



# VOLLEYBALL

## STATE FINAL ROUNDS

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## INSTRUCTIONS





# 2026 Boys' Volleyball State Tournament Final Rounds presented by UK HealthCare

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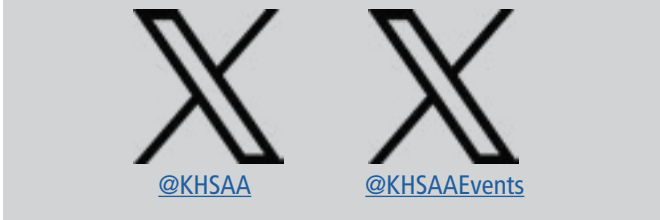
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## **VOLLEYBALL SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

### **BRIEF WELCOME**

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff for advancing to the final rounds of the 2026 Boys' Volleyball State Tournament presented by UK HealthCare.

Refer to this manual and the important website links included at the end of the document to guide you through preparation for your participation.

### **KHSAA CONTACTS**

The primary contact for volleyball is Sr. Associate Commissioner Butch Cope ([bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org)).

If Mr. Cope is unavailable, Assistant Commissioner Joe Angolia ([jangolia@khsaa.org](mailto:jangolia@khsaa.org)) is the backup contact.

Media inquiries should be directed to Communications & Media Relations Director Brian Milam ([bmilam@khsaa.org](mailto:bmilam@khsaa.org)).

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

### **QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENT**

The winning teams from the first round matches advance to the state tournament final site for the quarterfinals, semifinals and final.

### **COMPETITION DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE**

The quarterfinals, semifinals and finals of the Boys' Volleyball State Tournament will be held on May 15-16 at George Rogers Clark High School.

#### **QUARTERFINALS**

- May 15 at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. ET.

#### **SEMIFINALS**

- May 16 at 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. ET.

#### **FINAL**

- May 16 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

The complete bracket is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

### **VENUE AND ADDRESS**

[GRC Arena](#)

George Rogers Clark High School

2745 Boonesboro Rd., Winchester, Ky., 40391 | 859-744-6111

### **TICKET AVAILABILITY, NON PARTICIPANT ENTRY AND POLICIES**

#### **PURCHASING TICKETS**

All state championship tickets will be sold exclusively online via GoFan, the KHSAA's official digital ticket vendor, at <https://gofan.co/app/school/KHSAA?activity=Volleyball>.

Digital ticketing enhances convenience and safety for all fans, while providing flexibility and safeguarding against counterfeit tickets and possible security issues at the gate, and still allowing credit card purchases at the door as with most businesses.

Schools already utilizing GoFan will have their school "tagged" to help with the ticketing process.

Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets before they arrive to help ensure a smooth entry.

GoFan's training page for buying and transferring the tickets is included as a link at the end of these instructions.



Ticket holders will access their tickets on their phones and can transfer them electronically to other members in their party when necessary.

Spectators are strongly encouraged to download the GoFan mobile app and save the tickets through that app prior to arrival.

Tickets can be purchased via credit card at the admission gate on site.

No tickets will be sold on site using cash.

### **TICKET PRICING AND CONFIGURATION**

All KHSAA events will be a fixed price that will include all applicable fees and charges, regardless of the ticket price.

No fees will be assessed to the customer in excess of the published price and all payment of applicable fees will be the responsibility of the KHSAA.

The price will be lower, all fees included, if purchased prior to midnight on day of the event.

The price increases by \$3, all fees included, after 12:01 a.m. on day of the event.

Children 10 & under receive a free ticket presented by Golisano Children's at UK.

- To receive these qualifying free tickets, you must "purchase" these through [khsaatickets.org](https://khsaatickets.org) even though there will be no charge.

### **FAN ENTRY**

All non-competitors (individuals other than the properly qualified coaches and participants) must have their tickets validated by KHSAA staff.

All spectators must enter and exit through the admission gate which will open one (1) hour prior to the start of each contest.

Each game is its own ticketed event and the arena will be cleared of all patrons between matches.

### **COMPLIMENTARY PASSES AND ENTRY**

Only the KHSAA issued Commonwealth Card will be honored for admission for one individual plus a guest for the Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director.

No coaches' association cards or KHSAA officials' ID cards will be honored at any gate.

Any individual not in uniform or wearing a Team Party Pass will be required to have a ticket for admittance.

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

Examples of passes NOT accepted include, principal passes and cards (other than the Commonwealth Card), coach passes and cards, athletic director passes, official passes and any other type of identification.

## **PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS**

### **CONFERENCE CALL**

There will be a brief web conference for participating coaches and athletic directors 9 a.m. ET on May 12.

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.

### **PRE-TOURNAMENT, ON-SITE MEETING**

There will be no mandatory, pre-tournament meeting at the venue, participants should instead use the conference call to ask any questions.

Ground rules will be explained in the pre-match meeting between coaches and officials.

### **GE63 - TEAM INFORMATION FORM**

By May 13, the Athletic Director or Designated Representative from all participating teams must submit form GE63 (Team Information Form), which is included as a link at the end of this section of these instructions.



## **LODGING**

Team housing for the boys' volleyball state tournament is arranged through the Lexington Convention and Visitors' Bureau. Specific hotels listed as a link at the end of this section of these instructions have allotted teams a block of rooms (10) at a discounted price.

Schools are responsible for all lodging bills.

Have your school's or Board of Education's Sales Tax Exempt Number with you at check-in to avoid sales tax from being added to the hotel bill.

## **PARKING**

General parking will be available in the main lot in front of the GRC Arena.

Team buses will off-load at the team entrance and then proceed to the team parking area.

A site map is included among the links listed at the end of this section of these instructions.

## **LIMITATIONS AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

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Teams may dress a maximum of 15 players per contest.

Those 15 players selected can rotate each match as long as they appear on the postseason roster.

No other players outside of the 15 designated as eligible for each match may be in uniform or participate in warm-ups.

## **ADMISSION INTO VENUE**

### **TEAM ENTRY**

Teams may enter the facility one (1) hour prior to the scheduled time of their match at the Team Entry/Pass Gate.

### **PARTICIPANT ENTRY**

Upon arrival at the pass gate, a KHSAA representative will assist the head coach in validating their 15 players in uniform on a printed copy of the postseason roster.

Please communicate difficult or unusual name pronunciations or number changes at this time to aid in public address announcing of student-athletes throughout the match.

All non-uniformed players without a team party pass must go to the public entry area, purchase a ticket and wait until the public admission gates open (one hour prior to the match).

### **TEAM PARTY ENTRY**

Team Party passes were delivered to first round sites. The winning team should have received their envelope on site following the match with 15 Team Party passes.

The Superintendent, Athletic Director or Principal holding the KHSAA Commonwealth Card issued by the office will be admitted through the pass gate, but will not be given bench access without one of the 15 Team Party passes.

The Commonwealth Card is only valid at the pass gate and not the ticketed gates.

The Team Party passes are for use by superintendents, principals, athletic directors, coaches, managers, trainers, statisticians and others designated by the school as having an official role as a member of the traveling party on a daily basis.

These passes are not for photographers or other media members, even if they have been with your team in regular season. Those individuals need to apply for media credentials at [credentials.khsaa.org](https://credentials.khsaa.org).

Team Party passes are valid for bench access and must be visibly worn at all times if not seated in the stands.

Coaches must be listed on the KHSAA school page and have completed all of the Bylaw 25 coaching requirements.

Individuals outside of the 15 team-party credential holders will not be entitled to complimentary admission and will be directed to purchase a ticket.

No additional persons will be allowed on the court or near the playing area without a credential.

The Team Party passes are the same for quarterfinal, semifinal and final matches.



These passes are non-transferrable and will be confiscated if anyone tries to share them.  
Lost or stolen credentials will not be replaced.

### **COURTSIDE ADMINISTRATORS**

From the 15 Team Party passes, each school is asked to provide up to two (2) Courtside Administrators to assist with pep buses and cheering section crowd control as needed.  
These administrators are advised to be seated at floor level near their group.  
This allows for senior administration to be near the court to assist with any issues that may arise from the crowd and fans of the participating teams (particularly the student sections).  
Other administrators with a team party pass may sit behind their team bench in the bleachers pulled out during their match only.

## **VENUE LOGISTICS**

### **DRESSING/LOCKER ROOMS**

Locker rooms will be provided at the arena.  
Access to a locker room will be limited to simply providing a place for a quick change. No group/team meetings are to be conducted in the lockerroom. Team attendants will monitor access.

### **TEAM BENCHES**

All bench personnel (including head coach, assistant coaches, managers, trainers and essential non-dressing members) must have a team party credential. The pass must be visible at all times while on the floor.  
Teams may have a maximum of 15 players per contest in uniform.  
The total number of bench personnel shall not exceed the maximum of 20.  
Unless directed to change benches by Tournament Management as in 1-6-3, the teams will remain on the same benches for the duration of the match.  
The top team in the bracket will be the home team and will utilize the bench to the right as facing the score's table.

### **PRACTICE**

The facility is closed to participating teams other than their scheduled match time.  
Clark County Public Schools' staff has been advised that no team practice is permitted.

### **PEP BAND ADMISSION**

Pep bands are permitted, but are required to purchase a ticket for each member and band director.

### **CHEERLEADERS/DANCE TEAMS (SCHOOL DISCRETION)**

A total squad of 16 cheerleaders, plus two coaches will be given entry into the arena.  
The group must arrive together to be admitted.  
Any cheerleaders above the limit of 16 must purchase a ticket.  
Who composes these groups and their composition is a local school decision.

### **OTHER GROUPS**

There are no allowances for admission of other performance and related groups.  
All members would have to purchase a ticket and any performance would be in the bleacher area only with supervision solely by the school.

## **CONDUCTING THE EVENT**

### **BRACKET**

The Boys' Volleyball State Tournament bracket can be found on the volleyball page of the KHSAA website in the State Results/Stats section.



The bracket is also provided as a link at the end of this section of these instructions.

## **PRE-MATCH SCHEDULE**

No warm-up court, other than the main GRC Arena floor, will be provided.

The KHSAA will provide warm-up (12 per team) and match balls.

Warm-up time will be given using the 4-5-5-1 format:

- Four (4) minutes of shared court time.
- Five (5) minutes for each team with the serving team going first.
- One (1) minute back at the bench area.

Team introductions, including the starters and head coach, will take place prior to the quarterfinal and semifinal matches.

Team introductions, including the entire roster and coaches, will take place prior to the championship match Saturday evening.

The National Anthem will be played prior to each match.

On May 15, the first timed warm-ups begin at 10:43 a.m. and last until 10:58 a.m.

On May 16, the first timed warm-ups for the first semifinal begin at 10:43 a.m. and last until 10:58 a.m.

The time warm-ups for the second semifinal begin at 1:13 p.m. and last until 1:28 p.m.

The final match timed warm-ups begin at 7:13 p.m., and last until 7:28 p.m.

## **MATCH FORMAT**

Matches are completed by winning three (3) of five (5) sets to 25 with an if-necessary, tiebreaking fifth set to 15.

All sets are played using rally scoring and must be won by two points.

## **RULES POINTS OF EMPHASIS/CLARIFICATIONS**

### **PLAYING RULES**

National Federation (NFHS) playing rules will be utilized without exception.

### **REQUIRED BALL**

Baden is the official volleyball brand of the KHSAA.

The leather or composite Perfection VX5EC-210 model with red, white and blue coloring is required for District, Region and State Tournament play.

The ball must be smooth.

The ball must include the NFHS authenticating mark, which is different from the KHSAA logo.

Practice balls will be provided and no additional balls may be used by schools.

### **COURT SPECIFICATIONS**

The tournament will be played using NFHS court specifications.

Notations to playable court rules will be communicated in the pre-match meeting between officials, coaches and captains.

### **TIMEOUTS**

Per NFHS rules, two (2) timeouts per set are permitted for each team.

There will be 3:00 on the clock between each set.

## **STATE EVENT OFFICIALS**

In compliance with the Federal Court Decree, the Commission composed of the Commissioner, Associate Commissioners and the Assistant Commissioners will assign all referees.

Officials presiding over the event, including line judges, are licensed and assigned by the KHSAA.



Officials are assigned based upon performance review and advancement of teams within the event.

## **LIVE STATS**

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Live, play-by-play stats are available for all seven (7) matches at George Rogers Clark.

Links for those stats can be found under the Volleyball State Tournament Information and Instructions tab on the volleyball page of the KHSAA website.

## **POST EVENT**

### **RESULTS**

Scores will be posted on the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard on the KHSAA website following each match.

### **TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

The state champion will receive a team trophy and 24 medals.

The state runner-up will receive a team trophy and 24 medals.

Each of the semifinalists will receive a team trophy and 24 medals.

Each quarterfinalist team not advancing to the semifinals will receive a plaque for the team.

Each quarterfinalist not advancing to the semifinals will have one (1) member named by their coaching staff to the All-Tournament Team.

Each semifinalist not advancing to the championship game will have two (2) members named by their coaching staff to the All-Tournament Team.

The runners-up will have three (3) members named by their coaching staff to the All-Tournament Team.

The champions will have two (2) members named by their coaching staff to the All-Tournament Team and one (1) named "Most Valuable Player."

## **STATE TOURNAMENT EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

### **EXPENSE ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

#### **GENERAL POLICY**

- An expense allowance will be paid for teams traveling to field hockey, soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball tournaments.
- The total number of players and travel party reimbursed is twenty-four (24) for field hockey, volleyball, soccer, baseball and softball.
- Schools inside a 40 mile, one-way radius from the event site will only be reimbursed as a commuting team.
- No expense allowance will be paid for teams failing to submit the GE64 form detailed at the link in the back of these instructions.

#### **MILEAGE**

- Each team will be reimburse \$2 per mile, round trip from the school address to the competition facility address for football.
- Any mileage allowance will be for the round-trip distance from the school location to the host city, in accordance with mileage numbers provided by Google Maps.

### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR FANS AND PARTICIPANTS**

#### **RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAN CONDUCT**

- The participating schools are responsible for the conduct of the fans supporting that team.
- Any and all steps including fines or other penalties will be levied in the event of mass entrance to the field, floor or competition area.



### **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 venue property, including fences, gates and barriers that can be directly attributed to the student body or representatives of the school.
- Any school action in response to damage shall be completed within sixty days of the close of the event, after which time any damage will be submitted to the KHSAA insurance carrier with the damage-responsible school liable for likely subrogation and potential litigation.

### **OFFSETS TO EXPENSE ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENT FOR REIMBURSED TEAM SPORTS (FIELD HOCKEY, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL)**

- Any and all steps including fines or other penalties (including the withholding of team expense payments if such are paid in a particular sport or sport-activity) will be levied in the event of players or others entering the stands during or after a game.
- Expense allowance reimbursements (if such are paid in a particular sport or sport-activity) will be made net of any damages done to the stadium/stands/court or playing facility that can be directly attributed to the student body or representatives of the school.
- By requesting reimbursement (if such are paid in a particular sport or sport-activity), the school acknowledges liability for damage directly attributable to the school, student body or fans.

### **IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS**

- [Volleyball Website](#)
- [Bracket](#)
- [GoFan Digital Event Tickets](#)
- [GoFan Ticket Training](#)
- [Media Credential Requests and Guidelines](#)
- [S1113 - School Audio Broadcast Designation Form](#)
- [GE04 \(Physical Exam Form\) - \(Spanish Version\)](#)
- [GE63 - Team Information Form](#)
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- [GRC Parking Map](#)
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## **GENERAL SPRING INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SPORTS AND SPORT-ACTIVITIES**

### **SUPERSEDURE NOTE**

The information in these instructions supersedes any information previously distributed.

In many cases, these rules have been revised over the last couple of years through the pandemic to the point where time has not permitted complete overhaul and revision of the competition rules.

All involved should review items such as tiebreakers and procedures for competition and consider this document authoritative.

Contact the primary event contact with any additional questions.

### **WATER**

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

### **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 which you or a fellow spectator feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

Any crowd control problems or acts of violence should be brought to the attention of the event staff, which will contact the appropriate authorities.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

### **SIGNAGE, NOISEMAKERS, BALLOONS AND MUSIC**

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.

The signs/banners must be handheld or attached in a manner not to damage the existing structure.

The signs/banner shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate competition management cues are not permitted to include, but not be limited to:

- Indoor
  - o Air horns
  - o Electronic amplifiers
  - o Portable sound systems
  - o Whistles
  - o Game clock horns simulator
- Outdoor
  - o Air horns
  - o Whistles
  - o Game clock horns simulator

Managers should confiscate items if used with the managers determining if they are returned post championship.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are NOT PERMITTED at the event. They should be popped or returned to a vehicle, not allowed into the venue.

Only venue provided amplified music is permissible, but only during pre-event, natural and planned breaks/timeouts.

### **ENTRY OF SERVICE ANIMALS**

Service animals are important and valued professionals that serve the needs of owners and must be present at all times.

Because service animals are essential for specific individuals, we wanted to make all attendees aware of the definitions and guidelines in place to make certain service animals present as well as to ensure the well-being of all individuals in attendance at KHSAA championship events.



Service animals are the only animals the general public may bring into the indoor and outdoor facilities of a KHSAA championship.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as a dog who has been trained to perform a task directly related to an individual's disability.

Upon entry to a championship, owners of service dogs may be asked questions as recommended by the ADA to ensure the owner access to their service animal.

The training a service animal receives distinguishes it from other animals and there may be questions about the training provided to the animal and service for which it provides.

Emotional support animals, therapy animals, and other pets are not considered service animals and will not be granted entry to KHSAA events.

In Kentucky, misrepresentation of an assistance animal is a violation with a fine up to \$1,000.

The owner will be responsible at all times for the conduct of the service animal.

Thank you for respecting the training and necessity of service dogs and helping us keep all guests safe when visiting a KHSAA championship event.

## **SPORTSMANSHIP**

The KHSAA requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values and all parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility and perspective.

We remind you that officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

We encourage and appreciate your help in letting this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

## **ROSTERS**

### **POSTSEASON ROSTER**

Postseason participants must be designated from the freshmen, junior varsity or varsity rosters, which are maintained through the KHSAA/Arbiter 360 page throughout the regular season.

Roster revisions must be made before the first date of the postseason when online rosters are closed and considered final.

No additional players may be added to the roster following that deadline, including those teams that advance to the state tournament.

The online, postseason roster may be printed from the KHSAA website as the valid listing of available participants.

This roster information is also used for advance preparations for state qualifying teams or individuals.

## **BYLAW 22 REMINDER**

### **REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS**

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.

## **HEALTH INFORMATION**

### **PHYSICAL EXAM FORM**

Schools are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

The Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (Physical Exam Form) for this purpose.

The form contains appropriate emergency treatment permission and should be brought for each athlete at the competition.



## **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

UK HealthCare Sports Medicine is the official Sports Medicine Partner for the KHSAA State Championships.

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with UK HealthCare Sports Medicine and venue personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for this event.

The on-site training staff will be responsible for any necessary monitoring of the wet bulb globe temperature and notification to KHSAA staff and the contest officials for determinations of any necessary adjustment to activity.

If an athlete or other team member is in need of emergency medical attention, contact the nearest KHSAA staff member, official, trainer or venue staff so emergency medical services can be immediately contacted.

An AED (and in many events, multiple AEDs) will be on site for use in the event of an emergency.

A text notification will be sent each morning to coaches, athletic directors, KHSAA staff, UK HealthCare trainers and workers of the event detailing the location of all AEDs.

## **ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

For KHSAA state opening round events, host sites will be responsible for providing athletic trainers.

The Association will use the services of UK HealthCare to provide trainers for the KHSAA state final sites, and in the event of disagreement, this group shall serve as the primary determinant of medical next steps.

Athletic Training Staff will be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the event and remain available throughout the day.

For team sports - basketball, baseball, field hockey, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball - individual school Athletic Trainers should be included in the distribution of Team Party passes.

For other sport and sport activities, see the sport-specific section of these instructions for bringing a team trainer.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES**

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA, in consultation with the host facility, to make decisions regarding postponement, rescheduling or cancelation, including getting proper notification to all teams, media outlets and schools.

Staff will utilize the KHSAA website and Twitter to provide updates as well as an emergency text notification system.

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

## **HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION**

It is the responsibility of UK HealthCare on-site training staff to monitor the wet bulb globe temperature and notify on-site staff and contest officials for determinations of any necessary adjustment to activity.

The manager should be aware of the policies and work in conjunction with the licensed or certified athletic trainer hired to work the event in monitoring the Heat Illness prevention program.

The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

## **LIGHTNING/THUNDER POLICY**

Tournament staff of any outdoor sports or activities, or indoor sports with non-grounded pools, working with the certified athletic trainer and facility staff, shall monitor and adhere to the KHSAA Board adopted policy in regard to lightning and thunder.

All competitions shall be suspended at the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning and shall be suspended a minimum of 30 minutes following any subsequent sound/sighting.

If it is anticipated that the storm will pass, competition may resume following a 15-minute warm-up period.

The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

## **STOPPAGE/POSTPONEMENT**

It's the duty of the tournament staff, in consultation with the officials and certified trainers, to make decisions regarding resumption or re-scheduling.

In the event of stoppage or postponement, all parties must work together to ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.



While it's imperative to adhere to the scheduled postseason dates, the safety of all parties involved is always the top priority.

## **VIDEOTAPING, MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

### **GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS**

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA, and as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all postseason rounds belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships.

Control of media access and location at all levels of postseason play is with the KHSAA.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made for television media to record video of the contests, without play-by-play, at no charge as long as the sole purpose is for newscast highlights.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made for other media outlets to be admitted to the contests as long as the sole purpose is for reporting of the actions taking place at the contest and promoting the event.

Participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed to record the contest, for coaching purposes only, if space is available with such availability at the discretion of the KHSAA and may be required to sign a waiver indicating that the KHSAA shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the video recording.

Any video recording must not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements and cannot be broadcast in any form, including internet and social media.

If space is deemed available, the KHSAA has the right to designate a specific area for video recording and no video recording will be allowed outside of that area.

The determination of space availability is solely with the KHSAA and shall be equitable for all teams.

A freelance/commercial photographer is any person, including a school employee, not representing an established media outlet or a person who will capture images from the event.

### **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 for school internal publications.

Space permitting, school media may be granted floor photography access consistent with traditional media access.

Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.

The school media pass may not be used for taking pictures that will later be sold as these individuals need to apply for a freelance/commercial photographer pass and pay the requisite fee.

This pass must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online credentialing system linked at the end of these instructions.

### **TRADITIONAL MEDIA CREDENTIALS**

Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through the KHSAA's online system. A link to the credential application is included at the end of these instructions.

The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. the day before competition begins.

Applications must be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.

Complete information should be submitted for all attendees (including unique email addresses and cell phone numbers), as the KHSAA will use these methods to communicate information surrounding the event.

Media outlets may be limited during this event.

Freelance/commercial photographers, as defined herein, will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.



KHSAA Media policies are outlined online at - [credentials.khsaa.org](https://credentials.khsaa.org)

### **MEDIA RIGHTS FEE**

Freelance/commercial photographers as defined in these instructions and radio stations interested in originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event are subject to a media rights fee.

Information regarding the fee for each event is available through the online credentialing system.

### **TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS AND FEES**

The KHSAA is a full member of the NFHS Network and as such, restrictions exist on all postseason levels.

A telecast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play-by-play, of any contest over the air.

A webcast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play-by-play, of any contest distributed using the internet.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including first round, second round, quarterfinal and state rounds, and is the sole authority for approval of any other.

No entity, unless given prior approval by the KHSAA shall be permitted to produce video telecasts or broadcasts, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live.

The mandated minimum fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office on the KHSAA website.

For all postseason play, all questions regarding live or delayed broadcast or telecast policies, including requests for approval shall be referred to the Media Relations and Publications Director for approval by the Commissioner.

### **MUSIC COPYRIGHT**

KHSAA schools are reminded to adhere to all music copyright laws.

### **FILMING**

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

Spectators may film with a hand-held camera from the spectator area, but may not in any manner transmit live video through any resource, including personal social media accounts.

Violators are subject to removal.

### **EVENT MERCHANDISE**

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online post event - [khsaa.teamip.com](https://khsaa.teamip.com).

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

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

### **OFFICIAL KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOS**

The KHSAA pays for professional photography coverage of the event.

Official championship photos will be available for purchase through the KHSAA's online photo gallery within 72 hours of the completion of the event, [khsaaphotos.org](https://khsaaphotos.org).

### **IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS**

- Athletic Participation Form, [GEO4](#), English
- Athletic Participation Form, [GEO4](#), Spanish
- [Media Credential Request and Guidelines](#)
- [GoFan Ticket Training](#)



- [Sports Medicine Policies from KHSAA Board Policies](#)
- [NFHS Network Mandatory Minimum Fees for Webstreaming](#)



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