

KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing Basketball Tournaments

(As 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 Districts and Regions

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in basketball 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. The alignment shall begin with the 2005-2006 school year, and shall be reviewed upon the request of a member school with a request concerning that particular school on a biennial basis (every two years). The entire alignment shall be a review item for the Board of Control during the 2007-2008 school year with changes to be in effect for the 2009-2010 school year and every four years thereafter. In the interim, 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 in basketball is as follows —

REGION 1

District 1 - Carlisle County, Fulton City, Fulton County, Hickman County

District 2 - Community Christian (Paducah), Heath, Lone Oak, Paducah Tilghman, Reidland

District 3 - Ballard Memorial, Graves County, Mayfield, St. Mary

District 4 - Calloway County, Christian Fellowship, Marshall County, Murray

REGION 2

District 5 - Crittenden County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Trigg County

District 6 - Henderson County, Providence, Union County, Webster County

District 7 - Caldwell County, Dawson Springs, Hopkins County Central, Madisonville-North Hopkins

District 8 - Christian County, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, University Heights

REGION 3

District 9 - Apollo, Daviess County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic

District 10 - McLean County, Muhlenberg North, Muhlenberg South, Ohio County

District 11 - Breckinridge County, Frederick Fraize, Hancock County, Meade County

District 12 - Butler County, Edmonson County, Grayson County, Trinity (Whitesville)

REGION 4

District 13 - Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Russellville, Todd County Central

District 14 - Bowling Green, Greenwood, Warren Central, Warren East

District 15 - Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Glasgow, Monroe County

District 16 - Clinton County, Cumberland County, Metcalfe County, Russell County

REGION 5

District 17 - Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, John Hardin, North Hardin

District 18 - Caverna, Green County, Hart County, Larue County

District 19 - Bardstown, Bethlehem, Nelson County, Washington County

District 20 - Adair County, Campbellsville, Marion County, Taylor County

REGION 6

District 21 - Beth Haven, Holy Cross (Louisville), Pleasure Ridge Park, Valley, Western

District 22 - Butler, DeSales (B), Doss, Evangel Christian,

Iroquois

District 23 - Brown (B), Central, Portland Christian, Presentation (G), Shawnee, St. Francis

District 24 - Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Fairdale, North Bullitt, Southern

REGION 7

District 25 - DuPont Manual, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Mercy (G), St. Xavier (B)

District 26 - Assumption (G), Atherton, Fern Creek, Moore, Whitefield Academy

District 27 - Ballard, Sacred Heart (G), Seneca, Trinity (Louisville) (B), Waggener, Walden

District 28 - Christian Academy-Louisville, Eastern, Jeffersontown, Kentucky Country Day

REGION 8

District 29 - North Oldham, Oldham County, South Oldham, Trimble County

District 30 - Anderson County, Eminence, Shelby County, Spencer County

District 31 - Carroll County, Gallatin County, Henry County, Owen County

District 32 - Grant County, Simon Kenton, Walton-Verona, Williamstown

REGION 9

District 33 - Boone County, Conner, Heritage, Ryle, St. Henry District

District 34 - Dixie Heights, Lloyd Memorial, Ludlow, Villa Madonna

District 35 - Beechwood, Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Notre Dame (G)

District 36 - Bellevue, Dayton, Highlands, Newport, Newport Central Catholic

REGION 10

District 37 - Bishop Brossart, Calvary Christian, Campbell County, Scott, Silver Grove

District 38 - Deming, Harrison County, Nicholas County, Pendleton County

District 39 - Augusta, Bracken County, Mason County, St. Patrick

District 40 - Bourbon County, George Rogers Clark, Montgomery County, Paris

REGION 11

District 41 - Frankfort, Franklin County, Western Hills, Woodford County

District 42 - Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Sayre, Scott County

District 43 - Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek

District 44 - Berea, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model

REGION 12

District 45 - Boyle County, Danville, Garrard County, Kentucky School f/t Deaf, Lincoln County

District 46 - Burgin, East Jessamine, Mercer County, West Jessamine

District 47 - Casey County, Pulaski County, Rockcastle County, Somerset

District 48 - McCreary Central, Monticello, Southwestern, Wayne County

REGION 13

District 49 - Clay County, Jackson County, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist, Red Bird

District 50 - Corbin, South Laurel, Whitley County, Williamsburg

District 51 - Barbourville, Knox Central, Lynn Camp, Pineville

District 52 - Bell County, Cawood, Cumberland*, Evarts*, Harlan, Middlesboro

REGION 14

District 53 - Cordia, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Knott County Central, Letcher County Central

District 54 - Buckhorn, Hazard, Leslie County, Perry County Central

District 55 - Breathitt County, Jackson City, Riverside Christian, Wolfe County

District 56 - Estill County, Lee County, Owsley County, Powell County

REGION 15

District 57 – Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Sheldon Clark
District 58 – Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, South Floyd
District 59 – David School, East Ridge, Pikeville, Shelby Valley
District 60 – Belfry, Phelps, Piarist, Pike County Central

REGION 16

District 61 – Bath County, Fleming County, Menifee County, Rowan County
District 62 – East Carter, Elliott County, Morgan County, West Carter
District 63 – Greenup County, Lewis County, Raceland, Russell
District 64 – Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Fairview, Rose Hill

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, and having a schedule of twelve (12) or more basketball games shall be allowed to vote for the district tournament location or participate in the tournament.

The Commissioner shall determine the regional tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a regional tournament must submit their request through the defined site selection process at prior year tournaments. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites.

The Board of Control shall determine the site of the state tournament after receiving the Commissioner's recommendation, and shall be guided by necessary hotel facilities, playing facilities, and community/area support.

All tournaments shall be held on or as near the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar as local conditions permit. Boys' regional tournaments must be completed by Saturday night prior to the boys' state tournament in years when the boys' state tournament is played first, but may extend to Tuesday before the girls' state tournament if the boys' state tournament is played second. Girls' regional tournaments must be completed by the Saturday night prior to the girls' state tournament in years when the girls' state tournament is played first, but may extend to Tuesday before the boys' state tournament if the girls' state tournament is played second.

In regions where boys' and girls' regional tournaments are assigned to separate sites, the regional tournament manager(s) shall schedule games in order that the games are not played on the same date at the same time at separate sites. In regions where boys' and girls' regional tournaments are assigned to the same site, the regional manager(s) shall be responsible for scheduling games in the best interest of all participating schools.

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 tournaments, and shall serve as the manager for the state tournaments. The Commissioner may appoint as many assistant managers as deemed necessary to manage the event. It is the duty of each district and regional tournament manager to invite representatives of the participating teams in the tournament to a meeting held for the purpose of making tournament plans; to conduct the drawing; and to mail an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements to all participating teams and the Commissioners' office. 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 district and regional tournament, by majority vote, shall set the dates and times of the games, and make all arrangements and decisions pertaining to the management of the tournament. The Commissioner will direct a 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 designated on the KHSAA Memorandum Calendar.
 - 1) 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.
 - 2) The district champion and the runner-up of each single elimination tournament shall advance to the regional tournament.
- C) Region.
 - 1) The Regional meeting shall be held on Sunday afternoon immediately following the district tournaments at 2:00 local time in the school designated as the host. These meetings may be held earlier by mutual agreement of all teams, but not prior to the completion of all district tournament games.
 - 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 state tournament.
- D) State. The Commissioner shall conduct a blind draw to determine the pairings for each state tournament, to be conducted no later than the last Friday in February. The Commissioner shall ensure that all arrangements are made for 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 twelve 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. If a roster form is used, such shall supersede any submission of the Form GE15. 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 fifteen [15] players in each post-season tournament game that must be players who appeared on the eligibility list [roster] submitted to the district tournament manager. The fifteen [15] players must be designated each game, and no other players may be in uniform and tournament management may further limit the number of individuals in the bench area.

The competing teams in the state tournament will be afforded passes to accommodate a traveling party forty-five [45], to include the school principal(s) and other administrators, the coaching staff, the team members [maximum 15], cheerleaders [maximum 16], the off court staff for the team and a maximum of two [2] cheerleading coaches. No additional passes will be issued. Cheerleaders from participating schools will be admitted in uniform to each contest via these passes, with a maximum of sixteen [16] allowed in uniform and participating at any time.

VIII) Officials (Regular and Postseason)

For regular season games, basketball officials are paid \$50 per game per official for two [2] person crew, \$40 per game per official for a three [3] person crew. 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. Only KHSAA Level 2 or Level 3 officials shall be used in the district, regional or state tournaments. An official shall not officiate a district tournament in the district in which he/she resides. Exceptions must be approved by the Commissioner.

Local associations may submit recommendations for postseason assignments to district, region, and state tournament games. The final selection shall be made by the Commission.

The Board of Control has established fees for postseason play. In all tournament levels, one member of the crew of officials is to be paid a mileage allowance based on the mileage submitted to the manager by the association staff member in charge of the sport or his/her designee. Additional postseason allowances for lodging, etc. shall be at the discretion of the tournament manager and must be approved by the Commissioner.

District tournament officials shall be paid a fee of \$55.00 per game when working in a three-person system. A crew of three officials shall be used in all postseason tournament games. 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 a fee of \$60.00 per game when working in a three-person system. A crew of three officials shall be used in all postseason tournament games. 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.

State tournament officials shall be paid \$65.00 per game when working in a three-person system. A crew of three officials shall be used in all postseason tournament games.

IX) Champion

The champion of each tournament 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 regional tournament winner and runner-up.

- 2) The trophies at the district and region shall be paid from the gate receipts of that tournament.

B) State

- 1) The state tournament champion, runner-up, and semi-finalists shall receive a trophy and thirty-three [33] individual medals.
- 2) An All-Tournament team will be selected at the state tournament along with a Most Valuable Player.
- 3) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies at the state tournament

XI) Finances

A) District and Region

The participating schools may adopt by majority vote, any plan that they desire for the distribution of receipts. If no plan can be agreed upon, the following shall prevail:

- 1) A mileage fee of \$1.00 per team per mile for each necessary trip should be allowed for travel expense. An allowance for one meal at \$5.00 per team member per trip to the tournament should be allowed.
- 2) The host school shall be allowed fifteen [15] percent of the gross ticket receipts derived from the district or regional tournament for rental of the gymnasium and other services rendered to include setup and clean-up charges and for paying documented incidental bills related to the tournament that are approved by the participating teams.
- 3) Prior to any additional distribution, the gross receipts, less the host designated share outlined in subsection [2], shall be reduced by team travel expenses and the amounts paid for game officials and trophies.
- 4) The remainder of the profit shall be divided among the schools participating in the tournament and the non-participating schools in accordance with previously approved plans.
- 5) The host school should be allowed the profits made on programs, concessions, parking, etc.

B) State

- 1) The Association will finance state tournament. The following allowances will apply if the receipts from the tournament make them justifiable, otherwise, the Board of Control will determine the allowance.
- 2) Expenses will be paid for meals, lodging and travel for each team through breakfast on the day following elimination from the tournament for each team.
- 3) The state tournament squad for purposes of reimbursement shall be limited to thirty-three [33] persons, including the principal, coaches, team members, cheerleaders, cheer sponsor and other personnel.
- 4) Schools failing to stay in the motel assigned by the Association shall forfeit the lodging allowance. Commuting teams shall be paid an allowance in accordance with pre-tournament instructions.
- 5) 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.
- 6) After all expenses have been paid, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall retain profits from each state tournament.

XII) Passes / Tickets

Each participating school shall be allowed passes for one coach and principal to the district and regional tournament.

Each member school of the Association may, upon application by the principal, purchase up to four priority tickets to the boys' and girls' state tournaments for use by school personnel. Each superintendent may, upon application, purchase up to two priority tickets to each state basketball tournament.

XIII) 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.

XIV) Special Tournament and Regular Season Rules

A) Dimensions of the Tournament Courts and Game Balls

The dimensions of the court on which the games will be played will be determined by the size of the court at the designated tournament site. 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.

XV) 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.