

Bylaw 2. Physician's Certificate and Parent's Consent

The Superintendent or Principal shall have each student who is trying for a place as a participant on an athletic team or cheerleading squad present a physician's certificate certification signed by a physician, physician's assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or chiropractor if performed in the scope of practice (as defined in KRS Chapter 312) which shall state that he/she is physically fit to participate without undue risk. The parent's consent for the child's participation and acknowledgment of receipt of the eligibility rules as promulgated by the Association and Kentucky Board of Education regulations in writing shall also be required.

Any student, prior to participation or trying for a place on an athletic team or cheerleading squad shall have in place medical insurance with coverage limits up to the deductible of the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance program and such insurance shall remain in force throughout participation. It is the responsibility of each member school to ensure and certify that each student has insurance coverage throughout the school year.

(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.

Case BL-2-1- Can a student participate in interscholastic athletics without a physician's certificate or written parental permission?

No. Bylaw 2 requires the student to have a physician's certificate and written parental consent and acknowledgement of the rules before he/she may participate in interscholastic athletics. The forms are provided by the KHSAA for the member schools and are available from the KHSAA web site (GE4). The physician's certificate is considered valid for one year from the examination date.

Case BL-2-2- Can other health care providers (i.e. Registered Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants, etc.) perform the physical exam for high school athletics in addition to Medical Doctors and Doctors of Osteopathy?

The exam approval form, KHSAA Form GE4, must be signed by a physician, physician's assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, and may also be signed by a chiropractor if performed in the scope of practice (as defined in KRS Chapter 312).

Case BL-2-3- Are student-athletes required to have insurance to participate?

Yes, as directed by the Kentucky Board of Education and approved by the Board of Control, it is a requirement to have medical insurance up to the Catastrophic Insurance deductible prior to trying out, practicing, or participating for a KHSAA member school. Each member school and school district must take the necessary steps to make sure that each of its student-athletes is insured to the limits of the deductible on the KHSAA Catastrophic policy, which is currently \$25,000.

Case BL-2-4- What is a participant as defined by Bylaw 2?

A participant is a person desiring to be a member of the school team and to compete in that team's scrimmages or contests. This definition applies to all events for which the KHSAA sponsors a state high school championship and all events for which the KHSAA provides rules interpretation clinics but does not sponsor state high school championships. This includes baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, softball (fast and slow pitch), swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, volleyball and wrestling. This definition shall also apply to students desiring to try for a place on a cheerleading squad, either for competition representing the member school in compliance with Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons, or for in-game support of one or more of the school teams.