

## KHSAA COMPETITION RULES

### Governing Track and Field

*(Adopted by the Board of Control)*

*(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)*

#### I) ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS

##### A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in cross country and track for boys and girls, provided that ten (10) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to September 1. The state shall be initially divided into three classes based on a multiple-year average enrollment, with each class containing seven (7) regions. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control.

##### CLASS 1A (0-610 average students)

REGION 1 – Ballard Memorial, Carlisle County, Christian Fellowship, Community Christian (Paducah), Crittenden County, Dawson Springs, Fulton City, Fulton County, Hickman County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Mayfield, Murray, St. Mary, University Heights

REGION 2 – Butler County, Caverna, Clinton County, Cumberland County, Frederick Fraize, Glasgow, Hancock County, McLean County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County, Owensboro Catholic, Russellville, Todd County Central, Trinity (Whitesville)

REGION 3 – Beth Haven, Bethlehem, Brown, Campbellsville, Evangel Christian, Fort Knox, Green County, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day, Kentucky School f/t Blind, Louisville Collegiate, Portland Christian, Presentation, Shawnee, St. Francis, Valor Traditional, Walden, Washington County, Whitefield Academy

REGION 4 – Beechwood, Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Calvary Christian, Covington Latin, Dayton, Heritage, Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Ludlow, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Silver Grove, St. Henry, Villa Madonna, Walton-Verona, Williamstown

REGION 5 – Augusta, Bracken County, Burgin, Carroll County, Danville, Eminence, Frankfort, Gallatin County, Kentucky School f/t Deaf, Lexington Christian, Nicholas County, Owen County, Paris, Robertson County, Sayre, St. Patrick, Trimble County

REGION 6 – Barbourville, Berea, Harlan, Jackson County, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Model, Oneida Baptist, Pineville, Red Bird, Somerset, Williamsburg

REGION 7 – Allen Central, , Betsy Layne, Buckhorn, Cordia, Elliott County, Fairview, Hazard, Jackson City, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Lee County, Magoffin County, Menifee County, Morgan County, Owsley County, Paintsville, Phelps, Piarist, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Raceland, Riverside Christian, Rose Hill Christian, Shelby Valley, Sheldon Clark, South Floyd, West Carter, Wolfe County

##### CLASS 2A (611 average to 1050 average students)

REGION 1 – Caldwell County, Calloway County, Fort Campbell, Hopkins County Central, Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Union County, Webster County

REGION 2 – Adair County, Allen County-Scottsville, Bardstown, Breckinridge County, Edmonson County, Elizabethtown, Franklin Simpson, Hart County, John Hardin, LaRue County, Marion County, Nelson County, South Warren, Taylor County, Thomas Nelson, Warren Central, Warren East

REGION 3 –Christian Academy-Louisville, Collins, DeSales, Doss, Fairdale, Henry County, Moore, North Oldham, Shelby County, Spencer County, Valley, Waggener, Western

REGION 4 – Bourbon County, Covington Catholic, Franklin County, Harrison County, Highlands, Holmes, Lexington Catholic, Pendleton County, Scott, Western Hills

REGION 5 – Bell County, Boyle County, Casey County, Clay County, Corbin, Garrard County, Knox Central, McCreary Central, Mercer County, Rockcastle County, Russell County, Wayne County

REGION 6 – Ashland Blazer, Bath County, Boyd County, East

Carter, Fleming County, Greenup County, Lawrence County, Lewis County, Mason County, Rowan County, Russell

REGION 7 – Belfry, Breathitt County, East Ridge, Estill County, Johnson Central, Knott County Central, \*Leslie County, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Pike County Central, Powell County

##### CLASS 3A (above 1050.1 average students)

REGION 1 – Apollo, Christian County, Daviess County, Graves County, Henderson County, Hopkinsville, Madisonville North Hopkins, Marshall County, McCracken County, Muhlenberg County, Owensboro

REGION 2 – Barren County, Bowling Green, Central Hardin, Grayson County, Greenwood, Logan County, North Hardin, Ohio County

REGION 3 – Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Butler, Central, duPont Manual, Iroquois, Male, Meade County, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier

REGION 4 – Assumption, Atherton, Ballard, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Mercy, Oldham County, Sacred Heart, Seneca, Southern, South Oldham, Trinity (Louisville)

REGION 5 – Boone County, Campbell County, Conner, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Grant County, Notre Dame, Ryle, Simon Kenton

REGION 6 – Anderson County, Bryan Station, George Rogers Clark, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Montgomery County, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott County, Tates Creek, Woodford County

REGION 7 – East Jessamine, Harlan County, Lincoln County, Madison Central, Madison Southern, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern, West Jessamine, Whitley County

##### B) Enrollment and Criteria for Determining Classes

1) The classification shall be based on the two-year average total enrollment of students in grades 9-12 including all special education students. The enrollment of schools enrolling only one gender shall be doubled for classification purposes.

2) The enrollment data used to determine the class boundaries shall be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Education or other verifiable sources in the case of nonpublic schools.

3) Schools playing up into a higher classification that the four-year average enrollment dictates shall remain that higher class for the duration of the alignment.

##### II) DATES AND SITES FOR POSTSEASON COMPETITION

###### A) Dates for Play

1) The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the dates of the region and state meets.

2) All meets shall be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved by the Commissioner and recommended by a vote of the participating school representatives.

3) Schedule conflicts with other academic required activities will be resolved by the office of the Commissioner.

###### B) Sites for Play

1) The Commissioner shall make the determination of the region meet sites.

2) Schools interested in hosting may submit a request after consulting with the designated member of the Commission. The prospective host may be asked to supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner. All host sites shall comply with any adopted site specifications as published on the KHSAA website.

3) The Commissioner's office may use a requested site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

4) Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the meet is held, and already having a suitable facility for hosting the meet shall be allowed to apply, and only those competing in the current year will be allowed to vote for the region meet site selection plan.

5) If a region is unable to resolve conflict over a plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan.

6) All hosts granted an event shall host at least one meet during the region meet year with at least five schools entering competitors and using the electronic entry and results system.

7) All host courses shall be properly marked per NFHS rules if the

markings are not able to be affixed to the ground.

- 8) The region host school shall own a current license to the Association designated software application for managing region entries and results or shall contract with a current license holder.
- 9) The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state finals after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

### III) MEET MANAGERS

#### A) Selection of Tournament Manager

- 1) The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the region meets, and shall serve as the manager for the state meet. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event.
- 2) It is the duty of each region manager to notify all schools participating in the meet as to the time and place of the meet, to supply him or her with entry material and instructions, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the meet.
- 3) It is an explicit duty of each tournament manager to inform the association IMMEDIATELY as to the bracket / pairings / entries / results when requested by KHSAA staff and according to the time deadlines provided including the actual site of the tournament if it is not held at the school. The receipts of a tournament can be assessed a fine (levied against the manager) for failure to comply with these provisions.

#### IV) ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER TOURNAMENT PLAY AND SUBSTITUTIONS

##### A) Roster Requirement

- 1) Each school shall enter an unlimited number of contestants on an electronic roster via the KHSAA website and online participation tracking system by the published deadlines.
- 2) This roster may be revised throughout the regular season and shall serve all roster purposes in these rules.
- 3) On the first day of postseason play, these rosters shall be locked so that no additional players may be added, deleted or revised following this date, thereby creating the final eligibility list for tournament play.
- 4) After this time, the only revision allowed will be to correct a documented clerical error as approved by the Commissioner.

##### B) Individual Entry Requirements

- 1) A school may enter any eligible student-athlete from the electronic roster in the postseason region meet. All entries in KHSAA postseason play shall be done electronically using the Association designated software application.
- 2) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet, a contestant shall be enrolled in the seventh (7th) grade or higher and be otherwise eligible by all KHSAA Bylaws.
- 3) To be eligible to compete in the region or state meet in all events with the exception of Pole Vault, a contestant shall have competed in at least four meets (indoor or outdoor) involving a minimum of two schools on a team representing a member school during the regular season. For all events except for Pole Vault, such participation requirement is not event specific.
- 4) Schools desiring to enter athletes in the Pole Vault, shall have proof of completion of the Pole Vault Coaching Certification Course managed through [www.pvscb.com](http://www.pvscb.com) on or before the first pole vault competition of the current year. Such certification shall be current and shall be maintained when certification periods change. Only those coaches who have successfully completed the Pole Vault course and designated by the school as a coach may utilize any coaching box or additional coaching privilege afford to coaches by NFHS rules.
- 5) Athletes desiring to enter the Pole Vault shall have competed in Pole Vault at least four high school meets on a team representing a member school during the regular season. Such participation shall be verified to the region manager using the required KHSAA forms. Athletes entering high school meets where only the Pole Vault is contested or meets where that school's only participation is Pole Vault may count that participation against the required four (4) meets and the school does not have to count that particular meet against its maximum number of meets allowed under Bylaw 23.
- 6) Athletes competing in high school meets (grades 9-12) and

participating with a high school as a representative of that school irrespective of level of the meet shall be allowed to count that meet toward the four meet minimum. Coaches should maintain and have available copies of all results for the region manager to verify in case of a challenge to the required participation minimums by any athlete. Such individual meet verification (results) may be recorded on standard forms distributed by the Association in lieu of keeping individual results.

##### C) Team Entry and Advancement

- 1) The electronic entry for contestants in the region meet shall be submitted not later than 9:00 p.m. four (4) days prior to the first day of preliminaries. For those regions holding preliminary competition in Pole Vault or other events at a different time, the entry deadline will be not less than four (4) days prior to that date for those events.
- 2) By 9 p.m., three (3) days prior to the region meet, the manager shall distribute a preliminary Performance Listing to all coaches in the region, shall also submit the list via the UK listserv, and shall also submit to KHSAA for posting on website.
- 3) By 9 p.m., two (2) days before the region, all coaches desiring to challenge a particular time shall have notified the region manager as to the objection, and the region manager shall thereafter resolve and determine the entry time.
- 4) By 9 p.m., one (1) day prior to the region meet, the manager shall distribute a final Performance Listing to all coaches in the region, shall also submit the list via the UK listserv, and shall also submit to KHSAA for posting on website.
- 5) Only in the case of documented medical emergency can these deadlines be waived or a substitution be allowed.
- 6) Each manager is responsible for the forwarding of the entries for the region meet to all competing teams.
- 7) An entry with no time entered for an athlete may be challenged.
- 8) The KHSAA impose a fine of \$100 against any school attempting to enter athletes after any published deadline.
- 9) A school may enter one or two contestants in each individual event and one team in each relay race at the region meet.
- 10) Eight participants may be named to a relay team, any four of whom may be used in the preliminaries or in the finals. The same eight individuals are the only athletes eligible to be entered in that relay race at the state meet. Coaches should list a maximum of eight individuals on the relay entry, and then shall declare the runners that will run prior to each race. The same eight individuals are the only athletes eligible to be entered in that race at the state meet. Listing on the entry does not count as one of their events unless they actually report to the clerk. Being listed as an alternate does not count as one of the events for the athlete against the four-event limit. Only those relay contestants who actually participate will be considered official entries.
- 11) In any meet, a contestant shall not compete in more than four events. Any number of these events may be relays. If a competitor exceeds participation limits, they shall forfeit all individual and team points earned in any event and shall be disqualified from further participation in that meet.

##### D) Advancement to State Meet

- 1) The State Meet shall include in each event, twenty-four competitors, and any person tied for the twenty-fourth qualifying position.
  - a) The top two competitors in each event at the region meet shall automatically qualify for the state meet.
  - b) The next ten best times/heights/marks from the state-at-large shall qualify for the state meet.
- 2) In the event that the format for advancement to the state meet qualifies sixteen (16) or less competitors to each event, a set of automatic qualifying standards shall be developed, and any other contestant not otherwise qualifying in (1) above that meets the published time standards in accordance with the published guidelines shall also qualify for the state meet.

##### E) Substitutions:

- 1) Any contestant whose name is on the entry form may be substituted for the original entry at a region meet, prior to the deadline for scratch/add.
- 2) After the region meet deadline, the manager may only allow the substitution if the original entry is prevented from participating in the event because of circumstances beyond their control and

with medical documentation.

3) There are no substitutions at the State Meet.

#### V) UMPIRES / OFFICIALS

##### A) Regular Season Competition

1) It is strongly recommended that a KHSAA licensed official (Track and Field), be present at each Track meet that counts toward the limit of meets in accordance with Bylaw 23.

2) In any meet where more than four (4) schools are entering teams or individuals, there shall be a KHSAA licensed Track official.

##### B) Postseason Competition

1) Officials for all KHSAA sponsored championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission in compliance with the Federal Court Decree of 1971 (1987, 2007) and within the published guidelines of the KHSAA Officials Guidebook.

2) The local management of the postseason track meets shall have the authority to hire and utilize all licensed officials necessary for properly conducting the meets.

#### VI) CHAMPION, TROPHIES AND AWARDS

##### A) Champion

1) All entrants from a school accumulate team points toward the team championship.

2) Six (6) places shall count in scoring in each event at the region meets with values of 10-8-6-4-2-1.

3) Eight (8) places shall count in scoring in each event at the state meet with values of 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1.

4) The champion of each meet will be the team compiling the highest number of points in each meet.

##### B) Trophies and Awards

###### 1) Region.

a) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.

b) Awards will be given to first six (6) finishers in each event at each region meet.

c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that meet.

###### 2) State.

a) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state meet.

b) Awards will be given to the first eight (8) placers in each event at the state meet.

c) The trophies and medals at the region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that meet.

#### VII) FINANCES, PASSES

##### A) Region

1) The finances of the region meet will be managed at the region level.

2) The region competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared. All gross receipts prior to any distribution shall include any applicable advance payment made by teams to help offset event costs.

##### B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament.

2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state meet.

#### VIII) SPORT SPECIFIC COMPETITION RULES

##### A) Playing Rules

1) All meets shall be contested using the NFHS Track and Field Rules as published by the NFHS in Indianapolis. Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

2) Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating teams, shall be published on the KHSAA website.

3) The Board of Control shall serve as the Games Committee as designated by the NFHS Track and Field Rules. The Board shall through its normal procedures, receive input from the Commissioner's Advisory Committee and all other internal opportunities prior to finalizing any decision in compliance with these rules.

##### B) Specifications for Track Facilities

The specifications for recommended and required standards for track facilities to be used in tournament play may be developed by

Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

#### C) Starter's Pistol Specifications

Any meet, indoors or outdoors, where a FAT system is being used may be started by a .32 or .22 caliber starter's pistol. The pistol shall meet all district, local, state and federal regulations including possession ordinances and registration requirements.

#### D) Interrupted Meets

When lightning or other inclement weather, heat and humidity conditions or other events beyond the control of meet management, cause the interruption of a meet by the Meet Referee after it has begun, and the determination has been made that it cannot be resumed at the point of interruption, it shall be considered to be complete with respect to the counting against the maximum number of meets for a school or minimum number of required meets for an athlete. In addition, it shall be complete to the extent of the compensation for meet officials.

#### E) UNIFORM ALLOWANCES PER NFHS TRACK RULE 3

1) All contestants in Track shall adhere to National Federation Rule 4-3 as it relates to the uniform of the competitors. In addition, the Games Committee for the State Cross Country and Track Meets may, within the allowable limits of Rule 4-3, establish clarifications and enhancements to the uniform requirement to ensure equal treatment of all competitors.

2) The following areas have been addressed for consistent enforcement by meet officials and which are applicable to all contestants. NOTHING ABOUT THESE RULES MANDATE A REQUIRED COLOR):

a) HEADS - Hats are not allowed however the toboggan or stocking cap/wrap are permitted in cold or hot weather. All head gear and holders shall be checked by the Meet Referee to make sure they are secure. Anything worn on the head shall be secure, designed for the head, and without a visible manufacturer's logo or other decoration (other than the school name / nickname).

b) TOPS - If shirts are worn under the school issued jersey by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel shall be exactly the same single solid color on all who choose to wear the undergarments. It is not necessary that all team members wear them. No lettering or designs or decals will be allowed on undershirts anywhere with the exception of a single manufacturer's logo which shall adhere to the NFHS restrictions. The restrictions on undershirts do not include sleeve length. For example one team member can wear long sleeves, one 3/4 sleeves and one short sleeves as long as they are the same solid color.

c) BOTTOMS - If leotards, body suits or bike shorts are worn under the school issued running trunks by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel shall be a single solid color and alike in color. Long underwear will not be accepted as a visible undergarment for either tops or bottoms. No lettering, designs or decals will be allowed on underpants anywhere, with the exception of a single manufacturer's logo which shall meet NFHS restrictions. The restrictions on pants do not include pants length. For example one team member can wear long pants, one 3/4 pants and one short pants as long as they are the same solid color.

d) UNIFORM VIOLATIONS - If a uniform violation is not detected prior to the start of an event, there can be no disqualification for violations.

e) HANDS - Gloves or socks may be worn on the hands during cold weather.

f) FEET - Shoes shall be worn. Shoes of different runners on the team do not have to be the same make and model. The use of ballet slippers, gymnastic or sweat socks does not meet the requirements of this rule.

g) JEWELRY - There are no restrictions on jewelry worn during meets, per new NFHS guidelines adopted in June, 2014.

h) BODY MARKINGS / TATTOOS - A permanent tattoo that is not objectionable in the judgement of an official, would be allowed. A permanent tattoo that is objectionable in its content or form shall be covered. Anything non permanent including tattoos, face paint, etc. would not be legal if visible on any part of the body as it would be excessive body

decoration.

- i) SPORTS BRA – These items are considered foundation garments and are not to be considered as part of the uniform or undergarment rule.
- j) SUNGLASSES- Unless prescribed by a medical doctor for the purpose of vision correction, sunglasses may not be worn during competition.
- k) HIP NUMBERS – UNIFORM – When hip numbers are worn for purpose of assisting the automated timing system in region and state competition, the uniform topped shall be tucked into the shorts when the competitors are at the start.

#### F) Events

- 1) All boys' region meets as well as the state meet shall have the following events: 110 Meter High Hurdles, 100 Meter Dash, 4 x 200 Meter Relay, 1600 Meter Run, 4 x 100 Meter Relay, 400 Meter Dash, 300 Meter Low Hurdles, 3200 Meter Run, 800 Meter Run, 200 Meter Dash, 4x400 Meter Relay, 4x800 Meter Relay, Shot Put, Discus, Pole Vault, Triple Jump, Long Jump, High Jump.
- 2) All girls' region meets as well as the state meet shall have the following events: 100 Meter Low Hurdles, 100 Meter Dash, 4 x 200 Meter Relay, 1600 Meter Run, 4 x 100 Meter Relay, 400 Meter Dash, 300 Meter Low Hurdles, 3200 Meter Run, 800 Meter Run, 200 Meter Dash, 4x400 Meter Relay, 4x800 Meter Relay, Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump, High Jump, Pole Vault, Triple Jump.
- 3) These events shall be conducted in metric measurements when possible. The traditional English measurements may be used when necessary. National Federation Track and Field Rules shall govern the competition.

#### F) Region Meet Entry Mark (Seeding) Requirements

- 1) All coaches shall be able to verify times that are entered for an athlete in the region meet.
- 2) Entry times for the region meet may be FAT (Fully Automated Timing) or HT (Hand Times). All HT times shall be properly converted per NFHS Rule 3-9-4. If any HT is recorded in hundredths, it shall be rounded up to the nearest tenth of a second, and properly noted as a HT.
- 3) Any time which cannot be verified, cannot be used.
- 4) The only acceptable verification of meet results will be submission to the KHSAA website.
- 5) Only meet results posted using Hytek Meet Manager Software and its formatting will be used for the purpose of seeding the region. In this manner, a statewide listing of performances can be maintained by multiple sources to validate seed times.
- 6) Only meets contested up until the day before entries are due will be used for the purpose of seeding the region. While other meets may be held per Bylaw 23, those meets may be used to satisfy the 4 meet minimum, but not used toward seeding.

#### G) Region Meet Format and Rules

- 1) To ensure competitive balance between the potential at-large qualifiers to the state meet, all region meets in a given Class shall follow the same time schedule.
- 2) Regions running multiple meets at the same site will be required to run them consecutively, not concurrently.
- 3) The fast heat/section in all races shall be full (use all lanes), even if this leaves a single competitor in the slower heat.
- 4) Each of the region meets will be conducted in one session and use the same standard schedule including field events. The Pole Vault may be held at an alternative site at the discretion of the tournament manager and with the approval of the Commissioner.
- 5) The region meets shall be held on Saturday unless there is an agreement among the participating teams to hold the meet on an alternate day. If an alternate day is selected, and any school is in session that day, the meet shall be held after 3 p.m. Conflicts with graduation ceremonies and the academic school day should be avoided.
- 6) By consensus of the schools in the region through communication with the manager, the preliminaries in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put and Discus may be conducted using an Open Ring / Open Pit, "Cafeteria Style" format.
  - a) In doing this, the manager would define a block of time and allow the competitors to check in, perform their trials without

regard to a pre-defined order, and return to other events or event venues.

- b) In order to use this Cafeteria Style, the manager would define a block of time where trials would be allowed. No more than ten (10) minutes following the closing of the pit/ring and the announcing of the finalists, the finals would begin in NFHS defined order.
  - 7) The meet shall be scheduled at a time when there is not a conflict with instructional time at a participating school and all efforts should be made to avoid conflict with the actual graduation exercises. It is impossible to avoid all conflicts, but managers are to afford member schools the same courtesy they would expect.
  - 8) Any race where the initial leg (or total race) is 400 meters or less shall be started with blocks, and all competitors shall be required to properly use them.
  - 9) All individuals placing sixth or higher in each event shall score team points in the region meet.
  - 10) Six places shall count in the scoring in each event at the region meet with values 10-8-6-4-2-1.
  - 11) The meet shall be made up of all of the events on the region entry form.
  - 12) No preliminaries will be conducted. All running events will be timed-final events, broken into sections according to NFHS rules.
  - 13) In the running races where enough competitors are entered to cause the need for sections, the slower runners or relay teams shall be placed in the first section, with the faster competitors assigned to the last section (NFHS Rule 5-5-7).
  - 14) The hurdle height for the girls 100m hurdles is 33" and the height for the boys 300m hurdles is 36"
  - 15) In the case of a tie in field events, if all tie breaking procedures fail to break the tie according to the National Federation Rule Book; competitors tying for second in the region shall advance to the state meet. All region meets and the state meet shall be conducted utilizing fully automated timing. In the event that the timing system fails for any reason, the NFHS provision for adjusting marks to be comparable shall be utilized.
- #### H) State Meet Automatic Qualifying Standards and Starting Heights
- 1) In the event that the format for advancement to the state meet qualifies sixteen (16) or less competitors to each event, a set of automatic qualifying standards shall be developed. In this case, an athlete achieving the qualifying mark at the regional meet would automatically qualify for the state meet, if not among the competitors qualifying in any other manner.
  - 2) Automatic Qualifying Standards are determined by the average fifth place time the last five years of State Meets.
  - 3) The calculated FAT time standards represent the actual five-year average.
  - 4) Automatic Qualifying HAFT Standards are derived by taking the five-year average electronic (FAT) time, reducing it by .24 and then rounding to the next tenth in compliance with Track Rule 3-9.
  - 5) High Jump qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 2 inch mark above the five-year average for boys.
  - 6) High Jump qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 2 inch mark above the five-year average for girls.
  - 7) Pole Vault qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 6 inch mark above the five-year average for boys.
  - 8) Pole Vault qualifying marks are rounded up to the nearest 6 inch mark above the five-year average for girls.
- #### I) State Meet Starting Heights and Marks
- 1) Pole Vault starting height at state meet will be 2 feet below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for boys.
  - 2) Pole Vault starting height at state meet will be 2 feet below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for girls.
  - 3) High Jump starting height at state meet will be 4 inches below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for boys.
  - 4) High Jump starting height at state meet will be 4 inches below Class Automatic Qualifying Standard for girls.
  - 5) Games Committee reserves the right per NFHS rules to adjust starting height due to unforeseen conditions
- #### J) State Meet Format
- 1) The State Meet will be conducted in one day, with all running events being timed finals

- 2) KHSAA staff is to determine class placement and distribute to schools.
  - 3) There will be no practice date prior to the State Meet
  - 4) The standard order of events will be followed from the Rules Book with the fastest section running last
  - 5) The 4 x 800 relay and 800 meter run will be run in 2 sections, with 14 in the faster section, and 10 in the slower section
  - 6) The 100/110 Hurdles, 100 Dash, 4x200 Relay, 4 x 100 Relay, 400 Dash, 300 Hurdles, 200 Dash and 4 x 400 Relay will be run in three sections, with the two fastest sections using all available lanes.
  - 7) The 1600 and 3200 runs will be run in one race each.
  - 8) The State Meet will utilize at least three fully automatic timing systems
- J) Sector for Shot Put and Discus  
The sector for the Shot Put and Discus shall be marked at 34.92 degrees. All regular and postseason competition shall utilize this sector measurement, whether or not the event is held inside the oval.
- K) Communication Devices  
Unless otherwise legal within the playing rules as adopted by the NFHS, wireless communication between participants and coaches, or the use of wireless communication devices by coaches or participants is prohibited. This includes participant to participant, coach to participant, and coach to coach.
- L) Heat Index  
All play shall adhere to the KHSAA Heat Index Program. For postseason play, it is the responsibility of the host site manager to ensure and track the heat index and report it accordingly to the KHSAA.

## **CASE SITUATIONS RELATED TO THE COMPETITION RULES of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

*Specific case situations are contained in this section of the KHSAA Handbook which are interpretations and rulings which have been made by the Commissioner in accordance with applicable provisions of the KHSAA Constitution. These interpretations supplement the printed rules but do not in any manner substitute for the actual rule. Many of these rulings have established precedent for the interpretation or enforcement of these provisions, and remain in place until further altered, re-interpreted, or otherwise set aside. Specific inquiries not addressed by published interpretations should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of the KHSAA, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505. Interpretive questions or eligibility rulings shall be requested and issued in writing.*

### **Case CR-1- What is the purpose of the Competition Rules of the KHSAA?**

*In many sports and sports activities, there are decisions that have to be made to establish a framework for competition. These rules (different than the Playing Rules) establish alignments, bracketing provisions and championship arrangements. In all cases, the Board of Control has final jurisdiction over the Competition Rules.*

### **Case CR-2- What are the current championships of the KHSAA?**

*The KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) sports championship events in the fall, winter and spring seasons. Fall championships are considered to be cross country (boys and girls), field hockey, golf (boys and girls), soccer (boys and girls), volleyball (girls), and football (combined); winter championships are basketball (boys and girls), wrestling (combined) and swimming and diving (boys and girls); spring championships are baseball (boys), softball (fastpitch for girls), tennis (boys and girls) and track and field (boys and girls)*

*In addition, the KHSAA sponsors (sanctions) a state championship in the Sport Activities of Archery (combined), Bass Fishing (combined), Bowling (Boys and Girls) and Cheer (All Girl and Coed divisions).*

### **Case CR-3- What sports and sport activities are insured by the KHSAA?**

*The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase Catastrophe Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to insure the student-athletes who compete in the sanctioned sports and sport activities of the KHSAA. In addition, students serving in a support capacity at those sponsored events (managers, trainers, sideline cheerleaders (providing they comply with the NFHS rules restrictions).*

*Such insurance coverage shall be in force from the first day of the Bylaw 23, Limitation of Seasons in a sponsored sport or sport activity, through the last day, provided such competition complies with all parts of the Bylaw and its individual competitors comply with all applicable KHSAA bylaws. The deductible for this policy shall be published in a timely manner to ensure that the school and student-athletes have adequate opportunity to comply with Bylaw 12.*

*The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase General Liability Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to provide for General Liability coverage for the Association and its agents and assignees, in all KHSAA sponsored competition in all sports (postseason) for which the Association sponsors a championship. The Commissioner shall ensure through all forms of due diligence, that all levels of these sponsored championships are conducted in accordance with applicable KHSAA Competition Rules in order to maintain the integrity of the policy.*

### **Case CR-4- How many schools are required to agree to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition in order for the Association to hold a championship in that sport or sport-activity?**

*Fifty (50) member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall agree to field a team in order that*

*the Association consider sponsoring a championship. The achievement of this percentage is no guarantee of the development of a championship as the Board of Control must consider fiscal and legal consequences such as the Association budget, the budget of the member schools and the impact on such things as Title IX.*

*Twenty-five member schools located in at least three (3) different basketball regions shall participate each year in order that the Association maintains a championship.*

*These criteria may be waived by the Board of Control in order to sponsor a championship in any sport that does not conflict with state or federal law and which provides additional participation opportunities exclusively for females.*

*The Association shall survey the membership every three years to determine interest in new offerings.*

### **Case CR-5- Who is in control of the media and press at KHSAA sponsored competition?**

*1) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the State championship rounds of the KHSAA postseason championships belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships. No member school may approve or sign an agreement that includes rights to state contests (delayed or live).*

*2) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships. No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (District, Region, semi-state) without agreement between the schools and approval of the KHSAA Office.*

*3) The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to the postseason rounds prior to the state finals belong exclusively to the KHSAA, but are assigned to the Principal of each institution for management and control. No member school shall sign an exclusive regular season agreement that would "Shut out" its opponent from any audio, video streaming or having the opportunity to do so.*

*4) At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA. In general, the management of those rights may be assigned to the manager at the host KHSAA member school for the district, region and sectional (semi-state) competition.*

*5) At all levels of competition, including district, region, sectional, and state competition in KHSAA sponsored tournaments and meets, managers are to make allowances for members of the media to tape portions of the contests at no charge to the media outlet, as long as the taping is for the sole purpose of news highlights.*

*6) Outlets desiring to tape the contest for broadcast or telecast shall seek the permission of the event manager, and the manager has the right to set and collect any fee which may be deemed appropriate as an offset to any perceived lost ticket revenue.*

*7) At the state level, all negotiations for rights to broadcast or telecast shall be initiated with the Communications Director and the Commissioner, and shall be approved by the Commissioner.*

### **Case CR-6- Who is empowered to make decisions at KHSAA tournaments when inclement weather forces postponement of contests or events?**

*While it would be ideal if all parties could meet and agree on any re-scheduling of games necessitated by inclement weather or other natural events, this may not be practical. It is the duty of the tournament manager to make decisions with regards to re-scheduling in the event of postponement and ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.*

### **Case CR-7- Is it possible for a winner and corresponding runner-up in baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball or volleyball district tournament to meet before the final region game?**

*No, because they are to be placed in opposite brackets.*

**Case CR-8- Is there a mandatory brand of game ball to be used in postseason play in baseball, basketball, football, softball?**

Yes, the Association has a long-term agreement with Rawlings Sporting Goods and Worth Sports to provide specific balls for the state championship tournament, and the Commissioner's office can provide specifications upon request.

In all postseason contests in these sports, a Rawlings brand ball (or Worth brand in softball) with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that all balls except for these specific models be disallowed.

For 2014-2015, those ball numbers are:

Boys Basketball - CNTR295-KY

Girls Basketballs - CNTR285-KY

Baseball - R100KY and RKHSAA

Softball - Worth PX2RYL-KY

Football - ST5H-KY-B Hybrid and PRO5-KY-B PRO5.

**Case CR-9- Is there a mandatory brand of game ball to be used in postseason play in soccer?**

Yes, the Association has a long-term agreement with Select Sports America to provide specific balls for the state championship tournament, and the Commissioner's office can provide specifications upon request.

In all postseason contests in these sports, a SELECT brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that all balls except for these specific models be disallowed.

For 2014-2015, those ball numbers/identifiers are:

Boys and Girls Soccer - ROYALE

**Case CR-10- Is there a mandatory brand of game ball to be used in postseason play in volleyball?**

Yes, the Association has a long-term agreement with Baden to provide specific balls for the state championship tournament, and the Commissioner's office can provide specifications upon request.

In all postseason contests in these sports, a Baden brand ball with the proper NFHS authenticating mark shall be used. There is no requirement that a KHSAA logo appear on the ball, or that all balls except for these specific models be disallowed.

For 2014-2015, those ball numbers/identifiers are:

Volleyball - Perfection VXSEC-210 Leather or Composite

**Case CR-11- Are there any restrictions on the scheduling and playing of games in a "seeded district" in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, or volleyball?**

Yes. Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches should consult the Competition Rules related to each of these sports for more specific dates for tournament meetings and allowances for scheduling of these meetings. All games involved in the calculation of a seed position SHALL be played on or before the Wednesday prior to the start of postseason play. Games played after that time SHALL NOT factor into the seeded position.

**Case CR-12- How are the tournament sites selected for district tournament sites for baseball, basketball, soccer, softball in the event that agreement cannot be reached on a site selection plan?**

If a site selection plan cannot be reached on first round (normally district) tournaments, the Commissioner will intervene and establish a rotation plan subject to appeal to the Board of Control. The site selection plan shall be confirmed by annual balloting during the season and reported to the Association along with seeding decisions. Rotating the tournament sites does not necessarily mean that each school shall host the tournament at that school's home site, but that each school, with available proper and adequate facilities, shall have the opportunity to host the tournament, even if an alternative site is required due to site requirements within a given sport.

**Case CR-13- Is there a deadline for a district host school in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball or volleyball to select a playing site if the school home site doesn't meet the requirements for holding the tournament?**

Yes. Through various rules and rulings in past years, every school

in a specific district alignment shall have an opportunity to serve as the host for the tournament. Each school may, of course, decline that opportunity. However, this requirement ensures that on a periodic basis, all schools get to share in the concession and parking proceeds, host share of the ticket receipts and other benefits that come from serving as the host. It is recognized that all schools in a given alignment grouping will not meet the tournament specifications.

For this reason, the following steps shall be taken by the schools in the district-

- 1) The schools shall meet and decide what facilities can hold the attendance of the last five years of the tournament based on the fan followings of the schools, and satisfy other logistical needs such as accessibility, parking, etc. (agreed sites). In addition, all sites must meet any adopted site criteria for the sport that has been approved by the Board of Control. If there is a disagreement, the Board of Control can serve as the final resolution and KHSAA staff shall assist in that determination.
- 2) The discussion on site applicability is separate from the ability to "host", that is being the tournament manager, operating concessions, etc. as all schools shall be given that opportunity to host, just not necessarily at a site that cannot accommodate the event.
- 3) From that list of agreed sites, the rotation of sites is to be considered, factoring in of course, that all schools shall be given a chance (if they want) to host, even if it isn't played at the host school's home playing facility.
- 4) In a year when the designated host's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the final selection as to the playing site rests with the designated host school. That school has sole discretion to make that decision, but is compelled to choose only from the list of agreed facilities as mentioned in (1) above.
- 5) In a year when the designated host school's home facility does not meet the specifications for holding the tournament, the designation shall be made by September 20 in volleyball and soccer; January 1 in basketball; and April 15 for baseball and softball.

**Case CR-14- How are the contest sites selected for region tournaments/meets/contests?**

The Commissioner establishes all regional sites. The Commissioner shall be generally guided by a site selection plan approved by a 2/3 vote of themember schools in the region, but is not compelled to assign the event to that site specified in the plan, and shall only assign to the sites meeting specified sports specific criteria.

Changes to a requested site selection plan shall be confirmed by balloting of the Principals or Designated Representatives of the member schools.

**Case CR-15- May a name be added to the roster or entry form after the first day of postseason competition?**

No, changes cannot be made unless otherwise provided in the competition rules for a specific sport. The principal shall check the online roster in all sports and sport-activities to ensure that all players are on the list as the rosters are locked after postseason play begins. For individual sports using the published entry list and/or forms, the specific sport tournament rules will address any options for substitution or correction, if such options exist.

**Case CR-15- How is it determined that a meet counts against the four meet minimum in Track and Field or Cross Country?**

In order to count as a meet for the four meet minimum a meet shall be a meet which rises to the standard of counting as a meet towards the interpretations of Bylaw 23. In addition, in Cross Country, the distance would be a minimum of 2500 meters and a maximum of 5000 meters and involved entries from two or more schools. To count towards the minimums, the meets may be at the varsity or nonvarsity level in terms of meet structure. It shall be counted in the same manner for all competitors (varsity, JV or freshman). The school approved or provided uniform shall be worn in this competition. In accordance with Bylaw 22, a school representative shall

accompany the team.

**Case CR-16- If a Cross Country Meet is interrupted by weather, can other races be run that day?**

Yes. The particular interrupted race is considered complete and counts both towards meet limits and participation minimums. If other competition can resume after required delays, that is permissible. Only races actually started can count towards meet limits or participation minimums.

**Case CR-17 - Are there policies on participation by boys on girls' teams and vice-versa?**

Yes. See the Board of Control policies for complete details on page 26 of <http://khsaa.org/handbook/20142015/policies.pdf>.

**Case CR-18 - Are there policy statements or recommendations from the Commissioner's office on postgame activity by teams and individuals?**

Yes. Several sports have "traditions" regarding postgame handshakes, etc. by team members (both en masse and as individuals), but none of them have such action dictated by playing rules. While it is an obvious sign of sportsmanship and civility, many incidents have occurred both in Kentucky (more than two dozen in the last three years in Kentucky alone) and throughout the country, where fights and physical conflicts have broken out during these postgame handshakes. And this is not restricted to specific sports.

Unfortunately, the adrenaline and effort required to participate in the sport sometimes seems to deplete the supply of judgement available to participants. And this can be particularly problematic when there is a lack of an appropriate level of adult supervision, or counterproductive actions by the adults involved with the team.

During 2013-14, the following directors were issued by the Commissioner to the membership for all of the schools and officials regarding post game in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, volleyball and wrestling:

Following the contests, officials are to quickly and efficiently leave the playing facility following all rules mandated duties and ensure that the rules book mandated jurisdiction ends promptly. There is no need for officials to secure the game balls, shake hands with the coaches or players, or stick around the playing area for any other reason.

Officials have no role in what goes on in postgame, including handshakes, etc. after jurisdiction has ended. Officials also have NO role in administering this time period. Officials choosing to involve themselves in postgame activities will be penalized appropriately;

Game management and the administration of the participating team(s) are solely responsible for what happens after the contest is concluded.

Certain interaction is required by the NFHS playing rules (i.e. the awarding of a bout winner in wrestling). Other postgame rituals such as handshakes, etc. must be closely monitored by school officials and are not a part of the game regulated by game officials. However, any unsportsmanlike conduct occurring during this time will subject the coach/player to penalties and discipline; and

The coaches and administration of the teams are always responsible for the individual conduct of the members of the team following the contest and shall be held accountable for such.

Henceforth, any incidents by an individual squad member (including coaches) or group of squad members that results in unsporting acts immediately following the contest will result in a penalty against the member school athletic program, and additional penalties against the individuals or schools as deemed appropriate following investigation.

**Case CR-19 - Who pays for the trophies for KHSAA postseason Competition?**

In all sports and sport-activities, with the exception of Bass Fishing, Golf and Tennis, the host of the event is responsible for the payment of trophies and is permitted to take that amount for the standard trophies ordered by the Association from gate receipts. Those not charging a fee for admission are permitted to assess each member school for entry into the event to help

cover these and other costs, but such assessment shall be included in any financial settlement published for the event.

**Case CR-20 - Are financial reconciliation reports required to be submitted to the KHSAA after KHSAA postseason events?**

Yes. All levels of KHSAA postseason event require a financial reconciliation.

**Case CR-21 - Has the Board of Control adopted a position statement or policy on the realignment / alignment of teams?**

Yes. On a perpetual basis, the Commissioner shall ensure that staff maintains a current alignment of teams in each sport with the following review points considered:

If a single school adds a team (or individuals) or deletes a team (or all individuals), the alignment may be revised on an ongoing basis by the Commissioner;

The Board of Control may, at its own discretion, choose to realign all teams participation in a sport or sport activity based on input from the Commissioner;

A realignment may also be caused by a previously adopted alignment having an expiration of its valid period. This is especially important in the enrollment based sports (classified sports). Cross Country/Track and Field and Football are aligned on a four-year alignment period;

Cross Country and Track and Field shall have the same alignment;

Football shall be aligned based on the average four-year enrollment of boys in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed, and the final alignment shall attempt to result in a final product being adopted at least twelve (12) months notice to the member schools for scheduling;

Cross Country/Track and Field shall be aligned on a not less than every four year basis, using the average four-year enrollment of total students in the school, including the year in which the realignment project is completed; and Specific parameters about each sport alignment shall be contained in the Competition rules for the Sport or Sport Activity.

Whenever a sport or sport activity is to be realigned, the Board shall direct the Commissioner to produce the necessary information as to seed discussion by the Board of Control. The criteria and factors to be used in developing a draft alignment shall adhere to the following steps:

Identification as to whether or not enrollment classifications will be used;

Plot/Diagram the location of all competing schools; Begin by looking at geographic clusters of schools. Geography (including specific travel route information) is an important criteria for placement in groups (regions, districts, etc.), but is not the sole determinant for placement;

Travel routes must be reviewed as a potential factor, as well as the identification of the existence of multiple travel routes; In the non-classified team sports (baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, volleyball), the basketball alignment should be an initial framework, specifically the region boundaries;

If possible in the non-classified team sports, the district boundaries should be important element, but the level of participation of the schools in the district must be factor;

The unique factors of each sport, particularly the individual sports, must be reviewed including facilities; and

The participation and alignment history, both individual and teams, is a factor in consideration, but not the final determinant;

When reviewing alternative suggestions for alignments, the Board shall prioritize the requests from the membership that effect the requesting school over those suggestions that result from suggestions about other schools without effecting the suggesting school.

The following factors are NOT to be considered:

Past success or failure;

Enrollment (in a non-classified sport);

Socio-economic status and student body composition;



*Type of school (A1, D1, F1, J1, M1, R1); and  
Specific desires of coaches (input must be from administrative  
level).*