

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 2009 VOLLEYBALL RULES CLINIC

HB383 SPORTS SAFETY COURSE

By mandate of HB 383, at least one coach/individual must have taken and completed the Sports Safety Course online through the KHSAA website PRIOR TO any practice and our competition. In addition, at least one individual that has successfully completed the course must be present at all practices and contests. In the event a school does not have an individual that meets this requirement, which is in addition to KHSAA Bylaw 27 Coaching Requirements, that school shall cease practice and competition until which time an individual has passed the course.

2009 SEASON COMPETITION

Official volleyball team tryouts or team practice may not begin each year until July 15.

The first 2009 regular season match may be played on Monday, August 10.

The 2009 District Tournaments are to be held during the week of October 12-17.

The 2009 Regional Tournaments are to be held during the week of October 19-24.

The 2009 State Tournament will be held Oct. 30-31 at Regents Hall on the campus of Northern Kentucky University in Highlands Heights.

2010 SEASON COMPETITION

Regular season starts Monday, August 9, 2010

District Tournament week is October 11-16, 2010

Regional Tournament week is October 18-23, 2010

State Tournament is October 29-30, 2010 (Site TBA)

HEAT INDEX

Please refer to the KHSAA website and the provided handouts with regard to adherence to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. Some gyms are not air conditioned and while an indoor sport, volleyball is required to comply with the program and reporting of data to the KHSAA.

LENGTH OF MATCH

The Volleyball Advisory Committee voted to present to the KHSAA Board of Control mandatory match play 3-5 sets. The KHSAA Board did not approve the request, but went on record as continuing to allow consenting teams the opportunity to play 3-5 provided they notify the KHSAA office prior to the contest as well as forward length of game and match data to further assist in gathering data for future consideration. In addition, contact your assignor prior to the match and note that the fee for 3-5 is an additional \$10 per official.

OFFICIAL'S UNIFORM

In all 2009 KHSAA State Championship Tournament competition (district, regional and state), black shoes, black socks and black slacks shall be worn. The KHSAA white volleyball official's shirt may be purchased through Honig's Whistle Stop (www.honigs.com or 1-888-468-3284). There has been a modification for the summer weather whereby officials may wear white shoes and white socks with the white shirt and black shorts, but all shall be dressed alike when using the modification.

OFFICIAL'S PAY

For 2009, varsity officiating fee per official is \$40 per contest. This fee shall also be adhered to in tournament competition, provided the varsity 2-3 to 25 format is used. In the event an altered scoring format (two games to 21; 2-3 to 21, etc.) is used, the official's fee shall be negotiated prior to the contest.

WHICH VOLLEYBALL TO USE

Volleyballs used in regular season games must have the NFHS Authenticating Mark (the KHSAA emblem is not the NFHS Authenticating Mark). However, Rawlings volleyballs (Competition KYVBI 1001B) are to be used in all KHSAA District, Regional and State Tournament play.

KHSAA WEBPAGE

ENTERING YOUR TEAM SCHEDULE:

By now you or your Athletic Director should have entered your volleyball schedule for the 2009 season. If not, do it tomorrow, and be sure and update any adjustments to your previously reported schedule. It can be done by going to the KHSAA Webpage (www.khsaa.org) and finding the heading/topic ""Member Schools Log-In Here". Click on that category and follow the directions.

VIEWING GAME/CONTEST RESULTS:

To view contest results, access the KHSAA Webpage (www.khsaa.org) and double click "Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard".

REPORTING SORES:

By requirement of the KHSAA Board of Control, following your contest you should immediately call in the scores of your contest. Reports should reflect who won, who lost, game site, if it was a tournament contest or not, and the individual set results (e.g. 25-10, 15-25, 25-13). This score reporting can be accomplished only one way.....by calling **1-800-453-6882**.

ROSTERS:

Please note that each school is required to submit online their roster. You may make changes throughout the year to the roster, but on the first date of the postseason, roster entry will be locked for the remainder of the postseason.

BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES

Teams participating in the fall BlueGrass State Games do not have to count those competitions against their two preseason scrimmage limitations, nor against their allowable number of 20 regular season matches.

SPORTSMANSHIP CARD

An official will read the KHSAA Sportsmanship Card to the team captains and the Head Coach during the pre-game conference.

CONTRACT AGREEMENTS

Contracts for contests (or contract adjustments to existing contracts) should be in writing. The KHSAA will not become involved in settling any contract disputes that are not in writing.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Disqualifications should be submitted via the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org). Click on "Officials Information" and follow the instructions. DQ's must be reported to the KHSAA within 24 hours. Officials failing to report disqualifications are subject to having their license suspended. Schools/coaches can request reinstatement of disqualified participants via the website as well.

Please note per KHSAA Board of Control mandate, beginning with this year, any player/coach that is ejected from a KHSAA contest will have to complete the STAR Sportsmanship program online through the KHSAA website prior to reinstatement. There is no cost to the course, however the \$50 fine for an ejected coach will remain as well as any other penalties.

NATIONAL FEDERATION PART II EXAMINATION

The National Federation Part II Exam will be given, by your local officials association, during the week beginning Sunday, August 16 thru and including Sunday, August 23. An official must make a score of 80% on this Part II exam in order to be eligible to officiate post season play. Both Part I and Part II Exams are to be taken online through the KHSAA website.

SEEDING

- (1). All games/records used to determine seeding position within a seeded district must have been completed prior to the district tournament draw meeting, whatever date it is held.
- (2). While district tournament meetings may be held at any time, district tournament meetings shall not be held later than Sunday, October 4 for the 2009 season.
- (3). Seeded games wins/losses achieved as a result of contests played after the district draw meeting (whenever it is held, but not later than October 4) may not be used in the calculations for seeding placement.
- (4). For the purpose of seeding the tournament, seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) will be recorded as a win and a loss for both involved teams in computing seeding position.
- (5). Decisions to seed (or unseed) must adhere to the following:(a) To be made prior to the start of the season; (b) Recorded in writing; (c) Written copies of decisions provided to the KHSAA; (d) If district teams decide to seed, written copies must also be provided to the KHSAA as to the methods used to determine seeding position.
- (6). Decisions to seed, or not seed, shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions and that paperwork be on file with the KHSAA.

THREE TEAM DISTRICTS AND REQUIRED SEEDING PROCEDURES

All teams in all team sports which are placed in three-team districts shall adhere to the following postseason advancement plan within the district:

- Each team in a three-team district is required to play the other two teams in the district in two contests each year, at mutually agreed sites. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts.
- The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
- The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
- In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.

- In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
- The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
 - If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
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 - If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
 - If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
 - If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie.
 - Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.

KHSAA MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

As one of the requirements of Bylaw 27 – Coaching Requirements, all Head Coaches must attend once every two years a Sports Medical Symposium sanctioned by the KHSAA. The sites and dates are posted on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org). This program is separate from the Sports Safety Course as mandated by HB 383.

KHSAA RULES CLINICS

In the sport in which they coach, all Head Coaches must annually attend at least one KHSAA Rules Clinic conducted by representatives of the KHSAA. Failure to attend one of the annually provided rules clinics will eliminate that coach from participation in all post season play. Rules clinic dates and sites are posted on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org).

COACHING TRAINING

The NFHS, in partnership with USA Volleyball, the American Volleyball Coaches Association and the KHSAA, has developed a voluntary coaching education program online. Cost of the program is \$50 and may be viewed through the NFHS website at www.nfhslearn.com. This is an excellent tool for assistance in teaching of skills.

OFFICIALS TRAINING

J&B Production has produced some online officials' video programs. These programs are available in DVD format at a nominal charge and would be a great asset to assignors and officials. Please note the DVD that covers NFHS Rules Interpretations DOES NOT fulfill the KHSAA Rules Clinic requirement.

Go to www.vbofficiating.com/special3.html.

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