

Regulation Adoption Committee Review and Action Items

Second Reading –

- Bylaw 25 - Consider proposing reduction in allowable number of contests in various team sports –
 - 1) Basketball – Consider proposing reduction to 28 or 29 games
 - 2) Volleyball – Consider proposing reduction to 31 matches
 - 3) Soccer – Consider reduction to 18 matches
 - 4) Baseball/Softball – Consider reduction to 32 games

- Bylaw 4
 - 1) Second reading to revise starting time for count of four-years of eligibility

Sec. 1) Maximum Number of Semesters

 - a) A student entering grade nine (9) for the first time in any school ~~promoted from grade eight (8) to grade nine (9)~~ shall have four (4) consecutive calendar years of eligibility from the date of first entry into grade (9) in any school ~~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).

- Due Process Procedure
 - 1) Neither the ruling officer, the Hearing Officer or the Commissioner may grant a waiver and allow student eligibility in the case of:
 - a) A student who exceeds the age limit prescribed in Bylaw 3 and KRS 156.070 (2)(e); or
 - b) A student who has exhausted the four-consecutive years of eligibility per Bylaw 4 and who does not meet the exception(s) specified in Section 1 of Bylaw 4 including the requisite medical documentation.

First Reading –

- Bylaw 6
- Sec. 3) Specific Restrictions Resulting in Denial of Waiver
 - 1) Satisfying of one of the exceptions (Section 2, a through i) shall not be considered valid and a waiver of the period of ineligibility ~~may~~ 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 a student participates on a non-school team (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, summer program, etc.) that is affiliated with or coached by a coach associated with that same sport at a school other than the one the Student attends or has attended, and then transfers to that school and does not meet a published exception to the period of ineligibility in Section 2, and is not a member of the coach's immediate family;
 - e) If the satisfying of one of the exceptions is used or manipulated for the purpose of gaining

- athletic eligibility; or
- f) 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.

- Bylaw 13

Sec. 2) Impermissible Financial Aid

1) 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 and need-based aid allowed under this bylaw, and waivers of tuition for non-domestic students meeting all federal laws and regulations who are 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 need based aid in excess of the full, unsubsidized per capita cost to the public school district in which the member school is located for the prior year;
- g) Receives financial aid that is not available to the entire student body by published objective criteria;
- h) Receives financial aid from a funding source that is not under the custody and control of the member school or its governing board;
- i) 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;
- j) Receives any financial aid that is indirectly or directly related to athletic achievement or ability;
- k) 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
- l) 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.

2) 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.

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- Amend Sec. 5) Sports Specific Limitations- Football- Boys

- 1) Organized practice in helmets-only shall not begin prior to July 15. Organized practice in pads (contact practice) shall not begin prior to August 1. ~~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:
- 2) The first game shall not take place prior to the Friday of NFHS corresponding week 8 (Week 1).
- 3) 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.

- Bylaw 33 - Penalties

- k) Show Cause Order

- An individual coach (head or assistant, paid or unpaid) or athletic department representative (including all school employed personnel) may be issued a show-cause order for violations of KHSAA rules. In addition, such order may be issued for coaches or athletic department representatives who fail to file complete information, file false, misleading or inaccurate information or otherwise impede the discovery of facts related to a matter under review. This order may specify that for a period of time, any KHSAA imposed penalties against the coach, athletic department representative or personnel will remain in force if the person is hired by another KHSAA member school. The new school desiring to hire the individual and the coach must submit in writing, the acceptance of these sanctions. If the member school wishes to avoid the sanctions imposed on that individual, the Principal or Designated Representative of the member school must appear before the Board of Control and show cause as to why the member school should not be penalized.