

## **BYLAW 22. CONTESTS, SANCTIONS, RULES, FORFEITURES, FACULTY TO ACCOMPANY**

### **SEC. 1) CONTESTS AGAINST IN-STATE OPPONENTS**

- a) KHSAA member schools may only compete in contests in KHSAA-sanctioned sports against:
  - (1) Schools located in Kentucky that are current members of the KHSAA;
  - (2) Schools that are full members of the Kentucky Christian Athletic Association (KCAA) or the Kentucky Christian School Athletic Association (KCSAA); and
  - (3) Students of a non-member at-home private school, or team of students from non-member at-home private schools provided the non-member at-home private schools, and students comply with the following:
    - a. A non-member at-home private school's team and students shall comply with the eligibility rules for student-athletes, including Bylaws 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 12;
    - b. A coach of a non-member at-home private school team shall comply with all of the provisions of Bylaw 25;
    - c. This provision shall not allow a non-member at-home private school's team to participate in a sanctioned district, region, section, semi-state or state tournament as sanctioned by the KHSAA; and
    - d. This provision does not allow eligibility for a recognition, award, or championship sponsored by the KHSAA.
- b) Any KHSAA member school that engages in an athletic contest in a KHSAA-sanctioned sport with a school that is not, ~~not~~ in compliance with Sec. 1(a) above shall be subject to all penalties contained in Bylaw 27.
- c) Any student not eligible to represent a KHSAA member school at the varsity level shall not participate in any varsity event managed by a KHSAA member school.
- d) All contests within Kentucky played by KHSAA member schools in a KHSAA-sanctioned sport shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control. Approval for any exemptions shall come through the Commissioner.

### **SEC. 2) CONTESTS WITH SCHOOLS FROM OTHER STATES, CANADA AND MEXICO**

- a) Any student not eligible to represent a KHSAA member school at the varsity level shall not participate for a member school in any varsity event managed by a school in another state.
- b) Member schools of the KHSAA shall adhere to all restrictions contained in the National Federation of State High School Associations' sanctioning policy when playing any contest or scrimmage against an out-of-state opponent (including Canada and Mexico) in a KHSAA-sanctioned sport.
- c) All contests outside of Kentucky must include competition against teams representing a school and playing as a school team.
- d) All contests within Kentucky in a KHSAA-sanctioned sport against schools from out of state that are played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control. Approval for any exemptions shall come through the Commissioner.
- e) The KHSAA member school is responsible for ensuring the legality of the opponents and that the procedures of the NFHS sanctioning policy are followed.

### **SEC. 3) FOREIGN TEAMS**

- a) KHSAA member schools may compete in contests against schools from foreign countries other than Canada and Mexico provided such contest are properly sanctioned through the National Federation of State High School Associations' sanctioning policy if such sanction is required.
- b) KHSAA member schools may not compete in contests against non-school teams from foreign countries or those listed as a club team on any international registry.

- c) The KHSAA member school is responsible for ensuring the legality of the opponents and that the procedures of the NFHS sanctioning policy are followed.

#### SEC. 4) CONTRACTS

- a) Official written contracts supplied by the office of the Commissioner (or an electronic substitute utilizing all information on the form, or an electronic version on the adopted school management package utilized by the association) shall be used for all contests between members of the Association, and the contract shall include statements to the effect that contracting parties are members of the Association.
- b) The Association shall not undertake to enforce oral contracts or oral agreements to changes in written contracts, or contracts that do not use the official written contract form as detailed above.
- c) The recipient of a contract for an athletic contest between two member schools of the KHSAA shall return the contract, either signed or unsigned (approved or not approved), to the sender within thirty (30) days after having received it.
- d) All contracts between member schools shall contain a specific date for each contest covered in the contract. A contract in which the words "corresponding date" appears, rather than a specific date, shall not be enforced.
- e) The Superintendent, Principal, or Designated Representative shall countersign all contracts to engage in interscholastic contests. Contracts signed by any other individual will not be enforced by the KHSAA.
- f) Provisions may be made for a forfeit fee to be paid by the school that fails to follow the terms of a contract. The Commissioner shall suspend from the Association a school that fails to pay during the same season a stipulated forfeit fee, and the suspension shall remain in effect until the Commissioner or the Board of Control removes it.
- g) Schools in districts that vote to seed regular season play shall by that action, be entering into a contract, even if a written contract is not executed. Schools agreeing to participate in football postseason playoffs shall, by that action, be entering into a contract, even if a written contract is not executed. The Commissioner shall determine the default forfeit fee for any school failing to play a seeded district game (for any reason) or failing to play a district football game for a team that has previously opted to participate in postseason playoffs.
- h) If a written contract using the official contract form is canceled because of suspension of the school, the Commissioner shall determine the financial liability involving the suspended school.

#### SEC. 5) RULES GOVERNING CONTESTS

- a) National Federation of State High School Association rules shall govern all contests involving member schools if an official set of rules is issued for that sport.
- b) Unless modified through the competition rules adopted by the Board of Control, contests in tennis shall be governed by the rules of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and contests in golf shall be governed by the rules of the United States Golf Association.
- c) The Board of Control shall adopt competition rules for all sport-activities in which the KHSAA conducts a championship.

#### SEC. 6) WAIVING OF RULES

School officials of member schools shall not by agreement waive or modify any of the rules of the Association (including playing rules) for any contest sanctioned by the Association.

#### SEC. 7) FAILURE TO PLAY A SCHEDULED CONTEST

- a) If a school fails to carry out its contract to play a regularly scheduled contest, the contest shall be forfeited to the offended school.

b) If a school uses a participant in any contest and that student is ineligible, the contest shall be forfeited.

SEC. 8) REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM TO CONTESTS

a) The Principal or Designated Representative, coach, or another individual approved by the local Board of Education shall accompany the team to all contests.

b) His or her expenses, when he or she accompanies the contestants, shall be paid in the same manner as those of the contestants. Individuals fulfilling this requirement shall adhere to the requirements of KRS 161.185.

SEC. 9) 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 or contest forfeiture.

b) Appeals or other considerations under this bylaw shall be considered Board matters under the KHSAA Due Process Procedure.