

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, 2010, 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 or 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.

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

Case BL-26-1- What is the purpose of Bylaw 26, Section 1?

Several sports begin prior to the beginning of the school year or may extend beyond the school year. This legislation empowers the school to begin the season before school starts, or play through postseason elimination in spring sports.

Case BL-26-2- How is Bylaw 26, Section 1 interpreted for summer play?

GENERAL RULES REGARDING SUMMER PLAY- Individual athletes and athletic teams representing member schools may participate in non-school competition following the conclusion of the school year provided that such competition is not in conflict with other KHSAA Bylaws. School based play during the summer (other than fall sports after July 15) is governed by the local Board of Education (except for the Dead Period restrictions) and the local Board of Education assumes all responsibility.

INSURANCE COVERAGE DURING THE SUMMER- Insurance coverage provided by the Association, including but not limited to the Catastrophic Insurance Plan does not apply to students participating in such activities as Amateur Athletic Union and other non-school or out of season play in the summer. The provisions of the Association insurance plan do not cover students attending individual or team camps during the summer in any sport prior to the first legal day of practice. This summer exclusion also applies to members of the cheerleading squad.

Case BL-26-3- According to Bylaw 26, Section 1, is it possible for the student to complete play on a school team after he/she graduates from high school?

Yes. Any participant is eligible to continue participating in KHSAA sponsored state championship competition in baseball, fast pitch softball, tennis and track, even if their spring semester has ended. Only students eligible during the spring semester may practice or compete on any of the teams mentioned.

Case BL-26-4- According to Bylaw 26, Section 1, can practice and play be held in KHSAA sports or sport activities prior to the start of school?

Yes. Students may begin official practice and play for fall KHSAA sports and sport activities in cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, and volleyball as part of the school team even if the school year has not yet begun. Only students eligible at the conclusion of the spring semester may practice or compete on any of the teams in these fall sports on the school team until school resumes.

Allowances and restrictions for play and practice by student-athletes in the fall sports (cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer, and volleyball) prior to July 15 and in all other sports for the duration of the summer period after the end of the previous school year and prior to the start of school are governed by the local Board of Education (except for the Dead Period restrictions) and the local Board of Education assumes all responsibility and liability.

Case BL-26-5- Do the June-July restrictions in Bylaw 26, Section 1 apply to girls basketball teams?

No. The prohibitions on school vs. school play during July apply only to boys basketball.

Case BL-26-6- Do the June-July restrictions in Bylaw 26, Section 1 apply to non-football schools?

Yes. In order to preserve competitive balance, the restrictions on school vs. school participation in July for boys basketball apply equally whether or not the school offers a football team.

Case BL-26-7- Can the school football team play against other outside non-school football teams or compete without their coach present during June?

No. The purpose of the newly passed restriction is to have a time when school required play is not conducted, and playing against other organized teams will be treated the same as playing against another school team. Both are type of play are prohibited in June.

Case BL-26-8- Can a school basketball compete against other outside non-school basketball teams or compete without their coach present during July?

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time when school required play is not conducted, and playing against other organized teams will be treated the same as playing against another school team. Both are type of play are prohibited in June.

Case BL-26-9- In accordance with Bylaw 26, Section 2, what are the scheduled dates of the KHSAA Dead Period?

June 25 through July 9 each year. The Dead Period starts on June 25 beginning at 12:01 a.m. and continues through the 11:59 p.m. on July 9.

Case BL-26-10- What is the purpose of the Dead Period (Bylaw 26, Section 2)?

Over the years, many of our fine but sometimes overzealous coaches have required their players to play scores of games throughout the summer, in addition to a year-round workout regimen. While this may seem to be in the best interest of developing sports talent, such is not the purpose of high school athletics.

High school sports are to supplement classroom learning and allow for in-season competitive opportunities, not a year round Olympic or professional development period. Families were complaining that they could not plan vacations and family outings because of coach's requirements and athletes were complaining of burn out. In addition, schools were increasingly concerned with liability issues related to the summer. In a survey conducted by the KHSAA, 80% of superintendents, principals and athletic directors who returned the survey indicated they supported a "dead period" in the summer. Initial responses were overwhelmingly in support of a four (4) week dead period. The primary intent of the regulation is to eliminate, for an approximately two (2) week period, the leverage a coach has over his/her high school athletes.

Case BL-26-11 – What restrictions and allowances are in place for the KHSAA Dead Period (Bylaw 26, Section 2)?

There are restrictions on member schools (including booster organizations), member school coaches (grades 9-12) and student-athletes (including cheerleading participants) that must be complied with during the KHSAA Dead Period.

A) The following restrictions are in place for member school representatives (including groups of schools and school representatives, booster organizations) during the dead period, and apply to all persons connected with the member school, including coaches:

- 1) No activity for a student-athlete may be required by a school representative in any sport during the Dead Period. There may be no penalties assessed, expressed or implied for non-participation during that period;
- 2) An entry fee may not be paid for a team into a league, camp or tournament; There can be no expenditure for camps, clinics, etc. which any of the players will attend;
- 3) Other necessary fees including officiating fees and game or facility management fees may not be paid;
- 4) Transportation or funding for transportation for team members may not be provided for student-athletes to go to games, camps or tournaments;
- 5) The school athletics facilities may not be used for organized competition at which students from the high school are participants and for which no rental/lease arrangement exists using comparable regional fair market values;
- 6) The school athletics facilities may not be used for organized competition at which students from the school are participants and at which members of the high school coaching staff are involved in coaching or facility management and preparation;
- 7) The school nickname or school name may not be used on school issued or non-school issued apparel during this time;
- 8) No fund raising activity may require the participation of the student-athlete or parents;
- 9) School owned or issued equipment may not be used, including but not limited to football or baseball catching gear, by any athlete with eligibility remaining;
- 10) There cannot be money spent on travel to or from a camp, clinic or other activity during the Dead Period, even if none of the practice, competition or evaluation occurs during the Dead

Period as this is an expenditure of school funds or resources in support of athletics;

- 11) There cannot be distribution of equipment to student-athletes nor distribution of uniforms or other items during the Dead Period.
- B) The following restrictions are in place for member school coaches (paid or unpaid) at any level, including cheerleading coaches, during the dead period if the activity involves a student enrolled at the member school where the coach is employed:
- 1) Coaching, for the purposes of the Dead Period, is defined as any time the athletes are participating in that coach's sport in a setting in which skills are taught, refined, practiced or evaluated. Attendance at a scrimmage or contest is included in the definition of coaching. This coaching restriction includes all members of the athletic coaching staff, paid or unpaid. This restriction 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. All coaching restrictions are in place whether the activity is conducted within, or outside of the school;
 - 2) No coach may coach a student-athlete in any setting if that student-athlete has previously represented the high school (varsity, jv, or freshman) and if sports specific skills are being taught, refined, developed or evaluated;
 - 3) No coach in a sport at a school may coach other individuals who are enrolled in grades 9-12 but may not have yet played for the school;
 - 4) A coach may not pay the entry fee for a team into a league, camp or tournament;
 - 5) Other necessary fees including officiating fees and game or facility management fees may not be paid by the coach;
 - 6) A coach may not provide transportation or funding for transportation for team members to go to games, camps, tournaments or any other type of play;
 - 7) No member of the coaching staff may assist in making game-like preparations for the school facility including but not limited to, baseline marking, outfield line marking, batter's box marking, maintenance of the mound and base cut-outs; or the use of school facilities or equipment for such setup. This does not preclude the coaching staff or others participating in non-sports specific off-season turf or other facility maintenance;
 - 8) No fund raising activity may be held during the period which would require the student-athlete and the coach to be present. These activities are inherently or specifically mandatory for the student-athletes and may not be held during the dead period. Simply stating that something is not mandatory does not in and of itself make the activity legal. Even if an activity is totally optional, it is not permitted for the coach(es) and student-athletes to be together during this period;
 - 9) There can be no coaching of athletes in a particular sport by coaches from the same school who coach in another sport. The coaching prohibition is on the institution, not the individual;
 - 10) There can be no observation of student-athletes who are enrolled at the coach's high school, even if such observation is in conjunction with outside employment such as camps, leagues or clinics. The only exception is detailed in the allowable activities concerning the observation of the coach's children (blood or by marriage).
- C) The following restrictions are in place for student-athletes during the dead period:
- 1) A student-athlete may not wear school issued or school identifying apparel, including sleeves, jerseys, pants, catching gear or hats during games, camps or tournaments;
 - 2) The school nickname or school name may not be used on non-school issued apparel during this time;
- D) The following activities are permitted by member school representatives (including booster organizations) during the dead period:
- 1) School facilities may be used for non high school aged summer leagues, tournaments and camps provided 1) a documented market value lease agreement exists; 2) players from that school are not involved in any manner if a high school coach is involved; and 3) coaches from that high school are not involved

in any manner if a player is involved;

- 2) A school may hold a celebratory activity or activities commemorating participation in the KHSAA State Tennis, Track, Softball or Baseball State Championships (Final state events, not qualifying rounds). The events must be celebratory in nature, featuring recognitions of the athletes and squad members. No practice, play or future season planning or activities may occur.
- E) The following activities are permitted by member school coaches (paid or unpaid) at any level, including cheerleading coaches, during the dead period:
- 1) Coaches who have a son or daughter (blood or by marriage) participating may attend contests. Even with attendance allowed, this person cannot be involved in coaching the team if any other member of the high school team is also involved. A coach may be involved in coaching duties with his/her son or daughter (blood or by marriage) if the only player from the high school is the specific son or daughter;
 - 2) Coaches may be involved with outside activities and leagues as long as there is no contact with members of his/her high school team and as long as the coach is not in attendance when any of his/her players are participating. Coaches should be cautioned against using this type of activity in violation of Bylaw 10, Recruitment;
 - 3) Coaches may serve as a paid contest official.
- F) The following activities are permitted for student-athletes during the dead period provided they do not conflict with any other published restriction:
- Students who are members of the same high school team may participate together in outside competition as long as a member of the high school coaching staff does not coach them.

Case BL-26-12- Does Bylaw 26 apply to cheerleaders and cheerleading?

Yes. Any sport or sports activity governed by the KHSAA Limitation of Seasons (Bylaw 25) is restricted by this rule. This rule however, does not apply to activities not governed by the Limitation of Seasons such as (but not limited to) drill, dance, field hockey or ice hockey teams.

Case BL-26-13- What are the limitations and restrictions for a school hold fund raising activities or to expend funds during the dead period?

Any activity that is inherently or specifically mandatory for the student-athletes or their families may not be held during the dead period. Simply stating that something is not mandatory does not in and of itself make the activity legal. Even if an activity is held and is totally optional, it is not permitted for the coach(es) and student-athletes to be together during this period.

School or booster funds may not be expended during this dead period?

Case BL-26-14- Can a local Board of Education allow camps during the summer for non-high school students conducted by the high school coaching staff during the Dead Period.

Yes, as long as there is no contact with any athlete who had participated at any level within the school athletic program, regardless of the grade or age of the student.

The members of the high school team may only work at such a camp if the high school coaching staff is not present.

Case BL-26-15- Can a school conduct its mass physical exams during the Dead Period.

Yes, as long as there is no contact with any member of the coaching staff for any reason, and as long as it is not the sole opportunity provided for the member school.