

**Bylaw 16. Protests, Reporting of Violations**

Any person wishing to report a violation of the KHSAA Constitution, Bylaws or Tournament rules must do so in writing. If such evidence is presented to warrant an investigation, the Commissioner shall ensure that such investigation is performed. The Commissioner's office shall notify the principal or superintendent of the protested school, telling him/her the exact nature of the charges made. If an investigator is appointed to gather evidence in connection with the protest, he shall provide a copy of the report to the Commissioner, and a copy shall be made a part of the official school records with the Association and shall be made available to the principal or superintendent of the schools involved upon request.

Protests against the decision of contest officials made during the course of game or meet will not be considered.

*(Case situations related to this bylaw appear on pages 19 through 43 of this Handbook)*

## **CASE SITUATIONS RELATED TO THE BYLAWS of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

*Contained in this section of the KHSAA Handbook are interpretations and rulings which have been made in accordance with applicable provisions of the KHSAA Bylaws. This section is printed as a supplement to the actual printed rules and does not in any manner substitute for the actual rule. Many of these rulings have established precedent for the interpretation or enforcement of these provisions, and remain in place until further altered, re-interpreted, or otherwise set aside. Specific inquiries not addressed by these interpretations should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of the KHSAA, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505. Interpretive questions or eligibility rulings will not be addressed via electronic mail and must be requested and issued in writing. The following table represents cross-referencing to the relevant portions of the KHSAA Handbook.*

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### **Case BL-16-1- May decisions of officials in athletic scrimmages or contests be protested to the Commissioner?**

*No. The decision of the official, right or wrong, must prevail. This is based on decisions made at the national level when protests have been referred to the National Federation office.*

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### **Case BL-16-2- How does the KHSAA review and respond to anonymous calls and letters?**

*Bylaw 16 requires all material submitted regarding the KHSAA for protests and reporting of violations to be in writing. If such reports are anonymous, the letters shall be forwarded by the Commissioner's office to the school administrator of the school in question, with no further action taken by the KHSAA unless that administrator reports a violation or further substantiated and signed information is received. Anonymous callers shall be informed that the KHSAA staff has no authority to act on anonymous calls.*