

BYLAWS of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

BYLAW 1. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELIGIBILITY

The Principal of a school shall be held ultimately responsible in all matters in the school that concern eligibility, and inter-school contests. The Principal of each member school may annually designate an individual at the school to serve as the Designated Representative for the purpose of conducting the interscholastic program at that school. The Principal or Designated Representative shall sign all forms requiring authorized signature. If a member school principal fails to make the designation prior to August 31, the building principal shall automatically be the Designated Representative for the current year.

BYLAW 2. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, PARENTAL CONSENT AND INSURANCE

Sec. 1) Physical Examination and Parental Consent Requirements

The Superintendent or Principal shall have each student who is trying for a place as a participant on a sports or sport-activity team present a physician's certificate certification signed by a physician, physician's assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or chiropractor if performed in the scope of practice (as defined in KRS Chapter 312) which shall state that he or she is physically fit to participate without undue risk. The parent's consent for the child's participation and acknowledgment of receipt of the eligibility rules as promulgated by the Association and Kentucky Board of Education regulations in writing shall also be required on KHSAA Form GE04. The permission shall acknowledge that the student and the parents are aware of the education material available from the KHSAA, Centers for Disease Control, and other agencies regarding the nature and risk of concussion and head injury, including the continuance of play after concussion or head injury.

Sec. 2) Requirement for Insurance

A student, prior to participation or trying for a place on an athletic team or cheerleading squad shall have in place medical insurance with coverage limits up to the deductible of the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance program and that insurance shall remain in force throughout participation. It shall be the responsibility of each member school to ensure and certify that each student has insurance coverage throughout the school year.

BYLAW 3. AGE

Sec. 1) Age Restriction

Pursuant to KRS 156.070 (2) (e), a student who becomes nineteen (19) years old before August 1 shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition. A student who becomes nineteen (19) on or after August 1 shall remain eligible for the entire school year.

Sec. 2) Waiver Provision

The Ruling Officer and the Commissioner may waive the provisions of this bylaw and the student shall be eligible for high school athletics in Kentucky if the written documentation is provided to clearly demonstrate that the student:

- Qualified for exceptional children services and had an individual education program developed by an admissions and release committee (ARC) while the student was enrolled in the primary school program;
- Was retained in the primary school program because of an ARC committee recommendation; and
- Has not completed four (4) consecutive years or eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility following initial promotion from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9).

The Ruling Officer and the Commissioner shall not adopt administrative procedures that allow for waiver of this rule under any other condition.

BYLAW 4. ENROLLMENT

Sec. 1) Maximum Number of Semesters

- A student promoted from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9) shall have four (4) consecutive calendar years of eligibility from the date of first promotion by the school provided the student is eligible according to this and all other Association bylaws. The eligibility shall conclude with the completion of the spring sports season following the fourth year. No additional eligibility may be granted in a case where the grant would allow a student

to compete in all or part of the fifth competitive season in a single sport following the initial promotion by the school from grade eight (8).

- The Ruling Officer and the Commissioner through the Due Process Procedure, may grant additional eligibility in the case where it has been documented by the attending physician, Principal and Superintendent that severe illness or injury has prevented the student from receiving necessary education services and the right to an education has therefore been impacted rather than simply the loss of athletic privilege. The grant of eligibility may only be made in the cases in which the student-athlete would remain eligible by all other Association bylaws. This provision shall not include additional eligibility strictly for loss of participation due to sports related injuries. No additional eligibility may be granted in a case where the grant would allow a student to compete in all or part of the fifth competitive season in a single sport following the initial promotion by the school from grade eight (8).

Sec 2) Ineligibility for Repeating Students

A student having been enrolled in the fourth (4th) grade or in any grade through twelfth (12th) shall not be eligible for interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) for more than a total of one (1) year in each grade and applicable eligibility shall begin in the first year enrolled in that grade. A student repeating a grade for any reason is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the high school level (grades 9 through 12) during the second year in that grade. The penalty for violation of this rule shall be the loss of one of the four years of eligibility after being promoted from grade nine (9). Policies regarding the participation of repeating students at the levels of play below high school interscholastic athletics shall be determined by the school council pursuant to KRS 160.345 (2) (i).

Sec 3) Eligibility for Participation While Enrolled Below Grade 9

A pupil in grades 4-8 may play on the high school team if that participation is not in conflict with Section (2) above, and the time so played shall not be counted on the eight (8) semester limit. EXCEPTION: A student below grade nine (9) may not participate on the varsity team in contests in the sports of football or soccer, and a student enrolled below grade seven (7) may not participate on the varsity level in wrestling. The provisions of this restriction shall not apply to non-varsity teams participating in these sports.

Sec. 4) Responsible Parties

Any public elementary or secondary school or school employee or official who knowingly allows participation of an ineligible player under the provisions of this bylaw, or who, through reasonable diligence, should have known of that ineligibility, shall be considered in noncompliance with state accreditation standards or guilty of willful neglect of duty or breach of contract. This provision shall apply not only to coaches, but also to personnel supervising coaches including an athletic director, an assistant principal, a principal, an assistant superintendent, a superintendent, or a school board member.

Sec. 5) Requirement for Enrollment

On Friday of each grading period, a student in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) shall be enrolled as a full-time student in at least four hours of instruction as provided in Kentucky Board of Education regulation 702 KAR 7:125 (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation at the member school he or she desires to represent in order to be eligible for athletics.

Sec. 6) Deadline for Enrollment

A student shall have enrolled as a bona fide full-time undergraduate student no later than twenty (20) school days after the beginning of the semester to be eligible during that semester.

Sec. 7) Enrollment Elsewhere

A student who is enrolled or connected with any other school than the one he or she represents shall not take part in any contest. In the case of an all-boys high school, girl cheerleaders from affiliated neighboring girls school may be accepted.

BYLAW 5. MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENT

Sec. 1) Proper Grade Level Requirement for Students in All School Districts

On the first day of each school year, a student shall be at his or her proper grade level. To be considered to be at the proper grade

level, a student shall have been enrolled as a full-time student during the previous grading period, and shall be on schedule to graduate with his or her class on the first day of school based on the number of credits officially recorded on the transcript. For the verification of this provision, all course work, including summer and correspondence work, and final grades shall be complete by the first day of the school year for the student body.

a) Eligibility During First Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the ninth grade to be considered to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have been promoted from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

b) Eligibility During Second Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 10) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received twenty (20) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the second year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

c) Eligibility During Third Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the third year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 11) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received forty-five (45) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the third year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

d) Eligibility During Fourth Year Following Initial Enrollment in Grade Nine (9)

For a student in the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9) (normally grade 12) to be on schedule to graduate, that student shall have received seventy (70) percent of the requirements of the school/district for graduation (credits officially posted to the transcript) prior to the first day of the fourth year following initial enrollment in grade nine (9), and be in compliance with all other bylaws.

Sec. 2) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements

a) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements and being ineligible for one school year.

The eligibility of a student failing to meet the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) above may be reinstated a maximum of one time. This reinstatement is possible by the student passing twenty-five (25) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during the year he or she is ineligible. He or she, upon reinstatement, shall remain eligible as long as he or she passes twenty-five (25) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during each subsequent year.

b) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements and being ineligible for one semester.

The eligibility of a student failing to meet the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) of Sec. 1 may be reinstated a maximum of one time in schools operating on a two-semester credit recording system. This reinstatement is possible by the student passing fifteen (15) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during the semester in which he or she is ineligible due to the provisions of Sec. 1. Such verification will be made by reviewing solely credits officially posted on the transcript. He or she, upon reinstatement, shall remain eligible as long as he or she passes fifteen (15) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during each subsequent semester or becomes compliant with Sec. 1 above. Eligibility to practice and compete in contests shall be effective with the first day of the semester, based on the district's official original calendar submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education, following the recording of the credits to the student's permanent record.

c) One-time Reinstatement of Students Failing to Meet Normal Progress Requirements and being ineligible for one trimester.

The eligibility of a student failing to meet the provisions of subsections (a) through (d) in Sec. 1 may be reinstated a

maximum of one time in schools operating on a three-trimester credit recording system. This reinstatement is possible by the student passing ten (10) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during the trimester in which he or she is ineligible due to the provisions of Sec. 1. Such verification will be made by reviewing solely credits officially posted on the transcript. He or she, upon reinstatement, shall remain eligible as long as he or she passes ten (10) percent of the requirements of the district for graduation during each subsequent trimester or becomes compliant with Sec. 1. Eligibility to practice and compete in contests shall be effective with the first day of the trimester, based on the district's official original calendar submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education, following the recording of the credits to the student's permanent record.

Sec. 3) Continual Progress During the School Year

On a weekly basis, a student shall be making continual progress during the school year in order to be eligible to participate in athletics during the subsequent week (Monday through Sunday period) and through the next opportunity to examine grades in this manner. Absent any other determination, this weekly check of grades shall be conducted on each Friday of each grading period or on the last day of classes preceding that particular Friday if no classes are conducted on that particular Friday.

To be making continual progress, a student shall have passed in four hours of instruction units as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) during the previous credit period that closed during the school year (trimester or semester). To be making continual progress the student shall also be passing cumulatively for the current credit period in at least four hours of instruction as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation.

Sec. 4) Pre-Secondary School Students

A pre-secondary school student (grades 4-8) participating in athletics representing a KHSAA member school shall be passing in at least two-thirds of the subjects in which he or she is currently enrolled and be in compliance with all other bylaws in order to be eligible.

Sec. 5) Special Recitations/Adjustments

Special tests or recitations shall not be given for the purpose of making the student eligible according to Bylaw 5. The determination for reinstatement and first available date of practice available under Section 2 of this Bylaw shall be based on the original published calendar submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education.

BYLAW 6. TRANSFER RULE- CITIZENS OF THE U.S. OR U.S. TERRITORIES

Sec. 1) Domestic Student Transfer

Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school while maintaining permanent residence in the United States or a United States territory following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who then transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at any level in any sport for one year from the date of enrollment in the new school.

The Ruling Officer and Commissioner have discretion (but are not required) to waive the period of ineligibility set forth above if one or more of the following exceptions in Section 2 has been met. Determinations of whether a student shall be granted a waiver pursuant to this rule shall be based on the circumstances existing as of the date of enrollment at the new school.

Sec. 2) Discretionary Exceptions for Waiver

a) BONA FIDE CHANGE IN RESIDENCE- The period of ineligibility may be waived if there has been a bona fide change in residence by the parents and student that precedes a student's change of schools.

For purposes of this bylaw, a bonafide change of residence means the moving of the permanent residence of the entire family of the student and the student's parents from one school district or defined school attendance area into another school district or defined school attendance area prior to a change in enrollment of the student. A student who becomes emancipated does not have a bona fide change of residence by virtue of his

or her emancipation and change of residence for purposes of this bylaw.

- b) **DIVORCE**- The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event of a dissolution of marriage (i.e. a final and legally binding divorce decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) or properly recorded legal separation (i.e. a legally binding separation decree from a court of competent jurisdiction) of the parents and a change in the residence of the student pursuant to a court order granting custody of the child to one of the parents with whom the student shall reside. In the event joint custody is awarded to both parents, for purposes of this bylaw, the student shall initially be eligible where either parent resides. The eligibility of a student may be restored one-time if, after establishing eligibility and complying with the initial court order granting joint custody, a student relocates to permanently reside with the other custodial parent. The grant of eligibility shall only apply to the member school in which the residence of the custodial parent is located. After this one time move by the student to the other custodial parent all subsequent moves between parents shall require a period of ineligibility of one year.
 - c) **CHANGE OF CUSTODY**- The KHSAA shall not recognize guardianship or similar arrangements made, for purposes of this bylaw. The period of ineligibility may be waived if it is shown that custody of the student has been taken from one or both parents and given to the other parent or a third person by a court of competent jurisdiction and under circumstances indicating: (1) the parent(s) are unfit or (2) the court finds that the health and welfare of the student would be better served by the change in custody.
 - d) **DEATH**- The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event the death of one or both of the student's custodial parents creates the circumstances that the transfer to another secondary school is deemed appropriate.
 - e) **BOARDING SCHOOLS**- The period of ineligibility may be waived on a one-time basis for students entering or returning from a boarding school on a full time basis as a boarding school student.
 - f) **NON ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FOR AN ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR**- The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event that the transferring student did not participate in an interscholastic contest at any level in any sport while enrolled in grades nine through twelve during the previous calendar year.
 - g) **REASSIGNMENT BY BOARD OF EDUCATION**- The period of ineligibility may be waived if the student has changed schools through a properly documented reassignment of the Board of Education to another school. To meet this exception for a reassignment, reasons for the assignment may include the closing or opening of a school due to consolidation, merger, opening of a new school, or another type or opening or closing or assignment through KRS 158.6455 or other applicable adopted regulation. That assignment may be to the public school district should a private, parochial or independent school close.
 - h) **TRANSFER FROM NON-MEMBER SCHOOL** – The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student transferring from a non-member school located in Kentucky whose athletic participation has been limited primarily to other non-member schools.
 - i) **MILITARY ASSIGNMENT**- The period of ineligibility may be waived for a student transferring in a situation where documentation is presented to verify that the change in education and living arrangements is directly related to an order from any branch of the United States military service, including the reserve components.
 - j) **CESSATION OF SCHOOL PROGRAM**- The period of ineligibility may be waived in the event of a school discontinuing its participation in an Association sponsored sport at all levels of play in which the student had previously participated while attending that school.
- Sec. 3) Specific Restrictions Resulting in Denial of Waiver
Satisfying of one of the exceptions (Section 2, a through i) shall not be considered valid and a waiver of the period of ineligibility shall not be granted:
- a) If the change in schools is to nullify or circumvent implementation of Board of Education, School Based Decision Making or school

imposed policy which would have resulted in the student's ineligibility at the sending school;

- b) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions occurs after the enrollment at the new school;
 - c) If the change in schools is motivated in whole or part by a desire to participate in athletics at the new school;
 - d) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining athletic eligibility; or
 - e) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions by the student and the parent(s) does not reasonably precipitate a transfer to the new school.
- Sec. 4) Other Transferring Student Restrictions and Procedures
- a) The Commissioner's office may appoint or hire a committee or investigator to conduct any inquiry or investigation concerning any issues arising under this bylaw or any other bylaw.
 - b) If any member school files a written objection to the factual validity of the certification before the conclusion of the period of time to which the period of ineligibility would normally apply, along with the specific, detailed basis for the objection, then a complete investigation shall be conducted by the KHSAA and a ruling shall be issued through the Commissioner's office.
 - c) A student enrolled in grades 4-12 who has participated in a first team game shall not be eligible to represent a second member school during that school year unless that student would qualify for a waiver of the period of ineligibility in accordance with provisions (Section 2, a through i) above.
 - d) A student is ineligible for athletics in this state if he or she transfers from another state if the student was or would have become ineligible in the state from which he or she transfers.

BYLAW 7. TRANSFER RULE- NON-DOMESTIC STUDENTS

NOTE: THIS BYLAW IS TO BE EDITED TO INCLUDE THE FEDERAL RESTRICTIONS REGARDING F-1 VISA STUDENTS

Sec. 1) Foreign Students (non-domestic)

Foreign students (non-domestic) attending high school in Kentucky shall be considered ineligible for the first calendar year following enrollment. Foreign students who have been ineligible for an entire calendar year after being enrolled in a high school in Kentucky become eligible to represent that school immediately following the conclusion of the one-year period, and remain eligible through graduation if compliant with all other KHSAA Bylaws.

Sec. 2) Discretionary Exceptions for Waiver

- a) **ENTIRE FAMILY RELOCATION** - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the entire family unit is relocating from a foreign country. In this case, the student(s) may be declared eligible by documenting the move of the permanent residence of the entire family of the student and the student's parents into the school district or defined school attendance area prior to the enrollment of the student.
- b) **REFUGEE/POLITICAL ASYLUM** - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the members of a family from a foreign country are relocating due to a declaration of asylum or seeking refuge due to acknowledged conflict. In this case, student(s) may be declared eligible by documenting the move into the school district or defined school attendance area by virtue of the policies of the United States Department of State prior to the enrollment of the student.
- c) **APPROVED STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS** - The period of ineligibility may be waived if the student is placed in a KHSAA member school under the auspices of approved student exchange programs. Member student exchange programs (agencies) of the Council on Standards for International Education Travel (CSIET) who are in good standing with CSIET shall be considered approved agencies. To be otherwise considered for approval by the Board of Control, a foreign exchange program (agency) shall assign students to schools by a method that ensures that no student, school or interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes and shall formally request approval of the Board of Control through the Commissioner's office. In order to be considered for a waiver, the following conditions shall exist:

- 1) The student shall be in compliance with all U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations;
- 2) The student shall be in the first and only year as an exchange student;
- 3) The student shall not be a graduate of a the 12th or terminating grade or its' equivalent in either the U.S. or his or her home country;
- 4) The student shall be in possession of a complete transcript of records that has been translated into English prior to the request for eligibility;
- 5) The student shall be in possession of a J-1 student education visa issued by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service;
- 6) Placement in the KHSAA member school is random, and the student has not been a "direct placement" into a KHSAA member school;
- 7) The student's host family shall not pay any tuition or fee normal to the attendance at the KHSAA member school, all fees shall be paid by the student's family;
- 8) All travel fees shall be paid by the student's family; and
- 9) The student's host family shall not include members of the coaching staff at the KHSAA member school at which participation is desired and shall not include exchange agency representatives.
- 10) The student, the principal or designated representative of the member school, and a representative of the placement agency shall sign and attest to certification that the athlete complies with the eligibility rules of the KHSAA and shall not be eligible under any circumstances for more than one year of athletic participation if the first year period of ineligibility is waived.

Sec. 3) Additional Eligibility

Any student having made election to apply for the waiver of the first year of ineligibility and having been granted a waiver of the normal period of ineligibility under subsection 2(c) above shall not be eligible, under any circumstances, for more than one (1) school year while enrolled in grades 9 -12 in Kentucky.

Sec. 4) Specific Restrictions Resulting in Denial of Waiver

Satisfying of one of the exceptions established in Section 2 of this Bylaw shall not be considered valid and a waiver of the period of ineligibility shall not be granted if:

- a) The change in schools is to nullify or circumvent implementation of Board of Education, School Based Decision Making or school imposed policy which would have resulted in the student's ineligibility at the sending school;
- b) The satisfying of one of the exceptions occurs after the enrollment at the new school;
- c) The change in schools is motivated in whole or part by a desire to participate in athletics at the new school;
- d) The satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining athletic eligibility; or
- e) The satisfying of one of the exceptions by the student and the parent(s) does not reasonably precipitate a transfer to the new school.

BYLAW 8. BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL CONTESTANT ON OTHER TEAMS, POST SEASON AND ALL-STAR GAMES

Any student who after enrolling in grade nine (9) has been a contestant in football or basketball at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in that sport may not participate on any non-school sponsored team or in any all-star game in that sport or any variation of that sport from the first day of school through the last scheduled contest played in that sport (including KHSAA sanctioned postseason) by that school unless it has been sanctioned by the Board of Control. Following the team's last scheduled game (including post season), there are no restrictions on play in that specific sport for the student-athletes.

BYLAW 9. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

Sec. 1) Graduates and College Students

Any student who has graduated from a secondary school, or who has ever played on a college team, is thereafter ineligible to play on a high school team.

Sec. 2) Practice of Ineligible Students

Unless ineligible due to the provisions of Bylaw 11 (Sportsmanship, having been ejected from a contest), any student who is not

eligible for competition during a team's next contest/meet/match/ game shall not practice with the team.

Sec 3) Assumed Name

If a player enters a contest under an assumed name or when not properly certified, he or she shall be permanently ineligible, and his or her school shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 33.

BYLAW 10. RECRUITMENT

Sec. 1) Foreword

A pupil (domestic or foreign) at any grade level shall not be recruited to a member school of the KHSAA for the purpose of participating in athletics. It shall also be defined as recruiting to provide improper benefits to an already enrolled student to influence that student to remain at a member school including recruitment under the guise of academics. A pupil (foreign or domestic) enrolled at any grade level shall not be given improper benefits not available to all members of the student body to remain at a member school.

Sec. 2) Definition

Recruiting is defined as an act, on behalf of or for the benefit of, a school, which attempts to influence a student to transfer to a member school for the purpose of participating in athletics. A school official utilizing an intermediary including a peer, another school employee, a student, a parent or a citizen, for the purpose of recruiting a student athlete shall be in noncompliance.

- a) An athletic coach or any other member of the school staff shall not influence a student even if the student, his or her parents or any intermediary from another school makes the initial contact. In this situation, a coach or staff member (paid or unpaid) should immediately refer the person(s) to the school principal.
- b) Influencing a student shall include the promise or instilling the expectation of an athletic advantage, playing time, employment of the student or the student's parents or relatives, housing for the student or the student's parents, scholarships or financial aid for which other members of the student body are not generally eligible, providing other improper benefits, making improper contacts or any other material or athletic reward for which other members of the student body are not generally eligible.

Sec. 3) Penalty

Any representative of a member school knowingly allowing the recruitment of a student for the purpose of participating in athletics or who should have known of this recruitment shall be guilty of willful neglect of duty, misconduct, or breach of contract. This shall apply not only to coaches, but also to personnel supervising coaches, including an athletic director, an assistant principal, a principal, an assistant superintendent, a superintendent or a school board member. This requirement shall also apply to students or their parents.

BYLAW 11. PRACTICE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Sec. 1) Sportsmanship Obligation

It is the clear obligation of principals, coaches, faculty members, boards of education, and all official representatives of member schools to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships with fans, officials, players, coaches, official representatives of member schools, and the general public. The Commissioner and the Board of Control shall have the full authority to suspend the coach, student, or any member school whose representatives may be convicted on competent evidence of the violation of this obligation. Any violation of this rule in any interscholastic contest shall be immediately reported to the Commissioner's office by the principal(s) of the school(s) involved, and by the game officials who work in the contest. The schedule of contest(s) for a player or coach to be suspended shall be set by the schedule at the time of the ejection and contest(s) may not be added or deleted after the suspension to alter the contests during which the penalty is the served.

Sec. 2) Illegal Equipment/Videotaping

It shall also be considered a violation of this rule if any school or school representative(s) uses or allows the use of illegal equipment which gains a competitive advantage in the contest and which is expressly prohibited by the rules adopted for that sport. This shall include the on-site recording of past or future opponents in any electronic form without the expressed consent of all involved

teams. A violation of this provision may result in penalization by the Commissioner's office in accordance with the provisions of this bylaw and in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 33, Penalties.

Sec. 3) Requirement for Reinstatement

Any student, coach, or official team representative ejected from an interscholastic contest due to a violation of this obligation shall be reinstated by the Commissioner or one of the Assistant Commissioners prior to returning to interscholastic contests. Any student or coach using insulting language to another player or coach or to any official in any interscholastic contest, or who has been ruled out of a contest because of unsportsmanlike tactics, shall be disqualified from athletic competition until reinstated by the Commissioner or one of the Assistant Commissioners.

Sec. 4) Reporting Requirement and Permanent Suspension

The name of the student or coach shall be reported to the Commissioner's office by the principal of the school that student attends. When an official disqualifies a student or coach, he or she shall report the disqualification to the principal or his or her representative and to the KHSAA office. If the Commissioner finds upon investigation that the offense was sufficiently serious, the offender shall be permanently disqualified.

BYLAW 12. AMATEUR/AWARDS

Sec. 1) Amateur Status

A student who represents a member school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social and pleasure benefits derived from said participation.

An athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport by:

- a) Competing for money or other monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted);
- b) Receiving any award or prize of monetary value not approved by this Association;
- c) Capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or other gifts of monetary value not specifically approved by Section 2 or 4 of this rule (scholarships to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted);
- d) Signing a professional playing contract in that sport; or
- e) Accepting a nominal standard fee or salary for instructing, supervising or officiating in an organized youth sports program or recreation, playground, or camp activities shall not jeopardize amateur status. "Organized youth sports program" includes both school and non-school programs.

Sec. 2) Awards

- a) Awards governed herein and received by a student-athlete while representing a member school include awards received by a student-athlete while enrolled during the academic year as a regular student or awards received by a student-athlete while representing the school at any other time.
- b) Awards received by a student-athlete participating in an event while not representing the school, shall conform to the regulations of the recognized amateur athletic organization(s) associated with the event. If no limit exists for the amateur organization, the limit shall be \$300. At no time shall the student-athlete be permitted to receive cash for this type of participation.
- c) Awards presented by a member school conference, or approved agency shall be uniform for all team members receiving the award.

Sec. 3) Impermissible Awards shall include:

- a) An individual may not receive a cash award for athletics participation. An individual may not receive a cash equivalent item (i.e., an item that is negotiable for cash or trace or other services, benefits or merchandise) for athletic participation;
- b) Gift certificates and merchandise items that cannot be properly personalized shall be prohibited; and
- c) Cash or any other award that an individual cannot receive under these rules may not be forwarded in the individual's name to a different agency or individual.

Sec. 4) Type of Awards

- a) Awards for recognition of interscholastic athletics participation (letter awards) may be presented each year by a member school. In addition, the school may present senior awards and awards in recognition of special attainments or contribution to a team's competitive season (i.e., scholar-athlete, most improved player,

etc.)

- b) Awards for participation in special events (post season tournaments) and established regional or national recognition awards (Mr./Miss Basketball, All-State, etc.) may be presented only by the management of the event, awards program, or by a school that has had or will have a team or individual participate in the event or sport.
- c) The total value of any award presented for high school competition shall not exceed \$300, except awards presented by the Association or a member school for participation in KHSAA sponsored events.
- d) Schools or conferences may not present individual awards to student-athletes for specialized performances in particular contests or events or during a limited time period (i.e., "player of the game" or "player of the week"). However, an organization, business firm or other outside agency may recognize a student-athlete's outstanding performance in a particular contest or during a particular time by presenting a certificate, plaque or medal valued at less than \$50. It is not permissible for an organization to provide any other tangible item or award.

BYLAW 13. FINANCIAL AID

Sec. 1) Definitions for this bylaw

- a) Tuition— means the amount of necessary fees, costs and other charges to attend a member school as determined by that member school's published scale of charges. The tuition at the member school shall be the same for all students in like situation irrespective of participation in athletics and shall not include room and board expenses.
- b) Classification of Schools— means the classification of the member schools as follows: (1) A1- District operated general program or multi-program schools; (2) D1— Kentucky Department of Education operated schools (Blind and Deaf); (3) F1- Federal Dependent Schools; (4) J1- Roman Catholic schools; (5) M1- Other Religious schools and (6) R1-Private non-church related schools.
- c) Public Schools— means the member schools receiving funding from the Kentucky Department of Education or comparable federal sources. Public schools shall include the member schools which are classified as A1, D1 or F1.
- d) Non-Public Schools— means the member schools not receiving funding from the Kentucky Department of Education or comparable federal sources. Those schools shall include the member school which are classified as J1, M1 and R1.
- e) Non-Public School Zone — means the zone to which each non-public school is assigned. The four current non-public school zones are Covington, Lexington, Louisville and Owensboro. These non-public school zones shall be comprised of the counties contained in the geographic alignment related to the archdiocese of the same name.
- f) Non-Public School Governing Board— means the entity having oversight over the member school. For purposes of this bylaw, the "governing board" of a non-public school shall be determined by the school type. For J1 schools, the "governing board" shall be the archdiocese and geographic references shall be the counties included in the non-public school zone of the school. For the R1 and M1 schools, the "governing board" shall be as defined by the governance structure of the institution.
- g) Immediate Family— means the student and the student's father, mother, brother, sister, step-father, step-mother, step-brother, step-sister, husband, wife, aunt, uncle, grandparent.
- h) Financial Aid— means any and all aid given to a student which reduces tuition, including awards, reductions and waivers.
- i) Need-Based Aid— means the amount of financial aid that an independent financial analysis of the student's financial aid application demonstrates that the student needs to pay tuition to attend a member school, provided the analysis is performed by an agency approved by the Board of Control.
- j) Merit Aid— means financial aid awards given by the member school based solely on academic/test performance which are available to the entire student body through a competitive application process and that the selection of the recipient(s) is based on published objective criteria which may not include athletic achievement or ability.
- k) Merit Aid Test — means the academic assessment or placement

test approved by the Board of Control prior to its administration.

- l) Merit Aid Test Window – means the range of dates submitted by each member school for the administration of the merit aid test.
- m) Financial Records– means the records related to any financial aid analysis of the student including the immediate family's records of the method and sources for all tuition payments.

Sec. 2) Impermissible Financial Aid

A student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics if the student:

- a) Receives financial aid beyond the limits defined in Section 1(a) except for merit aid allowed under this bylaw, and waivers of tuition for non-domestic students ruled eligible under Bylaw 7, Transfer Rule- Non Domestic Students;
- b) Receives merit aid based on an unapproved merit aid test;
- c) Receives merit aid based on a merit aid test not administered on an approved merit aid test date;
- d) Receives merit aid greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the tuition at the member school;
- e) Receives merit aid from a member school that has already given merit aid to the greater of five (5) percent of its student body or five students;
- f) Receives financial aid that is not available to the entire student body by published objective criteria;
- g) Receives financial aid from a funding source that is not under the custody and control of the member school or its governing board;
- h) Receives any financial aid other than the permitted need-based aid or merit aid detailed above from a member school, any other entity governed by that member school's governing board or any representatives of the member school;
- i) Receives any financial aid that is indirectly or directly related to athletic achievement or ability;
- j) Has any part of the financial obligation to the member school paid directly or indirectly by individuals outside of the student's immediate family; or
- k) Does not agree to complete disclosure of financial records as defined in this bylaw upon request of the KHSAA and its officials, employees and agents.

A member school may petition the Board of Control to approve a program not meeting the specifications listed in provisions (a) through (h) provided that program is available to all students within the school based on objective criteria.

Sec. 3) Financial Aid Restrictions and Reporting

All member schools shall annually report detailed financial aid information to the KHSAA including:

- a) Tuition schedule or other fees applicable to the student body at the member school;
- b) The merit aid test being utilized by the school and the merit aid test date; and
- c) A detailed listing of the amount of financial aid awarded by the member school including:
 - 1) The need-based aid each student-athlete is eligible to receive based on the report of the approved independent agency;
 - 2) The merit aid given to each student and the qualifying score used to make the determination;
 - 3) The amount of need-based aid awarded to each student; and
 - 4) A specific listing of the sports in which each student participates.

Sec. 4) Special Program Review Process

A member school may petition the Board of Control for approval of a specific program existing prior to the adoption of this rule or a program that can be documented to be unrelated to athletics that does not create an advantage to the school.

BYLAW 14. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Sec. 1) Verification of Eligibility

The principal or Designated Representative of the school shall be responsible for certifying the eligibility of all contestants. Before certifying the eligibility of a player, a principal or Designated Representative shall verify the players age and all other requirements contained in these Bylaws. The statement of facts concerning a player on the eligibility list of his or her first year of competition shall be considered authoritative and may not be changed in later eligibility lists for that year or in later years except to carry out the purposes of the Bylaws in providing a cumulative

record, or, when authorized by the Commissioner to correct an error. Prior to the certification of the eligibility of a student, the principal or Designated Representative shall have on file the physician's certificate, the parental consent, and the parental acknowledgment required by Bylaw 2.

Sec. 2) Duty of a New Principal or Designated Representative

A new principal or Designated Representative before certifying to the eligibility of his or her players, if there is reason to question any of the information, shall secure from the Commissioner's office, a copy of the original certification for that player.

Sec. 3) Annual Participation List

Each principal or Designated Representative of a member school shall submit to the Commissioner at the end of the school year (not later than May 30) a list of the names of all students who participated in any first team contest in any sport during the season. This participation list shall be submitted on a form supplied by the Association, and shall be completed in its entirety for each student.

Sec. 4) Certification of Ineligible Player

If any school plays an ineligible player when the facts were available and could have been known to a principal or Designated Representative, that school shall be penalized in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 33.

BYLAW 15. REQUESTS FOR RULINGS

The principal or Designated Representative shall direct all requests for rulings and interpretations to the Commissioner in writing. In all cases in which players are involved, the names of the players and all possible pertinent information shall be given.

BYLAW 16. REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS, PROTESTS

Sec. 1) Reporting of Violations

Any person wishing to report a violation of the KHSAA Constitution, Bylaws or Competition rules shall do so in writing. If evidence is presented to warrant an investigation, the Commissioner shall ensure that an investigation is performed. The Commissioner's office shall notify the principal or superintendent of the protested school, telling him or her the exact nature of the charges made. If an investigator is appointed to gather evidence in connection with the protest, he shall provide a copy of the report to the Commissioner, and a copy shall be made a part of the official school records with the Association and shall be made available to the principal or superintendent of the schools involved upon request.

Sec. 2) Protests

Protests against the decision of contest officials made during the course of game or meet shall not be considered.

BYLAW 17. SUPPLYING INFORMATION

A superintendent, principal, student, or Designated Representative shall, when requested, supply the Commissioner with any information related to the athletic program at a member school. A failure to comply within a reasonable time may forfeit the school's membership in the Association, or the school may be penalized in accordance with approved Association penalty codes. Each member school shall annually certify that it will comply with any and all of the rulings of the Commissioner, Assistant Commissioners, Hearing Officer and Board of Control as they relate to the athletic program at a member school. This compliance shall include student eligibility matters, Board policy directives related to health and safety of student athletes, and other programs as may be instituted by the convened Board of Control. This certification shall not apply to any matter on review by any court.

BYLAW 19. SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

Each principal or Designated Representative shall file with the Commissioner, during, or at the end of each school year, all participation lists and all other reports required by the Association. A membership certificate shall not be issued to any school until the provisions of this bylaw have been fulfilled.

BYLAW 20. REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM TO CONTESTS

The principal, coach or another individual approved by the local Board of Education shall accompany the team to all contests. His or her expenses, when he or she accompanies the contestants, shall be paid in the same manner as those of the contestants.

BYLAW 21. RULES GOVERNING CONTESTS

National Federation of State High School Association Rules shall govern all contests involving member schools if an official set of rules is issued for that sport. Unless modified through the Tournament Rules adopted by the Board of Control, contests in tennis shall be governed by the rules of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and contests in golf shall be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association. The Board of Control shall adopt competition rules for all sport-activities in which the KHSAA conducts a championship.

BYLAW 22. COMPARABLE OPPORTUNITIES

If a member school sponsors or intends to sponsor an athletic activity that is similar to a sport for which NCAA members offer an athletic scholarship, the school shall sponsor the athletic activity or sport for which the scholarships are offered. The athletic activities that are similar to sports for which NCAA members offer scholarships are: Girls fast pitch softball as compared to slow pitch.

To qualify as having "sponsored" a sport, a school shall be able to demonstrate the following:

- a) If similar versions of a particular sport exist and there are differences in the scholarship opportunities at the NCAA level in that sport, a survey shall be taken of the student population at reasonable times and places to determine the level of interest in the sport(s).
- b) If that survey reveals sufficient interest to field the normal squad required for play in the particular sport and if any version of the sport is to be played, the school shall make facilities, staff and other allowances to properly field a team in the version of the sport for which the NCAA members offer scholarships.

BYLAW 22. CONTESTS AND CONTRACTS

Section 1. With Non-Member Kentucky Schools

KHSAA member schools may only compete in contests against schools located in Kentucky that are current members of the KHSAA. Any KHSAA member school, that engages in an athletic contest with a nonmember Kentucky school that is eligible for membership in the Association shall be subject to all penalties contained in Bylaw 33.

Section 2. With Schools in Other States

All opponents of KHSAA schools in all contests in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball and volleyball shall be current members of the state association in the home state of the opponent. All contests 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. Any KHSAA member school engaging in a contest with a school from another state shall play under the rules of the KHSAA.

Section 3. Contracts

- a) Official written contracts supplied by the office of the Commissioner (or approved electronic substitutes), shall be used for all contests between members of the Association, and the contract shall include statements to the effect that contracting parties are members of the Association.
- b) The Association shall not undertake to enforce oral contracts or oral agreements to changes in written contracts, or contracts that do not use the official written contract form.
- c) The recipient of a contract for an athletic contest between two member schools of the KHSAA shall return the contract, either signed or unsigned, to the sender within thirty (30) days after having received it. The contract shall become void if not returned within this time period.
- d) All contracts between member schools shall contain a specific date for each contest covered in the contract. A contract in which the words "corresponding date" appears, rather than a specific date, shall not be enforced.
- e) The superintendent, principal or Designated Representative shall countersign all contracts to engage in interscholastic contests. Contracts signed by any other individual will not be enforced by the KHSAA.
- f) Provisions may be made for a forfeit fee to be paid by the school that fails to follow the terms of a contract. The Commissioner shall suspend from the Association a school that fails to pay during the same season a stipulated forfeit fee, and the suspension shall remain in effect until the Board of Control

removes it.

- g) If a written contract using the official contract form is canceled by reason of suspension of the school, the Board of Control shall determine the financial liability involving the suspended school.

Section 4. Waiving of Rules

School officials of member schools shall not by mutual agreement waive or modify any of the rules of the Association (including playing rules) for any contest sanctioned by the Association.

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 sponsor shall have full control over planning, supervision, and disposition of finances.

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 in a KHSAA sanctioned sport.

BYLAW 24. FORFEITS

Sec. 1) Use of an Ineligible Player

If a student is declared ineligible, all contests in which he or she has played while ineligible shall be forfeited to the opposing team.

Sec. 2) Failure to Play a Scheduled Contest

If a school fails to carry out its contract to play a regularly scheduled contest, the contest shall be forfeited to the offended school.

BYLAW 25. LIMITATION OF SEASONS

Sec. 1) General Provisions Concerning All Sports and Sport Activities

- a) School Time shall not be lost for travel to or from, or participation in, any regular season interscholastic athletic contest.
- b) Schedule of Contests on Consecutive Days
Contests shall be scheduled so that there are not four consecutive days of competition on any Monday through Thursday period while school is in session.
- c) Specific Definitions for Ending of School
For all interpretations and regulations concerning the ending of the school year, including restrictions on coaching involvement, the end of the school year shall be defined as the earlier of the last day of school or May 31.
- d) Specific Penalties for Violations - Too Many Contests
Any school violating provisions of this Bylaw by playing too many contests shall be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 33 but shall remain eligible for tournament play during the current season.
- e) Specific Penalties for Violations- Too Many Scrimmages
Any school violating scrimmage limitations may be placed on probation, prohibited from participating in preseason scrimmages in that sport for two (2) seasons, and may be prohibited from taking part in KHSAA state championship competition or other penalties in accordance with Bylaw 33. The second violation shall result in automatic suspension.
- f) Organized Play and Involvement of Members of the Coaching Staff Out of Season
During the school year but outside the defined limitations for each sport or sport activity, coaches may not coach players in organized competition on the campus of a member school if such competition involves at least fifty (50) percent of the normal playing squad (e.g., 6 or more in football or soccer, 3 or more in basketball, 5 or more in baseball or softball). Members of the high school coaching staff (paid or unpaid) shall not be prohibited from sport specific observation and evaluation (but not coaching) of any player who has played for a grade nine (9) through grade twelve (12) team (freshman, junior varsity, varsity) from the first day of school through the last day of school provided that play is under the direct control of the same local board of education as the coach is employed and provided that play is not in conflict with other KHSAA bylaws.

Sec. 2) Sports Specific Limitations- Baseball- Boys

- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized baseball practice prior to February 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Wednesday of the first state basketball tournament.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of thirty-six (36) games to be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship competition (district).
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 3) Sports Specific Limitations- Basketball- Boys and Girls

- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized basketball practice prior to October 15.
- b) Prior to the opening game of regular season play, a basketball team may have only two (2) scrimmages or practice games with players other than members of the squad.
- c) The first basketball game shall not take place prior to the Monday following the state football semifinals,
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of thirty (30) games to be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship competition (district).
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State) which shall be no earlier than the conclusion of the twelfth (12th) regular season playing week and not later than the conclusion of the thirteenth (13th) regular season playing week, depending upon the KHSAA Corresponding Dates Calendar and the scheduling of the state basketball tournaments, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- f) The Board of Control may waive provision(s) (b) or (d) of this Bylaw to allow member schools to participate in Hall of Fame Classic contests. Rules on participation in the Classic shall be made by the Board of Control and published in the Athlete Magazine as a part of the official record of the Association.

Sec. 4) Sports Specific Limitations- Cross Country- Boys and Girls

- a) The first organized practice for the fall varsity (grades 9-12) season shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) There shall be no more than two scrimmage or practice meets prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first meet of the season shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 8.
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of thirteen (13) meets including invitational meets to be held prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship competition (region)..
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 5) Sports Specific Limitations- Football- Boys

- a) Organized practice in helmets-only shall not begin prior to July 15. Organized practice in pads (contact practice) shall not begin prior to the earlier of August 1 or seven (7) week days (not counting Saturdays and Sundays) prior to the opening day of school (which shall be defined as the day prior to the classes starting for the student body), but shall not begin prior to the last Monday in July. The following restrictions are in place once contact practice has begun:
 - 1) After contact practice (practice in pads) has begun and prior to the first day of classes for the students, school shall not

conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on consecutive days (e.g., two-one two-one format);

- 2) After each contact practice (practice in pads) there shall be a three-hour break following each contact session. During this break, there can be no gear worn, and no outdoor activity that in any way simulates football or football drills. This restriction is in place regardless of where the practice occurs including camps, home practices, or other workout areas;
- 3) After the opening day of the school year, a school shall not conduct multiple on-field practice sessions in pads (e.g., two-a-days or three-a-days) on a day in which school is in session.; and
- 4) All schools shall submit all required documentation to verify the proper execution of the practice regulations, including scrimmage, contact, and Heat/Humidity Measurement and Compliance Programs.
- b) After contact practice (practice in pads) has begun, there shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games per member school (grades 9-12) after contact practice has begun and prior to the opening varsity game of the season with players other than members of the squad.
- c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Friday of NFHS corresponding week 8 (Week 1).
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of ten (10) regular season games and the opportunity to play regular season games shall conclude at the end NFHS corresponding week 17. Any school may play one of the allowable regular season games during Week 0 (NFHS corresponding week 7) provided that the total schedule does not exceed ten (10) regular season games and that the allowable number of scrimmages in subsection (b) is reduced to one. Any KHSAA school that chooses to compete for a district title and is placed in a classification where only four (4) weeks are needed to complete the playoffs may play an additional regular season contest (total of 11 contests), the last of which can be played during the first round of the playoffs for the other classifications:
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- f) Each player, in order to be eligible to participate against another school and to become acclimatized and acclimated, shall have taken part in a minimum of five practices without pads during on or after July 15, followed by three days of non-contact practice in helmet and shoulder pads, followed by five (5) practices over five days in full gear.
- g) Each football school may conduct ten (10) practice periods of not more than two (2) hours in length and not more than one practice per day over ten (10) days during three consecutive calendar weeks, which shall be chosen by the school on or before December 15. The three consecutive calendar weeks shall not begin prior to the Monday following the school's elimination from postseason play in basketball, and shall not conclude later than the last day of school. Any period of time when school is not in session on a week day, including testing and breaks, shall not count as one of the ten (10) permitted days, and practice shall not be conducted on those days. All equipment authorized by the football playing rules may be used during this period. There shall be no inter-school competition during this period, and all participants shall be eligible according to all KHSAA eligibility rules.

In order to conduct the spring practice sessions:

- 1) A student below grade nine or in grade 12 shall not participate;
- 2) Dates shall be reported to the KHSAA on supplied forms;
- 3) Only students currently eligible by all KHSAA rules including Bylaws 2 through 12 may participate;
- 4) Intrasquad games may be held but shall be counted as one of the ten practice sessions; and
- 5) There shall be no school or coach imposed penalty for any player who chooses not to participate.

- 6) There shall be no mandatory participation by any person on a spring sports eligibility list (or entering any spring sport scrimmage or contest) and no mandatory participation by any other person not appearing on a spring sports roster.
- h) The Board of Control may waive provision(s) (b) or (d) of this Bylaw to allow member schools to participate in Hall of Fame and Museum contests. Rules on participation in the Classic shall be made by the Board of Control and published in the Athlete Magazine as a part of the official record of the Association.
- Sec. 6) Sports Specific Limitations- Golf- Boys and Girls
- a) Organized practice shall not take place prior to July 15.
 - b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice matches prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
 - c) The first match shall not take place before the Friday nine weeks prior to the Monday of the week of the first round of the KHSAA sanctioned postseason play.
 - d) The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty (20) rounds of golf against other school representatives (minimum nine holes) to be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship competition (region). Any team reaching this limitation shall have its regular season end immediately. Any forfeit fees necessitated by match cancellations after this date shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents.
 - e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- Sec. 7) Sports Specific Limitations- Soccer- Boys and Girls
- a) The first organized practice for the fall varsity (grades 9-12) season shall not take place prior to July 15.
 - b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
 - c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 7.
 - d) The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty-one (21) games to be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship competition (district).
 - e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- Sec. 8) Sports Specific Limitations- Softball- Girls (Fastpitch)
- a) Following the opening day of school there shall be no organized practice prior to February 15.
 - b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
 - c) The first game shall not take place prior to the Wednesday of the first state basketball tournament.
 - d) The season shall consist of a maximum of thirty-six (36) games to be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship competition (district).
 - e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- Sec. 9) Sports Specific Limitations- Swimming- Boys and Girls
- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to October 1.
 - b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice meets prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
 - c) The first meet shall not take place prior to November 15.
 - d) The season shall consist of a maximum of fifteen (15) meets to be held prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (region).
- Sec. 10) Sports Specific Limitations- Tennis- Boys and Girls
- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to February 15.
 - b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice matches prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
 - c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Wednesday of the first state basketball tournament
 - d) The season shall consist of a maximum of twenty-two (22) matches to be held prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (region). Any forfeit fees necessitated by match cancellations after this limit is reached shall be paid, and the forfeit win shall NOT be counted against the game limit for the opponents. Any four (4) invitational tournaments shall count as one (1) match each against this limit. All dual matches shall count as one (1) match each against this limit.
 - e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- Sec. 11) Sports Specific Limitations- Indoor and Outdoor Track- Boys and Girls
- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized practice prior to December 1.
 - b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice meets held by each team and these shall be held on or before the Monday of NFHS calendar week 38.
 - c) The first meet (indoor or outdoor) shall not take place before the Monday of NFHS Calendar Week 28.
 - d) The season shall consist of a maximum of nineteen (19) meets, to be held prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (region). All meets, regardless of format or of being indoor or outdoor meets, shall count against the limit of meets.
 - e) The opportunity to participate in regular season outdoor contests season shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- Sec. 12) Sports Specific Limitations- Volleyball- Girls
- a) The first organized practice for the fall varsity (grades 9-12) season shall not take place prior to July 15.
 - b) There shall be no more than two (2) scrimmages or practice games prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
 - c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 6
 - d) The season shall consist of a maximum of thirty-five (35) matches to be played prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (district).
 - e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- Sec. 13) Sports Specific Limitations- Wrestling- Boys
- a) Following the opening day of school, there shall be no organized

practice prior to October 15.

- b) There shall be no more than two (2) practice meets prior to the first regular season contest of that year.
- c) The first match shall not take place prior to the Monday of Corresponding Week 21
- d) The season shall consist of a maximum of seventeen (17) matches in each weight class to be held prior to the beginning of KHSAA state championship tournament competition (region). Tournaments or contests involving three (3) or more schools shall count as one (1) match toward the match limit.
- e) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
- f) The KHSAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations shall establish official weight classes.

Sec. 14) Specific Limitations- Other Sports Activities - Archery

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to October 15
- b) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 15) Specific Limitations- Other Sports Activities Bass Fishing

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to October 15
- b) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 16) Specific Limitations- Other Sports Activities Bowling

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to October 15
- b) The opportunity to participate in regular season contests shall end at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the day prior to the first day for varsity level competition in KHSAA sanctioned postseason events, with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further official practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.

Sec. 17) Specific Limitations- Other Sport Activities- Competitive Cheerleading (Interscholastic Spirit)

- a) The first organized practice shall not take place prior to July 15.
- b) Cheerleaders shall be limited to a maximum of three competitions during the school year, not including in-game competitions, that each are sponsored by an organization that adheres to and enforces the Stunt Limitations of the National Federation Spirit Guide. This shall not include in-game competitions. Sanctioned competitions sponsored by the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors (KAPOS) shall not count toward the three-competition limit. All levels of a competition that progresses to a district, region, state or national level through qualification shall be considered as one competition.
- c) The opportunity to cheer or enter cheerleading contests ends at all levels (grades 9-12) for that academic year on April 1. After April 1, schools are permitted to designate a single two-week tryout period to assist with determining the squad for the following year. Other than the designated tryout period, there shall be no further official practice or competition from April 1 until the end of the academic school year.

BYLAW 26. SUMMER SPORTS AND SPORTS/ACTIVITIES

Sec. 1) School Team Play in Summer (Non Dead Period)

Member schools may participate in sanctioned play during the summer to complete spring seasons in baseball, softball, tennis and track and may begin sanctioned regular season play and practice as defined by Bylaw 25 prior to the opening of school in cheerleading, cross country, football, golf, soccer and volleyball. Only participants eligible during the spring semester may compete on the school teams. All KHSAA eligibility rules apply, and full control of the summer program shall remain with the participating high school and the principal of that school.

Sec. 2) Restrictions on Football and Boys' Basketball

Students shall not participate in any school vs. school (in any format) competition in football between the earlier of the last day of school and June 1 through June 24. During this period, students may participate in activities such as weight training, skill development, individual camps and accepted open gym or field activities where no inter-school competition is involved. Students shall not participate in any school vs. school (in any format) competition in boys' basketball between the end of the dead period and July 31. During this period, students may participate in activities such as weight training, skill development, individual camps and accepted open gym/field activities where no inter-school competition is involved.

Sec. 3) Summer Dead Period

Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or cheerleading squad during the period beginning with June 25, and going through July 9. School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during this period. These restrictions shall not apply to postseason wrap-up activities, celebrations and recognition events relating to a spring sports team at a school which participated in KHSAA state championship play in that particular sport during that particular year.

BYLAW 27. REQUIREMENT FOR COACHES AND OTHERS WORKING WITH HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

Sec. 1) Definitions

a) Level 1 Coaches

An individual seeking a coaching position at the high school level shall be categorized as Level 1 if that individual is a certified teacher and member of the regular school system faculty and meets the following criteria prior to assignment to coaching duties:

- 1) Is employed a minimum of three (3) regular periods for teaching classes, which may include physical education;
- 2) Is employed for supervision of study halls; or
- 3) Is exercising responsibilities in other activity assignments within the school schedule.

b) Level 2 Coaches

An individual seeking a coaching position at the high school level shall be categorized as Level 2 if that individual meets the following criteria prior to assignment to coaching duties and does not meet the qualifications of Level 1:

- 1) Shall be 21 years of age;
- 2) Shall not be a violent offender or convicted of a sex crime as defined by KRS 17.165 that is classified as a felony;
- 3) Shall submit to a criminal record check under KRS 160.380;
- 4) Shall meet one of the following additional qualifications:
 - i. Have graduated from a public or accredited high school and hold a provisional or standard teaching certificate;
 - ii. Have completed sixty-four semester hours of college credit from an accredited college or university as documented by an official transcript;
 - iii. Be a graduate from a public or accredited high school and be in compliance with the local district standards for serving as an approved substitute teacher as approved by the Education Professional Standards Board; or
 - iv. Be a graduate from a public or accredited high school and complete a Level 1 Coaching Certification Program approved by NFHS as well as completing prescribed electives as detailed by the KHSAA Board of Control. Level

2 coaches approved under exception (iv) shall complete the KHSAA Coaching Education program prior to coaching in the first interscholastic contest; and

- 5) Prior to assuming duties, Level 2 coaches shall successfully complete training provided by the local school district. The training shall include information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with whom the Level 2 coach will be working, the district's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow up training shall be provided annually.
- c) Waiver of 64-hour requirement for Coaches at the High School Level
In the event that the member school is unable to staff head or assistant coaching positions in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading) with a Level 1 or Level 2 individual, the member school may request through the Superintendent that the KHSAA allow for a waiver of this rule in order that the additional time be available to find an applicant meeting the criteria.
- d) Head Coach
As referred in this regulation, the head coach at the high school level shall be the head varsity coach designated by the school or Board of Education unless otherwise noted in the bylaw.

Sec. 2) Hiring and Employment Requirements for Coaching Positions at the High School Level

- a) Required Level
Level 1 or 2 individuals (head and assistant) may be assigned as the head or assistant coach in any sport or sport activity (including cheerleading).
- b) KHSAA Member School Obligations in Hiring
 - 1) The Superintendent shall ensure that all assignments for coaching duties comply with all applicable state and local policies.
 - 2) The hiring process shall ensure that in considering those individuals seeking coaching duties, the most qualified individual shall be assigned. In considering qualifications, the qualifications desired for the position, the references, interviews and experience of those seeking the duties, and the education background shall be considered.

- c) Compensation for Coaches at the High School Level
Any person assigned to coaching duties at any level (grades 9-12) shall be duly employed through the respective board of education and the entire coaching salary shall be paid through that board in accordance with local Board of Education policy.

Sec. 3) Post Hire Requirements and Requirements for Continuing Coaching Duties

- a) C.P.R. and AED Training for Coaches at the High School Level
All coaches (head and assistant) at any level in all sanctioned sports and sport activities (including cheerleading) shall provide documentation of successful completion of a C.P.R. course including the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator and the requisite First Aid Training, as approved by a college or University, the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other bona fide accrediting agency. Initial certification shall use in-person instruction and certification shall be timely and appropriately updated as required by the approving agency.
- b) Coaches Education Program for Coaches at the High School Level
 - 1) A Coaches Education Program has been approved as the coaching education program in Kentucky. The program shall include a course of study to include a KHSAA approved Coaches Education Program, KHSAA rules information and local district policies. The cost of attending the KHSAA Coaches Education Program shall be the responsibility of the individual coach(es). Local school districts or local schools may, upon successful completion of all coaching education requirements including all examinations, reimburse the coaches for the expense of attending the course.
 - 2) Level 1 individuals assigned to duties as a coach (head or assistant), who are hired as a member of the school system faculty for the first time following the 1995-96 school year shall take and complete all requirements for the Kentucky Coaches Education Program as detailed in Section b(1) above

within one year of the initial assignment to coaching duties or prior to the legal start of practice for the next competitive season in any particular sport to which the individual is assigned, whichever occurs first.

- 3) Level 2 individuals (subsections i, ii and iii) assigned to duties as a coach (head or assistant) shall take and complete all requirements for the KHSAA Approved Coaches Education Program as detailed in Section b(1) above within one year of the initial assignment to coaching duties or prior to the legal start of practice for the next competitive season in any particular sport to which the individual is assigned, whichever occurs first.
- 4) Level 2 individuals (subsection iv) assigned to duties as a coach (head or assistant) shall take and complete all requirements for the KHSAA Approved Coaches Education Program as detailed in Section b(1) above within one year of the initial assignment to coaching duties or prior to the legal start of practice for the next competitive season in any particular sport to which the individual is assigned, whichever occurs first.
- c) Sports Safety Training and Medical Symposium Updates for Coaches at all Interscholastic Levels
 - 1) Each coach (head and assistant, including cheerleading) at all levels (grades 9-12) shall be required to complete a sports safety course and medical symposium update consisting of training on how to prevent common injuries. All member schools of the KHSAA shall pay the necessary expenses of coaches for the required attendance at the sanctioned sports safety course and sports medicine symposium update
 - i. The content of the course shall include the elements specified in KRS 160.445 including the risk of concussion and head injury
 - ii. The course shall be taught by a Certified Athletic Trainer, Registered Nurse, Physician or Physician's Assistant licensed to practice in Kentucky.
 - iii. The course material and content shall be updated every thirty (30) months.
 - iv. Each coach having completed the course shall re-certify by taking the course not less than once every two (2) years.
 - 2) Successful completion of the course shall constitute a passing score.
 - 3) Each coach of a sport or sport-activity at all interscholastic levels shall have successfully completed the sports safety course and medical symposium update prior to assuming coaching duties.
 - 4) The penalty for noncompliance with this section shall be suspension from coaching duties.
- d) KHSAA Rules Clinic for Coaches at the High School Level
 - 1) All coaches (head and assistant) shall annually attend at least one rules interpretation clinic conducted by representatives of the KHSAA in the sport in which they coach and the school desires to enter a team in postseason play, provided these clinics are conducted under the authorization of the Commissioner.
 - 2) The penalty for noncompliance with this section shall be suspension from coaching duties in all contests for a period not to exceed one year or any penalty otherwise included in Bylaw 33.

BYLAW 29. OFFICIALS DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION

Sec. 1) Officials Who License:

Any person who officiates in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball (slow and fast pitch), swimming, volleyball and wrestling in grades 9 through 12 between member schools of the Association shall be licensed by the Commissioner and shall carry an official card indicating that licensing. All officials in baseball, basketball, football and softball shall be required to join a local officials association as described in the KHSAA Officials' Guidebook.

Sec. 2) Requirement to Use Licensed Officials

Only officials licensed with the Officials Division of the Association shall be assigned or employed to officiate in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball or wrestling in all competition involving grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The Commissioner may approve exceptions to this policy in writing.

Sec. 3) Official Scratches

A member school shall have the privilege of scratching / red-lining a limited number of officials (scratches) that it does not desire to have as contractors on the athletic contests of that school. The amount of scratches per school/coach is determined by the Regional Policy Board and in accordance with policies adopted by the Board of Control. Scratches properly submitted in a timely fashion shall be honored by the Assigning Secretary and the officials shall not be assigned to a home, away or neutral site contest in the sport during that season.

Sec. 4) Rules Clinics

Each official licensed with the KHSAA shall annually attend at least one rules interpretation clinic (in person or online) conducted by representatives of the KHSAA in the sport in which he or she is licensed.

Sec. 5) Cancellation of Officiating License

The KHSAA may cancel or refuse the license renewal of any official in any sport for cause as detailed in the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

Sec. 6) Acceptance of Officiating Assignments

An official shall accept assignments in the amount of time and in the manner prescribed by the local official's association to which he or she belongs. The penalty for an official's failure to work an assigned game, unless providentially prevented from doing so, may be cause for up to a one-year suspension in that sport.

Sec. 7) Violation of Assigning Contracts

The Board of Control shall protect both the officials and the schools against violations pertaining to assignments.

Sec. 8) Local Policy Boards/Committees

The Commissioner may establish as many bureaus as deemed necessary in each sport in order to assign officials to games in accordance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 and policies adopted by the Board of Control.

Sec. 9) Governance

The Officials Guidebook, published annually by the Association, shall govern all officials licensed with the KHSAA.

Sec. 10) Coaches/Others Connected Not to Officiate

Coaches or persons connected with the competing schools shall not officiate at contests, unless the written consent of all competing schools is given.

BYLAW 32. AGREEMENT REGARDING PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CONTRACTS

A student of a KHSAA member school shall not sign a professional baseball contract until the day following his graduation, or if he has left school, until the day following the graduation of his class; nor shall any representative of professional baseball initiate or participate in any negotiations which would violate the student's high school athletic eligibility; except that a student that has been out of school one year or longer may, with the consent of his or her parents, apply to the Major League Baseball Commissioner for permission to sign a contract and if, in the judgment of the Major League Baseball Commissioner, the circumstances justify it, he shall approve the application and so notify all major league baseball clubs. A player may be signed to a professional contract fifteen (15) days subsequent to the day of the Major League Baseball Commissioner's notice. Any school whose employee or official encourages or collaborates in negotiations that violate this agreement shall be suspended from the KHSAA for a period to be determined by the Board of Control.

BYLAW 33. IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES

Sec. 1) Authority to Penalize

If Association rules and regulations have been violated, penalties may be imposed on the offending schools or individual within the defined parameters of this bylaw, the KHSAA Due Process Procedure, and KRS Chapter 13B. These penalties may be by the Commissioner's office, the KHSAA Hearing Officer or the Board of Control dependent upon the specifics of the bylaw, KHSAA Due Process Procedure, or KRS Chapter 13B. Each member school of the KHSAA through its Principal shall ensure that its athletic program remains compliant with KHSAA rules.

A member school, student, coach, or administrator shall not be punished or sanctioned, in any manner, by the KHSAA for allowing a student to play in an athletic contest or practice with the team during a time when an order of a court of competent jurisdiction permits the student to participate or otherwise stays or enjoins

enforcement of a final KHSAA decision on eligibility

For violation of any rule or regulation by any member school or school designated staff, student-athlete, official, or other representative, the penalty as may be called for under the specific rule or regulation, or, in case no specific penalty is called for, disciplinary action, including warning, reprimand, probation, suspension, or payment of a fine may be imposed.

a) FINE

A fine may be levied in lieu of, or in addition to, any other penalty imposed upon the school and may only be levied against a member school. The Board of Control shall adopt a schedule of fines and publish said schedule annually in the Association Handbook. The fine schedule shall also include any amounts paid by the Association or received by the school as a result of postseason competition. A fine shall not be levied against any individual within the interscholastic athletic program but may only be levied against the member school and only for selected violations as determined by the Board of Control.

b) FORFEIT

The forfeit of contests or meets may be included in penalties assessed for violation of Association rules.

c) WARNING

A warning may be issued which is written notification that a violation, or an inexcusable or unethical action, has occurred, is a matter of record, and that the action shall not be repeated.

d) LETTER OF REPRIMAND

A written reprimand of the individual, program, or school may be issued if a violation of the rules has occurred which was preventable. The action is a matter of record, and warnings that repeat actions of this type may be cause for further penalty.

e) PROBATION

Probation is a more severe penalty and may be described in the following manner. Normally, an individual or a school on probation is on conditional Association membership, but may be permitted to engage in a regular schedule, sanctioned events, or district, regional and state championships. This is provided that the individual or school has taken steps to ensure the problem which placed the individual or school on probation has been alleviated and will not re-occur. Additionally, a school on probation may be restricted to limits on scrimmages, regular season contests or post season competition as may be deemed appropriate.

f) SUSPENSION

An individual participant, coach, specific sport or school may be suspended from competition or from scrimmage participation. This penalty may range from the elimination of individual or team(s) participation in games, tournaments, meets or state championship competition, to suspension of the school from the Association. Individuals or teams suspended may not engage in contests with member schools of the Association, or with any other school that is a member of another state associated with the National Federation of State High School Associations.

g) RESTITUTION

A fine may be levied equal to the amount of itemized legal fees expended by the Association in defense of its rules in a court of law in cases where a school or school system is directly or indirectly involved in the legal challenge of an association rule which has passed via the proper Constitutional process and in which case, the Association prevails in court. If the Association, its Commissioner, or other persons associated or employed by the Association are named as a party, or if the Association intervenes in any action to enforce a ruling, bylaw or other provision, it shall be presumed that the school where the student attends or the coach or other person is employed or is otherwise associated or connected, is involved in the legal challenge. The presumption of involvement may be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence. Involvement includes providing testimony, staff, staff legal counsel or funds for counsel, or direct filings by or on behalf of the school or school system.

If the Association conducts an investigation regarding any player, coach, assistant coach, paraprofessional, booster, supporter or other person associated with a team, program or member school, and the investigation results in any penalty being imposed by the Association, the school may be required

to pay all costs of that investigation. The costs may include the costs, fees and expenses charged by an investigator, and the costs, fees and expenses charged by the Association's legal counsel.

h) PERMANENT SUSPENSION

Any coach, participant or other school representative may be permanently suspended from involvement in interscholastic athletics in this state if found by competent and conclusive evidence to be guilty of assaulting a sports official.

i) REDISTRIBUTION

If a school is found to have used an ineligible competitor and as an extension to the fine penalty listed above, it may be directed that a portion or all of the net proceeds received from a postseason contest or tournament be returned to the host or redistributed to the other contest or tournament participants.

j) VACATE/STRIKE

If a school is found to have used an ineligible competitor, it may be directed that 1) Individual records and performances be vacated or stricken; 2) Team records and performances including place finishes be vacated or stricken; or 3) Individual or team awards be returned to the Association.