
BYLAW 23. SANCTIONS**Sec. 1) Contests Within State**

All contests within Kentucky played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions shall come through the Commissioner. The Commissioner or Board of Control shall not sanction (approve for play) any meet, tournament, game, or all-star contest unless a member school, conference, group of member schools, or coaches association is the sponsor. The legal sponsor shall have full control over planning, supervision, and disposition of finances. A member school shall not take part in any tournament, game, or contest from which any outside organization derives a financial profit from ticket sales.

Sec. 2) Interstate Contests

Member schools of the KHSAA shall adhere to all restrictions contained in the National Federation of State High School Associations' sanctioning policy when playing any contest or scrimmage against an out of state opponent.

Case BL-23-1- What are the rules regarding the sanctioning of contests with out of state teams?

All KHSAA member schools are responsible for ensuring that contests are properly sanctioned. The KHSAA adheres to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) sanctioning policy. NFHS sanction is required if KHSAA schools participate in any of the following types of contests:

- 1) Any interstate events involves two (2) or more schools and is cosponsored by, or titled in the name of, an organization outside the high school athletic community (e.g. a University, Theme Park, Athletic Shoe Apparel Company, etc.);
- 2) Any event involving non-bordering state schools if five (5) or more states are involved; or
- 3) Any event involving non-bordering state schools if more than eight (8) teams are involved; or
- 4) Any event involving two or more teams which involves a team from a foreign country.

IN KENTUCKY AND NFHS SANCTION REQUIRED

If the contest(s) is (are) to be played in Kentucky and the event requires NFHS sanction, the host school should go to the KHSAA website which will link to the NFHS website for completion of the forms and payment of fees. This shall be completed and sent to the NFHS along with the requisite fee sixty (60) days prior to the event to ensure the minimization of costs to the host school and to allow for an orderly flow of communication among all effected parties. Requests submitted inside of sixty (60) days will be assessed a higher fee. The KHSAA receives no portion of this fee.

IN KENTUCKY AND NFHS SANCTION NOT REQUIRED

If the contest(s) is (are) to be played in Kentucky, involves out of state schools and does not require NFHS sanction but involves only those schools in states contiguous with Kentucky, the host school shall ensure that the rules of the opponent's state association with regard to sanctioning are followed. Some state high school associations (i.e. , Missouri, Tennessee, West Virginia) have additional requirements for schools participating against their member schools, and the KHSAA staff can assist in facilitating those requests. KHSAA member schools may only compete against schools from other states that are members of that state association.

OUT OF STATE AND NFHS SANCTION IS REQUIRED

If the contest(s) is (are) played outside of Kentucky and NFHS sanctioning is required, the KHSAA member school shall ensure that the host school contacts the NFHS to initiate the sanction process.

OUT OF STATE AND NFHS SANCTION IS NOT REQUIRED

If the contest(s) is (are) played outside of Kentucky and NFHS sanctioning is not required and involves only schools in states contiguous with Kentucky, no additional sanctioning is needed on the part of the KHSAA. Some state high school associations (i.e. , Missouri, Tennessee, West Virginia) have additional requirements for schools participating against their member schools, and the KHSAA staff can assist in facilitating

those requests. KHSAA member schools may only compete against schools from other states that are members of that state association in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball.

Case BL-23-2- How far in advance shall NFHS sanctioning be requested?

The National Federation policy states that sanctioning is required through their office not later than sixty (60) days prior to the event. Inside of this time frame, the fees for processing escalate. For this reason, it is imperative that the requests be made early (start the process at least sixty (60) days prior) so that approval is not denied due to the lateness of the request. Requests submitted inside of sixty (60) days will be assessed a higher fee. The KHSAA receives no portion of this fee.