

## **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.

*(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-9-1- Is it possible for a student to play on a school team after he/she has graduated from high school?**

Yes. A student may complete the spring sports season including baseball, softball, tennis, and track of the student-athlete's senior year. Any participant is eligible to continue participating in KHSAA sponsored state championship competition even if their spring semester has ended or graduation has been held. Only students eligible during the final grading period may compete on any of the teams mentioned.

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### **Case BL-9-2- What are the "eligibility regulations" as mentioned in the KHSAA bylaws, in particular, KHSAA Bylaw 9?**

The KHSAA student eligibility regulations are Bylaws 2 (Physician's Certificate), 3 (Age), 4 (Enrollment), 5 (Minimum Academic Requirement), 6 (Transfer Rule), 7 (Conduct), 8 (Contestant on Other Teams, Post Season and All-Star Games), 9 (Other Eligibility Requirements and Regulations), Bylaw 10 (Recruitment), 11 (Practice of Sportsmanship), and 12 (Awards).

The Board of Control has directed that the provisions of Bylaw 6 that call for participation in a varsity sport as a determinant restricts application to those sports which the KHSAA sanctions and publishes a limitation of seasons. "Sport" includes baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball (fast and slow pitch), swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, volleyball and wrestling. At press time, the KHSAA does not sponsor state championships in such events as cheerleading (spirit), field hockey, badminton, bowling or others,

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### **Case BL-9-3- May a student who is not eligible participate in a game practice with the team?**

No. If a participant is ineligible he/she may not try-out, practice, or participate in games or scrimmages until eligible and minimum practice periods (i.e. ten days for football) do not begin accumulating until the ruling is complete. In addition, those students may not be issued any competition equipment necessary for the sport or any other items specific to participation in the sport.

Ineligible persons practicing with the team or participating in any manner while representing the school potentially jeopardize the insurance coverage, including catastrophic and liability insurance, of all participants and the liability coverage of the school and school system. The only exception to this policy is the allowable practice of otherwise eligible students who are not eligible for the team's next contest due to the penalty for sportsmanship violations (Bylaw 11)

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### **Case BL-9-4- Does the Association have an adopted stance regarding sexual harassment and other inappropriate behavior by representatives of the athletic staff?**

Yes, the Board of Control has adopted the policy that if any complaints regarding sexual harassment or other inappropriate behavior are reported or discovered by representatives of the Association, such shall be referred to the employing school superintendent for action.