

**Case BL-2-4- What is a participant as defined by Bylaw 2?**

A participant is a person desiring to be a member of the school team in a sport or sports activity and to compete in that team's scrimmages or contests. This applies to all sports and sport activities, including cheer, whether competitive or in-game support.

**Case BL-6-9- What does the word "sport" as used in Bylaw 6 represent with respect to athletic participation and the applicability of Bylaw 6?**

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 these are separate and apart from Sports Activities. "Sport" includes baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, softball (fast pitch), swimming, tennis, indoor and outdoor track, volleyball and wrestling. Sport Activities include bowling and cheerleading. Bylaw 6 and 7 do not apply to those students whose participation is solely in Sport Activities.

**Case BL-25-27- Do all of the restrictions of Bylaw 25 and its interpretations apply to cheerleading?**

Yes.

**Summary of Bylaw Applicability to Cheerleaders**

Bylaws 2, 25, 26, 27 and 33 are KHSAA requirements and regulations for cheer participants and teams. Other rules for eligibility for cheer participants shall be determined at the school level.

KHSAA Eligibility Bylaw 2 specifically within its text requires a physical exam prior to participation by cheerleaders. This is essential for the KHSAA to maintain its current Catastrophic Insurance Coverage for Cheerleaders.

KHSAA Eligibility Bylaws 3 (Age), 4 (Enrollment), 5 (Academic), 6 (Domestic Transfer), 7 (Foreign Exchange Student), 8 (Out of Season Play), 9 (General Eligibility), 10 (Recruitment)12 (Amateur and Awards), and 13 (Financial Aid) do not apply to cheerleaders or any other sport or activity for which the KHSAA does not sponsor a championship.

KHSAA Bylaw 25 (Limitation of Seasons), Bylaw 26 (Summer Dead Period) and Bylaw 27 (Requirement for Coaches) apply to cheerleaders and cheerleading coaches explicitly within the rule.

KHSAA Bylaw 33 specifically applies to cheerleading in certain penalty provisions, including the penalty for performing a stunt not allowed by National Federation Rules.