

BYLAW 11. FINANCIAL AID

SEC. 1) DEFINITIONS FOR THIS BYLAW

- a) Tuition- means the amount of necessary fees, costs and other charges to attend a member school as determined by that member school's published scale of charges. The tuition at the member school shall be the same for all students in like situation irrespective of participation in athletics and shall include applicable room and board expenses.
- b) Classification of Schools- means the classification of the member schools as follows:
 - (1) A1- District operated general program or multi-program schools;
 - (2) A5 (District-operated alternative education program with no definable attendance boundaries designed to remediate academic performance, improve behavior, or provide an enhanced learning experience. This designation should only be used for offsite alternative education programs and the students may not be A1 enrolled at any other school).
 - (3) B1 Laboratory or training school operated by college or university)
 - (4) D1- Kentucky Department of Education operated schools (Blind and Deaf);
 - (5) F1- Federal Dependent Schools;
 - (6) J1- Roman Catholic schools;
 - (7) M1- Other Religious schools and
 - (8) R1- Private nonchurch related schools.
- c) Public Schools- means the member schools receiving funding from the Kentucky Department of Education or comparable federal sources. Public schools shall include the member schools which are classified as A1, D1, or F1.
- d) Nonpublic Schools- means the member schools not receiving funding from the Kentucky Department of Education or comparable federal sources. Those schools shall include the member schools which are classified as J1, M1, and R1.
- e) Nonpublic School Zone- means the zone to which each nonpublic school is assigned. The four current nonpublic school zones are Covington, Lexington, Louisville, and Owensboro. These nonpublic school zones shall be comprised of the counties contained in the geographic alignment related to the archdiocese of the same name.
- f) Nonpublic School Governing Board- means the entity having oversight over the member school. For purposes of this bylaw, the "governing board" of a nonpublic school shall be determined by the school type. For J1 schools, the "governing board" shall be the archdiocese and geographic references shall be the counties included in the nonpublic school zone of the school. For the R1 and M1 schools, the "governing board" shall be as defined by the governance structure of the institution.
- g) Immediate Family- means the student and the student's father, mother, brother, sister, step-father, step-mother, step-brother, step-sister, husband, wife, aunt, uncle, grandparent.
- h) Financial Aid- means any and all aid given to a student which reduces tuition, including awards, grants, work-study, reductions, and waivers.
- i) Need-Based Aid- means the amount of financial aid that an independent financial analysis of the student's financial aid application demonstrates that the student needs to pay tuition to attend a member school, provided the analysis is performed by an agency approved by the Board of Control.
- j) Merit Aid- means financial aid awards given by the member school based solely on academic/test performance which are available to the entire student body through a competitive application process and that the selection of the recipient(s) is based on published objective criteria which may not include athletic achievement or ability.
- k) Merit Aid Test- means the academic assessment or placement test approved by the Board of Control before its administration.
- l) Merit Aid Test Window- means the range of dates submitted by each member school for the administration of the merit aid test.
- m) Financial Records- means the records related to any financial aid analysis of the student, including the immediate family's records of the method and sources for all tuition payments.

SEC. 2) IMPERMISSIBLE FINANCIAL AID

A student shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics if the student:

- a) Receives financial aid beyond the limits defined in Sec. 1(a) except for merit and need-based aid allowed under this bylaw, and waivers of tuition for nondomestic students meeting all federal laws and regulations who are ruled eligible under Bylaw 7 or Bylaw 8;
- b) Receives merit aid based on an unapproved merit aid test;
- c) Receives merit aid based on a merit aid test not administered on an approved merit aid test date;
- d) Receives merit aid greater than twenty-five percent (25%) of the tuition at the member school inclusive of all types of aid;
- e) Is more than sixty (60) days deficient in the payment of tuition, necessary fees, costs and other charges for attending a member school without corresponding documentation and revised needs analysis form;
- f) Receives financial aid that is not available to the entire student body by published objective criteria;
- g) Receives financial aid from a funding source that is not under the custody and control of the member school or its governing board and not received from a Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs) as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 25E;
- h) Receives any financial aid other than the permitted need-based aid or merit aid detailed above from a member school, any other entity governed by that member school's governing board or any representatives of the member school;
- i) Receives any financial aid that is indirectly or directly related to athletic achievement or ability;
- j) Has any part of the financial obligation to the member school paid directly or indirectly by individuals outside of the student's immediate family; or
- k) Does not agree to complete disclosure of financial records as defined in this bylaw upon request of the KHSAA and its officials, employees, and agents.

SEC. 3) FINANCIAL AID RESTRICTIONS AND REPORTING

All member schools shall annually report detailed financial aid information to the KHSAA including:

- a) Tuition schedule or other fees applicable to the student body at the member school;
- b) The merit aid test being utilized by the school and the merit aid test date; and
- c) A detailed listing of the amount of financial aid awarded by the member school including;
 - (1) The need-based aid each student-athlete is eligible to receive based on the report of the approved independent agency;
 - (2) The merit aid given to each student and the qualifying score used to make the determination;
 - (3) The amount of need-based aid awarded to each student; and
 - (4) A specific listing of the sports in which each student participates.

SEC. 4) SPECIAL PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS

A member school may petition the Board of Control for approval of a specific program existing prior to the adoption of this rule or a program that can be documented to be unrelated to athletics that does not create an advantage to the school and provided that program is available to all students within the school based on objective criteria.

SEC. 5) 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.