

**Why do students participate? Or why did you participate?**

Fun, passion for the sport, sense of belonging, social aspect  
Parents tell them to play  
Love of the game or sport  
Interest from a coach, friends, college resume  
To have fun, What they are suppose to do, friendships, parent pressure, college scholarship dreams, nothing better to do  
Mom and Dad played  
Roll model  
Recieve Recognition, sense of identity, character building, socializ  
no other extracurricular activities offered besides sports.  
have it on college resume  
opportunities at next level  
extra motivation  
be a part of something  
because friends are playing  
just wants to be on a team  
Scholarship to go to college  
Coaches encourage them to  
I think they play for fun. That's why I appreciate it.  
Just want to be on something to meet other New friends  
work ethic  
lessons that they will pull from to 20 years down the road  
mental and physical health  
Learn to be committed to something  
They learn structure and they learn how to get along with others  
dealing with adversity  
Keep grades up  
In some cases, sports is the only Avenue for graduation

**What benefits do students gain from participation?**

Increased Health/Wellness, community relationships and connections, improved school culture, increase in academic success  
Discipline, socialization, learning to work with others and this prepares them for jobs later in life.  
How to work well with others, work ethic, accountability  
Commitment, increase student attendance and academic excellence, work ethic, discipline  
Learn how to win and lose graciously.  
Gain a sense of responsibility  
Life lessons are learned through sports.  
benefits to school, alumni keep tied in with school  
Higher attendance, lower discipline.  
developing self worth, self esteem, accepting your role on the team  
someone watching their academics and behavior with extra support  
Recognition self worth  
Increase attendance and academics and decrease behavior  
Kids take ownership of the school  
Exposure

Leadership skills, teamwork, and show of heart  
 Learn to work cooperatively.  
 Team work  
 Sense of belonging  
 Dealing with failure in sports in an appropriate manner  
 lifelong memories with friends and classmates  
 Social acceptance.  
 Students: School buy-in, buy-in to grades and scores, life skills, responsibility citizenship  
 School: School buy-in/pride, increase in academics and scores,  
 develops student leaders in your building because they are visible  
 Positive relationship building, dealing with adversity, conflict resolution, and lifelong friendships

**Why/how does interscholastic competition benefit students?**

Learn to deal with success and failure  
 Learn to handle pressure...deal with success...deal with failure  
 Win and lose with dignity and how to handle adversity  
 How to be competitive and the sense of teamwork  
 Exposure to different cultures, lifestyles  
 teaches you what you don't like and move to another setting, your career  
 Builds work ethic  
 Working together for common goals  
 Learn life lessons and team work  
 Improved academic school culture  
 Hopefully, how to talk and communicate with all types of people even those we are trying to compete against. Shaking hands and having respect for each other  
 adds a challenge of never reaching a talent level  
 Allows you to understand how good you are as good as others in that sport  
 Parents are not always there. Learn to overcome adversity  
 Life lessons that make student athletes learn that losing isn't an end  
 What is acceptable behavior and how their emotional responses are a catalyst to others actions.  
 Development of pride in the team with effort

**What student population are you struggling to engage?**

Hispanic community  
 females  
 Students with limited resources, poverty. Many just believe it takes too much time.  
 FFA boys  
 specialization decreases the opportunities for ALL  
 Students with transportation issues in rural districts.  
 ROTC students  
 Those students who have the athletic ability and desire to, but they have to work to support their needs and the families needs  
 Single sport athletes rather than multi sport athletes

**Why/how does interscholastic competition benefit the community?**

It's the backbone and heart of the community

Social interaction  
 role models for the younger students  
 Augusta boys basketball making 10th Region championship game is great example of bringing a community together  
 Pride in community  
 Sports are the bragging rights for the community, especially against rivals.  
 Chance to be a part of community history  
 Builds and strengthens community in a variety of ways  
 Helps the community become involved with the school!  
 Gives the community an opportunity to give back to something

**What advantages/disadvantages does club/AAU style sport have when compared to school based sport?**

Expense  
 school and community based  
 NCAA recruiting favors club seasons due to recruiting rules  
 importance of academics  
 Provide an opportunity for kids who do not make the team.  
 Educate parents on differences of HS sports and AAU sports  
 Club sports have less restrictions to qualify.  
 coaches are teaching more fundamental and development rather than just winning  
 Play with kids from anywhere, making friends  
 The average to low skilled players get to participate  
 With the lack of district funding, clubs can afford better level and equipment, better team through recruiting. And parents will put their money in that.  
 athlete with minimal to no experience can participate  
 Coaches?? Money money, number of games played  
 Club sports can cost families significantly more money!  
 Less personal accountability in club sports  
 AAU lacks the quality of coaching behaviors and professionalism, and sportsmanship. Not a positive alternative to HS athletics.

**Does education based/school based sport have a sustained future in American culture? Why/Why not?**

We must improve funding that is they way we compete with club  
 It's for the kids  
 YES...educational athletics are still the best training ground for our youth. The clubs do not care about the education of the students  
 Athletics was one of the greatest learning experiences that has guided the remainder of my professional life.  
 HS athletics focus on ALL of the athletes rather than just the blue chipper  
 Club/travel teams wins a ring every weekend and get to stay in hotels as well as eating out. Who wouldn't want that life as a youngster

**School based sport - thoughts on why/why not to allow non-enrolled students (i.e. home school) to play?**

Our school insurance only covers currently enrolled students.

Key thing would be academic eligibility!!
Possibly take team spots from enrolled students.
accountability
state is recognizing it as an education
Liability. Academic eligibility
How do you decide what school they play at in a city community?
Benefits of in school athletes would be same as home school
If the academic plan isn't good enough, why should the athletic part of the school be allowed?
It creates a issue for grades, funding, community..
Taking a spot from an enrolled student.
Recruiting issues
Open doors for recruiting
It is the parents choice to go homeschool and in doing so they give up certain privileges and sports is one of them.
No. Hard to hold responsible same expectations in grades. How do you hold them in community of the school
It could encourage more students to get home school themselves.
lack of qualifications of home school instructors lead to question academic eligibility
Athletics is a privilege and has expectations with it
If opened up for athletics should be for band, choir, other extra curricular activities
Just said more funding for athletics but now athletes on team without the school receiving funding for them.
<b>Do students (and parents) realize athletics is not guaranteed?</b>
Our society feels EVERYTHING is right now
Educate them at mandatory parent mtg. Cannot participate until attend mtg
Include in handbook and parent meeting
That needs to be clearly stated verbally and written in meetings and have interested parents/student athletes aware of the privilege.
Cuts, weekly grade checks, other eligibility requirements
Drug testing
Cost of programs
<b>What are issues facing coaches? Are you having difficulty getting them and why?</b>
underpaid
Lack of knowledge of responsibility in Coaching
Burnout
All other requirements outside of coaching
Time demands on teachers is making it very hard to find teacher/coaches.
teachers don't have time or want to coach with all of the responsibilities put on them
Parents
Coaches are no longer friendly to each other
Too many Parapros coaching
Wear so many hats at smaller schools that they cannot add another one
ALWAYS selling candy or some other fundraising



Shorten Football
Worse
Football and Archery seasons much too long. Others ok.
Seasons are way too long. Don't leave it up to locals. Change the limitations.
Player and kid burnout because seasons are too long. Including all summer
Need to reduce state wide. If left to local boards to reduce then coaches feel they are getting behind
Lower number of games per season
I am from Michigan and ALL sports are too long
Baseball and softball needs shortened
Extend the dead period.
All seasons too long.
Archery to long
You shorten the seasons and you free up funds for the schools to travel and official costs
Football- 8 games, top 2 to play offs
Basketball- 36 games total
Football, basketball, and baseball are way to long
Eliminate week 10 in football
I was part of a committee that shortened the wrestling season in Michigan. First and only sport
From an administrative point of view too many games in several sports.
Volleyball, baseball, softball--- 30 games
Baseball wayyyyyyyy too long! Some count whatever but endddddd the season
Limit number of varsity games you can play in one day, volleyball, baseball and softball often play 3 or more games in one day on a Saturday
4-week Dead period added in June and July
All seasons are too long. And maximum games need to be lowered. If it's not initiated from the top, coaches won't voluntarily reduce the seasons.
Basketball- 26 games not 36.
Shorten how many weeks are in a season, not necessarily number of games. Especially July 15 start to fall
baseball and softball go way too long
Seasons overlap so therefore many athletes don't play multiple sports
Seasons don't necessarily have to be shortened, but the number of games could be limited. Especially in Basketball.
Shorten length by a couple of weeks and number of games
Why are there not limitations on individuals playing outside baseball/softball after the start of the school year?
Football practice begins Aug. 1
Basketball practice begins Nov. 1
Baseball/softball practice begins March 1
No games played until previous season is over.
<b>Current rules call for restrictions on KHSAA member school opponents. Appropriate? Outdated? Need changing? Rationale/Reasons.</b>
Allow schools to play who they want and not putting them in bind when traveling

As long as liability issues do not exist, there isn't a need to restrict.
Currently too hard to track. Change to play who you want.
If this is allowed prep and other non sanctioned schools will be moving in to Kentucky.
Increasing funding by bringing an Oak Hill Academy in
Will the KHSAA cat. insurance still cover us if we play non member schools from other states?
Allow the local schools to make the decision for what is better for them?
Would the be an issue with catastrophic insurance if a member school plays a non-member school?
Turn the schools loose.
Kids miss opportunities for exposure on major networks because of this rule
<b>Is the sports season balance (fall, winter, spring, good, bad, or about right? If not right, suggestions for consideration of change? i.e. soccer discussion</b>
Move boys soccer to spring
Soccer needs to be spring sport. AD's are killed in fall. Too many games in fall. Refs are stretched thin in fall.
Soccer should split
Middle school sports need aligned with the appropriate season.
Move boys soccer to the spring
End a season early enough to give athletes time to practice and acclimate to the next sport
Don't play field hockey and girls soccer simultaneously
If lacrosse is a possible sanction sport in the future, would we be adding it to the spring schedule?
End volleyball district play before October 15th.
If you move boys soccer to spring, what happens if KHSAA adds lacrosse?
Schools that have to share soccer/football game fields need time for grass to grow.
Move boys soccer to spring to protect Title IX numbers with girls and open up boys soccer playing to football
Back football up about 2 weeks. That way soccer and volleyball are already half over before you have to start having football games.
We have official shortages in other sports too. Shorten all seasons except football. This will help
Being careful to follow Title IX with sports being in the "wrong" seasons
The problem with moving boys' or girls' soccer to the spring is it will likely adversely affect baseball or softball or more likely soccer at smaller schools.
If you move boys soccer to the spring, you'll kill baseball in small schools. Keep it the same.
Has KHSAA compared number of fall sport athletes to spring sport athletes? If the balance is a lot more towards fall, then switching soccer to spring is answer
custodians, gate workers, etc are overworked in the fall
Golf season needs to stay in fall as it is end of golfing season and less conflicts with course
I'd love to see soccer move to Spring but you would force things to come to a head with club teams. Particularly in NKY where many kids play with Ohio clubs.
Our lacrosse teams use the same field as soccer. If we move boys soccer would a lacrosse team be moved?

**Schools will be ending earlier more consistently as weather related makeup plans expand.**

**Issues with that? Suggestions?**

Goes back to making season shorter

Could also go back to playing sub state tournaments and take 4 teams to the finals

Ending sports by late May helps avoid heat index issues and enables easier supervision of students who have either graduated or are on "summer break".

Shorten seasons to minimize number of championships after end of school year.

If you feel this is an issue, you will have to shorten the season which really brings weather into play and number of games you can get in

State championships should not extend past the first weekend of June. Periodically give coaches, athletes, and parents their summers back.

Softball / baseball needs to go to 25-30 game max.

The state tennis tournament format should go back to a one weekend event with team and individual titles are decided at the single event.

Graduation conflicts would need to be projected when deciding dates.

Keep it the way it is. Super's are just maximizing money by playing non traditional days during winter.

Cut all sports seasons by 10%

**In some sports, i.e. basketball, advantages/disadvantages of a shorter season even if no game reduction?**

YES.

shorter is better, plus schools do not have to play 30 games

It would be good for attendance to not have to compete with the NCAA. It would move the emphasis back to the HS kids.

Too many games per week.

If the KABC has no objections, and it helps with sweet spot revenue, we should do it.

our table is supportive of protecting the Golden Cow!!!!

It would help with the crowding of basketball and baseball

Leave it alone. I enjoy the high school games and going Out and watching ncaa games

Move start to Nov 1st and help having to have multiple tryouts when the fall sports end

Many districts do not play sundays

Basketball does not need to be playing 30 games in 11 weeks. Cut it to 25 or so

Need to cut week and games to 28

Football season would need to be bumped up a week as well for this to be fair.

**General Session/Arbiter**

I used the ref pay in Michigan as both an official and AD. It was an outstanding program even 4 years ago!! One of the best things that helped me do my job.

Can we get the Arbiter PowerPoint emailed to schools so we can share with bookkeepers

Is there a fee for officials to use arbiter pay?

The color of headbands should not be at the discretion of the officials. Black is black, not gray when stretched.

Is final game of the boys state tournament still on Sunday?

Scott County needs at least 3 schools.

Why can't transfer forms be done electronically?

Other states have transfer forms that are totally filled out online and immediately submitted to the state. Can we look at something like this for the future?

Does that mean the eligibility clock would start in 7th grade?

Some schools would struggle to field teams without 7/8 graders

Proposal 10 is more than about basketball. It helps soccer, baseball and softball travel, etc

Can baseball / softball tryouts be held in the fall as long as practice doesn't start until February 15?

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