

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STAFF NOTE

Topic: Amendments to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Bylaws

Date: April 10, 2019

Action Requested: Review Action/Consent Action/Discussion

Assigned To: Full Board Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

Finance Operations Management

SUMMARY OF ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD:

To approve proposed amendments to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Bylaws that received the requisite 2/3 vote (included as attachment "B").

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioner recommends the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the proposed amended KHSAA Bylaws.

APPLICABLE STATUTE OR REGULATION:

KRS 156.070, 702 KAR 7:065 and KHSAA Bylaws

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. This requirement was fulfilled during the 2017-2018 school year by the KHSAA Board of Control for the high school rules, and by the required meetings of the KHSAA Middle School Advisory Committee for the rules at that level.

Summary of Issue: The proposed change to the high school regulations 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 19, 2018, 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 before the development of the final agenda. At the 2018 annual meeting of the member high schools, 233 high schools were present; therefore, all proposals required 156 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.

During that annual meeting, significant discussion was held by the membership as to the future of interscholastic athletics. National trends were reviewed, and the school representatives participated in spirited discussions about the balance between adapting to the students of today and meeting their needs and preserving the sound traditions of competition. This meeting will likely continue to shape the future of this 102-year old organization.

In accordance with these procedures, the amendments to the KHSAA Bylaws for its high school members that were listed below were approved by the listed votes. These amendments will be considered by the Local Superintendents Advisory Council at its upcoming meetings, and have been considered by the Board of Control (BOC) of the KHSAA for implementation during the 2019-20 school year unless otherwise noted, and received the requisite vote of the Board of Control. It should be noted that due to the overwhelming feeling of the membership, the provisions of Proposal 2018-03, which removed previous policy restrictions on practice and non-varsity competition during the consideration of a transfer matter, were implemented at the recommendation of the Commissioner and with the concurrence of the Board of Control in November, 2018.

Propo sal	Author	Purpose	Vote	BOC
2018-01	Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control as part of the required annual review of all KHSAA Bylaws (702 KAR 7:065)	Amend Bylaw 6 to remove the restriction on transfer in sports for which the student has no previous participation record.	200 Yes, 12 No, 0 Abstain, 21 Present	Adopted by the Board of Control
2018-02	Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control as part of the required annual review of all KHSAA Bylaws (702 KAR 7:065)	Amend Bylaws 6 to create an exception to the one-year period of ineligibility when evidence is submitted with the original request for eligibility that verifies violations of KRS 158.148 (bullying).	208 Yes, 16 No, 0 Abstain, 9 Present	Adopted by the Board of Control
2018-03	Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control as	Amend Bylaws 6, 7 and 8 to remove the place participation in practice and non-varsity competition at the discretion of	222 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain,	Adopted by the Board of Control

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	part of the required annual review of all KHSAA Bylaws (702 KAR 7:065)	the member school as is the case with the other Bylaws.	7 Present	
2018-04	Proposed by the KHSAA Board of Control as part of the required annual review of all KHSAA Bylaws (702 KAR 7:065)	Amend Bylaws 10 and 27 to place the acceptance of improper benefits as a penalty under Bylaw 10 and the place a penalty for receiving those improper benefits in Bylaw 27	222 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain, 10 Present	Adopted by the Board of Control

The KHSAA also is designated to manage interscholastic athletics at the middle school level. The Middle School Advisory Committee will hold its final meeting for the 2018-19 school year in May 2019. The focus of this meetings will continue to be the health and safety for middle school athletes, and further items and requests for amendments will be brought forward to the KBE at a future date.

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

Budget Impact: State funds will not be impacted as a result of the approval of the proposed amended Bylaws.

GROUPS CONSULTED AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF RESPONSES:

The following groups were consulted:

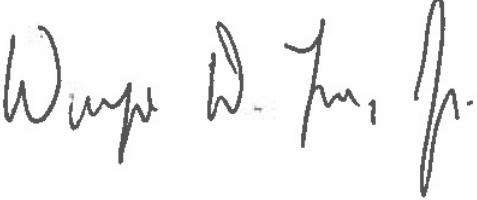
- KHSAA Board of Control
- KHSAA Annual Meeting Delegate Assembly
- Local Superintendents Advisory Council

All affected groups concurred and approved the revisions.

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