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SECTION I ADMINISTRATIVE RULES / BYLAWS AND TOURNAMENT RULES REVIEW

1) **Bylaw and Administrative Procedures Review**

Complete text of the important listed rules below is attached.

Bylaw 3 – Age Rule

Bylaw 5 – Academic Requirement

Bylaw 6 – Transfer Rule

Bylaw 25 – Limitation of Seasons

Bylaw 27 – Requirements for coaches

Case BL-8-1- If a student who has previously been enrolled in grade nine and represented that school in basketball and/or football then plays on an independent basketball or football team after the high school season starts, is he/she eligible to play on the high school team?

No, for the interpretation of this rule, the basketball and football seasons are considered to start on the opening date of school. This rule does not apply to members of teams other than football and basketball.

Case BL-8-2- May a football or basketball player with eligibility remaining participate in a postseason all-star game in that sport during the academic school year?

Yes, as long as any member of the high school coaching staff does not coach that athlete, and as long as such competition occurs after the elimination of the student's school team from KHSAA sanctioned postseason play. The athletes would however be limited by the all-star game limits of the appropriate collegiate governing body (NCAA, NAIA or NJCAA) (Board of Control, October 12, 1985).

Case BL-8-3- How do schools report inadvertent violations of this rule by a student-athlete?

It is the obligation of a member school to promptly report any violation of KHSAA rules to the Commissioner's office in writing regardless of circumstance. The student is immediately ineligible to continue representing that school until the Commissioner can consider the matter.

Case BL-8-4- Can participants in sports other than football and basketball play for outside leagues and/or teams?

There are no restrictions on the student-athletes in sports other than football and basketball as it relates to outside competition during the season. No member of the coaching staff at the high school level may be involved in the coaching of any student representative of that school in outside competition. For example, the baseball coach may not coach the baseball team in the local Babe Ruth league during the school year or dead period. In addition, the girls' coach in a particular school could not coach the boys' team in a particular school and vice-versa.

Case BL-8-5- What rules exist regarding a high school player playing for a church or independent team in the summer (after the school year)?

Insofar as athletic competition is not in conflict with KHSAA Bylaws (such as a football player on an outside team during practice or play period), student-athletes may participate in non-school competition as an individual or member of a team following the conclusion of the academic school year or during the period prior to the start of school (with the exception of adhering to the published Bylaw 26, Dead Period restrictions. It should be noted that the insurance plan provided by the Association does not apply to students participating in these non-school activities.

Case BL-8-6 – Can a student who has not yet represented a school in basketball after enrolling in grade 9 play in an outside league in basketball during the school year prior to the season?

Yes, Bylaw 8 does not restrict student-athletes until he/she has been enrolled in grade nine and played for a team in a contest at any level (grades 9-12) within the school.

Case BL-8-7 – Can a football or basketball player who has been enrolled in grade 9 or above and represented a member school at any level play in an outside league in football or basketball during the school year prior to the season?

No. Student-athletes in football and/or basketball may not participate in outside competition in any organized setting including camps, clinics, scrimmages or games, from the first day of school until after the last game of post season.

Case BL-8-8- Are there any exceptions to the participation restrictions for females in fall basketball exposure events?

Yes,. Due to the fact that current NCAA rules allow for an opportunity within Bylaw 8 for boys' basketball players with eligibility remaining to attend and participate in activities that are basketball-specific (without the head coach) and a comparable opportunity does not exist for females due to existing NCAA rules and restrictions, the Commissioner and Board of Control have previously ruled that an exception be allowed. That exception allows girls' basketball players with eligibility remaining and having previously participated at any level on a high school team, to travel to and participate in, activities during the fall NCAA open evaluation period for non-scholastic events. The specific dates for such a period are available through the NCAA web site, and for 2008-2009 are October 3-5.

Case BL-25-4– Are there restrictions related to play by student-athletes during the non-practice period (i.e. basketball prior to October 15 or baseball/softball prior to February 15 and after the conclusion of the season) or restrictions on coaching involvement during that period?

Yes, there are restrictions within Bylaw 25 that must be fully adhered to by the member school coaches (paid and unpaid), and other members of the team coaching staff, and restrictions on the players during specific times of the year. In addition, participants in basketball and football should be aware of the restrictions contained in Bylaw 8 during the pre-season.

Case BL-25-5– What are the restrictions for a coach being involved in coaching of his/her own players during the school year before the first legal practice date, after the last date for playing a contest?

The provisions of that rule state that during the school year and prior to the first legal practice date, there shall be no practice or play as a team or individuals under the instruction, direction or teaching of a member of the coaching staff.

Specific practice and play dates are in place for each sport, and the interpretative season is the academic school year as far as coaching limitations. This limit on coaching involvement BEGINS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND ends on the earlier of the day following the last day of school or May 31. The Limitation of Seasons, Bylaw 25, affects all sports. This restricts the coach in any sport from being involved coaching students in another team from that sport from that school. For example, the girls' coach cannot coach the boys' team in outside competition, or vice-versa. In addition, during this restricted period, the high school coach cannot coach athletes in an alternative format of the sport (i.e. 3 on 3 basketball, Greco or freestyle wrestling, select soccer, etc.)

The provisions of that rule state that following the team's last regular season contest, there shall be no further practice or play as a team or individuals under the instruction, direction or teaching of a member of the coaching staff for the remainder of the school year or until after May 31, whichever is earlier, with the exception of practice and play for the KHSAA tournament. The published exception to this restriction is that the team and coaches may continue to practice through elimination from KHSAA sanctioned post-season play.

Coaching is defined as any activity by the coach at any time the athletes are participating in that coach's sport in a setting in which skills are taught, refined, or practiced. Coincident participation by a coach and an athlete in a sport such as a golf outing, where the coach and athlete(s) are not entered as a entry or group, or in an activity such as distance running with many runners and yet no direct coaching, would not specifically be considered coaching. It would however, be a violation of the Limitation of Seasons if the coach provided entry information relative to outside competition in which he/she was also a participant, encouraged or required student-athlete participation in these outside events; or if any school funds were expended (i.e. transportation provided, entry fees paid, uniforms worn, etc.) It would also be a violation during this time for the coach to utilize players from his/her team while instructing or evaluating others in camps, clinics, combines or other sport- specific activities in the coach's sport.

Coaches resigning, retiring or being otherwise relieved of coaching following a sports season who then coach competitors from that school in outside preparation or competition in that sport during the school year or dead period would render themselves ineligible to be rehired the following year to coach a team at that school in that sport regardless of a change in employment status. A coach resigning, retiring or being otherwise relieved of coaching following a sports season does not relieve himself/herself of the

responsibilities such as medical symposium attendance if in fact that are rehired for the following year.

Coaches may not coach the school participants in organized non-school sports competition in that sport during the school year in that sport. The high school coach or any assistant coach (paid or unpaid) may not coach members of the high school team in a league outside of the school's regular season competition during the school year, regardless of the type of league. It would also be a violation during this time for the coach to utilize players from his/her team while instructing or evaluating others in camps, clinics, combines or other sport- specific activities in the coach's sport.

The following activities are restricted during the school year prior to the first day of practice regardless of the specific situation "

- 1) Except during the particular sports defined season as stipulated in KHSAA Bylaw 25, no coach in a sport may "coach" a student-athlete in any setting within the high school (grades 9-12), if that student-athlete has previously represented the high school (varsity, jr, or freshman) and if sports specific skills are being taught, refined, developed or evaluated.
- 2) This restriction includes all members of the athletic staff, paid or unpaid, but does not restrict supervisory duties assigned by the building Principal during activities governed by local school assignments. This restriction also prohibits the delegation or assignment of activities by any member of the coaching staff to other individuals, including student-athletes who may or may not be participating.
- 3) Supervisory activities outside the local school are not the jurisdiction of the Association, however all coaching restrictions are in effect whether the activity is conducted within, or outside of, the school.
- 4) From the first day of school through the first legal practice (for winter and spring sports) and from the day following the elimination of a team from KHSAA sanctioned postseason play through the end of the school year, no coach in a sport may "coach" a student-athlete in any setting within the high school (grades 9-12), or outside the school, if that student-athlete has previously represented the high school at any level in that sport and if sports specific skills are being taught, refined, developed or evaluated.
- 5) There is no insurance coverage (catastrophic medical or other) expressed or implied by the KHSAA for any athletic session in any sport outside of the practice and play periods as defined by Bylaw 25.
- 6) No activity during the school year, outside of the defined sports season, may be required for the student-athlete in that particular sport. There may be no penalties assessed, expressed or implied for non-participation during that period by a student-athlete.
- 7) There may be no organized activity (where sports specific skills are being taught, refined, developed or evaluated) that is restricted solely to the members or prospective members of any sports team. It is a violation during this time for the coach to utilize players from his/her team while instructing or evaluating others in camps, clinics, combines or other sport- specific activities in the coach's sport.
- 8) All other restrictions related to the scheduling, composition, pool of available personnel, and other logistical arrangements are the jurisdiction of the building Principal for any activity held within that local school facility, in compliance with Bylaw 1 of the Association.
- 9) No activity outside the defined Limitation of Seasons for a specific sport may be mandatory for student-athletes.

Case TR-17- 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 must 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 will not meet the tournament specifications. For this reason, the following steps shall be taken by the schools in the district-

- 1) The schools must 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). 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.

2) Tournament Rules Clarifications and Reminders

COUNTING 23 REGULAR SEASON GAME LIMITATION

No member school shall play more than twenty-three (23) basketball games during the regular season. While a school may play in any number of tournaments during the regular season, no more than two (2) of those regular season tournaments may be chosen to count games in a "discounted/reduced" fashion.

In those two selected tournaments (chosen or selected by the school), four games played in the tournament are eligible to be counted as one game against the overall limit of twenty-three (23) games.

Games played in excess of four (4) in these two tournaments, must be counted game for game for game.

NOTE: One can illustrate the bylaw by saying that a team can schedule 21 individual games, then play four games in a tournament for game #22, and then four games in a second tournament for game #23.

NOTE: The All "A" Classic is counted as two separate tournaments. The All A Regional Tournament is counted as one tournament. Should your team advance to the All A St Tournament level, the state tournament is your participation in a second tournament.

3) Other

Member School Web site obligations

1. ENTERING YOUR TEAM SCHEDULE: You or your Athletic Director should have entered your basketball schedule for the 2008-2009 season. If not, be sure that it is done no later than October 15th. It can be done by going to the KHSAA web site (www.khsaa.org) and finding the blue-shaded heading/topic ""Member Schools Login". Click on that link and follow the directions. If you have trouble logging on the Website to enter your schedule please contact Marilyn Mitchell

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.

Reminders

1) With the exception of the Dead Period, nothing about these interpretations prevents a school from allowing equipment to be issued to students to attend individual camps at other sites without members of the coaching staff.

2) Nothing about any of the interpretations prevents individual camp attendance by players using school owned equipment outside of the dead period or team camp attendance within the contact window and subject to the scrimmage limitations.

3) Any activity in the summer prior to the first day of contact practice as well as any activity conducted contrary to the equipment and scrimmage is not covered by the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance Plan.

4) Any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), potentially renders all insurance provisions null and void.

SEEDING

All games/records used to determine seeding position within a seeded district must have been completed prior to the district tournament draw meeting. District meetings shall be held not later than Sunday, February 15, 2009 which is the last day to play a seeded district game.

Seeded game wins/losses achieved as a result of contests played after February 15th may not be used in the calculations for seeding placement. For the purpose of seeding the tournament, seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) will be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeding position. Decisions to seed are required to be made:

- Prior to the start of the season
- Recorded in writing
- Written copies of decisions provided to the KHSAA.
- Written copies must also be provided to the KHSAA as to the methods used to determine seeding position, including tie-breakers.
- Seeding decisions shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions.
- **Three team districts are required to be seeded**

(mmitchell@khsaa.org or 859-299-5472). The KHSAA Board of Control has mandated that all basketball schedules be entered on the KHSAA Website. Fines will be levied against those schools not entering schedules.

2. ENTERING TEAM INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS: Access KHSAA web site (www.khsaa.org) and click on the blue shaded topic "Member Schools Login". Follow instructions to report statistics for your team and individual players. First stats release will be after January 1, 2009.

3. ENTERING TEAM ROSTER AND PICTURE: You are required, prior to December 15, 2009, to enter your team's roster and submit an online photo with left to right identification. No roster, no stats entry. : Access KHSAA Webpage (www.khsaa.org) and click on the blue shaded topic "Member Schools Login". Follow instructions.
4. VIEWING GAME/CONTEST RESULTS: Access KHSAA web site (www.khsaa.org) and find the green Rihards Scoreboard icon. Click on that and select the appropriate sport and year.
5. REPORTING GAME SCORES: By KHSAA Board of Control mandate, following your contest you must immediately call in the score of your game. Winning and losing teams must report scores. Nothing else is needed at this time other than who won and lost and the score. This score reporting can be accomplished only one way by calling 1-800-453-6882. Fines may be levied against those schools not reporting scores.

AUTHENTICATING MARK

Per KHSAA corporate agreement, in all post season play the KHSAA will use Rawlings basketballs. The ball used must be a Rawlings brand. All regular season play may only use balls with NFHS authenticating mark. The official balls currently adopted are:

- Boys (Rawlings Composite, wide-seam-KYPRO MB)
- Girls (Rawlings Composite, wide-seam-KYPRO WB).

CONTRACT AGREEMENTS

Contracts for contests (or contract adjustments to existing contracts) should be in writing. The KHSAA will not become involved in settling any contract disputes that are not in writing.

4) Corresponding Dates

KHSAA STANDARDIZED SCHEDULING CALENDAR - BASKETBALL

School representatives scheduling wrestling contests over the next several seasons can use the following comparative corresponding date chart to determine the applicable playing week of the season.

Week	2007-08	2008-09	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
State 2	3/19-3/22 (B)	3/18-3/21 (B)	3/17-3/20 (B)	3/16-3/19 (B)	3/14-3/17 (B)
State 1	3/12-3/15 (G)	3/11-3/14 (G)	3/10-3/13 (G)	3/9-3/12 (G)	3/7-3/10 (G)
Region	3/2-3/8 (36)	3/1-3/7 (35)	2/28-3/6 (35)	2/27-3/5 (35)	2/26-3/3 (35)
District	2/24-3/1 (35)	2/22-2/28 (34)	2/21-2/27 (34)	2/20-2/26 (34)	2/19-2/25 (34)
Week 12	2/17-2/23 (34)	2/15-2/21 (33)	2/14-2/20 (33)	2/13-2/19 (33)	2/12-2/18 (33)
Week 11	2/10-2/16 (33)	2/8-2/14 (32)	2/7-2/13 (32)	2/6-2/12 (32)	2/5-2/11 (32)
Week 10	2/3-2/9 (32)	2/1-2/7 (31)	1/31-2/6 (31)	1/30-2/5 (31)	1/29-2/4 (31)
Week 9	1/27-2/2 (31)	1/25-1/31 (30)	1/24-1/30 (30)	1/23-1/29 (30)	1/22-1/28 (30)
Week 8	1/20-1/26 (30)	1/18-1/24 (29)	1/17-1/23 (29)	1/16-1/22 (29)	1/15-1/21 (29)
Week 7	1/13-1/19 (29)	1/11-1/17 (28)	1/10-1/16 (28)	1/9-1/15 (28)	1/8-1/14 (28)
Week 6	1/6-1/12 (28)	1/4-1/10 (27)	1/3-1/9 (27)	1/2-1/8 (27)	1/1-1/7 (27)
Week 5	12/30-1/5 (27)	12/28-1/3 (26)	12/27-1/2 (26)	12/26-1/1 (26)	12/25-12/31 (26)
Week 4	12/23-12/29 (26)	12/21-12/27 (25)	12/20-12/26 (25)	12/19-12/25 (25)	12/18-12/24 (25)
Week 3	12/16-12/22 (25)	12/14-12/20 (24)	12/13-12/19 (24)	12/12-12/18 (24)	12/11-12/17 (24)
Week 2	12/9-12/15 (24)	12/7-12/13 (23)	12/6-12/12 (23)	12/5-12/11 (23)	12/4-12/10 (23)
Week 1	12/2-12/8 (23)	11/30-12/6 (22)	11/29-12/5 (22)	11/28-12/4 (22)	11/27-12/3 (22)
Week 0	11/25-12/1 (22)				
1st Contest	11/26/07	12/1/08	11/30/09	11/29/10	11/28/11
Practice	10/15	10/15	10/15	10/15	10/15

• "A" - The State portion of the All "A" Classic Invitational is normally played in playing week 9

• Numbers in parenthesis refer to the National Federation Corresponding Date Master Chart

Schools should be mindful that these dates serve as a guide, but do not supercede the Limitation of Seasons with respect to starting dates and limits of games.

SPORTSMANSHIP CARD

An official will read the KHSAA Sportsmanship Card to the team captains and the Head Coach prior to the start of the game.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualifications MUST be submitted by officials via the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org). Click on "Disqualifications" and pull down the menu and follow the instructions. DO's must be reported to the KHSAA within 24 hours. Officials failing to report disqualifications are subject to having their license suspended. Schools/coaches can request reinstatement of disqualified participants via the website as well upon notification.

NATIONAL FEDERATION PART II EXAMINATION

The National Federation Part II Exam will be given exclusively online during the two week period beginning Sunday, November 30 thru and including Sunday, December 14, 2008. The test will not be given at the KHSAA Office. An official must make a score of 80% on this Part II Exam in order to be eligible to officiate post season play. Results will be posted on KHSAA web site.

OTHER

KHSAA web site, [http://www.khsaa.org/](http://www.khsaa.org)
 Clinician Email – jtackett@khsaa.org
 Basketball Coaches Listserve – to sign up
<http://www.uky.edu/Education/khsaalists.html>

SECTION II 2008-2009 PLAYING RULES REVISIONS

HEADBANDS DEFINED AND COLORS ADDED (3-5-3): Any item that goes around the entire head (elastic strips/bands, pre-wrap, headbands, etc.) shall meet the rule requirements regarding color, maximum size, logo restrictions and team uniformity. The colors of black and beige were also added to the list of permissible colors a team may wear. This change makes the rule more consistent in application and enforcement. The additional

colors will provide student-athletes with the same low-cost options previously available, while maintaining team uniformity.

3.5.3 SITUATION A: The predominate color of the Team A jerseys are red. Prior to the game, an official notices that A1 is wearing (a) a black headband and black wristbands; (b) beige pre-wrap around the entire head; and (c) beige pre-wrap around the entire head and red wristbands. RULING: Legal in (a) and

(b). Illegal equipment in (c); the headband color does not match the wristband color. The official shall inform the player and the head coach that these items are illegal and may not be worn during the game.

3.5.3 SITUATION B: The predominate color of the Team A jerseys are white. Prior to the game, an official notices that A 1 is wearing a multi-colored hair-control device that does not go entirely around the head and A2 is wearing a black "scrunchie" to control the hair and beige pre-wrap around the entire head. RULING: Legal equipment provided all Team A members are wearing beige-colored headbands and wristbands.

3.5.3 SITUATION C: The predominate color of the Team A jerseys are royal blue. Substitute A6 is beckoned onto the court to replace A1. A6 attempts to enter (a) wearing red pre-wrap as a pony-tail holder and royal blue wristbands; (b) wearing red pre-wrap around the entire head and royal blue wristbands. RULING: Legal in (a); red pre-wrap used to control the hair that does not go around the entire head is permissible. Illegal in (b); pre-wrap that goes around the entire head must be white, black, beige or the predominate color of the team jersey.

FREE-THROW LANE SPACES CHANGED (8-1-4b, C, d and e):

During a free throw, all players will move up one lane space, leaving the two lane spaces closest to the end line vacant. A new mark (2 inches by 8 inches) must be applied to the lane line near the free-throw line to designate the last 3-foot marked lane space. This rules change may reduce rough play during free-throw situations while maintaining defensive rebounding percentages within an acceptable range.

8.1.4 SITUATION: A 1 is at the free-throw line for the first attempt of a bonus situation. 84 and 85 are positioned on the lane in the area below the neutral-zone marks and A4 and A5 are positioned in the first marked lane spaces. The official fails to notice the improper alignment and bounces the ball to A 1. RULING: If the improper alignment is not corrected prior to the free thrower having the ball at his/her disposal, a simultaneous free-throw violation shall be called. Team B occupied an area

that must remain vacant and Team A is prohibited from occupying the first marked lane spaces. (8-1-4b, c; 9-1-2 Penalty 3)

PENALTY FOR ILLEGAL UNIFORMS CHANGED (10-5-4 New):

A maximum of one technical foul shall be charged directly to the head coach when a participant wears an illegal jersey, illegal pants/skirt or an illegal number. This rules change reduces the penalty from one technical foul assessed to each starter and each substitute to a maximum of one technical foul assessed directly to the head coach. There has been a proliferation of illegal uniforms worn by teams within the past several years. This change reduces the penalty, but puts the responsibility for illegal uniforms where it ultimately belongs - with the head coach, not the participant.

10.5.4 SITUATION A: Prior to the start of the game, the officials notice that the home team is wearing orange jerseys and the visiting team is wearing red jerseys. RULING: The referee shall direct the home team to wear the required white jerseys. If they are unable to comply, a technical foul shall be charged directly to the head coach. The visiting team is awarded two free throws followed by a divisionline throw-in opposite the table. The alternating-possession arrow is set toward the home team when the ball is at the disposal of the thrower-in. The home team's head coach has lost his/her coaching-box privileges for the remainder of the game in states utilizing the optional coaching box. (3-4-1 c)

10.5.4 SITUATION B: Team A is wearing jerseys that have a visible manufacturer's logo above the neckline. Team B's coach informs the official of the logos just as the ball is about to be inbounded to begin the second quarter. RULING: Illegal jerseys. A technical foul is charged directly to Team A's head coach when the infraction is discovered. Team B is awarded two free throws followed by a division-line throw-in opposite the table. Team A's head coach has lost his/her coaching-box privileges for the remainder of the game in states utilizing the optional coaching box. (3-4-2a)

**SECTION III 2008 BASKETBALL RULES POINTS OF EMPHASIS
LEGAL UNIFORMS**

Improvement has been made in the ordering and purchasing of legal uniforms, including the mandatory white home uniform. The NFHS is also working with manufacturers to improve compliance with NFHS uniform design specifications (3-4). Schools/teams are encouraged to review these design specifications prior to ordering and purchasing new uniforms. In part because of last year's emphasis on legal uniforms, the penalty for wearing an illegal uniform has been changed for 2008-09 (see Comments on the Rules

Revisions). Officials should also continue to enforce proper wearing of the uniform and direct players to leave the game when a uniform is not being worn properly. Team members are also prohibited from playing if wearing items such as jewelry, illegal undershirts (including a visible manufacturer's logo) or undergarments that extend below the pants/skirt. Players in violation of those rules may not enter or shall be directed to leave the game.

ROUGH PLAY.

For the fifth time in the past eight years, rough play is a point of emphasis. The committee continues to be concerned with the increasing level of physical play being permitted. Officials and coaches are charged with promoting good sportsmanship,

encouraging fair play and minimizing the risk of injury to student-athletes. Rough play creates conflict between players and increases the opportunity for injuries.

Post play

The key word is displacement. If a player is displaced, it is a foul! Offensive players creating space by "backing down" a defender, or

a defender moving an offensive player off his/her spot on the floor, are examples of post-play fouls that must be called.

Hand-checking

Defenders are not permitted to have hands on the dribbler or offensive players away from the ball. Hand-checking is not incidental contact; it gives a tremendous advantage to the person using illegal hands/tactics. An offensive player who uses his/her hands or body to push off in order to create a more favorable position has committed a foul. Regardless of where it happens on the floor, when a player:

- Placing a hand on the dribbler – it is a foul.
- Continuously places a hand on the opposing player - it is a foul.
- Places both hands on a player - it is a foul.
- Continuously jabs a hand or forearm on an opponent - it is a foul.

Loose balls

Rough play and excessive contact while attempting to secure a loose ball continue to be a concern. Coaches, players and officials must understand that a loose-ball situation is not consent for a

player to "jump on" an opponent on the floor in an attempt to create a held ball. Likewise, merely because a player is "going for the ball" does not give that player permission to "take out" an

opponent who is in a more advantageous position. Incidental contact (4-27) allows for contact when players are in equally

favorable positions.

TIME-OUTS.

The proper granting of time-outs continues to be of great concern. During live-ball situations, it is imperative that officials ensure player control before granting a time-out. Additionally, officials must ensure that the time-out request is coming from a player or the head coach of the team in control. Coaches must realize that officials have other responsibilities to the game that require their immediate attention. As a result, coaches must understand that just because a time-out was requested does not mean that a time-out will be granted. During loose-ball situations, when there is doubt as to which player has obtained control, officials should not grant a time-out, but rather rule a held ball.

4. SLAPPING THE BACKBOARD. The incidents of players slapping the backboard are increasing throughout the country. The rules specify that "intentionally slapping or striking the backboard" is a technical foul (10-3-5). The spirit and intent of that rule is to penalize a player for drawing attention to him/herself or as a means of venting frustration. A player who strikes the backboard in a legitimate attempt to block a try for goal should not be penalized. Basket interference cannot be ruled in either of the above situations. Basket interference only occurs if the ball is interfered with while in the cylinder above the basket ring or by touching either the bailor any part of the basket while the ball is on or within the basket (4-6).

OFFICIALS' MECHANICS AND SIGNALS

Communication and consistency remain the most important elements of good officiating. It is essential for officials to be familiar and comfortable with proper NFHS officiating mechanics and signals. The primary reasons for utilizing only approved NFHS mechanics and signals are:

- Effective court coverage related to Primary Coverage Areas.
- Effective communication between officiating partner(s).
- Provide immediate information and feedback to coaches, players, scorers, timers and fans.

Signals are used to communicate and should never be used to call attention to the official. The majority of signals are used to indicate what has or is happening. Approved NFHS signals are dignified, informative and meaningful. The use of unauthorized signals frequently confuses, because the meaning is unknown. Problems are also created when officials engage in "hit and run" officiating. This occurs when an official blows the whistle and immediately leaves the area without taking the time to follow the proper procedures for calling the foul or violation. Signals should be given in a manner that is calm, under control, unhurried and professional.

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(Case situations related to this bylaw appear on the KHSAA website and in the printed Handbook)

Bylaw 3. Age

Sec. 1) Age Restriction

Pursuant to KRS 156.070 (2) (e), a student who becomes nineteen (19) years old before August 1 shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition. A student who becomes nineteen (19) on or after August 1 shall remain eligible for the entire school year.

Sec. 2) Waiver Provision

The Board of Control and the Commissioner may waive the provisions of this regulation and the student shall be eligible for high school athletics in Kentucky if the written documentation is provided to clearly demonstrate that the student:

- a) Qualified for exceptional children services and had an individual education program developed by an admissions and release committee (ARC) while the student was enrolled in the primary school program;
- b) Was retained in the primary school program because of an ARC committee recommendation; and
- c) Has not completed four (4) consecutive years or eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility following initial promotion from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9).

The Board of Control and the Commissioner may not adopt administrative procedures that allow for waiver of this rule under any other condition.

Bylaw 5. Minimum Academic Requirement

Sec. 1) Proper Grade Level Requirement for Students in All School Districts

On the first day of each school year, a student must be at his/her proper grade level. To be considered to be at the proper grade level, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time student during the previous grading period, and must be on schedule to graduate with his/her class on the first day of school. For the verification of this provision, all course work, including summer and correspondence work, must be complete by the first day of the school year for the student body.

a) Eligibility During First Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the ninth grade to be considered to be on schedule to graduate, that student must have been promoted from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

b) Eligibility During Second Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 10) to be on schedule to graduate, that student must have received twenty (20) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation prior to the first day of the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

c) Eligibility During Third Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the third year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 11) to be on schedule to graduate, that student must have received forty-five (45) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation prior to the first day of the third year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

d) Eligibility During Fourth Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 12) to be on schedule to graduate, that student must have received seventy (70) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation prior to the first day of the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

Sec. 2) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements

The eligibility of a student failing to meet the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) above may be reinstated a maximum of one time. This reinstatement is possible by the student passing twenty-five (25) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during the year he/she is ineligible. He/she, upon reinstatement, shall remain eligible as long as he/she passes twenty-five (25) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during each subsequent year.

Sec. 3) Continual Progress During the School Year

On a weekly basis, a student shall also be passing (cumulatively for the

credit period) in at least four hours of instruction as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation in order to be eligible to participate in athletics during the subsequent week (Monday through Sunday period) and through the next opportunity to examine grades in this manner. On its membership form, each member school shall designate the day of the week, approved and documented through local policies, that the grades shall be examined for the student-athletes within that school in order to make this determination. Absent any other determination, this weekly check of grades shall be conducted on each Friday of each grading period or on the last day of classes preceding that particular Friday if no classes are conducted on that particular Friday. No special tests or recitations are to be given for the purpose of making the student eligible.

Sec. 4) Pre-Secondary School Students

Pre-secondary school students (grades 4-8) participating in athletics representing a KHSAA member school shall be passing in at least two-thirds of the subjects in which they are currently enrolled and be in compliance with all other bylaws in order to be eligible.

Bylaw 6. Transfer Rule - Domestic Students

Sec. 1) Domestic Student Transfer

Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who then transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any level in any sport for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

The Commissioner has discretion (but is not required) to waive the period of ineligibility set forth above if one or more of the following exceptions in Section 2 has been met. Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this rule shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

Sec. 2) Discretionary Exceptions for Waiver

a) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN RESIDENCE - The period of ineligibility may be waived if there has been a bona fide change in residence by the parents and student that precedes a student's change of schools.

For purposes of this bylaw, a bonafide change of residence means the moving of the permanent residence of the entire family of the student and his/her parents from one school district or defined school attendance area into another school district or defined school attendance area prior to a change in enrollment of the student. A student who becomes emancipated does not have a bona fide change of residence by virtue of his/her emancipation and change of residence for purposes of this bylaw.

b) DIVORCE - The KHSAA will not recognize a legal separation as grounds for waiver of the provisions of this bylaw. The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event of a dissolution of marriage (i.e. a final and legally binding divorce decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) of the parents and a change in the residence of the student pursuant to a court order granting custody of the child to one of the parents with whom the student shall reside. In the event joint custody is awarded to both parents, for purposes of this bylaw, the student shall initially be eligible where either parent resides. After initially establishing eligibility with one parent, all subsequent transfers will require a period of ineligibility of one year. If neither parent retains the former residence, the parents shall designate one of their new residences (mother or father) for the purpose of this bylaw, such designation to be reviewed and approved by the Commissioner. If a student subsequently decides to return and reside with the other parent in a different school district following this initial designation, the student shall be ineligible for one year.

c) GUARDIANSHIP/CHANGE OF CUSTODY - The KHSAA shall not recognize guardianship or similar arrangements made, for purposes of this bylaw. The period of ineligibility may be waived where it is shown that custody of the student has been taken from one or both parents and given to the other parent or a third person by a court of competent jurisdiction and under circumstances indicating: (1) the parent(s) is/are unfit or (2) the court finds that the health and welfare of the student would be better served by the change in custody.

d) DEATH - The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event the death of one or both of the student's custodial parents creates such circumstances that the transfer to another secondary school is deemed

appropriate.

- e) **BOARDING SCHOOLS** - The period of ineligibility may be waived on a one-time basis for students entering a boarding school on a full time basis as a boarding school student.
- f) **NON ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FOR AN ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR** - The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event that the transferring student did not participate in an interscholastic contest at any level in any sport while enrolled in grades nine through twelve at the sending school during the entire academic school year immediately preceding the change in schools.
- g) **REASSIGNMENT BY BOARD OF EDUCATION** - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the student has changed schools through a properly documented reassignment of the Board of Education to another school in the district. To meet this exception for a reassignment, reasons for the assignment may include, but are not limited to, the closing or opening of a school due to consolidation, merger, opening of a new school, or another type or opening or closing or assignment through KRS 158.6455 or other applicable adopted regulation. Such assignment may be to the public school district should a private, parochial or independent school close.
- h) **TRANSFER FROM NON-MEMBER SCHOOL** - The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student transferring from a non-member school located in Kentucky whose athletic participation has been limited primarily to other non-member schools.
- i) **MILITARY ASSIGNMENT** - The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student transferring in a situation where documentation is presented to verify that the change in education and living arrangements is directly related to an order from any branch of the United States military service, including the reserve components.

Sec. 3) Specific Restrictions Resulting in Denial of Waiver Satisfying of one of the exceptions (a through i) will not be considered valid and a waiver of the period of ineligibility shall not be granted—

- a) If the change in schools is to nullify or circumvent the actions of representatives or rules of the previous school or if the student left the sending school under penalty which would have resulted in their ineligibility at the sending school;
- b) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions occurs after the enrollment at the new school;
- c) If the change in schools is motivated in whole or part by a desire to participate in athletics at the new school;
- d) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining athletic eligibility;
- e) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions by the student and the parent(s) does not reasonably precipitate a transfer to the new school.

Sec. 4) Other Transferring Student Restrictions and Procedures

- a) The Commissioner may, as he/she deems necessary, appoint or hire a committee or investigator to conduct any inquiry or investigation concerning any issues arising under this bylaw or any other bylaw.
- b) If any member school files a written objection to the factual validity of the certification before the conclusion of the period of time to which the period of ineligibility would normally apply, along with the specific, detailed basis for such, then a complete investigation shall be conducted by the KHSAA and a ruling shall be issued through the Commissioner's office.
- c) No student enrolled in grades 4-12 who has participated in a first team game shall be eligible to represent a second member school during that school year unless that student would qualify for a waiver of the period of ineligibility in accordance with provisions (a) through (i) above.
- d) A student is ineligible for athletics in this state if he/she transfers from another state if he/she was or would have become ineligible in the state from which he/she transfers.

Bylaw 7. Transfer Rule - Non-Domestic Students

Sec. 1) Foreign Exchange Students

Foreign exchange students attending school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible for the first calendar year following enrollment.

- a) If placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved student exchange programs or in other circumstances approved by the Board of Control within Board policy, these students may be declared eligible and not be subject to the initial one-year period of ineligibility.
- b) In order to be considered for a waiver, the following conditions must exist
 - 1) The student shall be in compliance with all U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations;

- 2) The student shall be in the first and only year as an exchange student;
 - 3) The student shall not be a graduate of a the 12th or terminating grade or its' equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home country;
 - 4) The student shall be in possession of a complete transcript of records that has been translated into English prior to the request for eligibility;
 - 5) The student shall be in possession of a J-1 student education visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service;
 - 6) The student's placement must not have been a "direct placement" into a KHSAA member school;
 - 7) The student's host family shall not pay any tuition or fee normal to the attendance at the KHSAA member school, all such fees shall be paid by the student's family;
 - 8) All travel fees shall be paid by the student's family; and
 - 9) The student's host family shall not include members of the coaching staff at the KHSAA member school at which participation is desired and shall not include exchange agency representatives.
- c) To be considered for approval by the Board of Control, a foreign exchange program shall assign students to schools by a method that ensures that no student, school or interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes.
- d) The student, the principal or designated representative of the member school, and a representative of the placement agency shall sign and attest to certification that the athlete complies with the eligibility rules of the KHSAA and shall not be eligible under any circumstances for more than one year of athletic participation if the first year period of ineligibility is waived.

Sec. 2) Additional Eligibility for Exchange Students

Any student having made election to apply for the waiver of the first year of ineligibility and having been granted a waiver of the normal period of ineligibility under subsection (a) above shall not be eligible, under any circumstances, for more than one (1) school year while enrolled in grades 9 -12 in Kentucky.

Sec. 3) Students Not Coming Through Exchange Programs

Any student desiring to participate in athletics who does not meet the criteria listed in Bylaw 7 may seek a waiver of the one-year ineligibility period through the KHSAA Due Process Procedure.

Bylaw 9. Other Eligibility Requirements and Regulations

Sec. 1) Graduates and College Students

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

Sec. 2) Practice of Ineligible Students

Unless ineligible due to the provisions of Bylaw 11 (Sportsmanship, having been ejected from a contest), any student who is not eligible for competition during a team's next contest/meet/match/game shall not practice with the team.

Sec. 3) Conduct - Student or Other Representative Under Penalty

Any student, contest official or other official school representative who is under penalty or discipline or whose conduct is such as to reflect discredit upon the school or the KHSAA is not eligible.

Bylaw 10. Recruitment

Sec. 1) Foreword

Pupils (both domestic and foreign) at any grade level shall not be recruited to a member school of the KHSAA for the purpose of participating in athletics, including recruitment under the guise of academics.

Sec. 2) Definition

Recruiting is defined as an act, on behalf of or for the benefit of, a school, which attempts to influence a student to transfer to a member school for the purpose of participating in athletics. A school official utilizing an intermediary, such as, but not limited to a peer, another school employee, a student, a parent or a citizen, for the purpose of recruiting a student athlete shall be in noncompliance.

- a) An athletic coach or any other member of the school staff shall not influence a student even if the student, his/her parents or any intermediary from another school makes the initial contact. In this situation, a coach or staff member (paid or unpaid) should immediately refer the person(s) to the school principal.
- b) Influencing a student shall include, but shall not be limited to the promise or instilling the expectation of an athletic advantage, playing time, employment of the student or his/her parents or relatives,

housing for the student or his/her parents, scholarships or financial aid for which other members of the student body are not generally eligible, or any other material or athletic reward for which other members of the student body are not generally eligible.

Sec. 3) Penalty

Any representative of a member school knowingly allowing the recruitment of a student for the purpose of participating in athletics or who should have known of such recruitment shall be guilty of willful neglect of duty, misconduct, and/or breach of contract. Such shall apply not only to coaches, but also to personnel supervising coaches, such as, but not limited to an athletic director, an assistant principal, a principal, an assistant superintendent, a superintendent or a school board member. This regulation shall also apply to students or their parents.

Bylaw 11. Practice of Sportsmanship

Sec. 1) Sportsmanship Obligation

It is the clear obligation of principals, coaches, faculty members, boards of education, and all official representatives of member schools to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships with fans, officials, players, coaches, official representatives of member schools, and the general public. The Commissioner and the Board of Control shall have the full authority to suspend the coach, student, or any member school whose representatives may be convicted on competent evidence of the violation of this obligation. Any violation of this rule in any interscholastic contest shall be immediately reported to the Commissioner by the principal(s) of the school(s) involved, and by the game officials who work in the contest.

Sec. 2) Illegal Equipment

It shall also be considered a violation of this rule if any school or school representative(s) uses or allows the use of illegal equipment which gains a competitive advantage in the contest and which is expressly prohibited by the rules adopted for that sport. Violations of this particular provision may result in penalization by the Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw and in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 33, Penalties.

Sec. 3) Requirement for Reinstatement

Any student, coach, or official team representative ejected from an interscholastic contest due to a violation of this obligation must be reinstated by a member of the Commission prior to returning to interscholastic contests. Any student or coach using insulting language to another player or coach or to any official in any interscholastic contest, or who has been ruled out of such a contest because of unsportsmanlike tactics, shall be disqualified from athletic competition until reinstated by the Commissioner.

Sec. 4) Reporting Requirement and Permanent Suspension

The name of the student or coach shall be reported to the Commissioner by the principal of the school than that student attends. When an official disqualifies a student or coach, he/she shall report the disqualification to the principal or his/her representative and to the KHSAA office. If the Commissioner finds upon investigation that the offense was sufficiently serious, the offender shall be permanently disqualified.

Bylaw 17. Supplying Information

A superintendent, principal, student, and/or Designated Representative shall, when requested, supply the Commissioner with such information as that person may be asked for related to the athletic program at a member school. A failure to comply within a reasonable time may forfeit the schools membership in the Association, or the school may be penalized in accordance with approved Association penalty codes. Each member school shall annually certify that it will comply with any and all of the rulings of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, Hearing Officer and Board of Control as they relate to the athletic program at a member school. Such compliance shall include but not be limited to student eligibility matters, Board policy directives related to health and safety of student athletes, and other programs as may be instituted by the convened Board of Control. Such certification shall not apply to any matter on review by any court.

Bylaw 25. Limitation of Seasons

Sec. 1) General Provisions Concerning All Sports

a) Loss of School Time

No school time may be lost for travel to or from, or participation in, any regular season interscholastic athletic contest.

b) Schedule of Contests on Consecutive Days

Contests shall be scheduled so that there are not four consecutive days of competition on any Monday through Thursday period while school is in session.

c) Specific Definitions for Ending of School

For all interpretations and regulations concerning the ending of the school year, including restrictions on coaching involvement, the end of the school year shall be defined as the earlier of the last day of school or May 31.

d) Specific Penalties for Violations - Too Many Contests

Any school violating provisions of this Bylaw by playing too many contests may not be eligible for state championship competition or may be otherwise penalized. For the determination to be made that the limit has been exceeded, it shall be reported in writing and received by the KHSAA prior to 12:01 a.m. (midnight) ET on the first day of the postseason tournament series as established by the KHSAA Memorandum Calendar. If detected and verified, the team exceeding the limit shall be ineligible for postseason play and may be further penalized in accordance with Bylaw 33. If the report is made after that point, the team shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 33 but shall remain eligible for tournament play during the current season.

e) Specific Penalties for Violations - Too Many Scrimmages

Any school violating scrimmage limitations may be placed on probation, prohibited from participating in preseason scrimmages in that sport for two (2) seasons, and may be prohibited from taking part in KHSAA state championship competition or other penalties in accordance with Bylaw 33. The second violation will result in automatic suspension.

f) Involvement of Members of the Coaching Staff Out of Season

Members of the high school coaching staff (paid or unpaid) shall not be prohibited from sport specific observation and evaluation (but not coaching) of any player who has played for a grade nine (9) through grade twelve (12) team (freshman, junior varsity, varsity) from the first day of school through the last day of school provided such play is under the direct control of the same local board of education as the coach is employed and provided such play is not in conflict with other KHSAA bylaws.

Sec. 2) Sports Specific Limitations - **Baseball - Boys**

a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized baseball practice prior to February 15.

b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.

c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Monday following the conclusion of the second state basketball tournament of that year.

d) A maximum of thirty-six (36) games may be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (district).

e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 3) Sports Specific Limitations - **Basketball - Boys and Girls**

a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized basketball practice prior to October 15.

b) Prior to the opening game of regular season play, a basketball team may have only two (2) scrimmages or practice games with players other than members of the squad.

c) Through the 2008-2009 playing season, the first basketball game shall not take place prior to the Monday following Thanksgiving. Beginning with the 2009-2010 playing season, the first basketball game shall not take place prior to the Monday following the state football semifinals.

d) No member school shall play more than twenty-three (23) basketball games during the regular season. A maximum of two (2) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of twenty-three (23) games. Any two tournaments played during the regular season may be counted as one game per tournament against the limit of twenty-three (23) provided that neither tournament necessitates the team playing more than four (4) games. Any game played over the limit of four in any one tournament shall be counted against the limit of twenty-three (23) games.

e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA

Tournament (District, Region or State) which shall be no earlier than the conclusion of the twelfth (12th) regular season playing week and not later than the conclusion of the thirteenth (13th) regular season playing week, depending upon the KHSAA Corresponding Dates Calendar and the scheduling of the state basketball tournaments, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

- f) The Board of Control may waive provision(s) (2) and/or (4) of this Bylaw to allow member schools to participate in Hall of Fame Classic contests. Rules on participation in the Classic shall be made by the Board of Control and published in the Athlete Magazine as a part of the official record of the Association.

Sec. 4) Sports Specific Limitations - Cross Country - Boys and Girls

- a) The first organized practice for the fall varsity (grades 9-12) season shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two scrimmage or practice meets prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first meet of the season shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 8.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of thirteen (13) meets including invitational meets.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 5) Sports Specific Limitations - Football - Boys

- a) Organized practice in pads shall not begin prior to the earlier of August 1 or seven (7) week days (not counting Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the opening day of school (which shall be defined as the day prior to the classes starting for the student body), but under no circumstances can be prior to the last Monday in July. After contact practice (practice in pads) has begun and prior to the first day of classes for the students, no school may conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on consecutive days (e.g., two-one two-one format). After the opening day of the school year, no school may conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on a day in which school is in session. All schools shall submit all required documentation to verify the proper execution of the practice regulations, including scrimmage, contact, and heat/safety regulations and recommendations.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games per member school (grades 9-12) prior to the opening varsity game of the season with players other than members of the squad.
- c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Friday of NFHS corresponding week 8 (Week 1).
- d) A maximum of ten (10) regular season games may be played and the opportunity to play regular season games shall conclude at the end NFHS corresponding week 17. Any school may play one of the allowable regular season games during Week 0 (NFHS corresponding week 7) provided that the total schedule does not exceed ten (10) regular season games and that the allowable number of scrimmages in subsection 2 is reduced to one. Any KHSAA school that chooses to compete for a district title and is placed in a classification where only four (4) weeks are needed to complete the playoffs may play an additional regular season contest (total of 11 contests), the last of which can be played during the first round of the playoffs for the other classifications:
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- f) Each player, in order to be eligible to participate against another school, shall have taken part in a minimum of ten (10) practice periods extending over a period of ten (10) days during the preceding three weeks.
- g) Every player must have five (5) days of practice without pads to

become acclimated to heat conditions immediately prior to the first day of practice in pads.

- h) Each football school may conduct ten (10) practice periods of not more than two (2) hours in length and not more than one practice per day over ten (10) days during the three calendar school weeks following the school's elimination from post-season play in basketball. All equipment authorized by the football playing rules may be used during this period. There can be no inter-school competition during this period, and all participants must be eligible according to all KHSAA eligibility rules.

In order to conduct the spring practice sessions:

- 1) No student below grade nine may participate nor may seniors participate;
 - 2) Dates must be reported to the KHSAA on supplied forms;
 - 3) Only students currently eligible by all KHSAA rules including Bylaws 2 through 12 may participate;
 - 4) Intrasquad games may be held but shall be counted as one of the ten practice sessions; and
 - 5) There shall be no school or coach imposed penalty for any player who chooses not to participate.
 - 6) There shall be no mandatory participation by any person on a spring sports eligibility list (or entering any spring sport scrimmage or contest) and no mandatory participation by any other person not appearing on a spring sports eligibility list.
- i) The Board of Control may waive provision(s) (2) and/or (4) of this Bylaw to allow member schools to participate in Hall of Fame and Museum contests. Rules on participation in the Classic shall be made by the Board of Control and published in the Athlete Magazine as a part of the official record of the Association.

Sec. 6) Sports Specific Limitations - Golf - Boys and Girls

- a) Organized practice shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice matches prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first match shall not take place before the Monday eight weeks prior to the Monday of the week of the first round of the KHSAA sanctioned postseason play.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty (20) rounds of golf against other school representatives (minimum nine holes). Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by match cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 7) Sports Specific Limitations - Soccer - Boys and Girls

- a) The first organized practice for the fall varsity (grades 9-12) season shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 7.
- d) A season shall consist of a maximum of twenty-one (21) games-
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 8) Sports Specific Limitations - Softball - Girls (Fast Pitch)

- a) Following the opening day of school there shall be no organized practice prior to February 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Monday following the conclusion of the second state basketball tournament of that year.
- d) A maximum of thirty-six (36) games may be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (district).
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all

levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 9) Sports Specific Limitations - Softball - Girls (Slow Pitch)

- a) Following the opening day of school there shall be no organized practice prior to February 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Monday following the conclusion of the second state basketball tournament of that year.
- d) A maximum of thirty-six (36) regular season games may be played.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 10) Sports Specific Limitations - Swimming - Boys and Girls

- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to October 1.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice meets prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first meet shall not take place prior to November 15.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) meets.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or competition during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 11) Sports Specific Limitations - Tennis - Boys and Girls

- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to February 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice matches prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Monday following the conclusion of the second state basketball tournament of that year.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty-two (22) matches. Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by match cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. Any four (4) invitational tournaments shall count as one (1) match each against this limit. All dual matches shall count as one (1) match each against this limit.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 12) Sports Specific Limitations - Indoor and Outdoor Track - Boys and Girls

- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to December 1.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice meets held by each team and such shall be held on or before the Monday of NFHS calendar week 38.
- c) The first meet (indoor or outdoor) shall not take place before the Monday of NFHS Calendar Week 38.
- d) The track season shall consist of a maximum of nineteen (19) meets. All meets, regardless of format or of being indoor or outdoor meets, shall count against the limit of meets.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season outdoor contests season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 13) Sports Specific Limitations - Volleyball - Girls

- a) The first organized practice for the fall varsity (grades 9-12) season shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 6
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty (20) matches. In any three (3) invitational or other type tournaments, the matches played by a member school shall count as only one match for each tournament.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 14) Sports Specific Limitations - Wrestling - Boys

- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to October 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice meets prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 21
- d) A school may schedule a maximum of seventeen (17) matches in each weight class. Tournaments or contests involving three (3) or more schools shall count as one (1) match toward the match limit.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned post-season events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- f) The KHSAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations will establish official weight classes.

Sec. 15) Specific Limitations - Other Sport Activities - Cheerleading (Spirit)

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) Cheerleaders are limited to a maximum of three competitions during the school year, not including in-game competitions, that each are sponsored by an organization that adheres to and enforces the Stunt Limitations of the National Federation Spirit Guide. This does not include in-game competitions. The KAPOS Sweet Sixteen® and KAPOS At-Large Competitions shall not count toward the three-competition limit. Any preliminary competitions that progress to a district, region, state and/or national level will be considered as one competition.
- c) The opportunity to cheer or enter cheerleading contests ends at all levels (grades 9-12) for that academic year on or before April 1. After April 1, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period following which there shall be no further practice or competition until the end of the academic school year.

Bylaw 26. Summer Sports and Sports/Activities

Sec. 1) School Team Play in Summer (Non Dead Period)

Member schools may participate in sanctioned play during the summer to complete spring seasons in baseball, softball, tennis and track and may begin sanctioned regular season play and practice as defined by Bylaw 25 prior to the opening of school in cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer and volleyball. Only participants eligible during the spring semester may compete on the school teams. All KHSAA eligibility rules apply, and full control of the summer program shall remain with the participating high school and the principal of that school.

Beginning June 1, 2009, students shall not participate in any school vs. school (in any format) competition in football between the earlier of the last day of school and June 1 through June 24. During this period, students may participate in activities such as weight training, skill development, individual camps and accepted open gym/field activities where no inter-school competition is involved. Students shall not participate in any school vs. school (in any format) competition in boys' basketball between the end of the dead period and July 31. During this period, students may participate in activities such as weight training, skill development, individual camps and accepted open gym/field

activities where no inter-school competition is involved.

Sec. 2) Summer Dead Period

Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or cheerleading squad during the period beginning with June 25, and going through July 9. School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during this period. These restrictions shall not apply to postseason wrap-up activities, celebrations and recognition events relating to a spring sports team at a school which participated in KHSAA state championship play in that particular sport during that particular year.

Bylaw 27. Requirement for Coaches and Others Working With High School Teams

Sec. 1) Definitions

a) Level 1 Coaches

An individual seeking a coaching position shall be categorized as Level 1 if such individual is a certified teacher and member of the regular school system faculty and meets the following criteria prior to assignment to coaching duties:

- 1) Is employed a minimum of three (3) regular periods for teaching classes, including physical education;
- 2) Is employed for supervision of study halls; and/or
- 3) Is exercising responsibilities in other activity assignments within the school schedule.

b) Level 2 Coaches

An individual seeking a coaching position shall be categorized as Level 2 if such individual meets the following criteria prior to assignment to coaching duties and does not meet the qualifications of Level 1:

- 1) Shall be 21 years of age;
- 2) Shall not be a violent offender or convicted of a sex crime as defined by KRS 17.165 that is classified as a felony; and
- 3) Shall submit to a criminal record check under KRS 160.380.
- 4) Shall meet one of the following additional qualifications:
 - i. Have graduated from a public or accredited high school and hold a provisional or standard teaching certificate;
 - ii. Have completed sixty-four semester hours of college credit from an accredited college or university as documented by an official transcript; or
 - iii. Be a graduate from a public or accredited high school and be in compliance with the local district standards for serving as an approved substitute teacher as approved by the Education Professional Standards Board.
- 5) Prior to assuming duties, Level 2 coaches shall successfully complete training provided by the local school district. The training shall include, but not be limited to, information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with whom the Level II coach will be working, the district's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow up training shall be provided annually.

c) One-time Waiver

In the event that the member school is unable to staff head or assistant coaching positions in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading) with a Level 1 or Level 2 individual, the member school may request through the Superintendent that the KHSAA allow for a one-time waiver of this rule in order that the additional time be available to find an applicant meeting the criteria.

d) Head Coach

As referred in this regulation, the head coach shall be the head varsity coach designated by the school and/or Board of Education unless otherwise noted in the bylaw.

Sec. 2) Hiring and Employment Requirements

a) Required Level

Level 1 or 2 individuals (head and assistant) may be assigned as the head or assistant coach in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading).

b) Member School Obligations in Hiring

- 1) The Superintendent shall ensure that all assignments for coaching duties comply with all applicable state and local policies.
- 2) The hiring process shall ensure that in considering those individuals seeking coaching duties, the most qualified individual shall be assigned. In considering qualifications, the qualifications desired for the position, the references, interviews and experience of those

seeking the duties, and the education background shall be considered.

c) Compensation

Any person assigned to coaching duties at any level (grades 9-12) shall be duly employed through the respective board of education and the entire coaching salary shall be paid through such board in accordance with local Board of Education policy.

Sec. 3) Post Hire Requirements and Requirements for Continuing Coaching Duties

a) C.P.R.

All coaches (head and assistant) at any level in all sanctioned sports and sport activities (including cheerleading) shall provide documentation of successful completion of a C.P.R. course, as approved by a college or University, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other bona fide accrediting agency, and such shall be timely and appropriately updated as required by the approving agency.

b) Kentucky Coaches Education Program

1) The Kentucky Coaches Education Program has been approved as the coaching education program in Kentucky. Such program shall include an eight-hour course of study to include a KHSAA approved Coaches Education Program, KHSAA rules information and local district policies. All course requirements for certification in the coaching education program, including completion of the exam to be graded and registered with the Kentucky Coaches Education Program, shall be completed prior to the start of the competitive season. The cost of attending the KHSAA Kentucky Coaches Education Program will be the responsibility of the individual coach(es). Local school districts or local schools may, upon successful completion of all coaching education requirements including all examinations, reimburse the coaches for the expense of attending the course.

2) Level 1 individuals assigned to duties as a coach (head and/or assistant), who are hired as a member of the school system faculty for the first time following the 1995-96 school year shall take and complete all requirements for the Kentucky Coaches Education Program as detailed in Section b(1) above within one year of the initial assignment to coaching duties or prior to the legal start of practice for the next competitive season in any particular sport to which the individual is assigned, whichever occurs first.

3) Level 2 individuals assigned to duties as a coach (head and/or assistant) shall take and complete all requirements for the Kentucky Coaches Education Program as detailed in Section b(1) above within one year of the initial assignment to coaching duties or prior to the legal start of practice for the next competitive season in any particular sport to which the individual is assigned, whichever occurs first.

c) Medical Symposium

1) All persons employed as head coaches in all sanctioned sports and sport activities (including cheerleading) shall attend every two years, a Sports Medicine Symposium sanctioned by the KHSAA, approved and conducted by the Kentucky Medical Association.

2) All member schools of the KHSAA shall pay the necessary expenses of coaches for the required attendance at the sanctioned Sports Medicine Symposium.

3) The penalty for noncompliance with this section may be 1) Suspension from coaching duties in all contests for a period not to exceed one year; 2) Suspension from coaching duties in KHSAA sanctioned postseason play for a period not to exceed one year; or 3) any penalty otherwise included in Bylaw 33.

d) KHSAA Rules Clinic

1) All head varsity coaches shall annually attend at least one rules interpretation clinic conducted by representatives of the KHSAA in the sport in which they coach and the school desires to enter a team in postseason play, provided such clinics are conducted under the authorization of the Commissioner.

2) The penalty for noncompliance with this section may be 1) Suspension from coaching duties in all contests for a period not to exceed one year; 2) Suspension from coaching duties in KHSAA sanctioned postseason play for a period not to exceed one year; or 3) any penalty otherwise included in Bylaw 33.

NFHS BASKETBALL

NFHS & NCAA 2008-09 MAJOR BASKETBALL MECHANICS DIFFERENCES

(Refers to both 2 and 3-person crews, except where noted)

ITEM	NFHS	NCAA
Foul Signaling Reporting	Go to specific reporting area, one handed reporting	Clear the players; make eye contact with scorer; (W) use two hands to report numbers
Switching (2)	Switch on all fouls	No long switch in the backcourt
Switching (3)	No long switch in backcourt; calling official goes table side	Men – Calling official goes opposite Women – Same as NFHS
Disqualification Procedure (2)	After proper notifications, non-calling official takes a position on division line half way between center circle and sideline nearer table to administer substitution. Calling official takes a position with ball at top of arc in end of the court where play will resume.	No specific procedure
Disqualification Procedure (3)	After proper notifications, new table side official takes a position on division line half way between center circle and sideline nearer table to administer substitution. Officials not administering disqualification assume positioning for subsequent throw-in or free throw.	No specific procedure
Frontcourt Areas of Coverage (3)	Trail – Area from the near sideline to the far lane-line extended, above the free-throw line extended. All area outside the arc from the far lane-line extended to the end line. Center – Area from near sideline to nearest lane-line extended, from end line to division line and near half of key area. Lead – Near half of key and inside arc from mid free-throw line to the end line.	Men – Dual area for Trail/Lead inside arc. Women – Trail – All area above free-throw line extended from near sideline to far lane-line extended. Center – Same as NFHS Lead – All area below the free-throw line extended from the middle of the key to the near sideline.
Jump Ball	Referee designates tosser	Men – Referee toss the ball Women – Same as NFHS
Last Second Shot (3)	C or T - opposite table	Men – Same as NFHS Women – Center
Throw-in Administration L Position - frontcourt (3)	Either back to glass OR outside player, get in position to best cover court	Men – Back to glass Women - Outside player w/i 3-pt arc, inside player o/s 3-pt arc
Sideline Throw-in – Below free throw line extended (2)	Lead remains on end line and bounces the ball to the thrower	Lead becomes new Trail and administers throw-in on the sideline
Time-outs Positioning (2)	Administering official - throw-in spot Off official - division line, facing table, on the circle (nearest table for 30, further from table for 60)	Nearest blocks, opposite table, facing teams
Positioning (3)	Administering official - throw-in spot, ball placed on floor if spot is vacated Off officials – nearest block, opposite and facing bench area	Men – Same as NFHS, except ball not placed on floor Women – Same as NFHS
End Procedure	1st horn - go toward benches, inform coaches	1st horn - go to benches, inform coaches

NOTE: Does not include signal differences

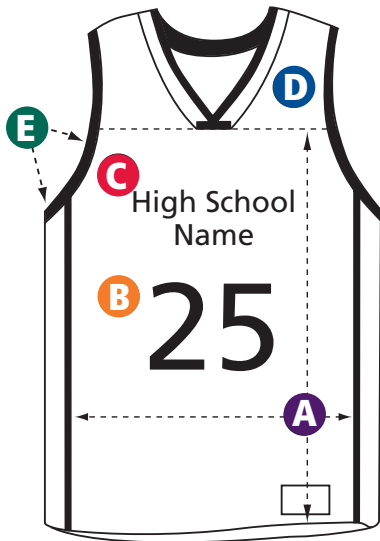
TECHNICAL-FOUL PENALTY SUMMARY			
TYPE FOUL	CHARGED TO:	COUNTS TOWARD	**HEAD COACH ASSESSED
<i>Administrative:</i> Providing rosters; starters; numbers; changes, additions, etc.; team not ready to start half, TV monitor, electronic communication; not occupying assigned bench; more than five players; excess time-out; violation after team warning for delay; all players not returning at same time after time-out or intermission (10-1)	Team	Team-foul count	
<i>Dunk or grasp basket:</i> During warm-ups-any team members (10-3-5)	Team Member	1. 2 Technicals 2. 5 Personal 3. Team-foul count	Indirect
<i>Substitutes:</i> Entering court; no report; not beckoned (10-2)	Substitute	1. 2 Technicals 2. 5 Personal 3. Team-foul count	
<i>Players:</i> *Changing number without reporting; face-guarding; delaying return; grasping basket, slapping backboard; delaying game; unsporting act/ conduct; goaltending on free throw; reaching through plane to touch or dislodge ball; contact opponent during dead ball; use of tobacco; removing jersey/pants; *fight (10-3)	Player	1. 2 Technicals 2. 5 Personal 3. Team-foul count	
<i>Bench personnel:</i> Unsporting act/conduct; enter court without permission; use tobacco; removing jersey/pants; *fight; *leave bench during fight or possible fight (10-4)	Substitute/ Bench Personnel	1. 2 Technicals 2. 5 Personal 3. Team-foul count	Indirect
<i>Disqualified player on bench:</i> Unsporting act/conduct	Substitute/ Bench Personnel	Team-foul count	Indirect
<i>Assistant Coach:</i> Unsporting act/conduct (10-4)	Assistant Coach	2 techs toward ejection Team-foul count	Indirect
<i>Head coach:</i> Unsporting act/conduct; off bench/outside box; not replacing player as required in 20 seconds; *leaving bench during fight unless beckoned; playing a disqualified player; illegal jersey/pants/number (10-5).	Head Coach	2 directs toward ejection Team-foul count	Direct

* Also disqualification. Reminder - any single flagrant act results in disqualification

** A single flagrant foul, the second direct technical foul or the third technical foul (any combination of direct or indirect) charged to the head coach results in ejection to the team's locker room or outside the building.

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Front View



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A JERSEY COLOR

1. The torso of the jersey must be a **single solid color** (white for home and dark for visitor).
2. The "torso" is the portion of the jersey from an imaginary horizontal line at the base of the neckline (see D. 2. below) extending to each armhole, down to the bottom hem of the jersey and from side seam to side seam.
3. A visible manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference is NOT permitted on the jersey. **NOTE:** A "locker-tag" near the bottom of a jersey designed to be tucked in, is not interpreted as visible.

B FRONT NUMBER

1. The number on the front shall be at least 4 inches high, not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide (excluding the border) and centered vertically and horizontally.
2. Numbers shall be plain Arabic numerals and must be the same style and color as the number on the back of the jersey.
3. Legal numbers are: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 00, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55. A team member list shall not have both numbers 0 and 00.
4. No more than three colors may be used in the number. The style must be clearly visible and conform to the provisions of NFHS Rule 3-4-3e.

C IDENTIFYING NAME

1. Team names and/or abbreviations or team member's names may be placed on the front of the jersey.
2. Lettering must be placed horizontally and may be arched. Names may also be on multiple lines.
3. The first and last letters, either above or below the number, must be on the same horizontal plane. When above the number, the plane may not be below a plane extending through the top of the number(s). When below the number, the plane may not be above a plane extending through the bottom of the number(s).
4. Any point on any letter shall not be closer than one inch to any point on any number(s).
5. Any form of decorative accent (i.e., paw, halo, crown, star, etc.) in a name or abbreviation is only permitted above the number.
6. If a tail is used in the lettering of an identifying name or abbreviation, the name or abbreviation must be located below the number.

D ABOVE THE NECKLINE

1. There are no restrictions in the area of the jersey from an imaginary horizontal line at the base of the neckline extending to each armhole, up to the shoulder seam.
2. The imaginary line shall not extend beyond 1 inch from the lowest point of the neckline apex/opening.
3. Different colors and/or designs may be used in this area.
4. Commemorative/memorial patches (not to exceed 4 square inches), if worn, must be in this area or in the side insert.

E ARMHOLE TRIM

1. Trim, piping, or an accent color differing from the torso shall not exceed 1 inch around the arm openings.
2. Except in the area above the neckline – where there are no color or design restriction.

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Back View



A JERSEY COLOR

1. The back torso of the jersey must be the same **single solid color** as the front.
2. The back "torso" is the portion of the jersey from the bottom of the back panel, if used, down to the bottom hem of the jersey and from side seam to side seam.
3. A visible manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference is NOT permitted on the jersey.

B BACK NUMBER

1. The number on the back shall be at least 6 inches high, not less than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide (excluding the border) and centered vertically and horizontally.
2. The back numbers shall meet all the remaining specifications of the front number as previously noted (Front View, B.2-B.4).

C IDENTIFYING NAME

1. Team names and/or abbreviations or team member's names may be placed horizontally on the back of the jersey.
2. Lettering on the back of the jersey shall meet all the specifications of the front lettering as previously noted (Front View, C.2-C.6).

D BACK PANEL

1. There are no color or design restrictions in the corresponding area – base of the neckline to the shoulder seam – on the back of the team jersey.

E ARMHOLE TRIM

1. Trim, piping, or an accent color differing from the torso shall not exceed 1 inch around the arm openings.
2. Except in the area above the neckline – where there are no color or design restriction.

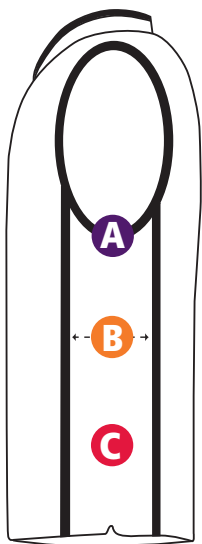
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Side View



A LOCATION

1. Side inserts must be centered vertically below the armpit.

B WIDTH

1. Side inserts, including trim/piping/accent color(s), must be a maximum of 4 inches (2 inches on each side of the seam).

C STYLE/DESIGN

1. Side inserts may be of any color or design.
2. Side inserts must be the same width for all team jerseys.
3. Commemorative/memorial patches (not to exceed 4 square inches), if worn, must be in this area or in the area above the neckline.

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