wolfe County

REGION 12 – Ashland Blazer, Bath County, Boyd County, East Carter, Elliott County, Fairview, Greenup County, Lawrence County, Lewis County, Menifee County, Montgomery County, Morgan County, Raceland, Rose Hill Christian, Rowan County, Russell, West Carter

As of August 1, 2015, the alignment for girls' golf is as follows —  
REGION 1 – Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Carlisle County, Christian Fellowship, Crittenden County, Fulton City, Fulton County, Graves County, Hickman County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Marshall County, Mayfield, McCracken County, Murray, Paducah Tilghman, St. Mary, Trigg County

REGION 2 – Apollo, Breckinridge County, Butler County, Christian County, Daviess County, Fort Campbell, Hancock County, Henderson County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Madisonville-North Hopkins, McLean County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic, Union County, Webster County

REGION 3 – Bardstown, Bethlehem, Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Central, Central Hardin, Doss, Elizabethtown, Evangel Christian, Fort Knox, Grayson County, Holy Cross (Louisville), Iroquois, John Hardin, LaRue County, Marion County, Meade County, Nelson County, North Bullitt, North Hardin, Pleasure Ridge Park, Portland Christian, Presentation, Shawnee, Southern, Spencer County, Thomas Nelson, Valley, Washington County, Western

REGION 4 – Adair County, Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Bowling Green, Campbellville, Caverna, Clinton County, Cumberland County, Edmonson County, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Green County, Greenwood, Hart County, Logan County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Russellville, South Warren, Taylor County, Todd County Central, Warren Central, Warren East

REGION 5 – Assumption, Atherton, Ballard, Beth Haven, Brown, Christian Academy-Louisville, Collins, DuPont Manual, Eastern, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Henry County, Jeffersontown, Kentucky Country Day, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Mercy, Moore, North Oldham, Oldham County, Sacred Heart, Seneca, Shelby County, South Oldham, St. Francis, Waggener, Walden, Whitefield Academy

REGION 6 – Beechwood, Bellevue, Boone County, Carroll County, Conner, Cooper, Covington Latin, Dixie Heights, Gallatin County, Grant County, Highlands, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Newport Central Catholic, Notre Dame, Owen County, Ryle, Simon Kenton, St. Henry District, Trimble County, Villa Madonna, Walton-Verona, Williamstown

REGION 7 – Anderson County, Berea, Boyle County, Bryan Station, Burgin, Danville, East Jessamine, Frankfort, Franklin County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Mercer County, Model, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Sayre, Tates Creek, West Jessamine, Western Hills, Woodford County

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#### II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

##### A) Dates for Play

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

##### B) Sites for Play

- 1) The region courses shall properly measure within allowable ranges for postseason play. For the girls this will be no less than 5000 and no greater than 5700 yards. For the boys the yardage will be no less than 6200 and no greater than 6800 yards.
- 2) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region tournament sites.
- 3) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner.
- 4) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.
- 5) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the tournament shall be allowed to apply.
- 6) Only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region tournament site selection plan. If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.
- 7) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

#### III) TOURNAMENT MANAGERS AND PAIRINGS

##### A) Selection of Tournament Manager

- 1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region tournaments.
- 2) The Commissioner shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
- 3) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the tournament as to the time and place of the tournament, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the tournament.
- 4) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

##### B) Pairings

- 1) Region Pairings
  - a) The region manager shall contract with a KGA rules official. Instructions and contact information for securing this official shall be detailed in the postseason instructions.
  - b) The regional manager shall place the competitors into groups (threesomes/foursomes) based on average scores.
  - c) No two players from one school shall play in the same group.
- 2) State Pairings
  - a) The Commissioner's office shall, with assistance from the KGA Rules officials, place the qualifying competitors for the State Tournament into groups (threesomes) based upon

region tournament scores.

- b) On both days of the State Tournament, no two players from one school shall play in the same group.
  - c) On day one, the low scores will be entered in early groups.
  - d) On day two, the high schools will be entered in the early groups.
  - e) Day two times for individual members of advancing will be based on scores. After times are set for day two, coaches cannot change the order of competitors. In the event of a tie, the earlier finished gets the later time on day two.
  - f) In the state tournament, there will be a cut after the first day of play.
  - g) Second round pairings will be made at the close of the first 18 holes by the KHSAA in conjunction with the KGA Rules officials.
  - h) The second round pairings will be announced via the KHSAA web site.
- 3) State Pairing Error
- a) If after the announcement, it is discovered that competitors have been erroneously paired, the KHSAA staff will work with KGA officials to properly notify the coach of the erroneously paired competitors.
  - b) If such notification of an erroneous pairing is not able to be made to the coach prior to 9:00 p.m. on the first night of play, the tee time adjustments will be made at the State Tournament site prior to the start of second round play.
  - c) No player whose coach was unable to be timely notified and who was erroneously placed shall be compelled to play in an earlier time than previously announced.
  - d) No representative of the KHSAA or the KGA will attempt personal contact with any competitor to correct a pairing error.

#### IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

##### A) Roster Requirement

- 1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on the postseason electronic roster via the KHSAA website and its online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
- 2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
- 3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
- 4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

##### B) Individual Entry Requirements

- 1) To be eligible to compete in the region or state tournament, a contestant shall have competed in a minimum of four (4) matches on a team or as an individual representing a member school during the regular season.
- 2) At least one of the four matches shall be an 18-hole match. Coaches should maintain and have available copies of all results for the region manager to verify in case of a challenge to the required participation minimums by any athlete.

##### C) Team Entry and Advancement

- 1) The initial entry report for contestants in the region meet shall be submitted not later than 5:00 p.m. four (4) days prior to the region meet.
- 2) A school may enter a maximum of five (5) players in the region tournament from the electronic roster.

##### D) Advancement to State Meet

- 1) The winning and runner-up teams (4 or 5 players) from the region tournament will advance to the state tournament.
- 2) In addition, the four lowest girls' scorers and the three lowest boys' scorers, not on the region winning or runner-up team, will advance to the state tournament.

##### E) Substitutions

- 1) Any player whose name appears on that electronic roster may be substituted on a team prior to the first time of play for the region tournament.
- 2) Any player whose name appears on that electronic roster may be substituted on a team prior to the first time of play in the first round for the state tournament.
- 3) There will be no substitutes for individual qualifiers. In the

case that an individual qualifier is unable to play at the state tournament, the individual player with the next lowest region score may be substituted prior to the groups being set.

#### V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

- A) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition (region and state) shall be selected by the Association staff in consultation with the Kentucky Golf Association representatives.
- B) The KGA rules official shall establish the conditions of play at the region and state tournaments.

#### VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

##### A) Champion

- 1) The team champion of each region tournament is the four or five-person team with the lowest aggregate score for four golfers playing 18 holes.
- 2) The individual champion at the region tournament is the golfer with the lowest score.
- 3) The team champion of the state tournament shall be the four or five-person team with the lowest aggregate score for four golfers playing 36 holes.
- 4) The individual champion of the state tournament is the individual with the lowest score for 36 holes.
- 5) The tournament committee may cancel the State tournament, or shorten the tournament to one round (18 holes) if it is deemed advisable because of conditions beyond the control of all involved including providence.
- 6) At the State Tournament, the champion (team and individual) will be determined after 18 holes if the second round is canceled or not entirely completed.
- 7) At the State Tournament, a tie for first place by a team or individual will be broken by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff immediately following the conclusion of the round.

##### B) Trophies and Awards

- 1) Region.
  - a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up.
  - b) Awards will be given to the individual winners through eighth place.
  - c) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the region tournament.
- 2) State.
  - a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state tournament.
  - b) The five individuals on the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth will receive awards at the state tournament.
  - c) Awards will be given to the individuals finishing first through eighth place.
  - d) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

#### VII) FINANCES

##### A) Region

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

##### B) State

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

#### VIII) SPECIAL TOURNAMENT AND REGULAR SEASON RULES

##### A) Playing Rules

- 1) All Tournaments shall be played using the Rules of Golf as established by the United State Golf Association unless modified by the KHSAA.
- 2) Additional rules otherwise developed by the KHSAA may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.
- 3) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.
- 4) The KHSAA and its managers will contract with KGA/PGA personnel to assist with the Region and State Tournaments.
- 5) The KHSAA Board of Control constitute the KHSAA Rules Committee for all postseason play as it relates to USGA Rules.

##### B) Specifications for Golf Courses and Tournaments

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

2) The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

3) For the region tournaments stroke play for 18 holes shall be used.

4) For the State Tournament, stroke play for 36 holes shall be used.

5) The regional and state course must be set up for girls with no less than 5000 yards and no greater than 5700 yards.

6) The regional and state course must be set up for boys with no less than 6200 yards and no greater than 6800 yards.

##### C) Tie-Breaker

###### 1) Regular Season

The local committee shall agree upon a formula for breaking necessary ties PRIOR TO the beginning of all regular season tournaments (if ties are to be broken) and share the procedure with all coaches.

###### 2) Region and State Tournament

a) A tie for first place by a team or individual will be broken by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff immediately upon completion of play.

b) The best 4 of 5 scores with respect to par will determine the team playoff score.

c) The individual playoff will precede the team playoff if both are required.

d) The holes to be used will be designated by the Tournament Manager prior to the start of the first day of play

e) For a two-team tie, pairings will be as follows, with player numbered order determined by tournament scores:

1. Group I: Team A (Players 3-4-5) Team B (Players 4-5)

2. Group II: Team A (Players 1-2) Team B (Players 1-2-3)

f) For a tie with three or more teams, the tie-breaker will proceed as follows:

1. Hole #1: Player #1 from each team

2. Hole #2: Player #2 from each team

3. Hole #3: Player #3 from each team

4. Hole #4: Player #4 from each team

5. Hole #5: Player #5 from each team

##### D) Carry/Cart Rule

Each player shall carry his/her own clubs or pull a cart (motorized carts are not permitted for coaches or participants).

##### E) KHSAA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for KHSAA Events (regular and postseason) (HARD CARD)

1) Play is governed by the current Rules of Golf and the Decision based on them published by the United States Golf Association and, where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Definitions, subject to changes for particular tournaments by the KHSAA Rules Committee. Appendix I refers to Appendix of Local Rules in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet.

2) Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or condition is:

a) Stroke Play – Two Strokes

b) Match Play – Loss of Hole

##### 3) Coaching Advice Rule

a) The Committee may, in the conditions of a team competition (Rule 33-1), permit each team to appoint a coach, who has met all KHSAA coaching requirements and who is appointed by the school and is listed within the school information on file with the KHSAA, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team.

b) The Committee may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.

c) There are no conditions on conduct of a coach in this regard, other than requiring advice to be given in a private manner and requiring that the advice does not unduly delay play.

d) Coaches are prohibited from being on the putting greens and prohibits coaches from entering all hazards (other than to search for golf balls).

e) A breach of this advice rule by any coach will result in a 2-stroke penalty for the player. For each additional breach by



- a coach, a 2-stroke penalty will be assessed to the player.
- f) Coaches may use electronic measuring devices during competition of the KHSAA Region, State or Invitational tournaments.
  - g) A player may have the line indicated to him by a coach, but he/she may not be positioned by the player on or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hole while the stroke is being made. Coaches (including their cart) are considered an outside agency and would not be penalized if their ball struck them or their cart.
  - h) Further rules regarding the Advice Rule may be developed for KHSAA Region and State Tournaments and shall be distributed to the competing teams.
- 4) List of Conforming Golf Balls  
Option Condition prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.
  - 5) Conformity of Golf Clubs  
The player's clubs shall conform to Rule 4, provisions, specifications and interpretations set forth in Appendix II.
  - 6) Pace of Play  
See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play guidelines.
  - 7) Practice Between Holes  
Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played.
  - 8) Lifting an Embedded Ball Through the Green  
Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.
  - 9) Tree Wrappings, Electrical Wires and Cables, Closely Attached to Trees  
Such wires and cable are not obstructions. No relief without penalty.
  - 10) Staked Trees  
Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect. Relief may be taken without penalty.
  - 11) Permanent Elevated Power Lines and Cables  
Local Rule, as prescribed in Appendix I, shall be in effect.
  - 12) Out of Bounds
    - a) Defined by the inside edge, at ground level, of white stakes and/or white lines and/or fence post.
    - b) When a white line on the ground defines Out of Bound the line itself is Out of Bounds. Please Note: "A ball which crosses a public road deined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course."
  - 13) Water Hazards
    - a) Defined by yellow lines and/or identified by yellow stakes.
    - b) When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin.
    - c) When water hazards are bounded by out bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.
  - 14) Lateral Water Hazards
    - a) Defined by red lines and/or identified by red stakes. When both stakes and lines are present the stakes will identify the hazard and the lines will define the margin.
    - b) When a lateral water hazard is defined only one side, its margin is deemed to extend infinitely.
    - c) When lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.
  - 15) Loose Impediment  
Rule 23 - shall include wood chips and mulch.
  - 16) Ground Under Repair  
Defined by white lines. French drains and fire ant mounds are ground under repair areas.
  - 17) Sodded Areas
    - a) Relief may be taken from sodded areas if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam.
    - b) A player may also take relief if the intended area of their swing may be interfered by a sod seam. They player shall drop the ball as near to where it originally lay, which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.
  - 18) Roads and Paths – White Lines  
White-lined areas tying into roads or paths have the same status as the roads or paths, that of obstructions.
- 19) Automotive Transportation
    - a) Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players shall not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round.
    - b) Optional condition as prescribed in Appendix I shall be in effect.
  - 20) Discontinuance of Play  
When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, if the players in the group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.
  - 21) KGA Rules Help Line (800-254-2742)
- F) Advice Rule for Postseason Competition
- 1) The Committee may, in the conditions of a team competition (Rule 33-1), permit each team to appoint a coach, who has met all KHSAA coaching requirements and who is appointed by the school and is listed within the school information on file with the KHSAA, who may give advice (including pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team.
  - 2) During play, the contestants may receive advice from the designated high school coach in accordance with this KHSAA Golf Coaching Advice Rule:
    - a) The Committee may establish conditions relating to the appointment and permitted conduct of that person, who must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.
    - b) There are no conditions on conduct of a coach in this regard, other than requiring advice to be given in a private manner and requiring that the advice does not unduly delay play.
    - c) Coaches are prohibited from being on the putting greens and from entering all hazards (other than to search for golf balls).
    - d) If a coach is found to be in violation of the advice rule (e.g., disruption of play or use of more than one designated coach), a two-stroke penalty against the team score will be assessed for each violation.
    - e) If a player(s) is found in violation of the advice rule, the player(s) and/or team will be assessed a two-stroke penalty.
    - f) Players may not give to or receive advice from another team's players or coaches.
    - g) If a coach is found to be in violation of the advice rule (e.g. disruption of play or use of more than one designated coach) a two stroke penalty will be assessed against each individual player receiving the illegal advice.
    - h) Each additional violation against a coach will also result in an additional two stroke penalty against the overall team score.
    - i) A player may have the line of play indicated to him/her by a coach, but he/she may not be positioned by the player on or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hold while the stroke is being made.
    - j) Coaches (including their cart) are considered an outside agency and would not be penalized if one of their player's ball strikes the coach or the cart.
    - k) A coach, player or team disqualification can result from coaching advice rule violations.
    - l) Spectators should be no closer than 30 yards from a player at any time and at no time be on the green, tee, in a fairway, bunker, or hazard, nor should they ever stand behind a player during his/her swing.
    - m) The high school head coach attending the annually required KHSAA Golf Rules Clinics will be the individual identified for all levels of postseason play as the only coach allowable, under the "Advice Rule", to converse with players from that high school team. Any change in the identity of that individual MUST come through official notification from the high school Principal or Athletic Director. Any designated head coach must meet the KHSAA coaching qualification requirements (KHSAA Bylaw 25).
- G) Dress
- 1) Appropriate dress is required. Both boys and girls must wear shirts with collars or course permissible turtle (or mock) neck shirts. Girls, but not boys, may wear sleeveless shirts. Plain Bermuda shorts are permissible. Jams and cut-offs are not permissible. Short shorts are not acceptable. Girl's short's

inseam must be at least five (5) inches. Hemmed cargo shorts are permissible. No blue jeans or shorts made of denim material are allowed.

- 2) Appropriate golf or tennis shoes are required.
- 3) Spikes, if worn, must be Soft Spikes.
- 4) Coaches and players are expected to observe the dress code during practice and competitive play rounds at the State Tournament.

#### H. Distance-Measuring Devices:

- 1) For all KHSAA postseason competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a distance-measuring device that shall be capable of measuring distance only. Such information may also be obtained from a coach as designated in Bylaw 25.
- 2) If, during a stipulated round, a player or coach uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient/slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification. This penalty is to be imposed whether or not any such additional function is actually used.

NOTE: The restriction on the use of distance-measuring devices that are capable of measuring anything but distance will be reiterated in the published instructions and KHSAA hard card, and golfers directed to not use any of the restricted devices while they are on the course.

- 3) Helpful information concerning the use of these devices can be found on the KHSAA web site at <http://khsaa.org/sports/fall/golf/>, and then click General Information.
  - 4) For all regular season competition involving KHSAA member schools, host facilities are permitted to address the permissive or restrictive use of distance measuring devices, but are not permitted to allow any distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., gradient/slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.)
- NOTE: Tournament directors are encouraged to take all preventive steps possible including notification to coaches and players to prevent violation, but failure to issue such notice shall not constitute a waiver of the restriction.

#### I) Communication Devices:

- 1) For all KHSAA postseason competition, voice communication devices (including all types of cell phones, two-way radios, and other devices) may not be turned on or used by a player, his side or caddie during any stipulated round or match.
- 2) If used during a round or match, for anything other than at the direction of tournament management or a life or health and safety threatening emergency, the player is in breach of Rule 33-7, for which the penalty is: 1st Offense, Warning, 2nd Offense, Disqualification for serious breach of etiquette.

NOTE: The restriction on the use of voice communication devices will be reiterated in the published instructions and KHSAA hard card, and golfers directed to ensure that if the device is in the bag of the golfer for use at the direction of tournament management or in an emergency, it remain in an off position and available solely for use in the case of an actual emergency.

- 3) For all regular season competition involving KHSAA member schools, host facilities are encouraged to address the permissive or restrictive use of communication devices, but are not permitted to allow any communication device during play unless it is at the direction of tournament management or a life or health and safety threatening emergency.
- NOTE: Tournament directors are encouraged to take all preventive steps possible including notification to coaches and players to prevent violation, but failure to issue such notice shall not constitute a waiver of the restriction.

#### J) Heat Index

All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

the Association consider sponsoring a championship. The achievement of this percentage is no guarantee of the development of a championship as the Board of Control must consider fiscal and legal consequences such as the Association budget, the budget of the member schools and the impact on such things as Title IX.

Twenty-five member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall participate each year in order that the Association maintains a championship.

These criteria may be waived by the Board of Control in order to sponsor a championship in any sport that does not conflict with state or federal law and which provides additional participation opportunities exclusively for females.

The Association shall survey the membership every three years to determine interest in new offerings.

### **Case CR-5- Who is in control of the media and press at KHSAA sponsored competition?**

1) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the State championship rounds of the KHSAA postseason championships belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships. No member school may approve or sign an agreement that includes rights to state contests (delayed or live).

2) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships. No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (District, Region, semi-state) without agreement between the schools and approval of the KHSAA Office.

3) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, but are assigned to the Principal of each institution for management and control. No member school shall sign an exclusive regular season agreement that would "Shut out" its opponent from any audio, video streaming or having the opportunity to do so.

4) At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA.

5) At all levels of competition, including district, region, sectional, and state competition in KHSAA sponsored tournaments and meets, managers are to make allowances for members of the media to tape portions of the contests at no charge to the media outlet, as long as the taping is for the sole purpose of news highlights.

6) Contact the KHSAA Communications Director with questions.

### **Case CR-6- Who is empowered to make decisions at KHSAA tournaments when inclement weather forces postponement of contests or events?**

While it would be ideal if all parties could meet and agree on any re-scheduling of games necessitated by inclement weather or other natural events, this may not be practical. It is the duty of the tournament manager to make decisions with regards to re-scheduling in the event of postponement and ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.

### **Case CR-7- Is it possible for a winner and corresponding runner-up in baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball or volleyball district tournament to meet before the final region game?**

No, because they are to be placed in opposite brackets.

### **Case CR-8- Is there a mandatory brand of game ball to be used in postseason play in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball?**

Yes, the Association has a long-term agreements with multiple sponsors. Staff at KHSAA can assist with specific model numbers, although use of specific numbers is not mandated.

In all postseason contests in baseball, softball, football and basketball, a Rawlings brand ball (or Worth brand in softball) with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used for There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that a specific ball number be used.

In all postseason contests in soccer, a SELECT Sports brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

softball.

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

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

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

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

No, changes cannot be made unless otherwise provided in the competition rules for a specific sport. The principal shall check the online roster in all sports and sport-activities to ensure that all players are on the list as the rosters are locked after postseason play begins. For individual sports using the published entry list and/or forms, the specific sport tournament rules will address any options for substitution or correction, if such options exist.

**Case CR-14- How is it determined that a meet counts against the four meet minimum in Track and Field or Cross Country?**

In order to count as a meet for the four meet minimum a meet shall be a meet which rises to the standard of counting as a meet towards the interpretations of Bylaw 23. In addition, in Cross Country, the distance would be a minimum of 2500 meters and a maximum of 5000 meters and involved entries from two or more schools. To count towards the minimums, the meets may be at the varsity or nonvarsity level in terms of meet structure. It shall be counted in the same manner for all competitors (varsity, JV or freshman). The school approved or provided uniform shall be worn in this competition. In accordance with Bylaw 22, a school representative shall accompany the team.

**Case CR-15- If a Cross Country Meet is interrupted by weather, can other races be run that day?**

Yes. The particular interrupted race is considered complete and counts both towards meet limits and participation minimums. If other competition can resume after required delays, that is permissible. Only races actually started can count towards meet limits or participation minimums.

**Case CR-16 - Are there policies on participation by boys on girls' teams and vice-versa?**

Yes. See the Board of Control policies for complete details.

**Case CR-17 - Are there policy statements or recommendations from the Commissioner's office on postgame activity by teams and individuals?**

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

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

During 2013-14, the following directors were issued by the Commissioner to the membership for all of the schools and officials regarding post game in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling:

Following the contests, officials are to quickly and efficiently leave the playing facility following all rules mandated duties and ensure that the rules book mandated jurisdiction ends

promptly. There is no need for officials to secure the game balls, shake hands with the coaches or players, or stick around the playing area for any other reason.

Officials have no role in what goes on in postgame, including handshakes, etc. after jurisdiction has ended. Officials also have NO role in administering this time period. Officials choosing to involve themselves in postgame activities will be penalized appropriately;

Game management and the administration of the participating team(s) are solely responsible for what happens after the contest is concluded.

Certain interaction is required by the NFHS playing rules (i.e. the awarding of a bout winner in wrestling). Other postgame rituals such as handshakes, etc. must be closely monitored by school officials and are not a part of the game regulated by game officials. However, any unsportsmanlike conduct occurring during this time will subject the coach/player to penalties and discipline; and

The coaches and administration of the teams are always responsible for the individual conduct of the members of the team following the contest and shall be held accountable for such.

Henceforth, any incidents by an individual squad member (including coaches) or group of squad members that results in unsporting acts immediately following the contest will result in a penalty against the member school athletic program, and additional penalties against the individuals or schools as deemed appropriate following investigation.

#### **Case CR-18 - Who pays for the trophies for KHSAA postseason Competition?**

In all sports and sport-activities, the host of the event is responsible for the payment of trophies and is permitted to take that amount for the standard trophies ordered by the Association from gate receipts or other agreed fees. Those not charging a fee for admission are permitted to assess each member school for entry into the event to help cover these and other costs, but such assessment shall be included in any financial settlement published for the event.

#### **Case CR-19 - Are financial reconciliation reports required to be submitted to the KHSAA after KHSAA postseason events?**

Yes. All levels of KHSAA postseason event require a financial reconciliation.

#### **Case CR-20 - Has the Board of Control adopted a position statement or policy on the realignment / alignment of teams?**

Yes. On a perpetual basis, the Commissioner shall ensure that staff maintains a current alignment of teams in each sport with the following review points considered:

If a single school adds a team (or individuals) or deletes a team (or all individuals), the alignment may be revised on an ongoing basis by the Commissioner;

The Board of Control may, at its own discretion, choose to realign all teams participation in a sport or sport activity based on input from the Commissioner;

A realignment may also be caused by a previously adopted alignment having an expiration of its valid period. This is especially important in the enrollment based sports (classified sports). Cross Country/Track and Field and Football are aligned on a four-year alignment period;

Cross Country and Track and Field shall have the same alignment;

Football shall be aligned based on the average four-year enrollment of boys in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed, and the final alignment shall attempt to result in a final product being adopted at least twelve (12) months notice to the member schools for scheduling;

Cross Country/Track and Field shall be aligned on a not less than every four year basis, using the average four-year enrollment of total students in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed; and Specific parameters about each sport alignment shall be

contained in the Competition rules for the Sport or Sport Activity.

Whenever a sport or sport activity is to be realigned, the Board shall direct the Commissioner to produce the necessary information as to seed discussion by the Board of Control. The criteria and factors to be used in developing a draft alignment shall adhere to the following steps:

Identification as to whether or not enrollment classifications will be used;

Plot/Diagram the location of all competing schools; Begin by looking at geographic clusters of schools. Geography (including specific travel route information) is an important criteria for placement in groups (regions, districts, etc.), but is not the sole determinant for placement;

Travel routes must be reviewed as a potential factor, as well as the identification of the existence of multiple travel routes;

In the non-classified team sports (baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball), the basketball alignment should be an initial framework, specifically the region boundaries;

If possible in the non-classified team sports, the district boundaries should be important element, but the level of participation of the schools in the district must be factor;

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

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

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

The following factors are NOT to be considered:

Past success or failure;

Enrollment (in a non-classified sport);

Socio-economic status and student body composition;

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

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