

**Executive Summary
Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting
Agenda Item**

MEETING: Regular

DATE: 8/8/2016

TOPIC: Middle High Athletic Handbook Guidelines Revisions

PREPARED BY: Robbie Sayre

Recommended Action on: 8/22/2016

Action Item for Vote (REGULAR MEETING)

Superintendent Prior Approval: No

Recommendation/Motion: Approve changes to the Middle and High School Athletic Guidelines for the 2016-17 school year as recommended by staff.

Background/Rationale: The High School Athletic Guidelines are utilized as an instrument for guiding the orderly operation of all Fayette County High School Athletic Programs. It is reviewed annually by the High School Athletic Directors and all coaches at the beginning of the school year. The Middle School Athletic Guidelines are utilized as an instrument for guiding the orderly operation of all Fayette County Middle School Athletic Programs. It is reviewed annually by each sports representative with constituent coaches at the beginning of the school year. Revisions to this guide are made annually by the Middle School Athletic Council in cooperation with middle school principals. The High School Guidelines address all aspects of high school athletic activity and provide specific policies in each sport according to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) By-Laws. The Middle School Guidelines address all aspects of middle school athletic activity and provide specific policies in each sport currently offered including cheerleading and dance. Fayette County Public Schools currently offer volleyball (girls only) football, girls' and boys' basketball, track & field, cheerleading and dance team in middle schools

Policy: 09.312 Athletics, 09.313 Insurance (Athletics), 09.314 Eligibility (Athletics)

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments(s): Middle/High School Athletic Handbook Revisions 2016-2017

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6/Acknowledgments	Mr. Don Adkins Scott Bugg & Ryan Harrington Amanda Christensen Mike Kinney Emily Coleman Joe Ruddell	Mr. Robbie Sayre Bryan Station Quentin Smith Amanda Christensen Mike Kinney Donna G. Martin John Dixon	Updates on personnel/positions
9/Scheduling Policies and Guidelines for High Schools	unless approved by the Director of High Schools	unless approved by the District Athletic Director	Full time Athletic Director is now an Administrator/Director
10/Admission Prices for Athletic Contests	Baseball and Softball - Adult \$4.00 and Students \$2.00	Baseball and Softball - Adult \$5.00 and Students \$3.00	Baseball and Softball umpire's fees increase in 2016-2017 from \$55 for a varsity game- to \$70 for a varsity game with 32 regular season games= increased cost of \$480 for varsity. Freshman and JV games cost will also increase raising estimated operating expenses approximately \$1,000 for the each team during their regular seasons.
10/Admission Prices			

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for Athletic Contests (cont.)			
11/Purchasing Procedures for Athletic Equipment and Maintenance and Inventory of Equipment	Each athletic director shall organize an inventory of athletic equipment and supplies by coaches in each sport. This inventory shall be taken annually, and copies shall be submitted to the school principal.	Each coach shall organize an inventory of athletic equipment and supplies by coaches for each sport. This inventory shall be taken annually, and copies shall be submitted to the athletic director and/or school principal.	Coaches are responsible for their team's inventory. They should report this information to the Athletic Director/or school principal
14/Eligibility Requirements	Students enrolled in grades 9-11 who have participated in any level of athletics, including cheerleading, follow enrollment in grade 9 and attend a school via an out of area request or renunciation of custody shall be ineligible for athletic participation for one calendar year from date of enrollment.	Any student in grades six through twelve (6-12) who attends a school other than his/her assigned school shall be ineligible for all interscholastic sport for one (1) calendar year following enrollment. See Fayette County Public School policy 09.313.	As reviewed by in house legal counsel the previous language was unclear. The new language is taken directly from policy and the out of area request form. Now we have a consistent message throughout the district
15	NEW	Rezoning Implementation Plan-(See Appendix J)	Clarification about Rezoning for our schools, Athletic Directors, Coaches, and Families
20/Safety and First Aid Procedures	An emergency action plan must be developed by the coach and the athletic trainer for each sport. This plan must be followed in case of an emergency.	An emergency action plan must be developed by the coach and the athletic trainer for each sport. This plan must be followed in case of an emergency. If an athlete is transported by ambulance, a Fayette County Public Schools staff member must accompany the student athlete to the hospital.	Addition so that we ensure a FCPS representative is there to meet with/speak with the parents and answer any questions they may have.
22/Insurance	Pickup claim form from the school	Pickup claim form from the school	Athletic trainer and web site

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Coverage for Athletic Participants	Athletic Director, or Principal's office	Trainer, on Fayette County Public Schools website , Athletic Director, or Principal's office	was added to the menu of options for families from the options
23/Insurance Coverage for Athletic Participants	The Student Accident Information Form should be completed for all serious injuries as determined by the Coach, or Athletic Director. The coach should note on the form that this was a KHSAA event	The Student Accident Information Form should be completed for all serious injuries as determined by the Coach, Trainer and/or Athletic Director. The coach should note on the form that this was a KHSAA event	Trainer was added to those who will evaluate severity of the injury.
23/Procedures for Athletic Complaints	If the complainant is still not satisfied, he or she shall be advised of his or her next steps in the process that the response can be appealed in accordance with the appeals procedures established in Board of Education Policies.	If the complainant is still not satisfied, he or she shall be advised of his or her next steps in the process.	Redundant.

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2/Table of Contents	NEW	Added: Appendix H: Football Equipment Timelines	KHSAA Recommendations for Middle/High School Acclimation
3/Table of Contents	Appendix S – Fayette County Public Schools Lexington Catholic Lexington Christian	Deleted	No Longer an Agreement
3/Board of Education	Mr. John Price, Chair Ms. Melissa Bacon, Vice Chair Ms. Amanda Ferguson Mr. Doug Barnett Mr. Darryl Love Mr. Don Adkins	Ms. Melissa Bacon, Chair Ms. Amanda Ferguson, Vice-Chair Mr. Doug Barnett Mr. Darryl Love Mr. Ray Daniels Mr. Robbie Sayre	Personnel/Position Updates
4/Acknowledgments	Mr. Don Adkins Jane Dreidame Rob Ullerly Mindy Powell	Mr. Robbie Sayre Kate McAnelly	Personnel/Position Updates
19/Volleyball	Beginning Date – Organized practice may begin as early as twenty week days prior to the first day of school for students.	<u>Beginning Date</u> – Organized practice may begin July 15 th .	Aligns with KHSAA date and to provide consistency
21/Football	Beginning date - organized practice may begin as early as fifteen week days prior to the first day of school.	<u>Beginning date</u> - organized practice may begin July 15 th	Aligns with KHSAA date and to provide consistency
22/Football	NEW	Added: See Appendix H: Football Equipment Timelines	KHSAA Recommendations for Middle/High School Acclimation
25/Basketball (Girls)	A maximum of 35 players total shall be selected to be on the A and B teams combined.	A maximum of 35 players total shall be selected to be on the A, B and 6th grade teams combined.	Clarify that 35 is the maximum, not 35 and then additional players for a 6 th grade team
Appendix	NEW	Added: Appendix H: Football Equipment Timelines	KHSAA Recommendations for Middle/High School Acclimation

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Appendix		Removed Appendix K: Job Description for Athletics: Middle School Principal	Outdated. HR function
Appendix		Removed Appendix L: Job Description for Athletics: Middle School Athletic Director.	Outdated and not at all schools. HR Function

Rezoning Implementation Plan

▪ 2016-17 Middle School Rezoning:

- **Middle School students entering 6th graders who are being rezoned will have the option to early entry.**
 - Middle School decisions will be based on capacity.
 - Students that will be 8th graders in 2017-18 will be permitted to grandfather at their current school.
 - No transportation provided.

▪ 2016-17 High School Rezoning:

- **Students entering the 9th grade who are being rezoned will have the option to early entry.**
 - Once a student participates in any event(practice or game) their eligibility remains with the “school of choice” for the 2016-17 year.
 - Students entering the 11th & 12th grade in 2017-18 will have the option to grandfather at their current school. Incoming 10th grade students who are redistricted to the new high school may stay at their current school.
 - Not transportation provided.

FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT TIMELINES
ACCLIMATIZATION AND ACCLIMATION – POST DEAD PERIOD

Acclimatization and Acclimation starting July 15

1. July 15 – First date of OFFICIAL practice in helmet only. Only Level 0 – “Air”, and Level 1 – “Bags” drills can be conducted. The catastrophic insurance is in place for these drills and practice sessions. Heat index monitoring guidelines must be complied with during any activity.
2. July 22 – First date of practice in shells (shorts, helmets and shoulder pads) for each player who has had at least five days in helmets only. Only Level 0 – “Air”, and Level 1 – “Bags” drills can be conducted. The catastrophic insurance is in place for these drills and practice sessions. Heat index monitoring guidelines must be complied with during any activity.
3. August 1 – First practice in full gear for all players who have had at least three practices wearing helmets and shoulder pads. Level 0 – “Air”, and Level 1 – “Bags”, Level 2 – “Control”, Level 3 - “Thud” and Level 4 – “Live Action” can be conducted. Level 3 - “Thud” and Level 4 – “Live Action” can only be conducted in one practice per day. Once the first of these practices has been held, no 7 – on 7 or other game simulations against other teams can be held. Heat index monitoring guidelines must be complied with during any activity.

Reference KHSAA Bylaw 23, Section 6 (Football)