

POLICY- SPORTS SANCTIONING/SPONSORSHIP

Sec. 1) REQUIREMENTS FOR SANCTIONING A HIGH SCHOOL SPORT OR SPORT-ACTIVITY

- a) The KHSAA Board of Control sanctions (approved for practice and play and provides the Catastrophe Insurance for) all sports and sport-activities for which the KHSAA sponsors a state high school championship. Under this definition, the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, soccer, softball (fastpitch), swimming, tennis, track and field, volleyball and wrestling are insured.
- b) The sport-activities of archery, bass fishing, bowling, competitive cheer, dance and Esports competition are insured for KHSAA region and state competitions.
- c) This sanctioning shall allow students to participate in these sports and sport-activities as long as they are compliant with all applicable KHSAA bylaws regarding student eligibility.

Sec. 2) METHOD OF DETERMINING INTEREST IN NEW HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS OR SPORT-ACTIVITIES

- a) The KHSAA shall survey its membership every three (3) years to measure desire for a new offering or elimination of an existing offering.
- b) The KHSAA Limitation of Seasons shall not address a specific sport or sport-activity unless and until it meets the desired participation threshold to allow for the maximum opportunity to expose the sport to growth.
- c) The Board of Control may authorize a specific survey during the interim period between triennial surveys based on a majority vote of the Board of Control.

Sec. 3) SCHOOLS NECESSARY TO START NEW HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS OR SPORT-ACTIVITIES

- a) Unless otherwise approved by the Board of Control to address specific previously underrepresented populations, in order for the KHSAA to begin discussions concerning the possible sponsoring of a state championship in a new sport or sport-activity, there shall be at least fifty (50) member schools desiring to participate by showing a favorable response on the interest survey and the sport or sport-activity having currently participating schools in at least three basketball regions.
- b) One of the key components for consideration is the presence of an already existing organized championship sponsored by another group.
- c) The presence of this amount of schools does not, in and of itself, guarantee the addition of championship play in that sport or sport-activity.
- d) The Commissioner shall designate contact staff for any sport or sport-activity that has a demonstrated interest of thirty (30) schools but less than fifty (50) school as such sport or sport-activity shall be considered an emerging sport or sport-activity.
- e) The Board of Control must review all factors surrounding the possible addition including a fiscal analysis and the possible impact of the addition on member school compliance with Title IX.

Sec. 4) SCHOOLS NECESSARY TO CONTINUE EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL SPORT OR SPORT-ACTIVITIES

- a) In order for the KHSAA to continue a playoff system for a sport or sport-activity, and unless there is otherwise prevailing action by the Board of Control to address specific previously underrepresented populations, there shall be at least twenty-five (25) member schools desiring to participate by showing a favorable response on the interest survey and the sport or sport-activity having participating schools in at least three basketball regions.
- b) The presence of this amount of schools does not in and of itself guarantee the continuation of championship play in that sport or sport-activity.
- c) The Board of Control must review all factors surrounding the continuation of the sport or sport-activity including a fiscal analysis and the possible impact of the addition on member school compliance with Title IX.