

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STAFF NOTE

Review Item:

702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association Bylaws (First Reading)

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 156.070
702 KAR 7:065
KHSAA Bylaws

History/Background:

Existing Policy. 702 KAR 7:065 (included as attachment “A”) designates the KHSAA as the entity to manage middle and high school interscholastic athletics.

This regulation also requires that the Association conduct a biennial review of its Constitution and Bylaws at both the high school and middle school level, and such was done during the 2013-2014 school years by the KHSAA Board of Control.

The proposed changes to the high school requirements that received the requisite 2/3 vote (included as attachment “B”) reflect items that were presented to the membership of the Association at its September 29, 2014, annual meeting of high schools. Items considered at this annual meeting are submitted both by the Board of Control as part of its annual Constitution and Bylaws review, and by the member high schools, and are reviewed by the Board of Control prior to the development of the final agenda. At the 2015 annual meeting of the member high schools, 215 schools were present; therefore, all proposals required 144 affirmative votes for passage. In accordance with the KHSAA Constitution and Policies and Procedures as well as the requirements of 702 KAR 7:065, any amendment receiving the requisite vote of the membership is to be considered by the Board of Control and a recommendation made to the Kentucky Board of Education for further action.

In accordance with these procedures, the following amendments to the KHSAA Bylaws for its high school members were approved by the listed votes. These amendments will be considered by the Local Superintendents Advisory Council at its meeting in January, 2015, and have been considered by the Board of Control (BOC) of the KHSAA for implementation during the 2015-16 school year unless otherwise noted and received the requisite vote of the Board of Control.

Proposal	Author	Purpose	Vote	BOC
2014-1	KHSAA Board of Control	Amend Bylaw 7 to make technical corrections and ensure that the F-1 provisions for eligibility are equitable among all member schools. <i>Rationale: With the rise in the number of F-1 VISA students (issued through homeland security), equity between the member schools is a current concern. As the rule is currently written without amendments, nonpublic schools are potentially placed at a distinctive athletic advantage when enrolling F-1 students due to current Federal regulations allowing those Visas to</i>	194 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain, 16 Present	Adopted by the Board of Control

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		<p><i>extend more than one year. As such, the eligibility must be limited to one year, regardless of the type of school, if the waiver is granted. Other changes to the rule are technical in nature to ensure accurate application and reading by the membership.</i></p> <p><i>Impact: Technical and Clarification</i></p>		
2014-2	Andy Sirginnis, Designated Representative, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School on behalf of the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches	<p>Amend Bylaw 9 to allow for attendance at specific events by student-athletes held on collegiate campuses</p> <p><i>Rationale: The current wording of Bylaw 9 ensures that the high school program maintains the highest priority for basketball participants of both genders. However, an unintended consequence of Bylaw 9 is that it has not been modernized to reflect changes in NCAA recruiting rules for male student-athletes. Early fall exposure events held on collegiate campuses are now the only times that Division I men's coaches can observe and evaluate prospective student-athletes off campus, other than the observation of practice and competition on a high school campus. This return of recruiting to the high school campus is welcome, but the Bylaw must be modernized to allow for attendance.</i></p> <p><i>As it stands now, Kentucky students may attend these one-day showcases/seminars, but technically have to stop participation prior to any scrimmaging or competitive play. This places the Kentucky students in a distinct disadvantage when being measured against their counterparts from other states. This modernization also would memorialize the exception contained in Board of Control policy that allows for females to attend and be evaluated at certified events on a specific weekend in the fall. The remainder of the fall would remain restricted for outside competition.</i></p> <p><i>Impact: Regulatory</i></p>	186 Yes, 11 No, 2 Abstain, 16 Present	Adopted by the Board of Control
2014-3	KHSAA Board of Control	<p>Amend Bylaw 14 to place the decision of practice by ineligible students, with the exception of those awaiting a ruling from the KHSAA, in the hands of the local school.</p> <p><i>Rationale: The decisions regarding practice by ineligible students (failure to meet grade requirements, etc.) should be in the hands of the local school district. This change would return the rule to its former state, and</i></p>	161 Yes, 37 No, 0 Abstain, 17 Present	Adopted by the Board of Control

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		<p><i>stipulate that KHSAA regulations would address only transferring students who are awaiting an eligibility ruling and leave all other practice by ineligibles to the discretion of the member school.</i></p> <p><i>Impact: Regulatory</i></p>		
2013-4	Designated Representative Hugh McReynolds, Logan County High School, on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association	<p>Create a new bylaw to address requirements for Athletic Directors, renumber remaining bylaws.</p> <p><i>Rationale: This proposal addressed the need for required on-going continuing education and/or certification for Athletic Directors in the Commonwealth. This proposal has been drafted with the assistance of the Executive Committee of the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association. The athletic administrator is an educational-leader who oversees one of the most visible and scrutinized aspects of the school community. Athletic administrators must understand that athletics are an extension of a dynamic educational program. As a result, the need exists to develop an on-going program (continuing education) that serves as a guide to support the day-to-day decision making of an athletic administrator. Such a program would assist in clarifying the mission, values and principals of educational-athletics and how they translate into everyday decisions and actions.</i></p> <p><i>The overall responsibilities of the athletic administrator are wide-ranging; however, there is little or no formal education required of the position; thus, preparation for the job is minimal. With societal changes, increased mandates and wide ranging requirements in regard to participation, health and safety, event management and security, Title IX, etc., the need exists for on-going continuing education for the Athletic Administrator in Kentucky.</i></p> <p><i>The role of the Athletic Administrator is ever changing and the demands on his/her time are ever increasing. Turnover in athletic administrators is at an alarming rate, due in large part to the vast majority of new athletic administrators being ill-prepared to handle the demands of the job. With increasing demands on building principals in regard to time needed to address educational initiatives and evaluations, ever</i></p>	153 Yes, 46 No, 0 Abstain, 16 Present	Adopted by the Board of Control

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		<p><i>more pressure will be put on the athletic administrator to have an increased role in the administration of a high school athletic program.</i></p> <p><i>For those athletic administrators deemed as administrators by their district, the requirements for annual informational updates are viewed as fairly minimal as existing requirements for twenty-one hours of updates and development exceed any requirement currently contemplated by this regulation.</i></p> <p><i>Impact: Regulatory</i></p>		

The KHSAA is also designated to manage interscholastic athletics at the middle school level. The Middle School Advisory Committee held its first meeting of the year in September and its second meeting in late January. Further items and requests for amendments from these discussions will be brought forward to the Kentucky Board of Education at a later date.

The staff of the KHSAA certifies that the Board of Control has taken action on these items as documented by the minutes of Board of Control meetings.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

KHSAA Board of Control
KHSAA Annual Meeting Delegate Assembly
Local Superintendents Advisory Council

Input will be reported at the February meeting.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

Athletics contribute to the overall physical health of students and therefore affect their ability to perform academically.

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