

## **POLICY- CROSS-GENDER PARTICIPATION POLICY**

### Sec. 1) BACKGROUND

For the purposes of athletics, each properly enrolled and otherwise eligible student-athlete has sport and sport-activity-specific opportunities with respect to the privilege of participation.

### Sec. 2) BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

- a) These sports are not "like" in terms of participation opportunities.
- b) If a girl desires to play on a baseball team, it is the decision of the local school as to that option.
- c) A boy may not play on a girls' softball team.

### Sec. 3) BASKETBALL

- a) If a school sponsors both a boys' and girls' team in basketball, students may only play for the gender specific team (girls may only play for the girls' team, boys may only play for the boys' team).
- b) If a school sponsors only a boys' team and does not sponsor a girls' team, female students may play for the boys' team.
- c) A boy may not play on a girls' basketball team.

### Sec. 4) FOOTBALL/WRESTLING

- a) If a girl desires to participate on a football or wrestling team, such participation opportunity shall be allowed.
- b) If a school develops a wrestling team for girls, a boy may not compete on a girls' wrestling team.

### Sec. 5) SOCCER

- a) If a school sponsors both a boys' and girls' team in soccer, students may only play for the gender specific team (girls may only play for the girls' team, boys may only play for the boys' team).
- b) If a school sponsors only a boys' team and does not sponsor a girls' team, female students may play for the boys' team.
- c) A boy may not play on a girls' soccer team.
- d) A boy may not accept awards specifically designated for girls.

### Sec. 6) VOLLEYBALL AND FIELD HOCKEY

- a) The Association sponsors volleyball and field hockey only for girls.
- b) A boy may not play on a girls' volleyball or field hockey team.
- c) A boy may not accept awards specifically designated for girls.

### Sec. 7) CROSS COUNTRY/GOLF/SWIMMING/TENNIS/TRACK AND FIELD

- a) A student may only compete in the gender-specific competition when participating in these individual sports.
- b) A boy may not accept awards specifically designated for girls.

### Sec. 8) ARCHERY

- a) There is no gender specific competition in this sport-activity.
- b) A boy may not accept awards specifically designated for girls.

### Sec. 9) BASS FISHING AND DANCE

- a) There is no gender specific competition in these sport-activities.

### Sec. 10) BOWLING

- a) If both genders compete on the same team, they are considered to be a boys' team for the purpose of competition.
- b) A boy may not compete in the girls' competition.
- c) A boy may not accept awards specifically designated for girls.

### Sec. 11) COMPETITIVE CHEER

- a) A boy may not compete in the All girls' competition.

### Sec. 12) APPEALS

Per the KHSAA Due Process Procedure, any appeals of this specific policy shall be considered as "Board matters".