

Bylaw 8. Contestant On Other Teams, Post Season and All-Star Games

Any student who after enrolling in grade nine (9) has been a contestant in football or basketball at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in that sport may not participate on any non-school sponsored team or in any all-star game in that sport or any variation of that sport from the first day of school through the last scheduled contest played in that sport (including KHSAA sanctioned post-season) by that school unless it has been sanctioned by the Board of Control. Following the team's last scheduled game (including post season), there are no restrictions on play in that specific sport for the student-athletes.

(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-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 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 at any level

(grades 9-12) within the school.

Case BL-8-7 – Can a football or basketball player play in an outside league in football or basketball during the school year prior to the season?

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 2007-2008 are September 28-30.