



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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Jimmy Latta  
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Dear Mr. Latta:

This correspondence is in response to your inquiry concerning participation in the U.S. High School Bowling National Championship held in Smyrna, Tennessee, June 24-25, 2017. The event parameters have been closely reviewed by staff and after review of the request, it is clear that participation would be a violation of Bylaw 24 if the school were involved in any way, including coaching, travel, funding, uniforms or all other specifics mentioned in Bylaw 25. Though participation in a national event in bowling is not in and of itself a violation of KHSAA rules, the date the event is being held for 2017 precludes any Kentucky school from participating in much of the event (as on the surface, it does for teams in the host state). For a complete understanding of restrictions, provisions and interpretations related to this bylaw, see the link at <http://khsaa.org/handbook/bylaws/20162017/bylaw24.pdf>

The Dead Period was developed more than twenty years ago by the member schools to address several issues under review at that time which continue to exist today. The rule was enacted by the membership to ensure opportunities for coaches to not be compelled to participate in activities for a period of time, and to control the offseason expenditures of school funds and use of resources. There were many other discussion points at that time, many of which are detailed in Case BL-24-1 at the above referenced link.

Students and coaches may not compete while representing their school or contrary to any of the defined situations in the Bylaw during the KHSAA Dead Period. It will remain a local school district's decision (as well as the event organizers) as to whether or not a school could attend day one (1) of this tournament provided the entirety of the event and all travel returning to the school was completed by 11:59 p.m. on June 24th.

Please feel free to contact our office, or in particular, Assistant Commissioner Sarah Bridenbaugh who coordinates our bowling events at your convenience if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian Tackett", written in a cursive style.

Julian Tackett  
Commissioner

xc: KHSAA Executive Staff