

Athletics and Sport Activities

All interscholastic and intramural athletic and sport activity competition shall be in compliance with the constitution, bylaws, and competition rules of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and Title IX requirements. As a condition to KHSAA high school membership, each member high school and Superintendent shall annually submit a written certification of compliance with 20 USC Section 1681 (Title IX).

PROGRAM EQUITY

Policy adopted by the school council relating to evaluation of the athletic program shall address program equity for both male and female athletics and sport activities. In non-SBDM schools, the Principal shall establish policy for program evaluation.

To assist councils (or the Principal in non-SBDM schools), the Superintendent/designee shall develop and oversee implementation of procedures to promote compliance with Title IX requirements.

AGE RESTRICTION /REQUIRED RECORD CHECKS

All coaches, including volunteer and nonfaculty coaches and assistant coaches, shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and submit to a criminal record check as required by [KRS 160.380](#) and [KRS 161.185](#).¹

Junior counselors under twenty-one (21) years of age may be employed at the Superintendent's discretion to assist coaches with athletic programs. These individuals may not provide services to students without a coach present at all times and must be supervised by an adult over twenty-one (21) years of age at all times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RULES AND LIMITATIONS

Unless the Board opts to follow rules established by other conferences or associations, the Board shall establish student participation rules and limitations for school sports or sport activities to reflect the following:

1. A defined age limitation for participating students;
2. A policy regarding the participation of students below grade six (6);
3. A limitation on practice time prior to the season in any sport or sport activity;
4. A limitation on the number of school based scrimmages and regular season, school based contests in each sport or sport activity;
5. A limitation on the length of the competitive season in each sport or sport activity, including any post season activities.

NOTE: Limitations set relative to items three (3) through five (5) shall not exceed the limits in the following areas established for a sport or sport activity at the high school level:

- Limits on practice time;
- Number of contests; or
- Length of the playing season.

REFERENCES:

¹[KRS 156.070](#); [KRS 160.380](#); [KRS 161.185](#)
[KRS 160.345](#); [KRS 160.445](#); [KRS 620.146](#)
[702 KAR 007:065](#)

Kentucky High School Athletic Association Handbook; 20 U.S.C. Section 1681 (Title IX)

RELATED POLICIES:

02.4241; 09.3

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