

BYLAW 9. BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL CONTESTANT ON OTHER TEAMS, POSTSEASON AND ALL-STAR GAMES

SEC. 1) BASKETBALL

- a) Restrictions from the first day of school through the day before the first permitted day of practice:
 - (1) For purposes of this bylaw, a contest, activity or play shall be considered organized if:
 - a. basketball skills are practiced or refined outside of the high school program and supervised by a third party not affiliated with the student's enrolled school where collegiate coaches are not permitted to evaluate;
 - b. preparatory practice(s) are conducted prior to the event;
 - c. teams are assigned in advance of the event and made known to participants or others before arrival;
 - d. a team or playing unit involves three (3) or more members of the same high school team; or
 - e. a team is composed of individuals who previously have played or practiced together as a unit
 - (2) During this period, no student who, after enrolling in grade nine (9) has subsequently been a contestant in basketball at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in basketball may participate in organized play as defined in Sec. 1(a)(1) unless the Board of Control sanctions the event.
- b) Restrictions from the first permitted day of practice through the last scheduled contest, including KHSAA-sanctioned postseason contests:
 - (1) During this period, no student who, after enrolling in grade nine (9) has subsequently been a contestant in basketball at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in basketball may:
 - a. participate in organized play as defined in Sec. 1(a)(1) unless the event is sanctioned by the Board of Control; or
 - b. any event where basketball skills are taught, practiced, refined or evaluated outside of the high school program and supervised by a third party not affiliated with the student's enrolled school, even if collegiate coaches are permitted to be present and evaluating.
- c) Restrictions following the last postseason contest
 - (1) Following the team's last scheduled game (including postseason), there are no basketball play restrictions for the student-athletes except the applicable coaching restrictions as detailed in Bylaw 23.

SEC. 2) FOOTBALL

- a) Restrictions from First Day of Practice through Last Scheduled Contest
 - (1) From the first day of practice with the school through the last scheduled contest played in football (including KHSAA-sanctioned postseason contests) by the school, no student who, after enrolling in grade nine (9) has subsequently been a contestant in football at that school, at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in football may participate in:
 - a. any manner on any non-school sponsored team in football;
 - b. any all-star game in football; or
 - c. any type of organized competition in football or variation of football unless it has been sanctioned by the Board of Control.
- b) Restrictions following the End of Season
 - (1) Following the team's last scheduled game (including postseason), there are no restrictions on play in football for the student-athletes except the published restrictions on the issuance of equipment detailed in Bylaw 23.

SEC. 3) PENALTY

- a) Any violation of this bylaw may have any or all penalties detailed in Bylaw 27 applied as part of the final dispensation of the matter, including a period of ineligibility.
- b) Appeals or other considerations under this bylaw shall be considered Hearing Officer matters under the KHSAA Due Process Procedure.

Case Situations for Bylaw 9- Basketball/Football Contestant On Other Teams, Postseason And All-Star Games

Case BL-9-1- Why are there restrictions on basketball and football participants that prevent them from playing in outside competition during the school year, after the school year begins and prior to the end of their competitive seasons?

A restriction on non-school athletic participation in these sports attempts to protect students who choose to participate on their school's athletic teams from exploitation by those who seek to capitalize on their skill and/or reputation. In addition, the restriction:

- (1) Lessens inherent risks to participation in non-school athletic programs that may have inadequate administrative oversight;
- (2) Discourages outside entities from pressuring student-athletes to miss classes while competing on non-school teams or in non-school events;
- (3) Equalizes competition by reducing any unfair advantage students who participate in non-school athletics may have over those who do not participate in outside events, and
- (4) Reduces distractions from academic preparation and other school responsibilities.
- (5) A non-school athletic participation restriction in these sports also provides some control over the trend towards year-round competitive sports seasons and operates to reduce, or even eliminate, conflicts which may arise due to: time conflicts of practices, games, playoffs, differing coaching philosophies of the school coaching staff and the non-school coaching staff, and team loyalty.

Case BL-9-2- What specifically is permissible participation, and not permissible participation after the first day of school and prior to the first date for practice (October 15) for those basketball players subject to Bylaw 9?

Any play by those subject to the Bylaw 9 restrictions that meets the definitions contained in Bylaw 9, Sec. 1(a)1 is prohibited during this period as it is considered organized play.

Any play by those subject to the Bylaw 9 restrictions that does not meet the list of criteria in Bylaw 9, Sec. 1(a)1 would not be considered organized play, is deemed to be recruiting exposure events during this permissible period, and is permissible.

Case BL-9-3- What specifically is permissible participation, and not permissible participation on or after October 15 and prior to the last contest of the season for those basketball players subject to Bylaw 9?

No player subject to Bylaw 9 may play in any event that is defined as organized per Bylaw 9, Sec. 1(a)1 or any other event where basketball skills are taught, practiced, refined or evaluated outside of the high school program, even if collegiate coaches are permitted to be present.

Case BL-9-4- What specifically is permissible participation, and not permissible participation after the last contest of the season for those basketball players subject to Bylaw 9?

Participation after the last contest of the season (including postseason) is at the discretion of the student. Potential players desiring to play beyond high school should be aware of any restrictions in place for those conferences, leagues or associations (i.e. number of all-star games) but such is not in the jurisdiction of the KHSAA.

Case BL-9-5- If collegiate coaches can be present during a particular event, does that automatically make it permissible for basketball players subject to Bylaw 9 to participate?

No. The restrictions codified by the member schools specify the three windows of time, before the season, during the season (from the start of practice) and after the season. The KHSAA nor its member schools have any authority over the NCAA recruiting calendar and as such, changes in those calendars are not relevant to the member schools.

Case BL-9-6- Does Bylaw 9 apply to participants in any sport other than basketball or football?

No. There are no restrictions on the student-athletes in sports other than football and basketball as it relates to outside competition during the season or prior to the season beginning.

Case BL-9-7- Does Bylaw 9 restrict a student who hasn't yet played for the school in basketball from playing in an outside league or in any other organized competitive setting in basketball during the school year prior to the season?

No, not until he/she has been enrolled in grade nine and played for a team in a contest at any level (grades 9-12) within the school. The restriction, which also applies to outside competition in football by football players, does not apply to incoming freshmen or any other student who hasn't yet represented the school.

Case BL-9-8- Are there any exceptions to the participation restrictions in Bylaw 9 for participation in Olympic Development Activities?

Yes. The Board of Control has authorized the Commissioner to consider, on a case-by-case basis, waivers to any restrictions contained in Bylaw 9 or Bylaw 23 that would allow participation by an enrolled student or employed coach in officially sanctioned U.S. Olympic Development activities. Organizations such as USA Basketball, USA Track and Field and other similar groups that have officially sanctioned Olympic Development activities, can request, through the appropriate member school, that these restrictions on basketball players be waived and participation allowed.