

CASE SITUATIONS RELATED TO THE CONSTITUTION 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 Constitution. 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 C-1- How are the proceeds of the regional tournaments and football playoffs to be divided?

In basketball, each region must vote on the manner in which the money is to be divided. In football, each district shall vote on the manner in which the proceeds of games involving its schools are to be distributed.

Case C-2- What is required for a school to be eligible for membership?

A school is eligible for membership if the student body consists of students who are enrolled in grades 9-12 or 10-12, and operates under the auspices of a local school board, diocese or other regional body, or comparable organization, and is recognized by the Kentucky Department of Education as able to present a diploma. In addition, all schools must agree to abide by the rules of the Association as enumerated on the membership application.

Case C-3- What does the expression "corresponding date" mean as it relates to scheduling contests?

Corresponding date charts are published for all KHSAA sports in an effort to aid athletic administrators in planning future schedules. It should be noted that contracts cannot be enforced by the Association that call for "corresponding dates" rather than specific playing dates.

Case C-4 - What is a contest as defined in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution and referenced in the Bylaws?

A contest is one of the allowable regular season games/meets/tournaments/matches detailed in KHSAA Bylaw 25. Such does not include pre-season scrimmages, jamborees, exhibitions, etc., but does include each and every competition opportunity allowed within Bylaw 25. (i.e. Baseball, 30 games; Basketball, 24 games, etc.)

Case C-5 - What is a school as defined in the KHSAA Constitution?

A school is an entity which is recognized by the Kentucky Department of Education (or corresponding Department of Education in another state) as an institution whose primary purpose is the education of high school aged students.

Case C-6 - In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, may a KHSAA member school play an in-state school that is located in Kentucky and is eligible for membership but chooses not to join the KHSAA, in a contest during the regular season?

No. Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution prohibits a KHSAA member school from participating in a contest with a non-member school that is located in Kentucky.

Case C-7 - In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, may a KHSAA member school play an in-state school that is located in Kentucky and is not eligible for membership, in a contest during the regular season?

No. Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution prohibits a KHSAA member school from participating in a contest with a non-member school that is located in Kentucky.

Case C-8 - In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, may a KHSAA member school play an in-state independent, alumni, traveling or club team based in Kentucky that is not affiliated with a school in a contest during the regular season?

No. Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution prohibits a KHSAA member school from participating in a contest against a non-school team of any type.

Case C-9 - In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, may a KHSAA member school play an out of state school in a contest during the regular season?

Yes, in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball or volleyball, provided that the school is a member of that state's Association, and if necessary, the National Federation sanctioning policy is completely followed. KHSAA members scheduling contests against these out of state opponents should be careful to comply with these rules. In the sports of cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track and field, and wrestling, it is not necessary that the out of state opponents be members of the state association where the school is located, but the NFHS sanctioning rules must be completely followed. The KHSAA staff can assist in communicating with the other state association if the KHSAA member school needs verification prior to scheduling.

Case C-10 - In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, may a KHSAA member school play an out of state team that is not school-based during the regular season?

No. Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution prohibits a KHSAA member school from participating in a contest against a non-school team from out of state.

Case C-11 - In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, may a KHSAA member school participate in a contest against a non-US team (foreign) team?

Yes, provided such event is 1) sanctioned within the policies and procedures of the National Federation of State High School Associations sanctioning rules and regulations, 2) in compliance with Bylaw 23, Section 2, and 3) is approved by the KHSAA in compliance with published instructions and procedures.

Case C-12 - What is the difference between a full member of the Association and a member in candidacy status as referred in Article VI of the Constitution?

A member in candidacy status is considered a full member of the KHSAA and agrees, through submission of its membership application, to abide by all KHSAA rules and regulations just as any other member. and includes full compliance with all eligibility rules in all contests.

As a new member, there are two "exceptions" to the provisions of full membership.

- 1) If approved by the Commissioner, the school on probationary status is allowed to exhaust any contest contracts that were signed prior to joining the KHSAA. The candidacy school may therefore, if approved, occasionally compete non-member school in a contest during this period provided there was prior written agreement. However, once those contracts are exhausted, the school in candidacy status will not be able to compete against non-member schools located in Kentucky.
- 2) The playing season in all sports will end for schools in candidacy status at the end of the regular season in each sport, and the school on candidacy status will not be eligible to compete in postseason play against other KHSAA schools until the end of the two-year period.

Case C-13 - Does the delegate to the KHSAA Annual Meeting have to hold Principal Certification or be a certified teacher?

No. There are no criteria for the delegate who votes for the school. The Principal of the school must annually designate this person, but there are no specific criteria for the delegate.