

PREFACE

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE KHSAA

The KHSAA shall establish, promote and deliver the highest quality interscholastic athletic programs and activities in an efficient and progressive manner that emphasize participation, safety, sportsmanship and integrity to enhance the educational experience of the student-athlete.

The Board of Control and Staff of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association are looking forward to the 2010-2011 school year with excitement and enthusiasm. Maintaining quality athletic programs has been an Association goal since 1917 and the KHSAA has enjoyed the support and involvement of the membership in this endeavor since that time.

It is a time of great and exciting change with the Association. In addition to a new Commissioner, Assistant Commissioner Angela Passafiume, In House General Counsel Chad Collins and Information Technology Director Rob Catron have given the organization new ideas and a fresh perspective. Such information is essential as the Association moves forward with development of the many programs, activities and initiatives.

Under the leadership of Julian Tackett, the Association's seventh Commissioner, the goal of consistently operating the Association in accordance with sound business practices continues to ensure financial stability. The Association has a unique opportunity to further expand participation and recognition opportunities to student-athletes as a result, a task the leadership is quick to embrace.

Interscholastic athletics not only builds character through competition and sportsmanship, but it also serves as the number one dropout prevention program nationwide. If the Association has the opportunity to provide these opportunities to students while helping member school districts meet educational goals, it should use every available resource at its disposal to do so.

The KHSAA will continue to face the usual challenges that confront any regulatory organization. The Association rules and regulations are solid philosophically and reflect the vote and wishes of its member schools. The Commissioner and staff will continue to interpret and enforce any and all regulations approved by the membership and the Kentucky Board of Education. School personnel are to be commended for doing an outstanding job overall of complying with Association rules, policies and directives.

The KHSAA is designated as the agency to manage high school athletics in Kentucky. Ensuring a fair and equitable environment for participation remains the primary focus for the Association.

HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR 2011-12

Customary revision has been made to the Handbook in terms of its format and content. The Board of Control and the staff spent much of the past year focusing on the accuracy and intent of the rules and rules interpretations of each section of the Handbook.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

- 1) Bylaw 5 academic requirement was amended to ensure that year to date progress is maintained by student-athletes even in systems where courses and subject areas change during the school year.
- 2) Bylaw 25 was amended to change the game count in basketball to eliminate tournament counting exemptions.
- 3) Bylaw 25 was amended to change the game count in volleyball to eliminate tournament counting exemptions
- 4) Bylaw 25 was amended to remove the automatic requirement of ineligibility for tournament play from the penalty provisions for exceeding contest limits.
- 5) Bylaw 27 was amended to comply with the provisions of HB327 in the Kentucky General Assembly, 2009 regarding the KHSAA Sports Safety Course.

CASE SITUATIONS

Many of the past interpretations were modernized in the terms of the way they are presented, without change in the application of the rule. Lengthy paragraphs were converted to lists for easy reference and for clarity. In addition, the order of the case situations under many bylaws were revised to allow for the case situations to correspond to the order of the bylaw sections.

It should be noted that these revised interpretations reflect past action in specific inquiries made to the Association. However if conflicts exist between the printed provision of the Constitution or

Bylaws and these interpretations, the wording in the Constitution and/or Bylaw shall supersede the case studies.

The following key revisions were made in 2010-2011 and are in effect in the interpretations:

- 1) The Board of Control revised the penalties for ejections to concur with their July, 2011 decision to increase the penalty for ejection from a contest. The minimum penalty is now 2 additional games for players (beyond the original ejection date) and 3 additional games for coaches (beyond the original ejection date)
- 2) Substantial changes were made to the interpretations in Bylaw 25.

Under the provisions of the Constitution that allow the Board to waive the period of ineligibility for a disbarred competitor, the Board of Control allowed baseball, softball and tennis to start play approximately 10 days earlier so that any school that has to discontinue athletics due to the new testing system will not be placed at a disadvantage. This is also critical when the baseball and softball seasons shorten in 2014 due to the movement of Memorial Day within the corresponding date calendar.

Interpretation BL-25-17 was substantially changed to reflect the lack of defined limitations in Bylaw 25 on what coaches can do during the off-season. Previously the interpretations were overly restrictive as they were interpretation only (and not part of the rule) and could not therefore stand legal challenge. They were changed to allow the coach to be present with the student-athletes in many cases, versus the students being forced to seek instruction and assistance from nonschool coaches.

BACKGROUND OF THE HANDBOOK

This handbook is published as a service to the member schools and constituents of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. During the year, interpretations are revised or changed and are published in KHSAA publications and posted on the KHSAA web site, www.khsaa.org. A great deal of time and effort has been spent revising sections of the Handbook including the bylaw interpretations, and clarification of tournament rules and regulations. As always, should there be any questions or clarifications, feel free to direct them to the Association staff.

Information printed in the directory of member schools is based upon completion of the periodic update and subsequent changes submitted in writing, via electronic means or telephone. These changes are reflective of the information submitted by the member schools prior to Aug. 29, 2011. Each member school was notified through its Principal and Athletic Director regarding the procedure for making changes.

Information contained in the officials' directory is based on officials licensing and re-licensing prior to Aug. 29, 2011. Licensing continues in all sports into the school year, with a higher licensing fee for officials not re-licensing prior to July 1. If a member school has any doubt as to an officials' status, they should to contact the Association office prior to contracting the official to work a contest or check the KHSAA web site for information.

School personnel are invited to inform the Association of any changes or inaccuracies by updating information through the "Member School Only" link on the Association website. Enrollment figures listed are based upon the annual report from the Kentucky Department of Education following the second month of the 2009-2010 school year, and are the figures which have been used to separate schools in the classified sports. The enrollment is doubled for schools enrolling only one sex when classifying cross country, football and track in order to make comparisons to coeducational schools.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In 1917 the principals of a few schools organized the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to regulate, develop and purify high school athletics. Since then each high school accredited by the Kentucky Department of Education has been eligible to join through application by the Principal and the approval of the local Superintendent. In 2011-12, there are 278 members of the Association. The Association is a self-managing entity through which the schools work cooperatively for the betterment of the total program. Delegates designated by each member school Principal make the rules and regulations.

The general control is lodged with a Board of Directors, generally

referred to as the Board of Control, fourteen of which are elected by the member schools, and an additional four members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. The Association is operated under the direction of the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education. The Board of Control selects a Commissioner for the Association and the Commissioner hires such assistants as deemed necessary to administer the many details of the program in compliance with the 1971/1987/2008 Federal Court Decree. The duties and authority of the Commissioner are defined by the Constitution and Bylaws. These are as binding on the Commissioner and staff as they are on the member schools.

CURRENT STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control has adopted a strategic plan in effect through the 2010-2011 school year. These declared values are considered when making Association decisions. The values are the basis for the Association philosophy and are the building blocks for the future.

- 1) The opportunity for participation for all student athletes.
- 2) Strong leadership at all levels within the association.
- 3) Education and the role of athletics in that process.
- 4) Sportsmanship and citizenship.
- 5) Quality of the total program.
- 6) Integrity of the membership.
- 7) Professionalism and efficiency within the organization.
- 8) Fairness and consistency as it relates to the enforcement of rules.
- 9) Accountability of the student athlete.
- 10) Preservation of the heritage of interscholastic athletics.

Following the development of these values, the Board of Control adopted the following goals to drive the Association operations through the 2010-2011 school year.

- 1) Continue current successful strategies that maintain and ensure financial stability.
- 2) Operate as a support base developing plans to educate the member schools and affected constituencies of the policy, procedures, and activities of the Association.
- 3) Ensure adequate staffing of KHSAA administration and continued Professional Development.
- 4) Continue to monitor and audit compliance guidelines of member schools through the regulations set forth by the Association and other entities.
- 5) Formulate and monitor strategies to enhance and promote the programs of the Association, the preservation of its history and the traditions of interscholastic athletics.

- 6) Emphasize and promote good sportsmanship/citizenship and conduct at KHSAA interscholastic sponsored events and other activities involving coaches, officials, athletes and spectators.
- 7) Evaluate the composition and operations of the Board of Control and communication systems to ensure inclusion of the membership.

With these goals and objectives in mind, the Board of Control has, in consultation with the Commissioner, developed the following as goals for the Commissioner.

- 1) Continue to maintain fiscal responsibility through sound financial practices to include retiring the debt on the KHSAA office building.
- 2) Continue to address current educational and athletics trends that impact the KHSAA membership such as gender equity, school funding and size, public and non-public school issues and contest safety.
- 3) Conduct outreach programs by scheduling required regional meetings for principals and other school personnel regarding the regulations, operations and programs sponsored by the Association.
- 4) Continue to enhance and implement electronic communications systems for the benefit of the KHSAA membership and other educational partners.
 - a) use website, e-mail and scoreboard to communicate and distribute information to member school personnel.
 - b) communicate special program information such as Board meeting agendas, tournament information and other Association activities.
- 5) Continue development of the KHSAA Museum and Dawahares/ KHSAA Hall of Fame.
 - a) Maintain quality programs to maximize attendance and work to continually improve the overall production and experience for the Hall of Fame inductees and those in attendance at the banquet.
 - b) Host regional seminars throughout the state to service the constituency.

KHSAA 2010-2011 ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

Two hundred seventy-eight schools joined the Association for the 2010-11 school year. Five of these schools enroll girls only and six have only boys. Two hundred seventy-eight schools joined the Association for the 2009-2010 school year.

A complete report will be submitted to the membership at the 2011 Annual Meeting of schools.

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