

## KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Governing Soccer Tournaments

*(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 soccer 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 September 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 for boys' soccer is as follows -

**Section 1, Sub-Section 1, Region 1, District 1** - Heath, Hickman County, Lone Oak, Paducah Tilghman, Reidland, St. Mary

**Section 1, Sub-Section 1, Region 1, District 2** - Calloway County, Christian Fellowship, Graves County, Marshall County, Mayfield, Murray

**Section 1, Sub-Section 1, Region 2, District 3** - Christian County, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, Todd County Central, University Heights

**Section 1, Sub-Section 1, Region 2, District 4** - Caldwell County, Dawson Springs, Crittenden County, Lyon County, Trigg County

**Section 1, Sub-Section 2, Region 3, District 5** - Henderson County, Hopkins County Central, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Union County, Webster County

**Section 1, Sub-Section 2, Region 3, District 6** - Apollo, Daviess County, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic

**Section 1, Sub-Section 2, Region 4, District 7** - Butler County, Franklin Simpson, Grayson County, Muhlenberg North, Muhlenberg South, Russellville

**Section 1, Sub-Section 2, Region 4, District 8** - Barren County, Bowling Green, Glasgow, Greenwood, Monroe County, Warren East, Warren Central

**Section 2, Sub-Section 3, Region 5, District 9** - Bardstown, Bethlehem, Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Nelson County, North Bullitt, Washington County

**Section 2, Sub-Section 3, Region 5, District 10** - Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, John Hardin, Meade County, North Hardin

**Section 2, Sub-Section 3, Region 6, District 11** - Butler, Iroquois, Holy Cross, Doss, Pleasure Ridge Park, Western, DeSales

**Section 2, Sub-Section 3, Region 6, District 12** - Male, DuPont Manual, Central, St. Xavier, St. Francis, Brown, Mercy, Presentation

**Section 2, Sub-Section 4, Region 7, District 13** - Louisville Collegiate, Waggener, Atherton, Trinity, Sacred Heart, Assumption

**Section 2, Sub-Section 4, Region 7, District 14** - Fern Creek, Whitefield Academy, Seneca, Evangel, Moore, Southern

**Section 2, Sub-Section 4, Region 8, District 15** - Ballard, Eastern, Christian Academy, Jeffersontown, Kentucky Country Day, Walden

**Section 2, Sub-Section 4, Region 8, District 16** - Carroll County, North Oldham, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham, Spencer County

**Section 3, Sub-Section 5, Region 9, District 17** - Boone County, Conner, Lloyd Memorial, Ryle, St. Henry

**Section 3, Sub-Section 5, Region 9, District 18** - Calvary Christian, Dixie Heights, Scott, Simon Kenton, Villa Madonna

**Section 3, Sub-Section 5, Region 10, District 19** - Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Campbell County, Dayton, Highlands, Newport, Newport Central Catholic

**Section 3, Sub-Section 5, Region 10, District 20** -

Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Ludlow, Notre Dam e

**Section 3, Sub-Section 6, Region 11, District 21** - Fleming County, Menifee County, Jackson City, Bath County, Rowan County

**Section 3, Sub-Section 6, Region 11, District 22** - Ashland Blazer, Greenup County, East Carter, West Carter, Boyd County, Russell, Rose Hill

**Section 3, Sub-Section 6, Region 12, District 23** - Grant County, Mason County, St. Patrick, Pendleton County, Walton-Verona

**Section 3, Sub-Section 6, Region 12, District 24** - Bourbon County, Forest Hill Preparatory, George Rogers Clark, Harrison County, Montgomery County, Paris

**Section 4, Sub-Section 7, Region 13, District 25** - Anderson County, Franklin County, Frankfort, Owen County, Western Hills, Woodford County

**Section 4, Sub-Section 7, Region 13, District 26** - Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Sayre, Scott County, Tates Creek

**Section 4, Sub-Section 7, Region 14, District 27** - East Jessamine, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Paul Dunbar, West Jessamine

**Section 4, Sub-Section 7, Region 14, District 28** - Berea, Estill County, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model

**Section 4, Sub-Section 8, Region 15, District 29** - Boyle County, Campbellsville, Danville, Garrard County, Marion County, Mercer County, Taylor County

**Section 4, Sub-Section 8, Region 15, District 30** - Adair County, Lincoln County, Pulaski County, Russell County, Somerset, Southwestern

**Section 4, Sub-Section 8, Region 16, District 31** - Corbin, Middlesboro, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist, South Laurel

**Section 4, Sub-Section 8, Region 16, District 32** - Belfry, East Ridge, Johnson Central, Letcher County Central, Paintsville, Perry County Central, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley

#### II) Dates and Sites for Tournaments

District tournament sites shall be selected by a site selection plan approved by a unanimous vote of the schools eligible to compete in each district tournament. If a district is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Board of Control shall establish a plan.

Only schools which are members of the Association prior to January 1 of the year in which the tournament is held, shall be allowed to vote for the district tournament location or participate in the tournament.

For the boys' regional tournaments, the district winner in the even numbered district will host the tournament in even numbered years. This pattern will rotate in odd numbered years. If the winning district school/site declines to host the Regional Tournament, at its home site, it will be that school's responsibility to find a host site. It would be expected to normally defer to the runner-up team within their district if unable to host. A further progression, if necessary, might then be to the winning team of the opposite district and then even further on to the runner-up team of the opposite district. However, this would not alter the "Odd/even" rotation sequence for future post season tournaments.

For the boys' sub-section, the even numbered region winner will host the sub-section contest in even numbered years. This hosting pattern will rotate in odd numbered years. If the winning region school/site declines to host the Regional Tournament, at its home site, it will be that school's responsibility to find a host site.

For the boys' sectional tournaments, the even numbered sub-section winner will host the section contest in even numbered years. This pattern will rotate in odd numbered years. If the winning sub-section school/site declines to host the Regional Tournament, at its home site, it will be that school's responsibility to find a host site.

For the girls' regional tournaments, the district winner in the odd numbered district will host the tournament in even numbered years, followed by the district runner-up in the odd numbered district, followed by the district winner in the even numbered district and then the district runner

up in the even numbered district. This pattern will rotate in odd numbered years. If the winning district school/site declines to host the Regional Tournament at its home site, it will be that school's responsibility to find a host site. It would be expected to normally defer to the runner-up team within their district if unable to host. A further progression, if necessary, might then be to the winning team of the opposite district and then even further on to the runner-up team of the opposite district. However, this would not alter the "Odd/even" rotation sequence for future post season tournaments.

For the girls' sub-section, the odd numbered region winner will host the sub-section contest in even numbered years. This hosting pattern will rotate in odd numbered years. If the winning region school/site declines to host the Regional Tournament, at its home site, it will be that school's responsibility to find a host site.

For the girls' sectional tournaments, the odd numbered sub-section winner will host the section contest in even numbered years. This pattern will rotate in odd numbered years. If the winning sub-section school/site declines to host the Regional Tournament, at its home site, it will be that school's responsibility to find a host site.

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) Tournament Managers**

The principal of the host school shall designate an official of the school to serve as the manager for each district tournament. The Commissioner will appoint a manager for each of the regional, sub-sectional and sectional tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournament. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. It is the duty of each district, regional, sub-section (if appropriate) and section tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans.

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. In addition, it shall be the duty of the manager of each contest in soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball to contact the KHSAA Scoreboard with the final results following each contest. This is in addition to fulfilling local media requests. 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.

The representatives of the schools participating in each tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the games, and make all other arrangements necessary to conduct the tournament. The Commissioner will direct the drawing and all of the business necessary to conduct the state tournament.

### **IV) District Tournament Seeding Regulations**

A) For district tournaments with three teams, the district tournament shall be seeded in accordance with the following three-team seeding regulations:

- 1) 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.
- 2) The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
- 3) The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
- 4) In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
- 5) In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning

position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.

a) The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:

- i) If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
- ii) If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the first game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.
- iii) If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
- iv) If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in the second of each of the seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
- v) If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie.

b) Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.

B) For district tournaments with four or more teams, the district tournament brackets may be drawn by random lot or placed into the bracket using a seeding system. A majority vote [recorded in writing] of the Principals, Athletic Directors and/or Designated Representatives of the schools in the district is required in order to make or change seeding decisions. In the absence of any documentation, minutes or other verification, the districts shall not be seeded. The regulations concerning the seeding of a district with four or more teams are as follows:

- 1) The decision to seed and the method used in seeding (including all tie-breakers) shall be determined by majority vote of the participating teams in the district and the manager shall record this vote in writing and submit it to the Association. The representatives making the written declaration shall decide all issues related to seeding.
- 2) Seeding methods shall be determined prior to the start of the regular season, recorded in writing with a copy provided to the KHSAA, and shall remain in place until a majority vote of the participating schools rescinds or changes the seeding decisions. Such changes to the district seeding plan may not be made for the current year once play has begun in the regular season.
- 3) In the event of dispute, the current copy on file with the KHSAA shall prevail in determining resolution.
- 4) Seeding plans may, at the discretion of the majority vote of the schools, stipulate a particular team to a particular seeded position.
- 5) It shall be the district tournament manager's responsibility to update the Association with respect to any changes to the seeding decision or method being used and any relevant tiebreakers. In the absence of this documentation, consultation with, and written verification and documentation from, prior year tournament managers, will be utilized by staff to assist with interpretation and clarification.
- 6) There is no statewide regulation on a seeding method once the determination has been made to seed. Some of the more common and recommended means of seeding is the record of games played within a district provided all teams have played all other teams. In that case, each district shall adopt tie-breaking procedures in the event that the primary method of seeding results in a tie or other situations arise which cause an alteration in the scheduled seeding method. Among the more common tie-breaking methods are 1) seeding by overall win-loss record; seeding by win-loss record in specific contests, 3) seeding by a rating/ranking from a statewide poll, 3) seeding by a majority vote, 4) seeding by a committee, and 5) seeding by a rating turned in by each school.
- 7) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of the date of the pre-tournament meeting as published on the KHSAA memorandum calendar. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season

to discuss tournament operations [i.e. dates, times, sites, tournament personnel needs, etc.]. However if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded games have been played prior to the meeting. Games played after the published meeting date SHALL NOT factor into the seeded position.

- 8) Seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published date for the district tournament meetings will be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

#### **V) Tournament Meetings and Pairings**

A) District (non-seeded). The district meetings shall be held in the school designated as the tournament host not later than the second Sunday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Memorandum Calendar. The principal or his/her representative shall conduct the drawing for each school. The pairings for the district tournament shall be made in accordance with the following procedure, with all byes being arranged to be in the first round:

- 1) The number of places to be considered shall be four, eight, sixteen, thirty-two, etc. Of the above numbers, the one that is next greater than the number of teams in the drawing shall be considered in the drawing. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket.
- 2) If the number of teams in the drawing is less than the number of places to be considered, the even number 2 shall be designed as the first bye; the largest even number as the second bye; number 4 as the third bye; the next largest even number as the fourth bye; and so on until the number of places not so designated equals the number of teams in the drawing. The places shall be determined by drawing by lot, the numbers assigned to the "byes" having been first taken from the numbers to be drawn.
- 3) The teams which pair with "byes" shall have a rest period during the first round of the playing of games in the tournament.
- 4) The winner of the No. 1 and No. 2 games shall play the winner of the No. 3 and No. 4 game. The winner of the No. 5 game and No. 6 game shall play the winner of No. 7 and No. 8 game. The two winners shall play for the championship. The same general procedure shall be used in the case of more than eight places or teams.
- 5) The district champion and the runner-up of each tournament shall advance to the regional tournament.

B) District (seeded). The district meetings shall be held in the school designated as the tournament host not later than the second Sunday prior to the week of the tournament as specified on the KHSAA Memorandum Calendar.

- 1) Recommended Point System for Seeded District Play
  - a) Each team must play each district opponent at least once during the regular season.
  - b) Each team is awarded three (3) points for a win
  - c) Each team is awarded one (1) point for a tie
  - d) Each team is awarded zero (0) points for loss
  - e) The team that has the highest point total will be awarded the number one (1) seed. The team with the second highest point total will be the number two seed. The team with the third highest point total will be the number three seed. The team with the fourth highest point total will be the fourth seed. The team with the fifth highest point total will be the fifth seed. Etc.
- f) Tie breaker Procedures
  - i) In the event of a two way tie after point calculations and each team plays each other once, the winner of the regular season contest will be the higher seed in the tournament bracket.
  - ii) In the event of a two way tie after point calculations and district teams choose two play each other more than once, the winner of the last game will be awarded the higher seed.
  - iii) In the event there are multiple ties, a district could choose an alternative method for determining the

highest seed.

- iv) a blind draw would determine the higher seed winner
  - v) the team that allowed the fewest goals in district play would be awarded the higher seed.
- 2) After seeding positions have been determined, the seeded bracket pairings shall be observed. The teams shall be placed in the proper position of the appropriate single elimination bracket. The brackets (from top down) are as follows:
- a) 3 Teams - Seed 2 plays 3, Seed 1 plays winner of Seed 2 vs. Seed 3 for championship.
  - b) 4 Teams - Seed 1 plays 4, 2 plays 3, winners meet for championship.
  - c) 5 Teams - Seed 5 plays 4, 1 plays winner of 5 vs. 4, 2 plays 3, remaining winners meet for championship.
  - d) 6 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 plays winner of 3 vs. 6, remaining winners meet for championship.
  - e) 7 Teams - Seed 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 plays winner of 4 vs. 5, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.
  - f) 8 Teams - Seed 1 plays 8, 4 plays 5, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 1 vs. 8 winner plays 4 vs. 5 winner, 2 vs. 7 winner plays 3 vs. 6 winner, remaining winners meet for championship.
- 3) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the regional tournament.

D) Region.

- 1) The Regional meeting shall be held on Sunday afternoon immediately following the district tournaments not prior to 2:00 local time. in the school designated as the host for the meeting.
  - 2) The pairings for the regional tournament shall be made in accordance to the following procedure.
    - a) In a regional tournament with participants from four districts, the district winners will draw for positions 1, 3, 5 and 7 in a standard eight-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will draw for a position in the opposite bracket.
    - b) In a regional tournament with participants from three districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The format will follow a standard eight-team bracket with two byes, those falling into positions 2 and 7. The district winners shall draw for positions 1 and 8 in the bracket. The district winner not drawing a bye shall draw for a position in slots 3 through 6. The district runner-up to the district champion drawing for position in slots 3 through 6 will draw into one of the two remaining slots in the bracket opposite the district winner, and the remaining two runner-up teams will be placed opposite their corresponding district winners in the remaining two slots in the bracket.
    - c) In a regional tournament with participants from two districts, the draw shall be conducted as follows. The district winners will draw for positions 1 and 3 in a standard four-team bracket. Each corresponding runner-up team will be placed in the position in the opposite bracket from the district winner.
  - 3) The winner of each regional tournament shall advance to the sub-sectional tournament.
- E) Sub-Sectional. The sub-sectional shall be a single elimination game. In the sub-sectional, Region 1 plays Region 2 for sub-section 1; Region 3 plays Region 4 for sub-section 2, Region 5 plays Region 6 for sub-section 3, Region 7 plays Region 8 for sub-section 4, Region 9 plays Region 10 for sub-section 5, Region 11 plays 12 for sub-section 6, Region 13 plays Region 14 for sub-section 7 and Region 15 plays Region 16 for sub-section 8. The winner of each sub-sectional will advance to the sectional tournament.
- F) Sectional. The sectional tournament shall be single elimination. In the Sectional, Sub-Section 1 plays Sub-Section 2 for Section 1; Sub-Section 3 plays Sub-Section 4 for Section 2, Sub-Section 5 plays Sub-Section 6 for Section 3 and Sub-Section 7 plays Sub-Section 8 for Section 4 The winner of each sectional will advance to the state tournament.

G) State. The Commissioner shall conduct a blind draw to determine the pairings for the state tournament. The winner of the each sectional tournament shall advance to the state tournament.

#### **VI) Eligibility to Enter Tournament Play**

To be eligible to compete in the district, region or state tournament, a member school team shall have competed in at least six soccer games during the regular season.

#### **VII) 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 district tournament not later than one week prior to the start of the tournament.

At the discretion of the Association, a roster 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 district manager is responsible for the forwarding of the list to future rounds of tournament play.

A school may enter a team composed of twenty-four (24) players in each post-season tournament game that must be players who appeared on the eligibility list submitted to the district tournament manager. The twenty four (24) players must be designated each game, and no other players may be in uniform.

#### **VIII) Officials (Regular and Postseason)**

For regular season play, soccer officials are to be paid \$45.00 per game per official for a two person crew, \$40.00 per game per official for a three-person crew. Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the regional, sub-section, section and state tournaments. Exceptions must be approved by the Commissioner. The local regional policy board may approve a supplement for incidental expenses such as travel and mileage.

Officials for all KHSAA sponsored state championship competition shall be assigned by the Commission and shall be licensed with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to district, region, sub-sectional, sectional and state tournament games for the games which will all be worked with three officials. The final selection shall be made by the Commission.

District tournament officials shall be paid \$45.00 per game for a three-person crew. In the case where an official is required to travel outside of the local assigning area by virtue of the assignments, the fee shall be increased by \$5 per person, per game.

Region tournament officials shall be paid \$50.00 per game for a three-person crew. In the case where an official is required to travel outside of the local assigning area by virtue of the assignments, the fee shall be increased by \$5 per person, per game.

Sectional and sub-sectional officials shall be paid \$55.00 per game for a three-person crew. In the case where an official is required to travel outside of the local assigning area by virtue of the assignments, the fee shall be increased by \$5 per person, per game.

One member of the crew of officials is to be paid a mileage allowance for one car based on the mileage submitted to the manager by the association staff member in charge of the sport or his/her designee.

State tournament officials shall be paid \$60.00 per game for a three-person crew.

Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and must be approved by the Commissioner.

#### **IX) Champion**

The champion in the district, regional, sub-section, section and state tournaments will be the team undefeated in a single elimination tournament.

#### **X) Trophies and Awards**

##### **A) District and Region**

1) Trophies will be given to each district and region winner and runner-up.

2) The cost of the district and region trophies shall be paid from the gate receipts.

##### **B) Section**

1) Trophies will be given to each section winner and runner-up.

2) The cost of the section trophies shall be borne by the KHSAA.

##### **C) State**

1) Each state champion, runner-up and semi-finalist team shall receive a trophy.

2) Each state champion, runner-up and semi-finalist team shall receive twenty-five (25) individual medals.

3) An All-Tournament team will be selected at each State Tournament along with a Most Valuable Player.

4) The cost of all state tournament awards shall be borne by the KHSAA.

#### **XI) Finances**

##### **A) District and Region**

1) The proceeds of each of the district and regional tournaments shall be used to defray the expenses of the participating teams, officials, trophies and other necessary expenses. Net profit or loss shall be shared based on the revenue distribution plan approved by a vote of the schools in the classification in accordance with the KHSAA Constitution.

2) If no agreement can be reached on payment of expenses for district and/or regional tournaments, a mileage fee of \$1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense and an allowance for one meal at \$5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.

##### **B) Sub-sections and Section**

1) The Association will finance the section and sub-section games.

2) Necessary team travel expenses, as approved by the Commissioner, will be paid to traveling teams and will utilize the state expense reimbursement schedule.

3) Following the receipt of this financial report from the section and sub-section games, the Association shall pay all bills from the games,

4) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from the section and sub-section games.

##### **C) State**

1) The Association will finance the state tournament.

2) Each participating team will receive an expense allowance for twenty-four (24) players and one coach.

3) If the Association makes motel assignments, teams failing to stay in the motel assigned by the Association shall forfeit their lodging allowance.

4) The rate to be reimbursed for state championship play is \$1 per mile (round trip), \$5 per meal per person, and a maximum of \$13 per person per night for lodging as approved.

#### **XII) Withdrawal from Tournament**

No school which enters a district, regional, or state tournament (draws for place) shall withdraw from the tournament or forfeit any of its games, but must play its entire tournament schedule. If a school withdraws from a district, regional, or state tournament at any time following the draw for district tournament positions or after the pairings have been determined in a seeded district, that school may be suspended from the Association for a period of twelve (12) months and shall be eliminated from postseason play for two years unless the Board of Control rules that sufficient grounds for withdrawal are submitted.

#### **XIII) Special Tournament and Regular Season Rules**

##### **A) Specifications of Fields and Game Balls**

The specifications for recommended and required standards for fields to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control. The Association may enter into a contract to restrict the use of a ball in tournament play to a specific brand or model.

##### **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 contests played in Kentucky and will be distributed to the membership when relevant. Detailed and binding instructions, both for managers and participating

teams, shall be published on the KHSAA web site.

C) Tied games (Regular Season)

When a game is tied at the end of a regular season contest that is not part of an event where a progression to the next round is dependent upon that game's winner, the game shall end tied.

D) Tied games in Progression Events (Regular Season)

1) When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team areas. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.

2) All coaches, officials and team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:

a) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.

b) Each coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the kicks.

c) A coin toss shall be held as in Rule 5-2-2e. The team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.

d) Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.

e) The defending team may change the goal keeper prior to each penalty kick.

f) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.

g) Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. The KHSAA strongly recommends that an asterisk [\*] be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tiebreaker system.

3) If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:

a) Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a "sudden victory" situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken. If a team has fewer than ten available players at the end of the first set of kicks from the penalty mark due to either injuries or disqualification, the coach must use all players who have not participated in the first five kicks. The coach may choose additional players from the first five kickers to ensure that five different players participate in the second set of kicks.

b) If the score remains tied, continue the "sudden victory" kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 4-A.

4) During all tiebreaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds or it is retouched by the kicker.

E) Tied games (Post-Season, All Rounds)

1) When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both teams to return to their respective team areas. There will be five minutes during which both teams may confer with their coaches and the head referee will instruct both teams as to proper procedure.

2) There shall be two, full ten-minute overtime periods (note - not sudden victory),

3) A coin toss shall be held-as in Rule 5-2-2e.

4) At the end of the first ten-minute overtime period, teams shall change ends.

5) There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.

6) If at the conclusion of the two ten-minute overtime periods, a tie still exists, there shall be two five-minute sudden-victory overtime periods.

7) A coin toss shall be held-as in Rule 5-2-2e.

8) At the end of the first sudden-victory period, teams shall change ends.

9) There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.

10) If the score remains tied, all coaches, officials and

team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:

a) The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.

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f) Following five kicks for each team, the team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.

g) Add one goal to the winning team score and credit the team with a victory. An asterisk [\*] may be placed by the team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of a tiebreaker system.

11) If the score remains tied after each team has had five kicks:

a) Each coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a "sudden victory" situation, wherein if one team scores and the other team does not score, the game is ended without more kicks being taken. If a team has fewer than ten available players at the end of the first set of kicks from the penalty mark due to either injuries or disqualification, the coach must use all players who have not participated in the first five kicks. The coach may choose additional players from the first five kickers to ensure that five different players participate in the second set of kicks.

b) If the score remains tied, continue the "sudden victory" kicks with the coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 4-A.

12) During all tiebreaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out of bounds or it is retouched by the kicker.

F) Mercy Rule Provisions

1) If one team has a 10 goal lead at the end of the first half or at any point in the second half, the match will be terminated.

2) This rule is to be observed in regular and post-season play

**XIV) 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).

The KHSAA also sanctions all other sports and sports activities in which the KHSAA licenses officials provided those sports and sports activities are conducted in compliance with NFHS rules.

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.