

KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing Swimming Meets

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

(Case situations refer to rulings and interpretations used to interpret and administer these provisions which can be found in the Case Situation section of the Handbook. [When possible, additional cross-referencing information has been included].)

I) Assignment of Schools to Regions

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in swimming and diving for boys and girls, provided that fifteen (15) 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 November 1. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control. Newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.

As of August 1, 2006, the alignment is as follows —

REGION 1 - Allen County-Scottsville, Apollo, Barren County, Bowling Green, Butler County, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Community Christian Academy, Christian County, Crittenden County, Daviess County, Franklin Simpson, Fort Campbell, Glasgow, Graves County, Green County, Greenwood, Heath, Henderson County, Hickman County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Livingston Central, Logan County, Lone Oak, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Marshall County, Mayfield, Muhlenberg South, Muhlenberg North, Murray, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic, Paducah Tilghman, Reidland, Russellville, St. Mary, University Heights, Warren Central

REGION 2 - Assumption, Atherton, Ballard, Brown, Bullitt East, Central, Christian Academy-Louisville, Doss, Dupont Manual, Eastern, Evangel Christian, Fern Creek, Whitefield Academy, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day, Kentucky School f/t Blind, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Mercy, North Oldham, Oldham County, Pleasure Ridge Park, Presentation, Sacred Heart, Seneca, Shawnee, South Oldham, St. Francis, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville), Waggener

REGION 3 - Adair County, Anderson County, Bethlehem Boyle County, Campbellsville, Casey County, Central Hardin, Danville, East Jessamine, Elizabethtown, Eminence, Frankfort, Fort Knox, Franklin County, Garrard County, John Hardin, Kentucky School f/t Deaf, Larue County, Marion County, Meade County, Mercer County, Nelson County, North Hardin, Russell County, Scott County, Shelby County, Spencer County, Taylor County, West Jessamine, Western Hills, Woodford County

REGION 4 - Ashland Blazer, Beechwood, Boone County, Boyd County, Calvary Christian, Campbell County, Conner, Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Deming, Dixie Heights, Elliott County, Fleming County, Henry County, Highlands, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Notre Dame Academy, Rose Hill, Russell, Ryle, Scott, Simon Kenton, St. Henry, Villa Madonna

REGION 5 - Allen Central, Barbourville, Berea, Bourbon County, Bryan Station, East Ridge, George Rogers Clark, Harrison County, Henry Clay, Johnson Central, Knott County Central, Knox Central, Lafayette, Letcher, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model, Montgomery County, Monticello, Oneida Baptist Institute, Paris, Paul Dunbar, Piarist, Rowan County, Sayre, Pulaski County, Somerset, Southwestern, Tates Creek, Williamsburg

II) Dates and Sites for Meets

The Commissioner with the approval of the Board of Control shall determine the date and site of the regional and state meets. All meets will be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved in writing by the Commissioner.

Schools interested in hosting a regional meet must submit their request in writing prior to October 1 of the tournament year. The applicant shall supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as

may be requested by the Commissioner. Application forms for hosting tournaments in all sports are provided to each member school by the Association.

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

The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the regional 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. It is the duty of regional managers to notify all schools participating in the meet as to the time and place of the meet, to supply them with entry blanks, to invite their participation, and make all arrangements to conduct the meet. It is also the duty of the manager to arrange the contestants into heats for the preliminary events. 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 Board of Control has approved the policy that the receipts of a tournament can be assessed [a fine levied against the manager] for failure to comply with these provisions.

IV) Contestants

A school may list an unlimited number of entrants on an Eligibility List [KHSAA Form GE15] which is to be submitted to the manager of the regional tournament not later than one week prior to the start of the tournament.

At the discretion of the Association, an entry form may substitute for this list. This list must include all names of anyone who is to be eligible to participate in the postseason as additions to the list are not allowed, with the exception of a documented clerical error as referred to in Bylaw 14. Each manager is responsible for the forwarding of the list to future rounds of tournament play.

A school may enter as many as four contestants in each event at the regional meet except for the relay events. A school may enter only one relay team in each relay event at the regional meet. National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules shall apply at all regional meets and at the state meet.

To be eligible to participate in the regional and state meets, a contestant must have competed in at least two meets on a team representing a member school.

Any otherwise eligible contestant whose name is on the entry blank may be substituted for the original entry prior to the time that heats are set up for the regional meet. The regional manager shall establish this deadline. In the State Meet, relay teams need not be composed of the same contestants as those in the regional meet. In relay events, eight (8) individuals may be listed as entries, any four (4) of which shall be assigned to swim. Participating in the preliminary or final round of an event shall count as an event toward this limitation.

State qualifiers include the top two finishers in each event from each regional meet, as well as the next fourteen (14) at-large times from each event, or highest scores in the case of diving.

V) Events

All meets will have the following events: 200 Yard Medley Relay, 200 Yard Freestyle, 50 Yard Freestyle, 200 Yard Individual Medley, 1 Meter Diving, 100 Yard Butterfly, 100 Yard Freestyle, 100 Yard Backstroke, 500 Yard Freestyle, 100 Yard Breaststroke, 400 Yard Freestyle Relay and 200 Freestyle Relay.

VI) Champion

Contestants finishing in the first sixteen places shall be awarded points in accordance with National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules. The champion will be the team with the greatest number of points.

VII) Trophies and Awards

A) Region.

1) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up .

2) Awards will be given to top six (6) finishing in each event at the regional meet.

3) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the regional meet.

B) State.

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

2) Awards will be given to the top eight (8) individuals finishing in each event at the state meet.

3) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

VIII) Finances

A) Region

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

2) The regional competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared.

B) State

1) The Association will finance the state tournament.

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

IX) Special Tournament and Regular Season Rules

A) Specifications for Swim Venues

The specifications for recommended and required standards for swim venues to be used in post-season competition may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

B) Additional Rules for Contests

Additional rules, governed by State Association adoption provisions in the National Federation Playing Rules or otherwise developed by the Association may be implemented in meets in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant.

IX) School Personnel to Accompany Team

In accordance with Bylaw 20, each school having participants in a KHSAA event shall send a school designee to accompany the team. This person should be designated in writing by the Principal and approved by the local Board of Education.

(See Case Situations on Page 101-102)

CASE SITUATIONS RELATED TO THE TOURNAMENT RULES of the KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Contained in this section of the KHSAA Handbook are interpretations and rulings which have been made in accordance with applicable provisions of the Tournament Rules. This section is printed as a supplement to the actual printed rules and does not in any manner substitute for the actual rule. Many of these rulings have established normal 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 these interpretations should be submitted in writing to the Commissioner of the KHSAA, 2280 Executive Drive, Lexington, KY 40505. Interpretive questions or eligibility rulings may not be issued via electronic mail and must be requested and rendered in writing. The following table represents cross-referencing to the relevant portions of the KHSAA Handbook.

Tournament Rules	
All Championships	TR-1, TR-2, Tr-3, Tr-4, TR-5
Baseball	TR-6, TR-7, TR-8, TR-9, TR-14, TR-15, TR-16, TR-17, TR-21
Basketball	TR-6, TR-7, TR-8, TR-10, TR-11, TR-12, TR-13, TR-14, TR-15, TR-16, TR-17, TR-21
Cross Country	TR-16, TR-17, TR-20
Football	TR-8, TR-16, TR-17
Golf	TR-16, TR-17
Soccer	TR-6, TR-7, TR-8, TR-14, TR-15, TR-16, TR-17, TR-21
Softball (Fast Pitch)	TR-6, TR-7, TR-8, TR-14, TR-15, TR-16, TR-17, TR-18, TR-21
Softball (Slow Pitch)	TR-6, TR-7, TR-8, TR-14, TR-15, TR-16, TR-17, TR-18, TR-21
Swimming	TR-16, TR-17
Tennis	TR-16, TR-17, TR-19
Track	TR-16, TR-17, TR-20
Volleyball	TR-6, TR-7, TR-8, TR-14, TR-15, TR-16, TR-17, TR-21
Wrestling	TR-16, TR-17

Case TR-1- What are the sanctioned sports and sports activities of the KHSAA?

The KHSAA also sanctions all other sports and/or sports activities that have an adopted limitation of season (Bylaw 25) and which are conducted in compliance with NFHS rules (i.e., cheerleading).

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For the 2005-2006 school year, the KHSAA sanctions all sports for which a state championship is conducted; competitive cheer conducted in compliance with NFHS rules and KHSAA Bylaw 25, Section 18; and Field Hockey.

Case TR-2- What are the specific sponsored sports of the KHSAA?

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

Case TR-3- What sports and 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 of the KHSAA. In addition, students serving in a support capacity at those sponsored events (managers, trainers, etc) shall be included in the coverage as well as cheerleaders complying with the NFHS rules restrictions and Bylaw 25 limitations.

Such insurance coverage shall be in force from the first day of the Bylaw 25, 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 2.

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 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 Tournament Regulations in order to maintain the integrity of the policy.

Case TR-4- How many schools must agree to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition in order for the Association to hold a championship in that sport?

Twenty (20) percent of the member schools must agree to field a team in order that the Association sponsors a championship in that sport. In addition, fifteen (15) percent of the member schools must participate each year in order that the Association maintains championships in that sport. The Association shall survey the membership every three years to determine interest in new offerings. (Board of Control, March, 1994)

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

The tournament/event manager has authority for all aspects of KHSAA sponsored events. This includes the acquisition of media credentials, assignment of space and location to members of the media, and the right to charge for rights to originate radio broadcasts, telecasts and/or cablecasts. It is also the duty of the manager to contact the above listed phone numbers at the conclusion of the contest to report the final results. This enables media state wide to assist in the publicity and promotion of KHSAA events.

Case TR-6- May teams be seeded in the district baseball, basketball, soccer, softball or volleyball tournaments?

In a district with four or more teams, the schools in the district make this decision by a majority vote. A majority vote shall also determine the seeding method. Seeding decisions and methods remain in effect until a majority vote is made to change the seeding decision or method. District teams may be seeded in opposite brackets for the first round (normally district) only. The Principal or Designated Representative at the school as defined by the KHSAA Constitution and Bylaws must make the decision to seed.

Case TR-7- Is it possible for a winner and corresponding runner-up in baseball district tournament, basketball district tournament, soccer district tournament, softball district tournament or volleyball district tournament to meet before the final regional game?

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

Case TR-8- Is there a mandatory game ball to be used in the state tournament in baseball, basketball, football, softball, volleyball or soccer?

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

Case TR-9- Are there any "speed-up" rules used in postseason play in baseball?

The association utilizes the speed-up provisions to have a substitute runner for the pitcher or catcher once they reach base. All other speed-up rules are in accordance with National Federation Rules

Case TR-10 When are the boys' and girls' basketball tournaments to be played?

Unless facilities are unavailable, and unless further altered by the Board of Control, the boys' state basketball tournament will be played during the same week as the first round of the NCAA mens' basketball championships. The Board shall then adopt and publish corresponding dates to indicate the timing of the girls' state tournament, and all district and regional tournaments.

Case TR-11- What is the ruling involving the selection of tournament sites for basketball?

If an agreement cannot be reached on first round (normally district) tournaments, the Board will intervene and establish a rotation plan. The selection shall be confirmed by annual balloting during the season and reported to the Association. It should be noted that rotating the tournament does not necessarily mean that each school shall host the tournament at that school's home site, but that each school, with proper and adequate facilities, shall have the opportunity to host the tournament, even if an alternative site is required.

Case TR-12- What schools may vote for district basketball tournament sites or site selection plan?

Only member schools having a schedule of twelve games or more with at least six different member schools.

Case TR-13- How are regional basketball tournament sites selected?

The placement of the regional basketball tournaments is at the discretion of the Commissioner. The member schools in each region were to have met (principals and/or athletic directors) in September, 1998 to adopt a plan for designating the site within each region and must regularly revise the plan and submit those plan revisions to the KHSAA.

A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt any plan for recommending the regional tournament sites and voting shall include boys' and girls' sites. Criteria to be considered by the schools include but are not limited to- satisfactory capacity within the gym to safely accommodate past (five years) and expected attendance numbers; a minimum of four dressing rooms and an officials dressing room if double headers are to be played; and adequate parking for projected attendance.

In addition, discussion must occur regarding a clarification on the amount of proceeds (if any) that is to be kept by the host school as well as limitations on expenses by the host school; determining the amount and/or percentages to be given to each school that participates; the amount and/or percentages to be given to each team in the region not competing in the tournament; and the disbursement of any proceeds from commissions, parking, advertising and any other revenue related to the tournament but not directly related to ticket, program or novelty sales.

This plan for site selection recommendations may also be applied, at the discretion of the Association, to soccer, volleyball, baseball and fast pitch softball.

Case TR-14- When should the drawing be held for the first postseason round tournament in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball?

Not later than the second Sunday prior to the published week of the first tournament round in all sports where a tournament meeting is specified (baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball). The meeting may be held

earlier if the participating teams agree, but not prior to the final announcement of sites.

Case TR-15- May teams withdraw from a baseball, basketball, soccer, softball or volleyball tournament after the drawings have been made?

No. The penalty for such a withdrawal is withdrawal from postseason competition for two years and could also result in suspension from the Association for a period of twelve months.

Case TR-16- May a name be added to the eligibility list or entry form after it has been submitted to the tournament manager or mailed to the schools in the district?

Not unless it is to correct a clerical error in compliance with Bylaw 14. A student should not be penalized for a clerical mistake. Written permission must be received from the Commissioner before a name can be added. The principal should check the list or roster form very carefully prior to submitting the information. This list should include all eligible squad members.

Case TR-17- How many names should appear on the eligibility list or entry form?

It is suggested that this final list include all eligible squad members. The coach and/or school representative can then designate the required number of contestants for each event from that list.

Case TR-18- Are there any "speed-up" rules used in postseason play in fast-pitch or slow-pitch softball?

Yes. The Association uses a fifteen-run rule after three innings, and a ten-run rule after five innings. In addition, the association utilizes the speed-up provisions to have a substitute runner for the pitcher or catcher once they reach base.

Case TR-19- How is a multi-team tie broken for team points at a KHSAA sponsored tennis tournament?

The specific tiebreakers for tennis team competition are enumerated in the tournament rules, and may have differing applications at the region and state level, as well as differences depending upon how many teams are involved in the tie.

Case TR-20- How is it determined that a meet counts against the four meet minimum in Track 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 25 (CS BL-25-39). 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 non Varsity 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 20, a school representative shall accompany the team.

Case TR-21- Are there special rules and requirements in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball if the district has only three teams?

Yes. Each team in a three-team district is required to play the other two teams in the district in two contests each year, at mutually agreed sites. These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts. Complete details are contained within the tournament rules of each sport.

Case TR-22- 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.