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Mission Statement

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The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) serves students by providing leadership for the administration of education based interscholastic activities.

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Belief Statements

We believe...

- Member schools are the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA).
- The KSHSAA is a student-centered organization.
- The KSHSAA is the recognized state authority on interscholastic activity programs.
- Our Association is strengthened by equity and diversity.
- Each school choosing membership in the KSHSAA is equally important and has a direct voice in governing the organization.
- KSHSAA is best governed by representatives of the member schools and its affiliated organizations.
- Each KSHSAA sponsored activity is equally important.
- Student participation in interscholastic activity programs and competitions is a privilege.
- Participation in interscholastic programs promotes student academic achievement.
- Interscholastic activity programs promote positive school/community relations.
- Safety, quality and fairness in interscholastic activity programs are essential.
- Fiscal responsibility by the KSHSAA benefits member schools.
- Participation in interscholastic programs promotes good citizenship, improves life skills and builds character.
- Honesty, integrity and sportsmanship are the fundamentals upon which all interscholastic programs are built.
- All professionals that are in contact with students should be knowledgeable and properly trained.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Kansas State High School Activities Association does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. Questions regarding this policy should be directed to the Association's Executive Director, Bill Faflick, at 601 Commerce Place, Topeka, KS 66601; phone number 785-273-5329.

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MAJOR HANDBOOK REVISIONS

for the 2026-27 school year as approved by the Board of Directors during the 2025-26 school year.
NOTE: These changes are shaded and in reverse type throughout the body of the 2026-27 KSHSAA Handbook.

BYLAW

Bylaw XIV – Approval of Events, Section 2

Added interpretation for virtual competition basing 500-mile limit on student travel distance outside of Kansas, not inside state lines.

Bylaw XIV – Approval of Events, Section 3

Temporarily suspended while a replacement for the discontinued NASSP list is developed.

RULES

7-1-5, Physical Examination Parental Consent

Changed date to allow physical examinations beginning on April 1 instead of May 1.

10-1-(5-8), Qualifications of Coaches

Updated language definition for school year and clarified sports involved in restrictions.

18-1-4, Transfer

Added exception to transfer from non-member school language to allow transfers to resident school at varsity level for all activities.

30-1-(7-8), Seasons of Activities

Clarified summer coaching rule language and activities involved in fall conditioning restrictions.

34-2-2(b), Cross Country (Girls & Boys)

Increased number of competitions allowed to begin prior to 3 p.m. C.T. on school days.

35(A), Flag Football (Girls)

Create Flag Football as a KSHSAA sanctioned activity for girls and renumbered subsequent rules.

35(B), Football (Boys)

Renumber rule to accommodate for additional Flag Football rule.

36-2-(5-8), Golf (Girls & Boys)

Removed postseason classification for sand greens golf and renumbered subsequent articles.

42-2-4(b), Track & Field (Girls & Boys)

Increased number of competitions allowed to begin prior to 3 p.m. C.T. on school days.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE CHANGES AFFECTING KSHSAA RULES

SENATE BILL 382 – Enrolled as statute for 2026-27 school year.

During the 2026 legislative session, language to state statute was created to allow students enrolled and attending a nonaccredited private school to participate in KSHSAA sponsored activities at a nonpublic school if the nonpublic school allows them to do so. The language from **Senate Bill 382** is written below:

New Section 1.

- (a) (1) A nonpublic school may permit any student who meets the requirements of this section to participate in activities offered by such nonpublic school that are regulated, supervised, promoted and developed by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto.
- (2) A nonpublic school may permit any student participating in any activity pursuant to paragraph (1) to participate in any events, ceremonies, programs or other functions directly related to such activity and sponsored by such nonpublic school.
- (3) The governing body of a nonpublic school may adopt policies regarding the participation of those students who are participating in an activity pursuant to paragraph (1) in the school-sponsored events, ceremonies, programs or other functions that are not directly related to such activity.
- (b) A student shall be permitted to participate in any such activities if such student:
 - (1) Is a resident of Kansas;
 - (2) is enrolled and attending a nonaccredited private elementary or secondary school;
 - (3) meets any applicable age and eligibility requirements set forth by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, that are not otherwise in conflict with this section;
 - (4) pays any fees required by the nonpublic school for participation in such activity if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students who participate in such activity; and
 - (5) is permitted to participate in such activity by the governing body of the nonpublic school.
- (c) The governing body of the nonpublic school shall determine if the student meets any academic eligibility requirements established by the activities association.
- (d) The governing body of a nonpublic school may require a student who participates in an activity pursuant to this section to enroll in a particular course or complete a particular course as a condition of participation, if such requirement is imposed upon all other students who participate in such activity.
- (e) Except as provided in subsection (c), any student who seeks to participate in an activity pursuant to this section shall be subject to any tryout or other participation requirements that are otherwise applicable to all other students for participation in the activity.
- (f) Any student who meets the requirements of this section and participates in activities described in subsection (a) shall be entitled to all rights and subject to all responsibilities of any other participating student, except as otherwise provided in this section, regardless of such student's enrollment status.
- (g) It shall be unlawful for the governing body of a nonpublic school or the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, to discriminate against any student who meets the requirements of this section based on such student's enrollment status.

During the 2026 legislative session, language to state statute was updated to recognize and accept accreditation of nonpublic schools by regional and national agencies. This language will allow full membership in the KSHSAA to additional schools. The language from **Senate Sub for House Bill 2299** is written below:

K.S.A. 72-7114

- (a) Any association with a majority of the high schools of the state as members and the purpose of which association is the statewide regulation, supervision, promotion and development of any of the activities defined in K.S.A. 72-7117, and amendments thereto, and in which any public high school of this state may participate directly or indirectly shall:

(8) Recognize and accept accreditation of a nonpublic school by a regional or national agency.

RULE CHANGE PENDING APPROVAL OF KANSAS AUTHORITIES

At the April 29, 2022, meeting of the Board of Directors, a proposal was approved to amend **Rule 5, Classification of Senior High School, Section 2** by adding a new Article 5. At the time of this publication, the member high schools had voted to approve the recommendation as per **Bylaw XII, Classification of Senior High Schools**. State of Kansas Identifying Statutes need to be approved by both the State Board of Education and the State Legislature prior to implementation of any changes to classification. Without these approvals, amendments to **Rule 5** would not be permissible. The following identifying statute changes were approved by the state board of education at their September 13-14, 2022, meeting. While two bills were presented during the 2023 Kansas legislative session, although neither made it out of committee. A new bill will be compiled and forwarded to the state legislature at their next session openings.

State Of Kansas Identifying Statutes

K.S.A. 2014 SUPP. 72-7114. High school activities association; board of directors, executive board, appeal board; articles and bylaws; reports; classification system; executive director and personnel; application of open meetings law and open records law.

- (a) Any association with a majority of the high schools of the state as members and the purpose of which association is the statewide regulation, supervision, promotion and development of any of the activities defined in K.S.A. 72-7117, and amendments thereto, and in which any public high school of this state may participate directly or indirectly shall:
 - (1) On or before September 1 of each year make a full report of its operation for the preceding calendar year to the state board of education. The report shall contain a complete and detailed financial statement under the certificate of a certified public accountant.
 - (2) File with the state board a copy of all reports and publications issued from time to time by such association.
 - (3) Be governed by a board of directors which shall exercise the legislative authority of the association and shall establish policy for the association.
 - (4) Submit to the state board of education, for its approval or disapproval prior to adoption, any amendments, additions, alterations or modifications of its articles of incorporation or bylaws. If any articles of incorporation, bylaws or any amendment, addition or alteration thereto is disapproved by the state board of education, the same shall not be adopted.
 - (5) Establish a system for the classification of member high schools according to student attendance and other means.
 - (6) Be subject to the provisions of the Kansas open meetings law.
 - (7) Be subject to the provisions of the open records law.

The following rule change will take effect once approval of the change to identifying statutes is given by both the State Board of Education and the State Legislature.

Rule 5, Classification of Senior High Schools, Section 2

Art. 5: Private schools will be subject to an enrollment multiplier factor when determining classification numbers. Factors for determining the multiplier include school location, socio-economic status, and championship factor. To calculate the multiplier number, the following criteria will be applied:

Any private school that has won five or more state team championships in the most recent five school years will have a multiplier applied to their classification enrollment count. These select private schools will begin with a 1.0 multiplier. The following factors will be added to the multiplier for each select private school.

1. Championship Factor - cumulative state championships over the previous 5-year period (not activity specific, team activities only).

10+ championships: + 0.30

5-9 championships: + 0.15

NOTE: If a private school has won less than 5 championships in the previous five-year period, the multiplier remains 1.0.

2. Geographic Population Factor – public school attendance area in which the private school is located.

Within a 5A/6A community: + 0.30

Within a 3A/4A community: + 0.15

Within a 1A/2A community: + 0

NOTE: If a private school does not meet the Championship Factor, the Geographic Population Factor would not take effect.

3. Socio-Economic Population Factor

0-20% Free/Reduced students reported: + 0.15

>20% Free/Reduced students reported: + 0

NOTE: If a private school does not meet the Championship Factor, the Socio-Economic Population Factor would not take effect.

NOTE: The multiplier impacts classification for all school activities and will be applied to both general and football classification numbers. Schools cannot move up more than one classification based upon the multiplier. The multiplier enrollment count will not force a school to move from 8-person to 11-person football or from 6-person to 8-person football. Geographic location is determined by the physical address of the private school. If Free/Reduced data is not collected and/or reported, it is assumed to be zero. There is no process for appeal to change a classification that has already been changed by the multiplier.

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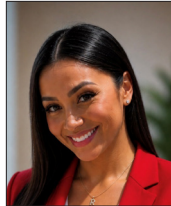
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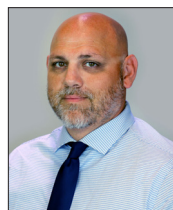
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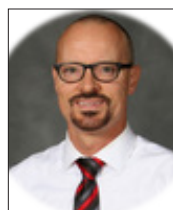
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Academics + Activities = Curriculum Partners

WHY HAVE STUDENT ACTIVITIES? In the last few years the value of high school activities has been questioned. Let's set the record straight as to what high school activities are all about. First of all, they are not a separate part of our overall education program but an integral part of it. A good, well-rounded education means not only one that is academically oriented, but one that also includes physical, social and emotional development. These are available through a good school activities program.

Activities are a citizenship laboratory—Participation in activities encompasses all races and creeds, and teaches a student that it is a privilege and an honor to represent his or her school. Students learn that activities are important because they show a person how to win, and how to lose. Activities teach self-confidence, poise, respect for the rules and good sportsmanship. Through participation in activities, students learn tolerance and understanding for people and how to control their emotions. They also learn the self-satisfaction of accomplishing a goal.

Interscholastic activities constitute a part of the right kind of "growing up" experiences for American boys and girls. Youth are interested in doing things well—in belonging—in displaying loyalty. With a well administered school program, students and spectators become better citizens through participation and observance of activities conducted under established rules impartially administered.

Activities encourage physical and mental excellence—Documented reports and statistics from the high schools of Kansas continue to show the "holding power" of activities programs. Those students engaged in any phase of the extracurricular program show a drop-out rate far below that of the uninvolved student. Over 90 percent of those students who drop out of school at the senior high level have never been involved in any activity as representatives of their school!

Grade point averages of students in athletics, speech, music, cheerleading, club programs, etc., rank well above those students who choose not to participate. Interestingly enough, the statistics point out "the more participation the better the GPA!"

The loss of school instructional time, documented by reports from member schools, clearly shows students miss more instructional class time for family vacations, medical reasons, parental excuses, vocational activities, etc., than they do for all KSHSAA-sponsored school activities combined.

Activities reach out to the community—Activities in our Kansas schools will be as good and as sound as those who administer and support them. Rules and regulations are valueless unless they are embedded in the "grass roots" of the local school and community. The underlying philosophy of interscholastic activities presupposes these rules and regulations are for the good of the students themselves—just as are the other phases of the educational program—and that is the way the citizens of Kansas want them to be.

STATE OF KANSAS IDENTIFYING STATUTES

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 - (5) Establish a system for the classification of member high schools according to student attendance.
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 - (7) Be subject to the provisions of the open records law.
- (b) (1) The board of directors shall consist of not less than 60 members as follows:
 - (A) At least eight directors shall be members of boards of education, elected by local boards of education. At least two of such directors shall be elected from each congressional district of the state;
 - (B) at least two directors shall be representatives of the state board of education, appointed by the state board;
 - (C) (i) directors who are representatives of the senior high schools which are affiliated with a league shall be elected by the league;
 - (ii) the senior high schools which are not affiliated with a league shall be represented by at least one director;
 - (D) at least four directors shall be representatives of the middle/junior high schools, elected by the middle/junior high schools;
 - (E) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by athletic administrators;
 - (F) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by coaches;
 - (G) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by speech communications educators;
 - (H) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by music educators; and
 - (I) at least one director shall be representative of and selected by scholars' bowl coaches.
- (2) The directors appointed by the state board of education from the public at-large prior to July 1, 2014, whose terms are set to expire after July 1, 2014, may continue to serve on the board of directors until such director's term expires. Upon the expiration of the term of any such director, the governor shall appoint a successor member of the board of directors. In the event of a vacancy or the expiration of the term of any director appointed by the governor, the governor shall appoint a successor member of the board of directors. Any person appointed by the governor shall not be employed by any school affiliated with a league in the Kansas state high school activities association, nor shall such person be a member of the state board of education. The governor shall be provided a list of those directors appointed pursuant to subsection (b)(1). The governor shall make appointments pursuant to this subsection in order to attain, when necessary, and insofar as possible, representation of ethnic minority groups and both genders on the board of directors and to ensure that a resident from each congressional district is appointed to the board of directors.
- (3) All directors are limited to six consecutive years of service.
- (c) (1) An executive board which shall be responsible for the administration, enforcement and interpretation of policy established by the board of directors shall be elected by the board of directors from its membership, provided that a director shall serve at least one year as a member of the board of directors prior to being elected to the executive board.
- (2) At least two members of the board of directors elected to the executive board shall be directors appointed by the governor under subsection (b)(2), provided such directors are eligible for election to the executive board under this subsection. Members of the executive board elected pursuant to this paragraph shall only be eligible to serve on the executive board during the second, fourth and sixth years of such director's term.

- (3) Insofar as possible, membership on the executive board shall be representative of ethnic minority groups, both genders, and all geographical areas of the state.
- (d) An appeal board which shall be responsible for conducting hearings provided for in K.S.A. 72-7118, and amendments thereto, shall be elected as provided in this subsection. The appeal board shall consist of eight members. The membership of the appeal board shall include four members who are board of education members, elected by the boards of education of the member schools of the association; and four members who are school administrators, elected by the member schools of the association. No member of the board of directors shall be eligible for election to membership on the appeal board. All members of the appeal board are limited to six consecutive years of service.
- (e) The executive board is authorized to employ an executive director and such other personnel as may be necessary to exercise the powers and the performance of the functions and duties of the board of directors, the executive board, and the appeal board. The executive director and all other personnel, except custodial, clerical or maintenance personnel, employed by the executive board pursuant to this subsection, shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto.

K.S.A. 72-7115. Same; compliance with act or forfeiture. Any association or corporation referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, which shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this act, as amended, shall forfeit its right to do business and it shall be the duty of the attorney general to institute a proper proceeding to enforce such forfeiture and to have a receiver appointed to liquidate the affairs of such association or corporation. Any assets of such association or corporation remaining after such liquidation shall be paid over to the state board of education to be equitably distributed to the member schools.

K.S.A. 72-7116. Same; payment by school districts to complying association only; penalties. On or after the effective date of this act, it shall be unlawful for any board of education of any school district, or for any school administrator or official of any school district to pay or authorize or approve the payment of any amount from any public or activity fund of the school district to a private association or corporation having for its purpose the promotion, development and direction of activities and contests between such schools in this state and which shall not comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 72-7114 to 72-7118, inclusive. Any member of a board of education of any school district who shall vote to authorize or approve any such payment or any school administrator or official who shall pay or authorize or approve any such payment shall be personally liable for any amount so paid. Payment of dues to an association or corporation complying with the provisions of this act and the right of such association or corporation to receive and dispose of any funds so received are hereby authorized.

K.S.A. 72-7117. Same; definitions. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Activities" means school activities and contests in the fields of athletics, music, forensics, dramatics and any other interschool extracurricular activities by students enrolled in any of the grades from seven (7) to twelve (12), inclusive.
- (b) "Board of education" means the board of education of a school district and the governing authority of any accredited non-public school.
- (c) "School district" means any public school district.

K.S.A. 1993 SUPP. 72-7118. Same; appeals; procedures; duties of appeal board.

- (a) In accordance with such procedures as the board of directors shall prescribe, any student, the parent or guardian of any student, or any member school aggrieved by any decision of the board of directors or the executive board of the association, or any of its officers or employees, may appeal the decision by notifying the executive director of the association who shall arrange for a hearing before the appeal board of such association. The appeal board shall hear the appeal within 10 days after notification of the appeal has been filed unless the 10-day period is extended for an additional period of time as specified and agreed upon by the parties to the hearing.
- (b) In the case of an appeal from a decision of the board of directors, notification of the appeal shall be filed within 30 days from the date of publication of such decision. The appeal board shall render a written opinion not later than five days after the close of the hearing, setting forth its findings of fact and recommendation as to the determination of the issues. The appeal board may recommend that the decision of the board of directors be sustained or that such decision be reconsidered and revoked, modified or amended. The appeal board may recommend to the board of directors proposed amendments or modifications of such decision, but the board of directors shall not be bound by the recommendations of the appeal board. The recommendations of the appeal board shall be submitted to the board of directors which after considering the recommendations, shall make a final determination of the matter.
- (c) In the case of an appeal from a decision of the executive board or any officer or employee of the association, notification of the appeal shall be filed within 30 days from the date on which notice of such decision is received. The appeal board shall render a written decision not later than five days after the close of the hearing, setting forth the reasons for its decision and the decision of the appeal board shall be final.
- (d) The hearing provided for in this section shall be an open hearing unless the appellant requests that the hearing be closed. A quorum of five members of the appeal board shall be required for the purpose of hearing any appeal under this section and a majority vote of the members present for such hearing shall be required for any action of the appeal board. No member of the appeal board, in the member's capacity as such member, shall participate in the hearing of any appeal or act upon any matter which involves or will affect any school with which such member is associated by reason of employment or the holding of the position of board of education member.

K.S.A. 72-7121

- (a) (1) Any student who meets the requirements of this section shall be permitted to participate in any activities offered by a school district that are regulated, supervised, promoted and developed by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto.
- (2) Any student participating in an activity pursuant to paragraph (1) shall also be permitted to participate in any district-sponsored events, ceremonies, programs or other functions directly related to such activity.
- (3) The board of education of a school district may adopt policies regarding the participation of those students who are participating in an activity pursuant to paragraph (1) in district-sponsored events, ceremonies, programs or other functions that are not directly related to such activity.
- (b) A student shall be permitted to participate in any such activities if such student:
- (1) (A) Is a resident of the school district;
- (B) is enrolled and attending a virtual school as defined in K.S.A. 72-3712, and amendments thereto, or a nonpublic elementary or secondary school;
- (C) complies with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-6262, and amendments thereto, prior to participation in any such activity;
- (D) meets any applicable age and eligibility requirements set forth by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, that are not otherwise in conflict with this section;
- (E) pays any fees required by the school district for participation in such activity if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students who participate in such activity; and
- (F) seeks participation at the appropriate school of the school district that corresponds to where such student resides within the school district's respective school attendance boundaries established by the board of education of the school district; or
- (2) (A) Is enrolled in and attending the Kansas academy of mathematics and science as defined in K.S.A. 72-3903, and amendments thereto;
- (B) complies with the requirements of K.S.A. 72-6262, and amendments thereto, prior to participation in any such activity;
- (C) meets any applicable age and eligibility requirements set forth by the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, that are not otherwise in conflict with this section;
- (D) pays any fees required by the school district for participation in such activity if such fees are generally imposed upon all other students who participate in such activity; and
- (E) seeks participation at the appropriate school of the school district that corresponds to where the postsecondary educational institution designated by the state board of regents for the Kansas academy of mathematics and science program.
- (c) (1) Any student attending a home school who seeks to participate in an activity in the student's resident school district shall be deemed to meet any academic eligibility requirements established by the activities association for participation in an activity if:
- (A) The student is maintaining satisfactory progress towards achievement or promotion to the next grade level; and
- (B) the parent, teacher or organization that provides instruction to the student submits an affidavit or transcript to the activities association indicating the student meets the academic eligibility requirements of subparagraph (A).
- (2) Upon submission of an affidavit, the student attending a home school shall be deemed to meet any academic eligibility requirements established by the activities association and shall retain such academic eligibility during the activity season for which such affidavit is submitted.
- (d) Except as provided in subsection (e), a student attending a virtual school as defined in K.S.A. 72-3712, and amendments thereto, who seeks to participate in an activity in the student's resident school district shall not be required to enroll in or attend a minimum number of courses at such school district.
- (e) The board of education of a school district may require a student who participates in an activity pursuant to this section to enroll in a particular course or complete a particular course as a condition of participation, if such requirement is imposed upon all other students who participate in such activity.
- (f) Except as provided in subsection (c), any student who seeks to participate in an activity pursuant to this section shall be subject to any tryout or other participation requirements that are otherwise applicable to all other students for participation in the activity.
- (g) Any student enrolled in a school operated by a school district who withdraws from such school district and subsequently enrolls in an accredited private school, a nonpublic elementary or secondary school, as defined in K.S.A. 72-4345, and amendments thereto, or a virtual school, as defined in K.S.A. 72-3712, and amendments thereto, shall not be eligible for full

participation in any activities offered by such school district immediately following such student's withdrawal in accordance with the academic eligibility policies of the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, unless such student was eligible for full participation in any such activities pursuant to the eligibility policies of such school district and the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendment thereto, on the date of withdrawal and such student participates in such activities at the school from which such student withdrew. Such student may be permitted limited participation in any such activities in accordance with the eligibility policies of such school district and the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto.

- (h) Any student who meets the requirements of this section and participates in activities described in subsection (a) shall be entitled to all rights and subject to all responsibilities of any other participating student, except as otherwise provided in this section, regardless of such student's enrollment status.
- (i) It shall be unlawful for any school district or the activities association referred to in K.S.A. 72-7114, and amendments thereto, to discriminate against any student who meets the requirements of this section based on such student's enrollment status.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned incorporators, hereby associate ourselves together to form and establish a non-profit educational Corporation under the authority of Kansas laws as contained in K.S.A. 72-7114, 72-7115, 72-7116, 72-7117, 72-7118, as amended.

FIRST: The name of the Corporation is: THE KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION, INC.

SECOND: The location of the principal office of the Corporation shall be 601 SW Commerce Place, Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas.

THIRD: The location of the registered office in Kansas for the Corporation shall be 601 SW Commerce Place, Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas.

FOURTH: The name and address of the resident agent in Kansas for the Corporation shall be Bill Faflick, 601 SW Commerce Place, Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas.

FIFTH: This Corporation is organized not for profit and it is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the following educational purposes:

- (A) To contribute to the education of the middle/junior and senior high school boys and girls of Kansas by:
 - (1) Administering a program of interscholastic activities, festivals, clinics and contests among member schools.
 - (2) Elevating the standards of good sportsmanship and encouraging the growth of good citizenship, not only for middle/junior and senior high school boys and girls, but also of adults and all others who come into contact with school activities.
 - (3) Protecting member schools from exploitation by special-interest groups.
 - (4) Encouraging pride in scholastic achievement as a fundamental basis for a well-balanced activity program.
 - (5) Serving the best interests of all member schools by influencing the proper type of legislation or any other desirable means.

SIXTH: In furtherance of the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

- (A) To enter into, make, perform or carry out contracts with any person, firm, or corporation.
- (B) To receive, manage, lease, take and hold real and personal property by purchase, devise, gift or grant; and also, to hold, manage, convert, sell, assign, transfer, alter, reinvest and otherwise deal with all the properties held by the Corporation, and all additions thereto, as shall be deemed best to promote and accomplish the purposes of the Corporation.
- (C) To invest any money which it may have at any time in such bonds, stocks, debentures, notes, real estate mortgages or other securities, or in such other property, real or personal.
- (D) To borrow or raise moneys for any of the purposes of the Corporation and, from time to time, without limit as to amount, to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, warrants, bonds, debentures and other negotiable or non-negotiable instruments and evidences of indebtedness, and to secure the payment of any thereof and of the interest thereon by mortgage upon or pledge, conveyance or assignment in trust of the whole or any part of the property of the Corporation, whether at the time owned or thereafter acquired, and to sell, pledge, or otherwise dispose of such bonds or other obligations of the Corporation for its corporate purposes.
- (E) To hire such agents, representatives, attorneys, and employees as the Board of Directors, Executive Board, and corporate Officers may deem necessary and advisable, and to pay such costs and expenses, including the compensation of such employees, representatives, agents, accountants, and attorneys, as may be incurred in the administration of its affairs.
- (F) To do any and all things herein set forth, the same as natural persons might or could do, either as principals, agents, trustees or any other representative capacity, either alone or in association with any other person, firm or corporation; and generally to carry on any other lawful business whatsoever, which will directly or indirectly promote the interests and further the objects and purposes of the Corporation.
- (G) The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as objects and powers, and no declaration, recitation or expression as to specific powers or general powers or purposes herein enumerated shall be deemed to be exclusive or restrictive; and it is hereby expressly declared that all other lawful powers not inconsistent herewith are hereby included.

SEVENTH: No part of the net earnings, income or accumulations of this Corporation shall inure to the personal benefit of any private individual or corporation.

EIGHTH: The Corporation shall have no capital stock and no dividends or profits shall be declared or paid to members thereof.

NINTH: The private property of members, members of the Board of Directors and corporate Officers of the Corporation shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.

TENTH: The names and places of residence of the incorporators of this Corporation are as follows: Robert Rumble, Great Bend, Kansas; Donald Musick, Concordia, Kansas; Milo Peterson, Buffalo, Kansas; Charles G. Wolfe, Bucklin, Kansas; Robert Curry, Arkansas City, Kansas; Farris Razook, Andover, Kansas; George Madelen, Hutchinson, Kansas; Robert Wells, Logan, Kansas.

ELEVENTH: The conditions of membership in this Corporation shall be fixed and determined by the bylaws.

TWELFTH: This Corporation shall be controlled by a Board of Directors which shall exercise the legislative authority for the Corporation and shall establish the policies for this Corporation. The number of directors which shall constitute the Board shall be not less than thirty (30) and shall be selected as provided by law, and the bylaws of the Corporation. The said Board of Directors, as required by law, shall designate a method of selecting an Executive Board which shall have charge of the management and administration of the affairs of the Corporation. The said Board of Directors shall establish an Appeal Board whose selection and functions shall be as required by law and the rules and bylaws established by the Board of Directors.

The original bylaws of the Corporation shall be drafted and adopted by the members of the Board of Directors, and thereafter the bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the whole membership of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose.

THIRTEENTH: This Corporation is formed to comply with the provisions of K.S.A. 72-7114, 72-7115, 72-7116, 72-7117, 72-7118, 72-7121, as amended.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - Membership

Section 1: Any public or private high school accredited by the Kansas State Board of Education, Independent Schools Association of the Southwest, or any other valid accrediting agency approved by the Executive Board, may become a member of this Association by its principal subscribing to the rules of the Association, and by the payment of the annual dues for each member as hereinafter provided. The term "high school" shall be interpreted to include the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

The Executive Board may consider for membership any school which meets all standards for accreditation, as prescribed by the Kansas State Board of Education, for the grade levels offered.

NOTE: Either the principal or superintendent may be the official representative, according to the policy of the individual school.

Sec. 2: Any public or private middle/junior high school may become a member of this Association by its principal subscribing to the rules of the Association, and by the payment of the annual dues as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3: In schools not maintaining middle/junior high schools, teams may be organized from the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades, or any division of those grades, and enrolled in this Association for activities purposes as junior high schools. Schools enrolling in this Association under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the KSHSAA middle/junior high school regulations.

All member schools shall be classified as middle/junior (grade and middle) and senior high schools. Students in organized middle/junior high schools shall compete under middle/junior high school regulations and students in senior high schools shall compete under senior high school standards. (*Illustration: Ninth-grade students in three-year junior high schools shall participate under junior high school regulations and ninth graders in senior high schools shall participate under senior high school standards.*)

Sec. 4: Each school in joining the Association expressly agrees not to contest with schools which are under suspension from the Association by the Executive Board, under the powers given by the rules and bylaws of the Association, or with schools of other states which are similarly suspended from the associations of those states, or with senior high schools which are non-members of this Association or of the state associations of the states in which they are located.

Sec. 5: Private schools which are not eligible for full membership in the KSHSAA, and which are not under suspension from this or any other state association, may be put on an "approved school list" and members of the Association shall be permitted to compete with schools on such list. Schools on the "approved school list" shall not be eligible to participate in Association-sponsored activities or tournaments or events conducted for the purpose of determining an official KSHSAA championship.

ARTICLE II - Responsibility of the Principal

Section 1: The principal of each member high school is responsible to the Association in all matters pertaining to interschool activities, including the eligibility of students. He or she may delegate authority only to regular members of the faculty. This does not relieve the individual of responsibility, however, in case of an infraction of the Association rules. No interschool activities may be scheduled or performed without the approval of the principal.

ARTICLE III - Annual Meeting

Section 1: The annual meeting of the Association for the representatives of all member schools shall be held each year at a time and place to be designated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV - Board of Directors

Section 1: Full legislative authority shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2: Two (2) of such directors shall be representatives of the State Board of Education, appointed by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 3: Eight (8) of such directors shall be members of board of education. Two (2) from each congressional district, shall be elected from the four (4) congressional districts. USD's with enrollments (grades 7-12) of 1,001 and above (Division I) shall have a representative in each congressional district. USD's with enrollments (grades 7-12) of 1,000 and below (Division II) shall have a representative in each congressional district. Even-numbered congressional districts shall elect in even-numbered years. Odd-numbered congressional districts shall elect in odd-numbered years. All elected representatives shall serve a two-year term.

Sec. 4: Representatives from member senior high schools shall be selected as follows (Insofar as possible, gender, minority, and ethnic representation is encouraged.):

- a. Each league that exists during the 1992-93 school year shall elect one principal or superintendent representative to

the Board of Directors. If a league disbands, they shall forfeit their representation. New leagues that form after the 1992-93 school year, which have six (6) or more member schools, shall elect one representative. Anytime any league's membership of KSHSAA member schools drop to three (3) or less, the league will lose the right to representation on the Board of Directors.

- b. Each league with 4,000 or more students in grades 10-12 may elect one additional representative provided one of the two is a female or a minority. The second representative may be any certified educator employed by a league, KSHSAA member school.
- c. Each league with 8,000 or more students in grades 10-12 may elect one additional representative provided one of the three is a female or a minority. The two additional representatives may be any certified educator employed by a league, KSHSAA member school.
- d. Each league with 12,000 or more students in grades 10-12 may elect one additional representative provided one of the four is a female or a minority. The three additional representatives may be any certified educator employed by a league, KSHSAA member school.

NOTE: League enrollments are determined by adding together the total enrollment submitted for the annual classification by the member schools of the league. The league's enrollment total will determine the number of representatives the league may have on the KSHSAA Board of Directors for the following school year.

- e. One principal or superintendent representative shall be appointed from the independent schools by the Executive Board to a two-year term.

Sec. 5: Four (4) middle/junior high school principal/superintendent representatives, one (1) from each congressional district shall be elected. In even-numbered years elections shall be held in the even-numbered congressional districts. In odd-numbered years, elections shall be held in the odd-numbered congressional districts. In addition, the Executive Board shall appoint two (2) at-large representatives, one of which must be a middle/junior high school principal, one each year. All elected and/or appointed representatives shall serve two-year terms. Insofar as possible, gender, minority, and ethnic representation is encouraged.

Sec. 6: One (1) representative from each of the following organizations shall serve on the Board of Directors.

- a. Kansas Association of Scholars' Bowl Coaches (KASBC)
- b. Kansas Coaches Association (KCA)
- c. Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Assoc. (KIAAA)
- d. Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA)
- e. Kansas Speech Communication Association (KSCA)

NOTE: *The representative shall be a certified educator employee of a member school, actively participating in the activity, and a member of the organization represented.*

Sec. 7: After the representatives have been identified in Sec. 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Governor shall be provided with a list of such directors for the purpose of assisting the Governor in making additional appointments of no more than four Directors to attain, when necessary, and in so far as possible, representation of ethnic minority groups and both genders on the Board of Directors and to ensure that a resident from each congressional district is appointed to the Board of Directors, as provided by law. Any person appointed by the Governor shall neither be employed by any school affiliated with a league comprised of KSHSAA member schools nor be a member of the State Board of Education.

Sec. 8: All Board of Director representatives are limited to six consecutive years of service.

Sec. 9: The State Board of Education, high school leagues and organizational representatives shall identify their representatives to the KSHSAA by April 15. Thereafter, in the event of a vacancy, each shall be responsible for identifying their replacement within sixty (60) days.

Sec. 10: Board of Education and middle/junior high school **candidates'** names shall be identified and presented to the KSHSAA by February 15.

- a. Board of education elections: qualified persons may have their names placed on the ballot by submitting their intention in writing, with their signature co-signed by their board of education president or clerk by February 15.
- b. Middle/junior high school elections: qualified persons may have their names placed on the ballot by submitting their intention in writing, with their signature co-signed by their board of education president by February 15.

The KSHSAA shall mail (postmark) election ballots to the school district president for board of education elections and the middle/junior high school principal for middle/junior high school elections, on or before March 1. They shall be returned by April 15.

In the event no candidate receives a plurality and a tie vote exists, other members on the Board of Directors, in their respective category (a or b), shall determine which candidate shall be elected.

Sec. 11: The Board of Director members term of office shall run concurrent with school years per se, namely July 1-June 30.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year, once during the month of September and once during April. Other meetings may be called upon recommendation of the Executive Board or upon petition signed by a majority of the Board of Directors. Notice of any meeting shall be sent by mail to every member of the Board of Directors at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. Members of the Board of Directors may waive the required written notice for any meeting.

Sec. 12: The Board of Directors shall have full authority to make rules of procedure. The president of the Executive Board shall be the regular presiding officer. A quorum must be present to do business.

Sec. 13: When a representative of the Board of Directors loses the qualifications for which he or she was elected or appointed; such as death, resignation, removal from a district or category, withdrawal from the profession or any other reason which might make one ineligible to serve, he or she no longer remains eligible to serve on the Board of Directors.

Sec. 14: Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-7114 (b)(2), the Governor shall appoint a successor for any Governor appointee who leaves the Board of Directors before the end of that Director's term. In filling vacancies on the Board of Directors in the categories identified in Sec. 3 (board of education) and Sec. 5 (middle/junior high), the representatives on the Board of Directors in their respective category, shall select a member to fill the vacancy not more than sixty (60) days after notice of such vacancy was sent by the Executive Director. Within one week of receiving notice of a vacancy, the Executive Director shall cause all eligible persons to be notified, in writing. Eligible persons may have their names placed on a ballot by submitting their intention in writing, to the Executive Director, with their signature co-signed by their board of education president or clerk within fourteen (14) days. The Executive Director will mail a ballot to each Board of Director member in their respective category. They shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy. The appointee shall hold office until the next regular election date when a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - Executive Board

Section 1: The management of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Board.

Sec.2: Board of Director members shall elect Executive Board members at their spring meeting in the **categories** listed, to two-year terms. A Director shall serve at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors prior to being elected to the Executive Board. Members in each **category** shall elect their own representative. Board of Directors organizational members are eligible for election in their school's respective category.

a. Classes 6A, 4A, 2A in even years	3
b. Classes 5A, 3A, 1A in odd years	3
c. Middle/Junior High Schools in even years	1
d. Board of Education in odd years	1
e. State Board of Education in even years	1
TOTAL	9

Vacancies in the above categories shall be elected by their respective representatives within sixty (60) days after notice of such vacancy. They shall fulfill the unexpired term of that position.

Sec. 3: For the 2015-2016 Executive Board term, the two initial Governor appointees to the Board of Directors shall serve on the Executive Board. For subsequent years, two of the Governor appointees to the Board of Directors shall serve on the Executive Board. Pursuant to K.S.A. 72-7114 (c)(2), a Governor appointee shall only be eligible to serve on the Executive Board during that person's second, fourth and sixth years on the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4: After the nine **category** representatives have been elected and the two Governor appointees who will serve on the Executive Board have been identified, **where necessary**, at-large representatives shall also be elected by the entire Board of Directors from its membership to fill the following voids:

- If available, both genders shall be represented.
- If available, a minority member (e.g. Native American or Alaska Native; African-American; Asian or Pacific Islanders; or Hispanic) shall be represented.
- If available, a superintendent shall be represented.
- Geographically, each congressional district shall be represented.

At-large representatives shall serve one-year terms.

In filling vacancies in Sec. 4 on the Executive Board, all Board of Director members shall select a qualified member from the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy not more than sixty (60) days after notice of such vacancy. Each appointee to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next regular election date when a successor shall be elected.

Sec. 5: Newly elected Executive Board members shall assume office on July 1. They shall attend the June Executive Board meeting as observers.

Sec. 6: The election of a president, a vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer of the Association, shall be made each year by the Executive Board from among its own members at the April meeting.

Sec. 7: When a member of the Executive Board loses the qualifications for which he or she was elected; such as death, resignation, removal from a category, change in classification, expiration of term on the Board of Directors, withdrawal from the profession (board of education member as a board of education representative) or any other reason which might make one ineligible to serve, he or she no longer remains eligible to serve on the Executive Board.

Sec. 8: The Executive Board shall meet at least three (3) times each year. One meeting shall be held in August or September prior to the annual fall meeting of the Board of Directors; one in January or February and another during April, May or June. Other meetings may be called upon recommendation of the Executive Board, Board of Directors, by call of the president, or by a petition signed by a majority of the members of the Executive Board. Notice of any meeting shall be sent by mail to all members of the Executive Board at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Members of the Executive Board may waive the required written notice for any meeting.

Sec. 9: A quorum shall consist of a majority of the total membership of the Executive Board. In order for the Executive Board to pass a particular item, it must be passed by a majority vote of those present.

ARTICLE VI - Powers and Duties of the Executive Board

Section 1: The Executive Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. It shall have general control over all activities and contests between schools which are members of this Association.
- b. It shall have exclusive control over all state meets.
- c. It shall have authority to approve or disapprove invitational meets and contests in all type of activities.
- d. It shall give interpretations of the rules of this Association.
- e. It shall determine penalties for violations when they are not otherwise expressly provided.
- f. It shall have power to make investigations relative to the violation of the rules of the Association. If charges are brought against any school for violation of the rules of the Association, or violation of the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship, or violation of its contracts, the Executive Board shall consider such charges and determine and assess penalties in case of conviction. Any school which is charged with a violation of the rules and bylaws of this Association shall be given an opportunity to be represented at the hearing of its case before the Executive Board. Any investigation or hearing which involves the school with which any member of the Executive Board is connected, shall not be held in his or her presence. He or she may appear as plaintiff or defendant. He or she shall not be granted any privilege not accorded the other party or parties involved in the investigation, and he or she shall not vote on the final consideration.

Interpretation: The provisions of this Article relating to "violation of the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship" shall be applied in the consideration of cases involving undue influence or pressure to obtain the transfer of students from one school to another.

- g. It shall contract for the services of an Executive Director and staff who shall be paid salaries from the funds of the Association. The qualifications, terms of contract, and the amount of salary to be paid each employee shall be determined by the Executive Board.
- h. It shall designate the duties of the Executive Director and shall adopt regulations necessary for the effective operation of the office.
- i. It shall make, when necessary, special rules for carrying into effect the spirit of the rules of this Association.
- j. It may divide the state into districts for the purpose of administration and for tournaments and meets, and may arrange contests or festivals for schools winning places in the various districts.
- k. It shall have authority to appoint special committees to assist in the arrangement and supervision of various activities and contests.

ARTICLE VII - Appeal Board

Section 1: Appeal Board representatives, in the categories listed, are elected to two-year terms. Each category shall elect their own representative(s).

Four (4) board of education representatives shall be elected, one (1) each from the four congressional districts. In the even-numbered years, elections shall be held in the even-numbered congressional districts. In the odd-numbered years, elections shall be held in the odd-numbered congressional districts. **(4)**

Three (3) senior high school principals or superintendents, one (1) from each as listed below, shall be elected, from the following combined classifications:

- a. Class 6-5A in odd years **(1)**
- b. Class 4-3A in even years **(1)**
- c. Class 2-1A in odd years **(1)**

One (1) middle/junior high school principal or superintendent in even years **(1)**

TOTAL - 8

Sec. 2: No member of the Board of Directors shall be eligible for election to membership on the Appeal Board.

Sec. 3: All Appeal Board members are limited to six consecutive years of service.

Sec. 4: The Appeal Board members term of office shall run concurrent with school years per se, namely **July 1-June 30**.

Sec. 5: Board of Education, senior high and middle/junior high **candidates'** names shall be identified and presented to the KSHSAA by February 15.

- a. Board of education elections: qualified persons may have their names placed on the ballot by submitting their intention in writing, with their signature co-signed by their board of education president or clerk by February 15.
- b. Senior high and middle/junior high school elections: qualified persons may have their names placed on the ballot by submitting their intention in writing, with their signature co-signed by their board of education president by February 15.

The KSHSAA shall mail (postmark) election ballots to the school district president for board of education elections and the senior high and middle/junior high school principal for their elections, on or before March 1. They shall be returned by April 15.

A candidate receiving a plurality in his or her category shall be declared elected and shall serve his or her term beginning July 1. In the event no candidate receives a plurality and a tie vote exists, other members on the Appeal Board shall determine which candidate shall be elected.

In filling vacancies on the Appeal Board, the representatives on the Appeal Board shall select a member to fill the vacancy not more than sixty (60) days after notice of such vacancy was sent by the Executive Director. Each appointee to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next regular election date when a successor shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 6: When a representative on the Appeal Board loses the qualifications for which he or she was elected or appointed; such as death, resignation, removal from a classification or category, withdrawal from the profession or any other reason which might make one ineligible to serve, he or she no longer remains eligible to serve on the Appeal Board.

ARTICLE VIII - Appeals

Section 1: An Appeal Board shall be responsible for conducting hearings provided for in K.S.A. 72-7118, as amended.

Sec. 2: Any student, the parent or guardian of any student, or any member school aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Directors or the Executive Board of the KSHSAA or any of its officers or employees, may appeal therefrom by notifying the Executive Director of the KSHSAA who shall arrange for a hearing for such appeals before the Appeal Board of the KSHSAA. Said Appeal Board shall promptly and within ten (10) days hear said appeal unless said ten-day period is extended for an additional period of time as specified and agreed upon by the parties to the hearing.

Sec. 3: In the case of an appeal from a decision of the Board of Directors, notification of such appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of such decision. The Appeal Board shall render a written recommendation not later than five (5) days after the close of the hearing, setting forth its findings of fact and recommendation as to the determination of the issues. The Appeal Board may recommend the decision of the Board of Directors be sustained or that such decision be reconsidered and revoked, modified or amended. The Appeal Board may recommend to the Board of Directors proposed amendments or modifications of such decision but the Board of Directors shall not be bound by the recommendations of the Appeal Board. The recommendations of the Appeal Board shall be submitted to the Board of Directors which shall, after considering the recommendations, make a final determination of the matter.

Sec. 4: In the case of an appeal from a decision of the Executive Board or any officer or employee of the Association, notification of such appeal shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date on which notice of such decision is received. The Appeal Board shall render a written decision not later than five (5) days after the close of the hearing, setting forth the reasons for its decision and said decision of the Appeal Board shall be final.

Sec. 5: To ensure a clear record exists of the issue(s), evidence presented and the staff's decision, any appeal taken to the Appeal Board will be required to use the following procedure:

- a. Any person or entity seeking a final ruling by the KSHSAA staff on an issue of eligibility or the KSHSAA rules must submit the request in writing to the Executive Director. The request shall describe precisely the relief or decision requested and explain what the appellant believes is the basis for the relief or decision. *(Requests for non-final or advisory opinions need not follow this procedure.)*

- b. Any documentary evidence the appellant relies upon must be submitted to the staff prior to the staff's final decision. (Note: Any documentary evidence not so submitted to the staff shall not be considered by the Appeal Board if an appeal is requested.)
- c. The staff shall issue a written decision after all investigation, interviews and considerations deemed necessary are completed.
- d. The written request and the written decision shall be the basis for any subsequent appeal. Issues not raised in the original request or addressed in the decision shall not be considered by the Appeal Board unless the Appeal Board finds a compelling reason to do so.

Sec. 6: The hearing shall be an open hearing unless the appellant shall request it be closed. A quorum of five (5) members of the Appeal Board shall be required for the purpose of hearing any appeal and a majority vote of the members present for such hearing shall be required for any action of the Appeal Board. No member of the Appeal Board shall in his or her capacity as such member participate in the hearing of any appeal or act upon any matter which involves or shall exclusively affect any school or league with which such member is associated by reason of employment or the holding of the position of board of education member.

ARTICLE IX - Dues

Section 1: Dues for the ensuing year are payable to the Association by September 1. A penalty of one dollar (\$1) shall be added for dues not received by October 1, and any member school failing to pay by October 15, may be suspended from membership in the Association.

Sec. 2: The annual dues for each member school shall be determined by the Board of Directors. (**NOTE:** Current dues are Senior High - \$500; Middle/Junior High School - \$200.)

ARTICLE X - Financial

Section 1: All Association funds shall be carried in an account under the name of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. All funds except those sufficient to meet operating expenses shall be carried in an interest-bearing account or invested in securities under the name of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Sec. 2: All employees shall be required to give surety bonds, the amount of which shall be determined by the Executive Board. Expense of securing and maintaining these bonds shall be borne by the Association.

Sec. 3: On or before September 1 of each year, the Executive Director shall make a full report to the Kansas State Board of Education. This report shall contain a complete and detailed financial statement under the certificate of a certified public accountant and all other reports or publications issued by the Association during the preceding year.

Sec. 4: The executive director and all other personnel, except custodial, clerical or maintenance personnel, employed by the Executive Board, shall file written statements of substantial interests, as provided by K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5: INDEMNIFICATION POLICY of Kansas State High School Activities Association Officers, Directors, Employees and Agents

Sub-Section. 1: The Kansas State High School Activities Association shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the Kansas State High School Activities Association) by reason of the fact that he/she is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, or is or was serving at the specific written request or with the written approval of the Kansas State High School Activities Association Executive Board as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgements, fines and amount to be paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him/her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he/she acted in good faith and in a manner he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he/she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe his/her conduct was unlawful.

Sub-Section. 2: Any indemnification under Sub-Section 1 (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Kansas State High School Activities Association upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee, or agent is proper in the circumstances because he/she has met the applicable standards of conduct set forth in Sub-Section 1. Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Board of Director members who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested Board of Director members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, or (3) by the membership of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Sub-Section. 3: Expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding shall be paid by the Kansas State High School Activities Association in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized in the manner provided in Sub-Section 2 upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount if it is ultimately determined that the director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified by the Kansas State High School Activities Association as authorized herein. Such expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.

Sub-Section. 4: The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other section hereof, shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any policy of insurance, agreement or provision of law.

Sub-Section. 5: The Kansas State High School Activities Association may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, or is or was serving at the request of the Kansas State High School Activities Association as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him/her and incurred by him/her in any such capacity or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability under the provisions hereof, **PROVIDED HOWEVER**, neither the existence of such policy nor any retention or deductible amounts applicable to such policy of insurance shall impair or limit the full right of indemnity provided for herein.

Sub-Section. 6: The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, the other sections hereof shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

ARTICLE XI - Entries

Section 1: Entries or registrations for Association-sponsored events shall be received by a specific date in order to be accepted. The Executive Board may authorize acceptance of late entries or registrations, provided a penalty of not less than ten dollars (\$10) plus a double entry fee, total penalty and double entry fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50), is paid by the school not meeting deadline requirements.

ARTICLE XII - Classification of Senior High Schools

Section 1: A classification system shall be established for senior high schools involved in interscholastic activities under the supervision of the KSHSAA.

Sec. 2: The classification system for each activity is based upon criteria developed and approved by the KSHSAA Board of Directors.

Sec. 3: The Executive Board may combine or separate Classes at any time if the number of participating schools in an activity so warrants.

Sec. 4: Modification of the classification system may be proposed by the KSHSAA Board of Directors, the Executive Board, or by petition from a member school. A petition must be signed by the principal and superintendent of at least 20 percent of the schools in the Classes modified by the proposal and presented to the KSHSAA Executive Director by December 1 of any school year. Any proposal, before it becomes effective, shall be approved first by the KSHSAA Board of Directors, and second, by a majority of all schools affected and a majority of all Classes affected. When only two Classes are affected, the proposal must have a majority support from each Class.

Sec. 5: Amendments to general classification shall not be subject to revision for the first three school years following initial application.

ARTICLE XIII - Eighteen-Week Semesters

Section 1: Each member school must divide the school year into two semesters, each of which is not less than eighteen weeks in length, or its equivalency, as far as the eligibility of its students for interschool activities is concerned (*see Transfer Rule*).

All Kansas schools utilizing K.S.A. 72-3115 minimum number of hours of instruction in conjunction with a corresponding adopted calendar, shall interpret not less than one half of the minimum number of hours of instructional time as being equivalent to **eighteen weeks** in all instances referred to throughout the *KSHSAA Handbook*.

NOTE: It is not permissible to shorten one semester and lengthen the other for the purpose of gaining an advantage in the matter of eligibility of students. A partial week of school (*which includes at least three days' attendance*) caused by holidays, teachers' meetings, or any emergency, may count as one full week of school toward the eighteen weeks attendance requirement. Two or three partial weeks of school with a total accumulation of three days may be counted as one week's attendance.

ARTICLE XIV - Approval of Events

Section 1: All Interscholastic activities **under the jurisdiction of the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA)**, sponsored by outside agencies and non-member schools, and advertised as middle/junior/senior high school events or contests, shall be approved by the Executive Board.

Sec. 2: Kansas institutions, organizations and individuals planning to conduct events, conferences and activities **under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA** for and/or in member schools shall make application for approval to the Association. All applications must be initiated and mailed to the KSHSAA by the sponsors not later than 30 days prior to the date of the activity. If out-of-state schools are invited, only those within **500 road miles** of the border (perimeter) of the state of Kansas may be included in their application.

Out-of-state institutions, organizations and individuals planning to conduct interstate events for KSHSAA member schools shall make application for approval to their state's high school association. All applications must be initiated by the sponsor not later than 30 days prior to the date of the activity mailed to their state's high school association. If KSHSAA member schools are invited, only those within **500 road miles** of the border (perimeter) of the state of Kansas may be accepted. KSHSAA member schools shall not participate in interscholastic activities **under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA** unless such events have been approved by the Association and the out-of-state high school's association.

For interstate events involving virtual competition (including, but not limited to, Esports, Debate, and Speech/Drama), the 500-road mile rule shall be interpreted based upon the actual distance students travel to the location from which they will participate in the contest. If students will compete from a location within Kansas, the 500-road mile limit shall not apply, regardless of the location of the host institution.

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Sec. 3: Any contest or activity **under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA** sponsored by an outside agency which is on the approved list of the **National Association of Secondary School Principals** shall be considered automatically approved.

Note: The NASSP is discontinuing the service of approving events. At this time, no other agency or process has been identified to provide this service. Staff will utilize the roster of all events historically approved by the NASSP and attended by KSHSAA member schools to be approved for the next school year.

NOTE: Contests or activities where schools or individuals qualify through Association-sponsored activities shall not be approved on a regional or national basis.

Sec. 4: Any KSHSAA **member school** desiring to host an out-of-state member school or to participate in an out-of-state activity shall limit travel distance in dual competition (two schools) so it shall not exceed **500 road miles** of the border (perimeter) of the state of Kansas. KSHSAA **member schools** desiring to host or participate in a multiple-interscholastic event (three or more schools) involving an out-of-state school(s) shall be limited to those within **500 road miles** of the border (perimeter) of the state of Kansas.

Each event must be approved by the KSHSAA and the out-of-state high school's association. Such approval must be initiated by the host member school not later than 30 days prior to the date of the activity. Application forms are provided by the KSHSAA or the out-of-state high school's association.

EXCEPTION: The Executive Board may approve interstate activities for individual schools when mileage is in excess of those stated provided the travel distance is less than for a similar event in Kansas.

When a KSHSAA member school competes with an out-of-state school, it may not waive or exceed any KSHSAA standards.

ARTICLE XV - League Affiliation

Section 1: Any member school not a member of a league or similar organization may apply to the KSHSAA Executive Board for assistance in acquiring league affiliation.

Sec. 2: The Board of Directors of the KSHSAA shall develop procedures whereby: (1) the requesting school shall submit sufficient evidence to the Executive Board that it has made a conscientious effort to become affiliated with an existing league; (2) if it appears that the Executive Board may take affirmative action on the request, the requesting school and any league to which the school may be assigned shall have an opportunity to be heard by the Executive Board prior to the time the assignment is made; (3) the Executive Board, after considering all the facts in the matter, may assign the school to an existing league; (4) in the event a school is assigned to a league under the above-mentioned circumstances, no members shall withdraw from that league for a period of three years without unanimous consent of all members of the league including the newly-assigned school, or approval of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XVI - Amendments

Section 1: The bylaws and articles of incorporation may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present of the Board of Directors, and the approval of the Kansas State Board of Education.

Sec. 2: KSHSAA Board of Directors' agenda items must be presented in writing to the Association Executive Director forty (40) days in advance of the September and April meetings. Only those items submitted by the following will be recognized:

1. Board of Directors members
2. Executive Board, provided the item received a majority vote of those present
3. Superintendents, principals and board of education members of member schools
4. Board of Directors may add items which were not previously published on the agenda at the time of the meeting, provided it is done by three-fourths vote of those present.

ARTICLE XVII - Meetings

Section 1: Be subject to the provisions of the Kansas open meeting law.

Sec. 2: Be subject to the provisions of the open records law.

ARTICLE XVIII - Mission Statement

Goals that Influence Student Learning Outcomes

The Kansas State High School Activities Association advocates principles and sponsors services which assure that the state's middle level and high school students gain a balanced preparation for life, work, and post-secondary education.

Principles on Which Intended Outcomes are Based

Principles advocated by the association are promotion of scholastic achievement as a fundamental basis for a well-balanced activity program, and development of effective citizenship through the practice of good sportsmanship.

Services to Accomplish the Mission

Services provided by the association are:

1. sponsorship of educational workshops, seminars, conferences and publications designed to inform and positively influence students, parents, educators and community members in accordance with organizational principles;
2. administration of a program of interscholastic activities, festivals, clinics and contests among member schools;
3. protection of member schools from exploitation by special interest groups; and
4. communication with policy-making bodies to influence decisions consistent with association principles and operational standards.

RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING GRADES SEVEN THROUGH TWELVE

Listed in the following pages are rules and regulations governing grades seven through twelve. These rules apply to each student who represents his or her school in any interschool activity **under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA.**

Violation of the following rules causes a school and/or team to lose eligibility unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

EXCEPTION: Those career and technical student events or activities which are approved and governed solely by the Kansas State Board of Education such as career and technical education student organizations of DECA, FFA, FCCLA, FBLA, SKILLS USA-VICA and TS (Technology Student). Additional regulations which apply to students engaging in athletics, music, speech or other activities may be found in those sections devoted exclusively to individual activities. (See **Bylaw Article XIV, Section 1.**)

Each rule is divided into three or four sections:

Section 1: General Regulations (*apply to grades 7-12*)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (*includes students in grades 7 and 8, middle school and junior high*)

Section 4: Unified Activity Regulations (*apply to grades 9-12*)

AMENDMENTS

The rules and regulations for grades seven through twelve (grade school, middle school, junior high and senior high) may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present. KSHSAA Board of Directors agenda items must be presented in writing to the Association Executive Director 40 days in advance of the September and April meetings. Only those items submitted by the following shall be recognized:

1. Board of Directors members
2. Executive Board, provided the item received a majority vote of those present
3. Superintendents, principals and board of education members of member schools
4. Board of Directors may add items, which were not previously published on the agenda, at the time of the meeting, provided it is done by three-fourths vote of those present.

Rule 1 - National Federation Of State High School Associations

Section 1: General Regulations (*apply to grades 7-12*)

Art. 1: All athletic contests, spirit and spirit competition groups activities shall be conducted under the official rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations or those approved by that organization.

The Executive Board may make exceptions for high school non-varsity and middle/junior high school athletic contests. Such exceptions will appear in various KSHSAA publications and may apply to uniforms, length of playing time periods, numbering systems, etc.

Rule 2 - Dates and Location of Sites

Section 1: General Regulations (*none*)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: The dates and location of sites shall be selected by the Executive Board.

Art. 2: The Executive Board shall establish a "Standardized Procedure for numbering Calendar Weeks," and shall publish same for the purpose of establishing continuity in scheduling on corresponding weeks. The 52 weeks of the year shall begin in early July with the week in which Thanksgiving falls always being numbered as Week #21. All references to particular days of the week in the handbook, shall be identified by the calendar week.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (*none*)

Rule 3 - Entry Fees, Ticket Prices & Financial Accounting

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Entry fees and ticket prices shall be set by the Executive Board.

Art. 2: Local managers appointed by the KSHSAA shall conduct Association-sponsored activities. Itemized statements of income and expenses shall be submitted to the Association.

Art. 3: The annual service fee for “approved” schools shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Rule 4 - United States Olympic Committee-Sponsored National Trials and Competitions

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Notwithstanding the other rules of the KSHSAA, a student may participate as an individual (not representing his or her school) without loss of interscholastic eligibility:

- a. as a member of a National Team (and the actual, direct tryouts therefore), which is defined as one selected by the national governing body of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires the entries to officially represent their respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation; or
- b. in an Olympic Development Program, which is defined as a training program or competition:
 - (1) conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee (USOC); or
 - (2) directly funded and conducted by the USOC member national governing body (NGB) on a national level (e.g. NGB national championship competition and the direct qualifications therefore); or

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, participation as described in (a) and (b) above is an exception to the other rules of the KSHSAA only if:

- (1) the participation, if during the school year, is approved by the student’s high school principal, and the KSHSAA is notified in writing by the principal at least 30 days prior to the start of the program; and
- (2) the student makes prior arrangement to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests before the last day of classes of the credit grading period in which the student’s absence occurs; and
- (3) the student misses no KSHSAA-sponsored post-season athletic event involving a team in that sport.

Rule 5 - Classification of Senior High Schools

Section 1: General Regulations (none)

Art. 1: Amendments to general classification shall not be subject to revision for the first three school years following initial application. (See *Bylaw Art. XII*)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All member senior high schools shall be divided into six Classes—6A, 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A. Class 6A shall include the thirty-six (36) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next thirty six (36); 4A the next thirty-six (36); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

FOOTBALL EXCEPTION: Classifications, for the purpose of determining district football assignments, shall be based on the total enrollment in the school’s ninth, tenth and eleventh grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment. (Exception: See Note in Article 3 below for football classification procedure for USD #207 and USD #453.)

For the purpose of district football, utilizing this exception, member schools will be classified as follows:

Class 6A: 32 largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 5A: 32 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 4A: 32 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 3A: 40 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 2A: 40 next largest member schools playing 11-Player football

Class 1A: All other member schools playing 11-Player football until the number of participating schools fall below 24 schools, at which time the remaining schools will be combined with the schools in Class 2A.

8-Player: participating schools will be assigned to two separate Divisions, as established by the Executive Board, unless the number of schools participating in a division falls below 24 schools.

6-Player: participating schools will be assigned as established by the Executive Board.

NOTE: For 8-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 110 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. For 6-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 65 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. (See **Rule 35(B)-2-3, Football.**)

Schools not requesting a football district assignment will have their position filled in each category by the next school moving up in enrollment.

Class 1A Exception: Class 1A schools shall compete in two separate divisions in volleyball, basketball, and scholars bowl for postseason and KSHSAA state championship competition.

Following annual classification and determination of schools assigned to Class 1A, the half of the schools with the larger enrollments will be assigned to Division I and the half with smaller enrollments will be assigned to Division II. If Class 1A has an odd number of schools, Division I will be assigned one more school than Division II.

Tennis Exception: Classifications, for the purpose of determining boys and girls tennis assignments, shall be based on the total enrollment as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment and will be for the two tennis seasons (boys and girls) in the calendar year following the classification.

Spirit Competition Groups Exception: Classifications for the purpose of creating Spirit Competition Group assignments shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment from the previous school year.

Music Exception: Classifications for the purpose of creating Music assignments shall be based on the total enrollment in the school's ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades as submitted to the KSHSAA on the date established by state statute for official enrollment. Due to facility size for State Solos and Small Ensembles all music classification assignments will be made according to the following, Class 6A shall include the thirty-two (32) high schools with the largest enrollments; Class 5A the next thirty-two (32); 4A the next fifty-six (56); 3A the next sixty-four (64); 2A the next sixty-four (64); and Class 1A, the remainder.

Art. 2: If two or more schools have identical enrollments and are on the lower end of a Class division, the school(s) having the larger enrollment the previous year(s) shall be assigned to the higher classification.

Art. 3: Annual classifications (except football), shall be determined by the total enrollment in the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades as of the date established by state statute for official enrollment. Students who are on the school rolls as of that date must be counted.

NOTE: K.S.A. 72-1210 does not permit USD #207, Fort Leavenworth school district to offer or operate grades 10 through 12. To accommodate high school participation of 9th grade students attending Patton Junior High in Fort Leavenworth – the annual and football classification count of USD #453 Leavenworth High School shall include the count of 9th grade students attending Fort Leavenworth-Patton Junior High School according to the following formula:

Determine the percentage of Patton Junior High students entering Leavenworth High School as 10th graders during the previous four year period. This number shall determine the percentage of USD #207 9th graders to be included in USD #453's classification count for annual and football classification.

Art. 4: Any student, including special education, enrolled in five or more subjects of unit weight, shall be counted as a full-time student for classification purposes. A subject of unit weight shall be defined as per that established by the Kansas State Board of Education. (See **Rule 13, Scholarship Requirements.**)

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (none)

Rule 6 - Annual Report

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: It is the responsibility of the principal of each school to submit to the Executive Director not later than June 15, the annual report on a form (Form C2) furnished by the Association.

NOTE: The penalty for failure to file this annual report is forfeiture of membership in the Association. Reinstatement will be made only upon receipt of the report and the payment of a fine established by the Executive Board.

Rule 7 - Physical Examination Parental Consent

Section I: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: No student is eligible to represent any school in interschool athletics, spirit or spirit competition groups until there is on file with the superintendent or principal, a statement certifying that the student has passed an adequate physical examination and is physically fit to participate in interschool athletics, spirit or spirit competition groups. The statement

must be signed by any of the following licensed health care providers: (i) a physician; (ii) a chiropractor; (iii) a physician assistant (PA) who has been authorized to perform this examination by their state's law and licensing body; or (iv) an advance practice registered nurse (APRN) who has been authorized to perform this examination by their state's law and licensing body. This statement shall also be signed by a parent or legal guardian, stating the student has permission to participate.

NOTE: The Kansas Legislature in the 2011 Session, enacted the following law:

"A school athlete may not participate in any sport competition or practice session unless such athlete and the athlete's parent or guardian have signed, and returned to the school, a concussion and head injury information release form. A release form shall be signed and returned each school year that a student athlete participates in sport competitions or practice sessions."

Art. 2: Forms to be signed by the healthcare providers listed in Article 1 and parents shall be furnished by the Association. In case a student has neither a parent nor legal guardian, the signature of the principal or superintendent shall be required. Eighteen-year-old independent students may sign their own forms.

Art. 3: Annually, the principal or superintendent shall submit to the KSHSAA an Activity Eligibility Certificate List, provided by the Association, which contains the name, date of birth, verification of a physical examination and verification of signed parental consent for each student who intends to participate in interscholastic athletic, spirit or spirit competition groups.

Art. 4: Physical examination forms approved by the Executive Board are provided by the Association.

Art. 5: The Physical Examination shall not be taken earlier than ~~May 1~~ **April 1** preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

Art. 6: No middle/junior or senior high school student is eligible to represent his/her school in an interscholastic athletic event until a Physical Examination Form is completed and filed with the school prior to the first try-out or practice in which the student participates.

Art. 7: A physical examination for spirit or spirit competition group "try-outs" is not required. The Physical Examination Form shall be completed and filed with the school prior to the first practice (after tryouts) in which the student participates.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations (none)

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (none)

Rule 8 - Middle/Junior High School, (7th, 8th and/or 9th) Participation In Interscholastic Activities

Rules listed under "**Section 1: General Regulations**" and "**Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations**" apply to all schools joining the Association as middle/junior high schools (attendance centers with any combination of one or more grades 7, 8 or 9). (See individual sport sections for penalties.)

Section 1: General Regulations (none)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All ninth grade students who are counted in the total enrollment of a senior high school or who are a part of the same school system under the same board of education or school board as the senior high school, shall be eligible to compete in interschool activities in that senior high school. (Exception: As a result of K.S.A 72-7210, ninth grade students attending Patton Junior High School in USD #207, Fort Leavenworth, may participate at Leavenworth High School in USD #453. See **Rule 5-2-3, Classification of Senior High Schools**.)

However, ninth grade students who participate in a senior high school activity as members of a senior high school group shall not be eligible to participate with seventh and eighth grade students in that activity. (Exception: See **Rule 29-3-2, Cooperative Agreement**.)

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: A middle/junior high school must be a member of the Association, if any student from that school is used in conjunction with the senior high school in interschool activities.

Art. 2: Middle/junior high (seventh and eighth grade) schools may permit sixth-grade students of the same school system or of an elementary school which lies wholly within an organized middle/junior high school district, to participate in middle/junior high activities other than tackle football, boxing and wrestling. Such participation will not adversely affect the eligibility of such students when they become middle/junior high school students.

NOTE: Sixth-grade students shall be subject to the Kansas State Board of Education regulations.

Art. 3: Elementary students of the same school system, or of an elementary school that lies wholly within an organized high school district, may participate in bands, orchestras, choruses or glee clubs representing member high schools without affecting their eligibility after they become high school students. Grade school students (5th grade and below) are not eligible to represent a high school in any other type of activity.

Art. 4: Opening date for athletic practice in any sport shall be Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. All athletic competition and practice shall close on the last day of school.

Art. 5: Members may schedule athletic games and contests with non-member middle/junior high schools.

Art. 6: During the school year, prior to or after the season of activity, player limitations in baseball, basketball, football, flag football, soccer, softball and volleyball, do apply. (See **Rules 32-1-1, 33-1-4, 35(A)-1-2, 35(B)-1-1, 38-1-2, 39-1-1, 43-1-2**)

NOTE: There are no player limitations prior to or after the season of activity in quasi-team sports in (wrestling, track and field, cross country, gymnastics, swimming and diving, golf, tennis) on non-school teams.

Rule 9 - Moratoriums

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

WINTER MORATORIUM

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive five-day period (including December 25) where there shall be no school practice or interscholastic contests or activities.

- a. There shall be no interschool activities.
- b. There shall be no staff members present for any interscholastic activities.
- c. There shall be no staff members present for any interscholastic activity practice in activities under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA.

Art. 2: There shall be no group interscholastic activity practice either on or outside school premises under supervision of school employees.

Art. 3: Music groups may perform, provided there is no practice in the school facilities and their performance is locally and on a volunteer basis only.

Art. 4: Trips by school activity students or groups are permissible, provided the students do not participate physically in any activity related to interschool activities.

SUMMER MORATORIUM WEEK

Art. 5: The Executive Board shall establish a consecutive seven day period (including July 4) where there shall be no school related athletic activities. During this time, coaches (licensed teacher coaches and coach aides employed by member schools) shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weight lifting, conditioning, competition or travel.

All member school athletic facilities will be closed during this period to school personnel and students grades 7-12. If member school athletic facilities also serve as non-school community recreation facilities, these facilities may remain open during the moratorium so long as no school teams are playing and no school coaches are coaching the teams/individuals. During this one week dead period, students may attend camps or competitions but may not do so with their school coaches.

This moratorium does not impact fine arts or spirit activities.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

FALL ATHLETIC BUFFER WEEK

Art. 1: There shall be no athletic practice, offseason conditioning, informal basketball shooting, working out on wrestling mats, etc., in **school-owned** facilities during the Fall Athletic Buffer Week, commencing on Monday of Standardized Calendar Week (SCW) #19, through Sunday, SCW #20. Athletic activities of this nature may not be held under the supervision of a school staff member in non-school facilities. This means a **moratorium** on all school-sponsored **athletic** activities during this week.

Gymnasiums shall not be open to the students during the Fall Athletic Buffer Week for the purpose of shooting baskets, working out with weights, etc., **outside of school hours**. Noon hour and physical education classes are considered part of the school day.

The Fall Athletic Buffer Week does not eliminate football practice for those senior high schools who qualify for football playoffs until such time their football season is over. The same applies to the gymnastics program.

EXCEPTION: Players, no more than three boys and three girls from each participating school's basketball team, will be allowed to participate in clinics designed to promote and improve basketball officiating prior to SCW #20. The following restrictions will apply:

- a. The clinic must be approved by the Kansas State High School Activities Association
- b. Students may participate in only one such clinic per year.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

(See General Regulations)

QUALIFICATIONS of COACHES and MUSIC DIRECTORS

Rule 10 - Qualifications Of Coaches (*Athletic, Esports, Spirit, Scholars Bowl, Debate and Speech*) and Music Directors

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

COACH

Art. 1: Anyone who is certified in compliance with standards established by the Kansas State Board of Education is eligible to coach in any activity under the jurisdiction of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Art. 2: A local board of education/governing board of a member school must employ all coaches or coaches' aides by written supplemental contracts. Volunteers shall not coach, with an exception provided for individuals who are certified staff employed by the member school's district. All compensation to coaches and sponsors/directors, shall be provided by the employing school/district.

AIDE

Art. 3: Member schools may apply to the KSHSAA Executive Board for permission to use individuals who are not certified as an aide in any activity sponsored by the KSHSAA. Application (Form A) shall not be made prior to May 1 preceding the school year for which the aide is to be employed. The application must meet all of the following conditions:

- a. Evidence of need is verified by the school.
- b. Evidence must be presented to affirm that the position was required to maintain the existence of the program and/or necessary to maintain an adequate safety level.
- c. The district must ensure an in-service program will be satisfactorily completed by the coaches/directors aides. The program could include the following facets:
 - (1) Orientation to the local community.
 - (2) Rules of the activity.
 - (3) Techniques of coaching/directing a particular activity (could be waived in lieu of college credit hours).
 - (4) For athletic activities — CPR, emergency treatment, and first aid.

Art. 4: Approval of an aide is for the season of the activity as approved for that school year.

- a. A supervised aide may not supervise students during interscholastic competition without the presence of a certified staff member or an unsupervised aide.
- b. An unsupervised aide may supervise/coach students in practice or competition without the presence of a certified staff member.

Art. 5: During the school year, but outside the season of a sport, coaches/coaches' aides may not coach in practice or competition those students they will be coaching the following year in that sport. For the purposes of this rule, the school year is defined to be Labor Day through the Friday preceding Memorial Day.

Art. 6: Beginning with the Saturday before Memorial Day, through Sunday of SCW #3, football, volleyball, and basketball coaches/coaches' aides are permitted to coach athletes from their school squad.

- a. Supervise use of indoor/outdoor facilities by athletes in their sport.
- b. Beginning Monday of SCW #3 and ending Sunday of SCW #5, football, flag football, volleyball, boys soccer and basketball coaches/coaches aides may only work with individual students or a single group (no more than 3 students in basketball, 4 students in volleyball, 6 students in 11-Player football, 5 students in 8-Player football, 4 students in 6-player football, 4 students in flag football, and 6 students in boys soccer) provided instruction is on a voluntary basis, and requested by the student(s). Such instruction must occur at a time separate from supervised sessions defined in (a).

Art. 7: Coaches/coaches' aides other than football, flag football, volleyball, basketball and boys soccer are not subject to the restrictions outlined in Article (6 b).

Art. 8: Beginning Sunday of SCW #5 through and including Sunday of SCW #7, only voluntary weight training and conditioning is permitted for girls tennis, girls golf, cross country, volleyball, boys soccer, football, flag football and basketball all school athletic teams. No fall season school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

Art. 9: Any person serving in the role of a head or assistant sport coach/aide or a head or assistant activity sponsor/aide in a KSHSAA member school shall be certified or trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) administration.

Rationale:

Activities are an extension of the classroom. Insofar as possible, by written agreement, local boards of education should use personnel certified by the Kansas State Board of Education to direct and coach activities.

Rule 11 - ATHLETIC OFFICIALS

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Those persons registered as athletic officials shall conduct themselves appropriately and in the concepts of good sportsmanship and the philosophy of the KSHSAA. Failure to do so may result in the official's registration being suspended or revoked.

Suspension and revocation procedures will be established by the Executive Board.

Art. 2: The official must agree to meet all requirements established by the Executive Board.

Art. 3: Each official must pay a registration fee which is determined by the Executive Board.

Art. 4: Host school administrators and coaches are not authorized to employ officials without the approval of their opponents.

Art. 5: The use of contracts between officials and the host school is strongly recommended for the protection of both parties.

Art. 6: Neither a member school nor an approved school shall take any action to prevent an athletic official from officiating a contest because of the official's race, sex, religion or national origin. Neither shall a member school or an approved school participate in a contest for which an athletic official has been excluded from officiating because of the official's race, sex, religion or national origin.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Member high schools shall use officials registered with the KSHSAA in the following varsity sports: boys fall soccer, girls spring soccer, girls volleyball, boys football, girls flag football, girls gymnastics, girls and boys wrestling, girls and boys basketball, boys baseball and girls softball.

NOTE: It is recommended that registered officials be used for non-varsity competition.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: It is recommended that all middle/junior high schools use KSHSAA registered officials for all sports.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Unless otherwise specified in the rules the following regulations apply to all students participating in an interschool activity program. These are minimum standards. Schools may have more stringent regulations.

Any student transferring to Kansas may be considered eligible under provisions of the Anti-Tryout, All-Star, Awards, Amateur, Scholarship Rules, provided he or she was considered (could have been) eligible under similar standards in the state from which he or she transfers and, further, that he or she was not previously declared ineligible in Kansas. (*Process Form T-E. Send a copy and a letter of request to KSHSAA.*)

Rule 12 - ELIGIBILITY LISTS

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A list of students eligible to represent each member school in athletic, spirit or spirit competition groups shall be certified on the official eligibility list submitted to the KSHSAA prior to the first contest in each activity. Schools failing to comply with this regulation shall be assessed a penalty fee for each infraction.

Art. 2: A general information card (Form D from the Entry Forms (online), or its equivalency), shall be completed and exchanged by the competing schools not later than one week prior to a contest. When participating in tournaments or group meets, these cards shall be sent to the manager.

Rule 13 - SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Students who must attend a semester to regain scholastic eligibility, may not participate in interschool activities until after they have attended classes in a new semester.

Art. 2: Schools that issue credit in subjects on an annual rather than a semester basis, shall consider the grade issued at the end of the first half of the school year the equivalent of a first semester grade, and a grade issued at the end of the

school year the equivalent of a second semester grade. Each half year must consist of at least eighteen weeks.

Art. 3: A student in grades 7-12 shall meet the following requirements for eligibility in interschool activities:

- a. Scholarship—The student shall have passed at least five new subjects (those not previously passed) of unit weight, or its equivalency, the previous semester or the last semester of attendance. (See **Rule 14-1-1, Bona Fide Student and Rule 15-1-3, Enrollment/Attendance.**)

EXCEPTION: The scholarship requirement would be waived for the first semester of the 7th grade year and the first semester of the 9th grade year. The student would be immediately eligible as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

- b. Enrollment—The student shall be enrolled in and attending a minimum of five new subjects (those not previously passed), of unit weight, or its equivalency, during the present semester. (See **Rule 14-1-1, Bona Fide Student, and Rule 15-1-3, Enrollment/Attendance.**) **NOTE:** High school students dually enrolled in colleges, who have their college hours recorded on their high school transcript, may count five hours of college credit as two subjects of unit weight or three hours of college credit as one subject of unit weight. However, the student must attend at least one class of unit weight at the member, base school per semester.

EXCEPTION: Schools who are operating their academic programs under **Outcomes Based Education** may apply to the Executive Board for their approval of an exception to Article 3. Such exceptions must assure the Association's member schools that students are making progress toward graduation (promotion).

Art. 4: If a student drops out of school four weeks or less before the close of the semester and has completed a sufficient amount of work to give him or her a semester's credit without relying upon the work that is incomplete, the student may be certified as eligible the following semester, as far as grades are concerned.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations (See General Regulations.)

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: Middle and junior high schools may elect to report scholastic eligibility on a quarterly basis, at the option of the local school. In that event, the student shall meet the following requirements for eligibility in interschool activities:

- a. Scholarship—The student shall have passed at least five new subjects (those not previously passed) of unit weight, or its equivalency, the previous quarter or the last quarter of attendance. (See **Rule 14-1-1, Bona Fide Student and Rule 15-1-3, Enrollment/Attendance.**)

EXCEPTION: The scholarship requirement would be waived for the first quarter of the 7th grade year. The student would be immediately eligible as long as all other eligibility requirements are met.

- b. Enrollment—The student shall be enrolled in and attending a minimum of five new subjects (those not previously passed) of unit weight, or its equivalency, during the present quarter. (See **Rule 14-1-1, Bona Fide Student and Rule 15-1-3, Enrollment/Attendance.**)

Rule 14 - BONA FIDE STUDENT

Section I: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: In order to be eligible for participation, the student must be a bona fide undergraduate member of that school and in good standing. (See **Rule 22-1-3, Outside Competition and Rule 30-2-2, Seasons of Activities.**)

In order to participate in practice, the student must be a bona fide undergraduate of that school and one who is eligible or has the possibility of eligibility.

Art. 2: A student who is under penalty of suspension or whose character or conduct brings discredit to the school or to the student, as determined by the principal, is not in good standing and is ineligible for a period of time as specified by the principal.

A student not in good standing due to discipline imposed by their school or district does not become eligible by transferring to a new school. Good standing status resumes when the disciplinary requirements of the imposing school have been fulfilled and written notice is provided.

Art. 3: A student who uses any form of tobacco, Electronic Nicotine Delivery System (*ENDS) devices, illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, etc., at school events is not in good standing.

***Note:** ENDS is defined to be any device that delivers a vaporized solution (including nicotine, THC or any other substance) by means of cartridges or other chemical delivery systems. This includes, but may not be limited to, any electronic cigarette, vape pen, hookah pen, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, or personal vaporizer.

Art. 4: A student who uses anabolic steroids would be ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that his/her system is free of that drug.

Art. 5: A student shall not be permitted to make up work after the close of the semester for the purpose of becoming eligible.

A "condition" or an "incomplete" shall count as a failure. However, should a student have an excused absence for day(s) missed, completing such work per school policy (Illustration: two days for every day missed) would not be considered as "make up" per se. Summer school is not to be used for making up credit deficiencies for the purpose of becoming eligible.

Art. 6: If the student competes under an assumed name, he or she shall be ineligible in all sports.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: A student who is enrolled in five or more subjects in the ninth grade or above, even though carrying subjects of a lower grade, is classified as a high school student. (See **Rule 13, Scholarship Requirements.**)

Art. 2: An undergraduate student is one who has completed less than the minimum number of units of high school credit, as specified by the Kansas State Board of Education, or has not completed some course to which no exception is made, or has not been granted a diploma of graduation from his or her high school.

A student who completes a GED is considered to be a graduated student and has no remaining eligibility.

Art. 3: In determining subjects of unit weight, an extracurricular activity shall not count. The Kansas State Board of Education states, "Athletic practice or competition between organized groups in interscholastic leagues shall not be counted for credit purposes."

Art. 4: Students attending vocational or trade schools offering special courses approved by the Kansas State Board of Education, may transfer such credits to their home school for the purpose of establishing eligibility. Such students may be eligible for interschool activities at their home school, provided they meet all eligibility requirements. (See **Rule 15, Enrollment.**)

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: Middle/junior high (seventh and eighth grade) schools may permit sixth-grade students of the same school system or of an elementary school which lies wholly within an organized middle/junior high school district, to participate in middle/junior high activities other than tackle football, boxing and wrestling. Such participation will not adversely affect the eligibility of such students when they become middle/junior high school students.

NOTE: Sixth-grade students shall be subject to the Kansas State Board of Education regulations.

Art. 2: Elementary students of the same school system, or of an elementary school that lies wholly within an organized high school district, may participate in bands, orchestras, choruses or glee clubs representing member high schools without affecting their eligibility after they become high school students. Grade school students (5th grade and below) are not eligible to represent a middle/junior or senior high school in any other type of activity.

Rule 15 - ENROLLMENT/ATTENDANCE

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student shall have been regularly enrolled and in attendance at some school not later than Monday of the fourth week of the semester in which he or she participates.

Art. 2: A student who attends one class after enrolling is considered in attendance. Attending a class the opening day of school which is called for the purpose of organization or assignment, counts as attendance. If a student transfers to a new school, enrolls and attends one class, as indicated above, and then goes back to the former school, the student may not become eligible until after one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8, in accordance with the provisions of the Transfer Rule. (Exception: See **Rule 18-1-9, Transfer.**)

Art. 3: If a student repeats subjects previously passed and is not enrolled in at least five new subjects (those not previously passed) of unit weight, or its equivalency, then that semester does not count as a semester of attendance under provisions of the Semester Requirements Rule and would not be considered a last semester of attendance, as noted in the Scholarship Requirements Rule. (Such a student is not eligible to represent a school in interschool activities during a repeat semester.) (See **Rule 13-1-3, Scholarship Requirements.**)

Art. 4: Students who must attend one calendar year to become eligible shall not participate until after they have attended classes on the first day following one calendar year from the date of transfer.

Art. 5: Special education students attending special education programs are to be eligible for any and all activities at either their home base or their attendance center as determined by the two principals involved. In the event the two administrators of the schools disagree as to where the student is eligible, the matter shall be resolved by the Executive Board.

In addition, hearing impaired and visually impaired students attending a KSHSAA member school other than Olathe-Kansas School For The Deaf or Kansas City- Kansas State School For The Blind, that have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) written related to their handicap, are eligible for activities at the Olathe-Kansas School For the Deaf and Kansas City-Kansas State School For The Blind, subject to the approval of both principals.

Students attending a KSHSAA member magnet/alternative high school which does not offer athletic activities are to be eligible for non-athletic activities only at either their home base or their magnet/alternative school as determined by the two principals involved. In the event the two principals disagree as to where the student is eligible, the matter shall be resolved by the superintendent.

Students attending a KSHSAA member magnet/alternative high school are eligible for athletic activities only at their home base school if residing in the district. If the student lives outside the magnet/alternative school district, the administration from the magnet/alternative school district will assign the student(s) a home/base school within the magnet school district.

The magnet/alternative member school for non-athletic activities, will not be classified. However, in postseason non-athletic competitive activities, the magnet/alternative member school will compete in the classification level derived by averaging the participating team members' base school enrollments as determined by the KSHSAA.

Art. 6: HARDSHIP—This rule applies only to those students who, because of illness or other justifiable emergencies, are not in attendance in some school by Monday of the fourth week of the semester in which the student participates.

- a. These situations may be referred to the Executive Board for evaluation.
- b. If the Executive Board declares the student eligible under the foregoing circumstances, he or she shall be eligible upon notification.

(Submit HARDSHIP request details on school letterhead to KSHSAA.)

Rule 16 - SEMESTER REQUIREMENTS

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Once the school determines that a student is promoted from sixth grade, middle school/junior high eligibility begins immediately in the following semester. A student shall not have more than two semesters (the initial year of attendance) of possible eligibility in grade seven and two semesters in grade eight. Once the school determines that a student is promoted from eighth grade, high school eligibility begins immediately in the following semester. A student shall not have more than eight consecutive semesters of possible eligibility in grades nine through twelve, regardless of whether the ninth grade is included in junior high or in a senior high school.

NOTE: If a student does not participate or is ineligible due to transfer, scholarship, etc., the semester(s) during that period shall be counted toward the total number of semesters possible. *(See Rule 30-1-1, Seasons of Activities.)*

Art. 2: Attendance for 15 days, or participation in an interschool activity, shall constitute a semester of attendance.

NOTE: If a student attends school five days, is absent three days, attends another seven days and then drops out, he or she is charged with a semester's attendance. The time is counted from the first day of his or her attendance until the student ceases to attend school.

Art. 3: Students who must attend a semester to gain eligibility shall not participate in interschool activities until after they have attended classes on Monday (or the first day of school) in the new semester.

Art. 4: HARDSHIP—This rule applies only to those students who, because of illness or other justifiable emergencies, are not able to successfully complete a semester after 15 days of attendance.

- a. These situations may be referred to the Executive Board for evaluation.
- b. Under the foregoing circumstances, the Executive Board may waive portions of this rule for special cases.

(Submit HARDSHIP request details on school letterhead to KSHSAA.)

Rule 17 - AGE REQUIREMENTS

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: HARDSHIP—The Executive Board may waive provisions of the Age Requirements Rule, provided, through a personal interview of the student, the following criteria are met:

- a. Hardship form (AGE) request must be submitted by the principal and the specific activities must be identified;
- b. Hardship must have the support of the student's principal. It is recognized this student may, in some activities, be taking the place of other students from that same school;
- c. Student's physical maturity would not jeopardize the health and safety of other participants. Medical documentation from a qualified physician must be presented verifying the student presents no physical advantage or danger to an opponent if eligibility is requested in athletics;
- d. Student's mental maturity would not take advantage of other students in intellectual activities;

- e. Principal must verify all parties concerned have been informed of the liability risks involved if such an application is approved. (This includes physician, parents and school administration);
- f. If the Executive Board declares the student eligible under the foregoing circumstances, he or she shall be eligible upon notification and only for the activities approved.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Any student who reaches nineteen on or before August 1, shall be ineligible for interscholastic activities. Any student who reaches nineteen after August 1, shall be eligible for the remainder of that school year.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: Any student who reaches fourteen for the seventh grade, fifteen for the eighth grade, or sixteen for the ninth grade, after August 1, shall be eligible for the remainder of that school year. (*Exception: See Rule 29-3-1, Cooperative Agreement.*)

Art. 2: Any student who reaches fourteen on or before August 1, shall be ineligible for seventh grade competition, but may compete on a mixed grade team (any combination of middle/junior high school grades).

Art. 3: Any student who reaches the age of fifteen on or before August 1, shall be ineligible for eighth grade competition, but may compete on a mixed grade team (7th, 8th and 9th, or 8th and 9th, but not 7th and 8th grades).

Art. 4: Any student who reaches the age of sixteen on or before August 1, shall be ineligible for any middle/junior high school competition.

Art. 5: A seventh or eighth grade junior high school student in a two-year junior high school, who has reached the age of 15 on or before August 1, or a ninth grade junior high school student, may participate on a senior high school team with the approval of both principals provided both schools are under the same board of education or school board. A student who moves up under the regulation shall be ineligible for further middle/junior high competition in that sport.

NOTE: If this rule is to apply, the middle/junior high school must be a member of the KSHSAA, as it relates to moving students from the eighth (due to age) or the ninth grade up to the high school.

Rule 18 - TRANSFER

PURPOSE—The purpose of the Transfer Rule is to protect students from being displaced by those who change schools for interscholastic activity reasons. It is devised to eliminate “school shopping” after a student has initially chosen the school of his/her choice. This avoids transfers when the motivation is for activity purposes and prohibits recruitment. Students transferring who do not meet the criteria or one of the exceptions listed in Sections 1, 2 or 3, would otherwise be taking the place of a student in interscholastic competition who has met those requirements.

NOTE: In addition to the transfer rule, the student must meet all other rules and regulations, such as Age, Scholarship, Bona Fide Student in Good Standing, etc.

A student is eligible transfer-wise if:

- **BEGINNING SEVENTH GRADER**—A seventh grader, at the beginning of his or her seventh grade year, is eligible **under the Transfer Rule** at any school he or she may choose to attend.
- **BEGINNING NINTH GRADERS IN A THREE-YEAR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**—So that ninth graders of a three-year junior high are treated equally to ninth graders of a four-year senior high school, a student who has successfully completed the eighth grade of a two-year middle /junior high school, may transfer to the ninth grade of a three-year junior high school at the beginning of the school year and be eligible immediately under the Transfer Rule. Such a ninth grader must then, as a tenth grader, attend the feeder senior high school of their school system. Should they attend a different school as a tenth grader, they would be ineligible for one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8.
- **ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME**—A senior high student is eligible under the Transfer Rule at any senior high school he or she may choose to attend when senior high school is entered for the first time at the beginning of the school year.
- **BONA FIDE MOVE**—If a student’s parents, or legal guardian in case neither parent is living, make a bona fide move to a new permanent residence in the vicinity of the new school to which the student transfers, the student is then immediately eligible. If the parents’ move occurs during the school year, see **Sec. 1, Art. 9**, for other timing factors.
 - **Guardianship Definition**—The term “guardianship,” while either parent is living, is not recognized for eligibility purposes. Only those appointed by the courts to a full personal and estate guardianship are recognized if both parents are deceased.
 - **Vicinity Definition**—The term “vicinity” is when a student continues to reside with his or her parents and commutes daily to and from school.

A student is ineligible if:

- **CHANGE IN SCHOOL IS MADE WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING MOVE ON THE PART OF THE STUDENT’S PARENTS**—If

students change schools without an accompanying move on the part of their parents, they will be ineligible for interschool extracurricular activities for one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8, beginning with the first day of their attendance.

- **INDEPENDENT STUDENTS**—A student who is “on his or her own” and not dependent upon parents or a guardian for a home and who transfers from one school to another, is required to attend one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8 before becoming eligible.

FOR EXCEPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REFER TO SECTIONS 1, 2 and 3.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: USE OF FORMS—In transferring from one middle/junior or senior high school to another, each receiving school shall process and have on record a Certificate of Transfer (*Form T-E, T-E/P, FES, or T-E/H* found online at www.kshsaa.org) in behalf of each student, showing eligibility status, and a record of participation in interschool activities.

Art. 2: ONE CALENDAR YEAR OR EIGHTEEN WEEKS DEFINED—Students who must attend one calendar year for grades 9-12 or eighteen weeks for grades 7-8 to become eligible shall not participate until they have attended classes on the first day following one calendar year from the date of transfer for students in grades 9-12 or Monday (or the first day of school) in the nineteenth week for students in grades 7-8.

BYLAW ARTICLE XIII STATES, IN PART:

A partial week of school (which includes at least three days’ attendance) caused by holidays, teachers’ meetings, or any emergency, may count as one full week of school toward the eighteen weeks’ attendance requirement. Two or three partial weeks of school with a total accumulation of three days may be counted as one week’s attendance.

Art. 3: STUDENTS DEPENDENT UPON OTHER FAMILIES—The Executive Board may sanction the eligibility of students who move with families upon whom they have been continuously dependent for at least one year and with whom they have made their homes.

Art. 4: TRANSFER FROM NON-MEMBER SCHOOL—Students who transfer from a school which is not a member of the KSHSAA or an Association of any state as recognized by the National Federation of State Associations, may be declared eligible at the non-varsity level by the Executive Board. (*Process Form T-E/P—Send a copy of it and a letter of request for eligibility to KSHSAA, identifying the non-member school.*)

Exception: A non-member school student may be granted varsity transfer-eligibility upon return to the member school most recently attended.

Exception: A student participating on a member school team while attending a non-member school may be granted varsity transfer-eligibility upon enrollment at that member school.

Exception: A non-member school student may be granted varsity transfer eligibility upon enrollment at their resident school district.

Art. 5: SPECIAL TRANSFERS—Students who transfer from one attendance center to another within the same unified district (USD) when initiated by the school, may be declared eligible without a move on the part of the parents, provided policies on such transfers are clearly defined in board of education policy and provided both principals approve the “special” transfer. (*Process Form T-E—KSHSAA need not be involved unless a disagreement occurs.*)

Art. 6: POSSIBLE LIMITED ELIGIBILITY—When a student transfers schools under circumstances which do not meet other terms of the Transfer Rule, he/she may be granted eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities as hereinafter restricted if the student qualifies under the following terms and conditions:

- a. A student whose name was included on a school eligibility roster at any level (varsity, junior varsity, freshman, middle/junior high, etc.) for a given activity during the twelve calendar months preceding the date of such transfer can be eligible only for non-varsity competition in that activity.
- b. A student may have unrestricted eligibility in all other activities in which his/her name has not appeared on a school eligibility roster (at any level). Eligibility can be granted provided the activity eligibility is approved by the principals of both the sending and receiving schools and the KSHSAA Executive Board, and further, provided there is no activity purpose involved in the transfer. Approval must be granted on a special KSHSAA form (*Form T-E/P*).
- c. The student shall be ineligible for all activities for one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8 from the date of transfer in the event either or both principals or the Executive Board declines to approve activity eligibility.

Art. 7: DISCONTINUED SCHOOLS—Any student transferring from a closed or discontinued school shall be eligible for interschool activities immediately upon enrollment in another school, provided he or she attends a school in the vicinity of his or her home which is close enough so the student may continue to reside at home (*Process Form T-E*).

Art. 8: OFFICIAL CHANGE IN DISTRICT BOUNDARIES—Any student who transfers to another school because of a definite official change in school district boundaries, shall be eligible upon enrollment, provided transfer is made to the school into which district his or her home has been annexed, and provided enrollment in such school is not later than the opening of the school year following the official change of school boundaries. (*Process Form T-E*)

Art. 9: MOVE OF PARENTS TO NEW SCHOOL AREA—If a student's parents move to the vicinity of a new school and the student elects to remain at the school in which he or she has been enrolled and attending, the student may do so without affecting his or her eligibility at that school.

If the parents move during the school year and the student wishes to transfer to the school in the vicinity of the new permanent residence, he or she may become eligible immediately under the following conditions (*Process Form T-E*):

- a. If the student transfers within ten days of the time of his or her parents' move, the student becomes eligible at once as far as the Transfer Rule is concerned.
- b. If the student remains until the close of the current semester or until the close of the school year, he or she may become eligible immediately upon enrolling in the new school and attending classes.
- c. If the student transfers within ten days after the end of an activity season in which he or she competed and which was in progress at the time of the parents' move, the student becomes eligible immediately. An activity season is interpreted as being "in progress" after a school has been represented in at least one interschool event in that activity.

NOTE: If a student does not transfer to the new school within the time span as explained above in a, b, or c, the student will remain eligible at the original school but would be ineligible at the new school, unless otherwise approved by the school from which he or she transferred and the Executive Board.

Art. 10: TRANSFERRING BACK TO HOME SCHOOL—If a student has lived and attended school away from home, he or she shall be eligible for interschool activities upon returning home and attending the home school (the school the student previously attended, if there has been no change in family residence), provided the student meets all other general eligibility requirements (*Process Form T-E*). This is not applicable for students who return to their member school after attending a school/academy which provides a specific athletic/activity focus.

NOTE: Questionable cases must be submitted to the Executive Board.

Art. 11: PARENTS MOVE TO CREATE ELIGIBILITY—A student who transfers from one school to another before or without regard to a move by his or her parents, does not become eligible if the parents move later for the purpose of making the student eligible. If the move was contemplated and the change in schools made for some justifiable reason (home under construction, but not finished; impending job transfer; etc.), such as starting a new semester, a student may be declared eligible as soon as the new family home has been established (*Process Form T-E*).

Art. 12: INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS —

- a. A student from a foreign country on an F-1 or J-1 Visa who attends a member school as the result of participation in a foreign exchange academic program which has been approved by the Executive Board, and on the provision of the student meeting all other eligibility requirements, shall not be considered a transfer student during his or her first academic year of attendance. Such a student is eligible for full, varsity level participation during the first year of academic attendance if Form FES found online at www.kshsaa.org is completed, filed with the Executive Director and approved before participation.
- b. Should a student from a foreign country on an F-1 or J-1 Visa attend a member school as the result of participation in a foreign exchange academic program for a second academic year, regardless of the length of attendance in the first academic year, that student shall, for purposes of this rule, be treated as all other students who change schools. If there is not an accompanying move on the part of the students' parents, the student will be ineligible for interschool extracurricular activities for one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8, beginning with the first day of his or her attendance.
- c. A student from a foreign country on an F-1 or J-1 Visa who attends a member school as the result of enrollment in the member schools' residential boarding program, shall be considered a transfer student during his or her first academic year of attendance, but may apply for transfer eligibility by submitting Form T-E found online at www.kshsaa.org on behalf of each student, showing eligibility status and a record of participation in interschool activities.

Art. 13: HARDSHIP—This rule applies only to transfer students who, because of unforeseen, unavoidable, or unusual circumstances; including but not limited to, broken home conditions, death of parents or guardian and abandonment, find it necessary to change schools.

In accordance with K.S.A. 72-8268, the KSHSAA recognizes hardship transfer status for children of active duty military personnel who qualify per the requirements of the "Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children."

- a. The situation may be referred to the Executive Board for evaluation by completing Form T-E/H from the Entry Forms (online).

- b. The Executive Board may declare the student eligible, provided the change was necessary and there was no undue influence.
- c. If the Executive Board declares the student eligible under the foregoing circumstances, he or she shall be eligible upon notification.

Art. 14: BOARDING SCHOOLS — An international student who transfers for the first time to a residential boarding program at a member school, provided the school is not a specialized athletic academy/boarding school, and who lives in the residential dormitory of the member school, may be eligible for full, varsity level participation on the provision of the student meeting all other eligibility requirements.

- a. A student who has been attending a non-member boarding school, provided it is not a specialized athletic academy/boarding school, and living in its residential boarding facility, may be eligible upon the student's first transfer to a residential boarding program at a member school, provided the transfer does not involve undue influence, is not for athletic reasons, and on the provision of the student meeting all other eligibility requirements.
- b. For purposes of Article 14, a boarding school is defined as a school that provides a residential community setting for students in which a full range of boarding services are provided (dormitory counselors, 24 hours a day supervision, a social program, 3 meals a day, etc.). Homestay or host family programs are not considered a boarding school and do not meet the requirement for student eligibility under **Rule 18, Section 1, Article 14**.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME —A senior high student is eligible at any senior high school he or she may choose to attend when senior high is entered for the first time at the beginning of the school year.

Art. 2: CHANGING SCHOOLS AFTER INITIAL YEAR—After a student is eligible in his or her initial year of senior high school, he or she may not change schools without forfeiting one calendar year for grades 9-12, eighteen weeks for grades 7-8 of eligibility, unless there is a bona fide move on the part of the student's parents to a permanent residence in the vicinity of the new school to which the student transfers.

Art. 3: NON-FOUR-YEAR HIGH SCHOOL—Students who complete the course of a high school that does not offer a full four-year course, may transfer to a secondary school in the vicinity of their home where they may continue their education and become eligible immediately.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: BEGINNING SEVENTH GRADER—A seventh grader, at the beginning of his or her seventh grade year, is eligible at any school he or she may choose to attend.

Art. 2: CHANGING SCHOOLS AFTER INITIAL YEAR—After a student is eligible as a seventh grader or in his or her initial year of middle/junior high school, he or she may not change middle/junior high schools without forfeiting eighteen weeks of eligibility, unless there is a bona fide move on the part of the student's parents to a permanent residence in the vicinity of the new school to which the student transfers.

Rule 19 - UNDUE INFLUENCE

To maintain a proper relationship between the academic purposes of schools and their activities programs, all members of the Kansas State High School Activities Association must refrain from recruitment, inducement or other forms of persuasion and undue influence which would encourage a student to enroll in or transfer to a school **primarily for activity purposes**.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: The enrollment in a school, the transfer from one school to another, or the failure to transfer from one school to another because of undue influence by anyone connected, directly or indirectly (including alumni associations, booster groups and similar organizations) with a member school, shall cause the student to forfeit eligibility for a period not to exceed 365 days. Such conduct shall also jeopardize the school's standing in the Association and shall result in such other action as the Executive Board deems appropriate.

Art. 2: What constitutes undue influence shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. Undue influence **may**, if primarily used to encourage or facilitate participation in activities, include:

- a. The offer or acceptance of money, room, board, clothing or other valuable considerations to a student, or a student's parent or guardian, including:
 - (1) transportation to school by any school official;
 - (2) provision for free or reduced rent for a parent or guardian;
 - (3) offer or payment of the moving expenses of a parent or guardian.
- b. Waiving or reducing tuition for any student to be certified as eligible for activities, without establishing and following a plan submitted by the school and approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) statement of philosophy and policy concerning the reduction or waiver of tuition;
 - (2) procedures used to determine the qualifications for tuition waiver or reduction; and
 - (3) description of how the waiving or reducing of tuition is equally available and applied to students in similar circumstances.
- c. The payment of tuition by someone other than a student's immediate family or a financial aid program not approved by the Executive Board.
 - d. The offer or acceptance of remuneration for work in excess of the amount regularly paid for such service.
 - e. The offer or acceptance of school privileges or considerations not normally granted to other students.
 - f. Any inducement to get parent, guardian or student to change residence for activity purposes.
 - g. The contacting of a student(s) in **another school** by any person connected, directly or indirectly, with a member school (including alumni associations, booster groups or similar organizations), and attempting to persuade or induce that student(s), primarily for activity purposes, to attend the inducer's school.
 - h. The attempt by any person connected, directly or indirectly, with a member school (including alumni associations, booster groups or similar organizations) to persuade or induce a student, primarily for activity purposes, **to remain** a student in the inducer's school, when a bona fide change of residence has occurred.

Rule 20 - AWARDS

Any school violating this rule shall be suspended for a period not to exceed one year, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Any student who violates this rule shall be ineligible in that activity for a period of one year from the date of the violation, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Member schools:

- a. May provide awards limited to traditional letters to students participating in interscholastic activities. Team patches, chevrons, and/or year dates are considered as part of the letter, should the school desire to provide them. Schools may give additional individual awards, in each activity, excluding cash, if the cost does not exceed \$50.
- b. may give framed or unframed certificates and photographs.
- c. may award medals, ribbons or certificates to their students for outstanding achievement where interschool activities is but one of several attributes and includes recognizing excellence in scholarship, or citizenship, or leadership.
- d. may award medals or ribbons to their students in league activities, invitational tournaments, music festivals, or other activities involving competition among several schools. A list of the awards to be given shall be announced to the participating schools in advance of the activity.
- e. may award certificates, ribbons, medals or trophies to their students for participation in **intraschool** activities (intramurals, school plays, musical events, etc.)
- f. shall not be involved in fundraising or in financing students to attend outside school-training sessions, tryouts or camps in competitive athletics and debate. Booster Clubs, individual boosters and school or other charitable foundations are considered synonymous to schools for purposes of this rule.
- g. may not allow their interscholastic coaches and directors to accept gifts from any source(s) (accumulative per year), valued at more than \$100, in recognition for their services.

Art. 2: Outside Agencies—School Participation

- a. No cash or merchandise prizes shall be awarded to students. Medals, ribbons and certificates may be awarded. Scholarships payable to the educational institution of the student's choice are acceptable.
- b. Organizations may honor and recognize students with dinners, programs, paper certificates, photographs and video tapes for their participation in **interschool** activities.
- c. In keeping with the policies of the Executive Board, contributions for the purchase of equipment or other items shall be made through the local school authorities.
- d. Schools shall not accept awards for interscholastic activities from outside agencies, unless approved by the Executive Board.

EXCEPTION: Music groups representing member schools in "field trip" activities, may receive trophies, medals, ribbons and certificates. No cash or merchandise prizes shall be awarded to member schools or students. (*See Rule 46-1-4b, Music.*)

Art. 3: Outside Agencies—Non-School Participation

- a. Students who participate in athletic activities, outside of interscholastic competition, shall not accept awards of cash or merchandise. Medals, trophies and T-shirts shall not be considered merchandise.

Rule 21 - AMATEUR

Ineligibility under this rule holds for the entire time the student is in middle/junior or senior high school, unless he or she is reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student who uses his or her athletic skill or knowledge for gain, or who plays with a professional team, or who competes for a cash prize, shall be ineligible for that sport.

Art. 2: If the student signs a professional athletic contract, he or she shall be ineligible in that sport.

Art. 3: A student who receives pay for participation in athletics is ineligible in that sport under the provisions of this rule.

- a. A student may receive pay for teaching activities such as swimming, lifesaving, golf, tennis, wrestling, basketball, dancing, baseball, etc., provided he or she confines the work to teaching skills.
- b. A student may not receive pay for coaching teams or individuals involved in competition.
- c. A student may receive pay for officiating athletic contests.

Art. 4: It is permissible for a student to accept necessary meals, lodging and transportation while competing, if such are accepted in service rather than money or other material form.

Art. 5: The acceptance of merchandise, jackets, sweaters or other wearing apparel, athletic equipment, pay for pitching a game, remuneration for scoring a certain number of goals or making base hits, etc., or any other form of cash or merchandise award, is a violation of this rule. Neither may the foregoing be accepted as pay to cover necessary expenses.

Art. 6: Competing for a cash prize applies to one individual or team members. It does not matter whether the amount is sufficient to cover expenses, or whether an individual receives a portion.

Rule 22 - OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Violation of this rule shall make a student ineligible for the remainder of that sport, scholars bowl or debate season, unless he or she is reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student who is a member of a school athletic, scholars bowl or debate squad effective Monday SCW #7 through Friday preceding Memorial Day may not participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport, scholars bowl or debate activity. (*Exception: See **Rule 4, United States Olympic Committee-Sponsored National Trials and Competitions.***)

NOTE: Informal participation on the part of the student athlete, such as that experienced on the black top (concrete), in the park, local "Y", etc., is not considered a violation of this rule, provided it was not formally called or organized, no coaching takes place, where no official score is kept, time kept, officials used, etc.

Intra non-school youth group athletic participation is not considered a violation of this rule. Inter non-school youth group athletic participation is a violation.

Exception: A student who is a member of a school tennis team (girls or boys) may participate as an individual (not representing his or her school) in one non-KSHSAA sponsored event during the school season provided:

- (1) the participation, if during the school year, is approved by the student's high school principal or athletic director, and the KSHSAA is notified in writing by the school at least 30 days prior to the start of the program; and
- (2) the student makes prior arrangement to complete missed academic lessons, assignments and tests before the last day of classes of the credit grading period in which the student's absence occurs; and
- (3) the student misses no KSHSAA-sponsored postseason athletic event involving a team in that sport.

Art. 2: A student shall not be prohibited from competing on a special team within his or her own school such as an FFA team, etc. All members of such teams must be bona fide students, however, and eligible under the rules of the Association.

Art. 3: A student becomes a member of a school's athletic squad, scholars bowl or debate team when he or she first participates in a practice session.

A student ceases to be a squad member after his or her last contest for the school's athletic squad, scholars bowl or debate team or when the membership on a squad is terminated. (*See **Rule 14-1-1, Bona Fide Student** and **Rule 30-2-2, Seasons of Activities.***)

Rule 23 - MIXED TEAMS

Section 1: General Regulations (none)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Prior to the first competition for a specific sport during a school year, schools shall declare whether their teams will be organized as a girls' team, boys' team or mixed team.

Art. 2: If a school chooses to have a mixed team, then it may not have a separate boys' or girls' team in that sport.

Art. 3: Should a school choose to have a mixed team in that sport, it is recommended it have a female and male coach, both being full-time employees of the board of education.

Art. 4: Any school declaring a mixed team shall compete as far as the state series of competition is concerned on the boys' level.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (none)

Rule 24 - ALL-STAR GAMES

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: It shall not be permissible for any member school, its officials, or any employee of the school, to participate directly or indirectly in furnishing school facilities or equipment, management, organization or supervision, player selection, coaching or promotion of any All-Star teams which will be composed of undergraduate students in contests or exhibitions in any sport, unless approved by the Executive Board.

Art. 2: Member school facilities or equipment shall not be used for any All-Star team, contests, or exhibitions in any sport, unless approved by the Executive Board.

NOTE: An All-Star team is defined as any team made up of athletes from different schools who are selected to participate in a specific contest on the basis of their athletic prowess.

Rule 25 - ANTI-FRATERNITY

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student shall not be a member of any fraternity or other organization prohibited by law or by the rules of the Association.

- a. A school fraternity is any organization composed wholly or in part of students which seeks to perpetuate itself by taking in additional members from the students enrolled in the school on the basis of the decision of its membership, rather than upon the free choice of any student who is qualified by the rules of the school to fill the special aims of the organization.
- b. Student organizations whose meetings are not open to faculty members do not meet the requirements of the Association.

Art. 2: Ineligibility for violation of the rules against membership in a fraternity may be removed only by action of the Executive Board.

Rule 26 - ANTI-TRYOUT AND PRIVATE INSTRUCTION

A student who violates this rule shall be ineligible in that activity for a period of one year from the date of the violation, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student may receive instruction from their parent(s) at any time. A student's parent(s) may attend their student's private instruction session without violating the provisions of this rule.

Art. 2: A student may receive private instruction at any time of the school year. During the time a student is a member of a school athletic squad, starting with the student's first day of school practice and ending with the student's last day on the school athletic squad, a student may receive private instruction subject to the conditions set forth in this rule.

Art. 3: Other individuals may be present at a student's private instruction session as long as they are there in a supportive capacity only and not giving or providing instructions to the student.

NOTE: Private instruction is defined as one student receiving instruction from one person during the period of instruction.

A group is defined as two or more students receiving instruction from an instructor during the same period of instruction.

Supportive capacity is defined as participating in the period of instruction without providing any instruction to the student or instructor or in a competitive situation/capacity.

Doubles Tennis Exception: Given the uniqueness of teamwork when playing doubles tennis, a doubles pair may receive private instruction and not be in violation. Once their school coach identifies a doubles team, those two doubles partners may participate in a private lesson together without violating this rule.

Art. 4: A student shall not participate in group training sessions or tryouts held by outside agencies other than colleges in a sport while he or she is a member of a school athletic team in that identical sport.

Exception: The Kansas Legislature in the 2011 session, enacted the following law:

“(a) The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) and its member high schools, and administrators, principals, coaches, teachers and other affiliated with such association and member high schools, shall not adopt any rules and regulations or interpret any existing rule and regulation in any manner which would prohibit a student athlete from training with any Kansas state high school league-sponsored sport or competition while the student athlete is participating in nonschool swimming athletic training or diving athletic training, or both, during the high school sport season and throughout the year if:

- (1) The nonschool swimming athletic training or diving athletic training, or both, is under the jurisdiction of and sanctioned by the national governing body of the sport, U.S.A. swimming, inc., or U.S.A. diving, inc. and is conducted in a manner which protects the health and safety of the student athlete; and*
- (2) the student athlete meets the reasonable and ordinary school-established requirements for participation in the student athlete's high school swimming program or diving program, or both, including requirements designed to protect the health and safety of such student athlete.*

(b) This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2011.”

Rationale:

An Anti-Tryout and Private Instruction requirement:

- a. Protects the school/coach - student/athlete relationship;
- b. Establishes guidelines under which a student-athlete may receive private instruction;
- c. Helps preserve the school's staffing integrity;
- d. Promotes and helps protect the student/athlete relationship to the school's team;
- e. Provides opportunity for specialized individual training;
- f. Prohibits student/athletes from trying out for non-school teams during the school season of the same sport;
- g. Maintains a fair competitive environment for school teams;
- h. Protects the parent-child relationship.

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

Rule 27 - FORFEITURE AND RESTITUTION

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: When a student is declared ineligible subsequent to his or her competing as an **individual**, or a penalty has been imposed or action taken by the KSHSAA, his or her performance shall be stricken from the records and the points he or she contributed to the team's total shall be deleted. The team standings may be adjusted accordingly, and any **awards involved shall be returned**.

Art. 2: When a student is declared ineligible subsequent to representing his or her school in a **team** competition, or a penalty has been imposed by the KSHSAA, the contest(s) shall be forfeited. The team's place in the final standings may be adjusted, and the team's awards and the ineligible student's awards shall be returned.

EXCEPTION: A school may apply to the Executive Board and request waiving the forfeiture, based on the ineligible student's contribution to victory. It would be the responsibility of the school to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the contest(s) would have been won without the student's participation. The opposing school(s) will have the opportunity to be heard at the hearing.

Art. 3: If a student or member school participates in extracurricular activities when ineligible or contrary to the rules and regulations of the KSHSAA, but pursuant to a temporary restraining order or temporary injunction against the KSHSAA and/or a member school, and the temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction is subsequently vacated, reversed, set aside, negated or found to have been improperly granted, or if the case in which the temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction was entered is voluntarily or involuntarily dismissed, the Executive Board may take any one or more of the following actions in the interest of fairness and restitution:

- a. Require the student(s), team or school so participating to forfeit all games, events or competitions participated in and/or forfeit and return all trophies and awards won or received.
- b. Declare the student(s), team or school so participating to be ineligible for future competition or participation for a period of time or number of events found by the Executive Board to be reasonable.
- c. Such action as the Executive Board feels best serves the interest of fairness and restitution under the existing circumstances.

Prior to taking any such action, the Executive Board shall conduct a hearing and give notice to the student(s) and/or school who so participated and provide an opportunity to appear and be heard.

Rule 28 - MUSIC FESTIVALS AND ATHLETICS

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Athletic events for any student who has been or is a member of a large instrumental or vocal group are not approved prior to 6 p.m. on a school day of regional or state music festivals if these groups are entered in the festival. This applies only on the school day a school's music festival is scheduled for large instrumental or vocal groups.

Rule 29 - COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Section 1: General Regulations (none)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: With the consent of the Executive Board, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students from member schools may be combined for interscholastic activity competition and field a common participating group.

- a. When fielding a common participating group, no more than two (2) member schools may be combined to compete, and the classification appropriate for the combined enrollment of the schools involved will apply.
 - (1) The KSHSAA Executive Board may waive the number of schools that may be combined when the schools are within the same school district.
 - (2) For interscholastic music activities, the KSHSAA Executive Board may waive the number of non-district schools that may be combined. Before a cooperative interscholastic music agreement may be established, a hearing with the Executive Board and the participating schools is required.
 - (3) For Quasi-team/Individual athletics, the KSHSAA Executive Board may grant a request for multiple schools to be combined. Before a Quasi-team/Individual cooperative agreement may be established, a hearing with the Executive Board and participating schools is required.
- b. In those activities where there is an absence of an effective program in one of the schools, a combined program may be established, provided a need is shown to the Executive Board. Examples which may constitute needs are: (1) insufficient numbers; (2) lack of staff; and (3) lack of facilities.
- c. At the time the application to field a common participating group is made, one of the participating schools shall be designated to administer the program.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: Seventh, eighth or ninth grades of middle/junior high schools may be combined for interschool activities with the consent of the Executive Board provided all schools are members of the KSHSAA.

- a. When fielding a cooperative team or group, the Executive Board may approve more than two middle or junior high schools being combined provided need is demonstrated.

Art. 2: Seventh and eighth grades of two-year middle/junior high schools may be combined with ninth grade students from senior high schools for interschool football with the consent of the Executive Board, provided both schools are under the same board of education or school board.

Rule 30 - SEASONS OF ACTIVITIES

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A student shall not have more than one season of possible eligibility in grade seven and one season in grade eight. A student shall not have more than four seasons of possible eligibility in grades 9-12, nor participate in more than one season of the same activity in a school year, regardless of whether the ninth grade is included in junior high or in a senior high school.

NOTE: If a student is ineligible due to transfer, scholarship, etc., or elects not to participate, the season(s) during that period shall be counted toward the total number of seasons possible. Seasons missed are not preserved for participation at a later time. Transfer from another state with a different seasonal format, does not create an exception to this rule. (See **Rule 16-1-1, Semester Requirements.**)

Art. 2: Participation in a sport for any length of time, even though it may be only a part of one game, shall constitute a season.

Art. 3: Following a change in schools, a student is not eligible at the new school if he/she tries out for a team at a former school, does not make the competitive team roster, and subsequently transfers to a new school seeking eligibility for the same activity in the same season.

Art. 4: During the school year a coach/coach's aide may only be involved with his/her athletes in a sport during the season.

During the school year, prior to or after season, a coach/coach's aide may not:

- a. Organize or conduct practices or competitions for his/ her athletes. However, a coach may be involved in one organizational meeting for a non-school league to assure no more than three of his/her athletes in basketball, six in 11-Player football, five in 8-Player football, four in 6-Player football, four in flag football, four in volleyball, six in soccer, five in baseball, or five in softball are on the same outside team; (See **Rules 32-1-1, 33-1-4, 35(A)-1-2, 35(B)-1-2, 38-1-2, 39-1-1, 43-1-2.**)
- b. Practice or compete with or against his/her athletes;
- c. Attend clinics or camps with his/her athletes.

Following the season of sport, seniors may receive instruction from their school coach, in the same sport.

NOTE: (For information pertaining to summer coaching restrictions, see **Rule 10-1-6.**) (See summer camp regulations, this section **Art. 6** for exceptions.)

Art. 5: Prior to the opening practice dates, there shall be no called or scheduled meetings where instruction is a part of the program.

NOTE: Coaches are permitted to check out equipment, distribute physical examination cards, and assign lockers to athletes prior to the first date of practice.

Art. 6: Interschool scrimmages (practices) in all activities shall be prohibited (**Exceptions, Rule 32 – Baseball, Rule 33 – Basketball, Rule 35(A) – Flag Football, Rule 35(B) – Football, Rule 38- Soccer, Rule 39 – Softball, Rule 43 - Volleyball**).

- a. Schools may not hold interschool scrimmages (practices) in athletics, (**Exceptions, see Rule 32 – Baseball, Rule 33 – Basketball, Rule 35(A) – Flag Football, Rule 35(B) – Football, Rule 38- Soccer, Rule 39 – Softball, Rule 43 - Volleyball**) scholars bowl or debate. Interschool is defined as middle/junior school with another middle/junior school and senior high school with another senior high school. This does not eliminate scrimmages between alumni and the school team.

During a scrimmage there can be no score kept and no clock. Use of officials is permitted. Should one or more game elements (score or time) be involved, it would no longer be a scrimmage, but must count toward the number of contests allowed during the season. Intrasquad scrimmages, games among teammates, even with score, time and/or officials used would not be considered a game.

In Gymnastics, Swimming and Diving and Track and Field (pole vault and adaptive activities only) schools who employ the same coach or share facilities and equipment, may practice together and not be in violation of the prohibition on interschool scrimmage.

EXCEPTION: When combined with an interscholastic athletic event, it is permissible to conduct interschool scrimmages. (Illus: Fifth quarter in football and sixth quarter in basketball, etc. where the intent is to provide those not participating significantly in the interscholastic competition to have an opportunity to participate informally under modified game conditions.) Participation in a modified game condition (fifth quarter/6th quarter), as described above, would not count toward the four- or six-quarter limitation.

- b. KSHSAA Officials Clinics: Prior to the opening practice dates, a school's athletic team may participate in a clinic designed for the improvement of athletic officials provided the clinic received prior approval from the KSHSAA Executive Board. Coaches may be present and work with their students at these clinics. Team participation shall be limited to intra-squad scrimmages or being used as demonstration teams for those phases of the clinic that requires players to be on the floor/field.

Art. 7: No school-organized spring or summer practice or school-organized summer camps, shall be permitted. (See **Rule 20-1-1e-f, Awards.**)

- a. Beginning **SCW #48 the Saturday before Memorial Day** through Sunday of SCW #3, coaches may coach teams in non-school competitions and/or conduct workouts or practices or conduct a one-week camp (per sport) for his/her players only (**team camps must conclude by Saturday of SCW #2**). Only students enrolled at the school may attend these coach-organized activities.

- b. The school shall not be involved other than to approve the use of facilities, dates and to be assured by the coach there will be no violations of KSHSAA rules and/or regulations.
- c. Member schools, the coaches, and coaches' aides they employ, may not sponsor and/or organize contact football camps. (See **Rule 10-1-6, Qualifications of Coaches**, and **Rule 35(B)-1-5, Football**)
- d. School uniforms or player equipment may not be used.

Exception: Use of school owned football helmets in non-school, football activities is permitted with prior approval of the school's administration.

- e. If school facilities (gymnasium, fields, balls, bats, etc.) are used, the coach must lease them per board of education policy.
- f. No coach(es) or other school representative(s) may directly or by implication, direct a student to attend these coach organized activities as a condition for team membership.
- g. A student shall not receive pay or expenses for working at a camp involving a sport in which he/she participates.
- h. The camp program shall not include any type of competition with teams or another camp.

Art. 8: School coaches in girls tennis, girls golf, cross country, volleyball, boys soccer, football, flag football, and basketball all KSHSAA sponsored sports may hold only voluntary weight training and conditioning beginning Sunday of SCW #5 through and including Sunday of SCW #7. No fall season school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

Art. 9: Beginning Monday of SCW #7, the following practice rules apply to football, flag football, boys and girls cross country, fall season soccer, girls volleyball, girls gymnastics, fall season tennis and fall season golf. These rules apply for each student until their first interscholastic competition or Monday of SCW #9, whichever is later.

- a. Only one practice per day is permitted the first 5 days of practice. All individuals shall only practice once per day for the first five days the individual practices, no matter when the person joins the team or if the person misses days due to injury/illness.
- b. No single practice may last longer than 3 hours. All warm-up, stretching, conditioning and weight lifting is included as part of the 3 hour limit.
- c. A separate walkthrough is permitted in addition to the single practice. The walkthrough cannot be longer than 1 hour and must be separated from practice by at least 3 hours of rest. A walkthrough is defined as a teaching opportunity with the athletes in which no protective equipment is worn. No physically exerting activity, including any conditioning or weight lifting, may take place during the walkthrough.
- d. Beginning on practice day 6, double practice sessions are permitted for any individual who has completed 5 days of single practices. Double practice sessions cannot be held on consecutive days. The day following a double practice day would be either a single practice day or a rest/recovery day.
- e. On days of multiple practices, no single practice may last longer than 3 hours and total practice time combined shall not exceed 5 hours.
- f. To be deemed a practice, a majority of the squad members must participate in the organized team training session.
- g. Beginning Monday of SCW #7, dual sport athletes are permitted to participate in practices for both sports on the same day, on consecutive days of the week, but combined practice time may not exceed three hours per day until the student has participated in five days of practice for each sport. After five days of practice in each sport, the student may practice up to a combined five hours per day on an every-other-day basis until their first interscholastic competition or Monday of SCW #9, whichever is later.

Art. 10: Executive Board policies governing summer marching band and spirit activities are published in the KSHSAA Music Manual and the KSHSAA website.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: The final date for school competition in all athletics shall end on the date the state championship series is scheduled. The final date for a member school's athletic practice is the date the school is eliminated from post-season competition.

Art. 2: A student who is enrolled at the start of a season of sport, must be a member of the squad for the majority of the scheduled varsity contests, in order to be eligible for postseason competition. (See **Rule 14-1-1, Bona Fide Student**; and **Rule 22-1-3, Outside Competition**.)

Section 3: Middle /Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: The opening date for athletic practice in any sport shall be Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. All athletic competition and practice shall close on the last day of school. (See **Rule 35(B)-3-1, Football**.)

Rule 31 - OTHER SPORTS

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: The Executive Board is authorized to approve and schedule other meets and tournaments, except that there shall be no interschool matches or tournaments in boxing.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: The Executive Board may establish regional and state championships in any sport when a minimum of 24 schools have indicated an interest in beginning the sport for postseason competition.

ATHLETIC EVENTS

Rule 32 - BASEBALL (Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than five players from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than five squad members shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high baseball, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not be held prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Starting Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #31, school coaches may work with their students two times per week, over a four-week period, for no more than 1.5 hours per session for pitching drills only.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37.

Art. 3: The season shall close with the state championship series during Standardized Calendar Week #47.

Art. 4: No varsity team shall participate in more than 26 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only 20 of those games may involve the loss of instructional time. No team (at any non-varsity level) shall participate in more than 20 games of interschool competition during a season. Only 10 of 20 non-varsity playing dates may involve school time. A student may participate in 32 games of interschool competition during the season, exclusive of the state championship series.

Note: A student who participates in more than 32 games during the season is ineligible until reinstated by the Executive Board.

Art. 5: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student or team shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Rule 33 - BASKETBALL (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: No games shall be played except those scheduled by and entirely under the control of the competing schools or the Executive Board.

Art. 2: No game shall be played upon a neutral court without the approval of the Executive Board.

NOTE: The Executive Board is opposed to sanctioning games sponsored by outside agencies.

Art. 3: Schools may participate in invitational tournaments but shall not participate in tournaments conducted by non-member schools, unless approved by the Executive Board.

a. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams.

b. The tournament receipts shall be prorated among the participating schools and a financial accounting shall be made to the competing schools and the KSHSAA.

Art. 4: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than three players from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than three squad members on the same team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior and senior high school basketball, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

EXCEPTION: There are no player limits on 7th and 8th grade students from SCW #17 through Sunday of SCW #35 on non-school basketball teams. During the school season players may not participate on non-school teams. School coach restrictions still apply. . (See **Rule 22-1-1 – Outside Competition & Rule 30-1-3 – Seasons of Activities.**)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #20.

- a. Any student who has been out for a fall sport shall not start practice until after the team on which he or she competed or had membership has completed its season.

NOTE: A participant is considered as having completed such season if he or she does not qualify for entry in the state championship series or is not continued on the squad when the team advances to the state championship series.

- b. A coach shall not work with individuals in any form of basketball drills or practice prior to the beginning practice date.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

Art. 3: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

Art. 4: The season shall close with the state championship series during Standardized Calendar Week #36.

NOTE: No game shall be played after the finals of the state tournaments, unless approved by the Executive Board.

Art. 5: No student may participate in more than 23 games, including those games played in tournaments.

- a. Regardless of the tournament format, the maximum number of games played in a season, exclusive of KSHSAA postseason competition, shall be 23 games.
- b. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams (See **Rule 33-1-3**). **EXCEPTION:** In league tournaments involving nine or more teams, those teams who must play a contest to qualify for the eight-team bracket may find themselves playing four in lieu of three games in that tournament. As a result, they would be allowed 24 in lieu of 23 games during the season.
- c. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, varsity invitational and league pre-season tournaments shall be held:
 - (1) Early season— A league pre-season tournament involving all league member schools may be held during Standardized Calendar Week #22. Invitational varsity tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Weeks #23 or #24. Standardized Calendar Week #24 is for girls' tournaments only, if not held during Standardized Calendar Week #23.
 - (2) Mid-Season—Invitational varsity tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Weeks #29 or #30. Standardized Calendar Week #30 is for girls' tournaments only, if not held during the first week.
- d. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, league and/or non-varsity tournaments shall be held at least two weeks prior to the postseason tournament series.

Art. 6: No player shall participate in more than six game quarters a day. Overtime periods are considered part of the fourth quarter. **EXCEPTION:**

- a. In a senior high tournament, a player may participate in two games a day.
- b. Participation in a game for any length of time constitutes one game of the number allowed.

Should a nonvarsity contest be played in four quarters of four minutes each or less, participation in one or two four-minute quarters would be considered identical to that of one eight-minute quarter as it relates to the Six-Quarter Rule. Participation in any part of three or four of the four-minute quarters would count as two quarters toward the six-quarter limit.

NOTE: A player who participates in more than the limit shall be charged with playing in two of the total games that student is allowed during one season and disqualified for further play that day.

Art. 7: The state championship series shall be held for each Class and at sites designated by the Executive Board.

- a. Not more than one team may represent any school in the boys' or girls' state series.

- b. Each school shall enter its team in the tournament designated for schools of its Class.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student at the middle/junior high school level may participate in more than 16 basketball games, including those games played in tournaments.

- a. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams. In league tournaments involving nine or more teams, those teams who must play a contest to qualify for the eight-team bracket may find themselves playing four games in lieu of three in that tournament. As a result, they would be allowed 17 in lieu of 16 games during the season.
- b. Games involving only students below the 9th grade, shall be played in six-minute quarters.
- c. Games involving teams which combine 9th grade students with students in the 8th and/or 7th grade, may be played in eight-minute quarters.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Art. 2: No 7th or 8th grade player shall participate in more than six game quarters a day. Overtime periods are considered part of the fourth quarter.

Should a nonvarsity contest be played in four quarters of three minutes each or less, participation in one or two three-minute quarters would be considered identical to that of one six-minute quarter as it relates to the Six-Quarter Rule.

Participation in any part of three or four of the three minute quarters would count as two quarters toward the six-quarter limit.

NOTE: A player who participates in more than the limit shall be charged with playing in two of the total games that student is allowed during one season and disqualified for further play that day.

EXCEPTION: In a middle/junior high school tournament, a player may participate in two games in one day. To facilitate more efficient travel and scheduling, a middle/junior high school player may participate in two games in one day; during a one day, nontournament, multi-team competition.

Art. 3: No regional, sub-state or state tournaments are permitted.

Rule 34 - CROSS COUNTRY (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Each athlete shall participate in twelve (12) days of practice with the team prior to participating in a meet taking place prior to Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. Each athlete shall participate in a minimum of seven (7) days of practice with the team prior to participating in any meet taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year (See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities). Credit shall be given for a day's practice whether or not it is on a school day.

Art. 2: Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) football or soccer practices to count towards the cross country minimum practice requirement

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7, and shall terminate with the state meet.

Art. 2: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than seven meets during a season, exclusive of regional and state meets.

- a. Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller meets as possible. It is recommended these meets start after school hours.
- b. On those days when school time is used, only ~~two~~ four competitions may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student shall participate in more than seven meets during a season.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Art. 2: The maximum distance by grade level shall be:

7th grade—Two miles (3200m)

8th grade—Two miles (3200 M)

9th grade—Same as senior high school

Rule 35 (A) - Flag Football (Girls)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Competition shall not begin prior to Wednesday of Standardized Calendar Week #9. (See **Rule 30-1-9(a-g)**, Seasons of Activities).

- a. Credit shall be given for a day's practice whether or not it is on a school day.
- b. Each individual player shall participate in at least nine (9) days of practice with the team prior to participating in a game taking place prior to Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. Each athlete shall participate in a minimum of five (5) days of practice with the team prior to participating in any game taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year.
- c. Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) cross country or volleyball practices to count towards the Flag Football minimum practice requirement.
- d. The majority of the squad members shall participate in each practice session before it is considered a day of training.
- e. The opening date for flag football practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. The players must have a minimum of one day of rest/recovery during any week (Sunday-Saturday), beginning Monday of SCW #7 through SCW #21. Only injury treatments are permitted on a rest/recovery day.

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than four players from a flag football squad from the same school may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than four players from a flag football squad on the same outside team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high flag football, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Art. 3: No games shall be played except those scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the competing schools or the Executive Board.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations (apply to grades 9-12)

Art. 1: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

The flag football season shall close with the KSHSAA tournament series culminating with Standardized Calendar Week #15, providing at least 24 schools are participating in postseason flag football.

Art. 2: A team shall not participate in less than 6 games and no more than 10 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (apply to grades 7-8)

Art. 1: Each middle/junior high school team is limited to a maximum of six (6) games during one season.

Rule 35 (B)- FOOTBALL (Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Competition shall not begin prior to Wednesday of Standardized Calendar Week #9. (See **Rule 30-1-9a-g**, Seasons of Activities).

- a. Credit shall be given for a day's practice whether or not it is on a school day.
- b. Each individual player shall participate in at least twelve (12) days of practice with the team prior to participating in a game taking place prior to Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. Each athlete shall participate in a minimum of seven (7) days of practice with the team prior to participating in any game taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year.
- c. Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) cross country or soccer practices to count towards the Football minimum practice requirement.
- d. The majority of the squad members shall participate in each practice session before it is considered a day of training.
- e. The opening date for football practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. The level of contact permitted is defined by USA football terminology:
 - **Air** = Players run drills unopposed without contact.
 - **Bags** = Drills are run against a bag or another soft-contact surface.
 - **Control** = Drills are run at assigned speed until the moment of contact; one player is predetermined the "winner"

by the coach. Contact remains above the waist and players stay on their feet.

- **Thud** = Drills are run at assigned speed through the moment of contact; no pre-determined “winner”. Contact remains above the waist, and the players stay on their feet and a quick whistle ends the drill.
 - **Live Action** = Drills are run in game-like conditions and is the only time that players are taken to the ground.
- f. Players must have a minimum of one day of rest/recovery during any week (Sunday- Saturday), beginning Monday of SCW #7 through SCW #21. Only injury treatments are permitted on a rest/recovery day.
- g. Week One Guidelines (SCW #7):
- Days 1 & 2 of practice: Helmets only (Air and Bags only are permitted.)
 - Days 3 & 4 of practice: Helmets and shoulder pads are permitted. (Day 3: Control permitted; Day 4: Thud permitted)
 - Day 5 through Saturday of SCW #9 of practice: Full Contact (Air, Bags, Control, Thud and Live Action are permitted) may begin with the following guidelines: On any day involving multiple practices, only one practice may involve Thud and/or Live Action.
- h. Beginning Monday of SCW #10 and continuing through the remainder of the football season:
- Full Contact (Live action and/or Thud combined) is permitted, but may account for no more than 90-minutes total per week of team practice.
 - Players may participate in Air, Bags, Control or Thud practice periods the day after playing in a game. No Live Action is recommended for those student-athletes.
 - Players may not participate in football games on consecutive days.

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than six players from 11-Player squads, five players from 8-Player squads and four players from 6-Player football squads from the same school may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than six players from 11-Player squads, five players from 8-Player squads and four players from 6-Player football squads on the same outside team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high football, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Art. 3: No games shall be played except those scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the competing schools or the Executive Board.

Art. 4: The Executive Board disapproves the policy of playing on neutral fields and is opposed to sanctioning games sponsored by outside agencies.

Art. 5: Member schools, the coaches and coach aides they employ, may not conduct contact football camps. (See **Rule 10-1-6, Qualifications of Coaches** and **Rule 30-1-7 (c), Seasons of Activities.**)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All practices and games shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular-season, unless approved by the Executive Board. Each individual player shall participate in at least nine days of practice (prior to, and not including the scrimmage) before their permitted scrimmage. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. (See **Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities.**)

No scrimmage shall be played except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

- a. The 6-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board.
- b. The 8-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board.
- c. The 11-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board.

Art. 2: Each senior high team is limited to a maximum of nine (9) regular-season games during the one season. No student shall participate in more than two games per week, or games on consecutive days, and **may not participate in more than four quarters in any one day.** Teams shall have at least three days between scheduled games.

NOTE: While this rule does not limit a player to an absolute maximum of nine regular-season games, including first team and reserve-team contests, care should be taken to protect the health and physical well-being of all participants.

Art. 3: The Executive Board shall arrange for a district system of playoffs for three Classes (3A, 2A and 1A) in 11-Player, as well as for two championships in 8-Player football (two divisions). Classes 6A, 5A and 4A will not be placed in districts. For 8-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment

of 110 students in grades 9, 10 and 11. For 6-Player district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 65 students in grades 9, 10 and 11.

In October of odd years, district assignments will be established for the subsequent two-year periods (even/odd), etc. (See **Rule 5-2-1, NOTE, Classification of Senior High Schools.**)

- a. If a new school becomes a reality during the two-year assignment period already established, that school shall not participate in postseason play until the next opportunity for assignment.

NOTE: A new school may form a cooperative team with one other existing school in the same USD.

- b. If two or more schools consolidate after the two-year assignments are made and the resulting school has a change in its classification, it will be considered a new school and shall be eligible to compete in postseason play. The Executive Board will decide which district assignment will be assumed by the new school. The other district(s) will have a bye.
- c. If a school with an 11-Player district assignment decides to participate in 8-Player football after the two-year assignments are made, that school would be considered a new 8-Player school and shall not be eligible to compete in postseason play. It will be given an 8-Player district assignment the next time assignments are made.

EXCEPTION: If an existing assigned school should withdraw from a district, the Executive Board may assign a new school to take its place for the remainder of the assigned period.

- d. If a school with an 8-Player district assignment decides to participate in 6-Player football after the two-year assignments are made, that school would be considered a new 6-Player school and shall not be eligible to compete in postseason play. It will be given a 6-Player district assignment the next time assignments are made.

EXCEPTION: If an existing assigned school should withdraw from a district, the Executive Board may assign a new school to take its place for the remainder of the assigned period.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: If a middle/junior high school chooses to parallel the senior high school season, it shall follow the same rules regarding practice without pads.

Art. 2: No middle/junior high school shall be represented in a scrimmage with any outside teams. (See **Rule 30-1-9a-g, Seasons of Activities.**)

Art. 3: Each middle/junior high school team is limited to a maximum of seven (7) games during one season. No student shall participate in more than two games per week, or games on consecutive days, and may not participate in more than four quarters in any one day. Teams shall have at least three days between scheduled games.

NOTE: While this rule does not limit a player to an absolute maximum of seven games, including first team and reserve-team contests, care should be taken to protect the health and physical well-being of all participants.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Art. 4: Games involving students from more than one grade shall be played in eight-minute quarters. Ten-minute quarters shall be played in games involving a combination of ninth and eighth and/or seventh grade students by mutual agreement of both schools.

NOTE: By mutual agreement of both schools, twelve-minute quarters may be used for games involving ninth graders or students eligible age-wise for ninth grade competition only.

Rule 36 - GOLF (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (See **Rule 30-1-9a-g, Seasons of Activities.**)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.
- b. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.
- b. Boys—Prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37.

Art. 3: The state tournament

- a. Girls—Shall be held on Monday and Tuesday, insofar as possible, of Standardized Calendar Week #16.

Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week.

- b. Boys—Shall be held on Monday and Tuesday, insofar as possible, of Standardized Calendar Week #47. Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week.

Art. 4: The Executive Board shall determine the number of Classes for grass greens competition.

Art. 5 6 No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

- a. Two dual matches, either nine or 18 holes, may be substituted for one day of the allowed eight days of competition provided no loss of instruction time would take place for competition and/or travel.
- b. Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended these events start after school hours.
- c. On those days when schooltime is used, only two matches or tournaments may start prior to 12 p.m. CST and additional matches or tournaments may start no earlier than 1 p.m. CST.

Art. 6 7: Following up to 36 holes of medal play in state tournaments, championships shall be awarded.

Art. 7 8: The Executive Board has the authority to revise the participation regulations and to establish regulations for outside tournament competition.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student shall participate in more than seven days of interschool competition during a season.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Rule 37 - GYMNASTICS (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12) (See Rule 30-1-9a-g, Seasons of Activities).

Art. 1: Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller meets as possible. It is recommended these events start after school hours.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: All school practice and competition shall be confined within the opening dates of practice and state championship meets on Standardized Calendar Week #16.

Art. 2: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.

Art. 3: Competition shall not begin prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #9.

Art. 4: The latest closing date for the state championship meet shall be Standardized Calendar Week #16 (girls).

- a. For boys' gymnastics, when there are eight or more teams competing, there will be both team and individual champions recognized.

Art. 5: Events for boys' meets shall be established by the Executive Board. The events for girls' competition are those recommended in the National Federation Girls' Gymnastics Rules.

Art. 6: No girl or boy representing a member high school shall participate in more than ten meets during a season, exclusive of regional and state meets.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student shall participate in more than eight meets during a season, nor in more than two events per day. All-around may be counted as one of these two events.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Rule 38 - SOCCER (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than six players (excluding seniors) from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than six squad members (excluding seniors) shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high soccer, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Art. 2: Each athlete shall participate in (9) nine days of practice with the team prior to participating in any fall soccer contest taking place prior to Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. Each athlete shall participate in a minimum of five (5) days of practice with the team prior to participating in any fall season soccer contest taking place on or after Monday of Standard Calendar Week 13 of the current school year. (See **Rule 30-1-9a-g, Seasons of Activities**).

- a. Dual sport fall season student-athletes competing prior to Monday of SCW 13, may use up to three (3) cross country or football practices to count towards the Fall Soccer minimum practice requirement.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

- a. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.
- b. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

- a. Boys—Prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #8.
- b. Girls—Prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37.

Art. 3: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. (For fall soccer, see **Rule 30-1-9a-g, Seasons of Activities**). Each individual player playing in the fall season shall participate in at least five days of practice (prior to, and not including the scrimmage) before their permitted scrimmage. No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

Art. 4 The boys' fall season shall close with the KSHSAA tournament series culminating with Standardized Calendar Week #18, provided at least 24 schools are participating in post-season fall soccer.

The girls' spring season shall close with the KSHSAA tournament series culminating with Standardized Calendar Week #47, provided at least 24 schools are participating in post-season spring soccer.

Art. 5: No student may participate in more than 16 games including those games played in tournaments. No school may schedule more than two tournaments at any one level of competition, i.e., varsity, junior varsity, sophomore, etc.

- a. Regardless of the tournament format, the maximum number of games played in a season, exclusive of KSHSAA post-season competition, shall be 16 games.
- b. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams.
- c. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, varsity invitational tournaments shall be held:

	Boys	Girls
(1) Early Season	SCW #10	SCW #39
(2) Mid-Season	SCW #15	SCW #44

Art. 6: No player may participate in more than three game-halves a day. Overtime periods are considered part of the second half.

EXCEPTION: A player may participate in two games a day in tournament play.

NOTE: A player who participates in more than the limit shall be charged with playing in two of the total games that student is allowed during the season and be disqualified from further play that day. The KSHSAA shall be notified of the violation.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student or team shall participate in more than 9 games during a season, or more than 8 games and one tournament, or more than 7 games and two tournaments.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Rule 39 - SOFTBALL (Girls)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than five players from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than five squad members shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high softball, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not be held prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37.

Art. 3: The season shall close with the state championship series during Standardized Calendar Week #47.

Art. 4: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

Art. 5: No varsity team shall participate in more than 26 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only 20 of those games may involve the loss of instructional time. No team (at any non-varsity level) shall participate in more than 20 games of interschool competition during a season. Only 10 of 20 non-varsity playing dates may involve school time. A student may participate in 32 games of interschool competition during the season, exclusive of the state championship series.

Note: A student who participates in more than 32 games during the season is ineligible until reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student or team shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Rule 40 - SWIMMING & DIVING (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (none)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

a. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #20.

b. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35.

(1) Any student who has been out for a fall sport shall not start practice if the team on which he competed or had membership has not completed its season.

NOTE: A participant is considered as having completed such season if he does not qualify for entry into the state championship series, or is not continued on the squad when the team advances to the state championship series.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

a. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

b. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #37.

Art. 3: The state championship meet—

a. Boys—Shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #33.

b. Girls—Shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #46.

Art. 4: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than ten meets during a season, exclusive of the state meet.

Art. 5: Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended that these events start after school hours.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight meets during a season.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Rule 41 - TENNIS (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities).

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.
- b. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.
- b. Boys – Prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #36.

Art. 3: The state tournament

- a. Girls – The Executive Board shall establish the state tournament during Standardized Calendar Week #15. Regional tournaments, when needed, will be held during SCW #14. In classification groups of 33 or more schools, a two day regional tournament will be conducted during SCW #14.
- b. Boys – The Executive Board shall establish the state tournament during Standardized Calendar Week #45. Regional tournaments, when needed, will be held during SCW #44. In classification groups of 33 or more schools, a two day regional tournament will be conducted during SCW #44.

Art. 4: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of KSHSAA postseason tournaments.

- a. Two dual meets may be substituted for one day of tournament competition.
- b. Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended these events start after school hours.
- c. On those days when school time is used, only four matches or tournaments may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student shall participate in more than seven days of interschool competition during a season.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Art. 2: Two dual meets may be substituted for one day of tournament competition.

- a. On those days when school time is used, only four matches or tournaments may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

Rule 42 - TRACK & FIELD (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (none)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not be held prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37.

Art. 3: A student may not run a race of more than 3200 m.

Art. 4: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight track meets during a season, exclusive of regional and state meets.

- a. Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended these meets start after school hours.
- b. On those days when schooltime is used, only **two four** competitions may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

Art. 5: The Executive Board shall arrange to hold regional meets in convenient locations throughout the state during Standardized Calendar Week #46.

NOTE: See the *KSHSAA Track & Field Manual* for detailed information about regional and state meets.

Art. 6: The state championship meets shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #47.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student shall participate in more than seven days of competition during a season.

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as ninth graders in senior high schools.

Art. 2: Seventh and eighth grade students shall be limited to four events per day (track and/or field). Any number of these may be relays.

- a. Seventh and eighth grade students are limited to no more than two races of 800m or more in one day.

- b. Junior high ninth graders follow senior high regulations.
- c. The longest race any grade level shall run is as follows:
 - 7th grade—3200m
 - 8th grade—3200m
 - 9th grade—Same as senior high school

Art. 3: The recommended order of events in invitational meets will be provided by staff and based upon NFHS T&F Rules.

NOTE: The host school shall notify invited schools one week in advance of the meet if the order of events is to be different from that recommended.

Rule 43 - VOLLEYBALL (Girls)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12) (See Rule 30-1-9a-g, Seasons of Activities).

Art. 1: The KSHSAA interscholastic volleyball program is designed for girls in grades 7-12.

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than four players from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than four squad members on the same team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior or senior high school volleyball, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #8.

Art. 3: All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. (See Rule 30-1-8a-e, Seasons of Activities). No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

Art. 4: No team or girl representing a member high school shall participate in more than thirty-six (36) competition points.

NOTE: A team/player may play in a maximum of forty (40) matches (while playing in up to 36 competition points). KSHSAA postseason tournaments are not included in this total.

Competition Point Values:

- a. **Dual** (one match between two schools) = 1 point
- b. **Triangular or Tri** (three schools playing one another) = 2 points
- c. **Quadrangular or Quad** (four schools playing one another) = 3 points
- d. **Tournament** (more than four teams involved or when teams play four or more matches in one day) = 5 points

Tournament Definition: A tournament is defined as a multiple-school contest in which a winner is declared. Any volleyball competition involving more than four schools is classified as a tournament. Quadrangular events are not considered tournaments.

Tournament Limitations: No school may play more than six matches in any one tournament. Teams are limited to four tournaments per level of competition (varsity, junior varsity, etc.).

Tournament Exceptions: In leagues with nine (9) or more schools, a two-day league tournament or up to seven matches may be approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board if necessary. Leagues must apply in advance for approval by the KSHSAA Executive Board.

Player Exceptions: When varsity and sub-varsity teams play on the same day at the same site, participation in both levels counts as the same match. This exception does not apply when varsity and sub-varsity teams compete on the same day at separate tournaments. In that case, a player participating in both varsity and junior varsity tournaments has competed in two of their allowed tournament competitions.

Art. 5: The season shall close with the state championship tournament during Standardized Calendar Week #17.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No team or girl representing a member middle/junior high school may participate in more than thirty (30) competition points.

NOTE: A team/player may compete in a maximum of thirty-four (34) matches (while playing in up to 30 competition points).

Competition Point Values:

- a. **Dual** (one match between two schools) = 1 point
- b. **Triangular or Tri** (three schools playing one another) = 2 points
- c. **Quadrangular or Quad** (four schools playing one another) = 3 points
- d. **Tournament** (more than four teams involved or when a team plays four or more matches in one day) = 5 points

Tournament Definition: A tournament is defined as a multiple-school contest in which a winner is declared. Quadrangular events are not considered tournaments. Any volleyball competition involving more than four schools is classified as a tournament.

Tournament Limitations: No school may play more than six matches in any one tournament. Teams are limited to four tournaments per level of competition (varsity, junior varsity, etc.).

Tournament Exceptions: In leagues with nine (9) or more schools, a two-day league tournament or up to seven matches may be approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board if necessary. Leagues must apply in advance for approval.

Player Exceptions: When varsity and sub-varsity teams play on the same day at the same site, participation in both levels counts as the same match. This exception does not apply when varsity and sub-varsity teams compete on the same day at separate tournaments. In that case, a player participating in both varsity and junior varsity tournaments has competed in two of their allowed tournament competitions.

Rule 44 - WRESTLING (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (none)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #20.

- a. A student who has been out for a fall sport shall not start practice until after the team on which he competed or had membership in a fall sport, has completed its season.

NOTE: A cross country or football participant is considered as having completed such season, if he does not qualify for entry in the state cross country meet or is not continued on the squad when a team advances to the football play-off series.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

Art. 3: All school practice and competition shall be confined within the opening practice date and the state championship tournament.

Art. 4: Schools may enter one wrestler in each of the weight divisions as specified in the National Federation Rule Book. If weight divisions are not established by the NFHS, then the state association will establish weight divisions.

Art. 5: The Executive Board is authorized to schedule tournaments for the purpose of qualifying contestants for the state championship series.

Art. 6: No student representing a member high school shall participate in more than 18 events and no more than 30 competitions points during a season, exclusive of the state championship series.

Dual	1 point
Double Dual	2 points
Multi-Team Event	2 points

Note: No team scores, medals, placings awarded. The wrestler is limited to 3 matches.

Quad (Triple Dual)	3 points
One-day Tournament	3 points
Two-day Tournament	4 points

NOTE: Schools (girls and/or boys events) may participate in no more than four (4) events, (any combination of double dual, quad (triple dual) and/or one-day tournament) that begin before 3:00 p.m. for each gender. Two-day tournaments shall be scheduled on Friday and Saturday.

NOTE: Tournaments are defined as competition involving more than four teams.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student shall participate in more than eight (8) events and no more than eighteen (18) competition points during a season.

Dual	1 point
Double Dual	2 points
Multi-Team Event	2 points

Note: No team scores, medals, placings awarded. The wrestler is limited to 3 matches.

One-day Tournament	3 points
Two-day Tournament	4 points

EXCEPTION: Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of matches and tournaments as ninth graders in senior high schools. They also compete in the same weight divisions.

NOTE: Tournaments are defined as competition involving more than four teams, with awards earned and presented.

Art. 2: Weight divisions for seventh and eighth grade wrestlers may be 75 lbs., 80 lbs., 85 lbs., 90 lbs., 95 lbs., 100 lbs., 105 lbs., 110 lbs., 115 lbs., 120 lbs., 127 lbs., 134 lbs., 141 lbs., 148 lbs., 155 lbs., 165 lbs., 180 lbs., 215 lbs. and 265 lbs.

- a. It is permissible for schools that are organized with grades seven, eight and nine under one administrative unit, to have one school team combining the grade levels, and add categories of lower weights for the purpose of determining team scores. This is only permissible if all schools involved in the match or tournament agree to do this in advance of competition. In the absence of unanimous agreement, competition involving ninth graders with seventh and/or eighth graders, senior high weight divisions shall be used by all competitors.

NOTE: If mutually agreed upon, this will allow seventh, eighth and ninth grade team competition to include the 72 lb., 76 lb., 80 lb., 84 lb., 88 lb., 92 lb., and 96 lb. weights, in addition to those listed for senior high competition which begins at the 106 lb. category.

Art. 3: The maximum length of wrestling periods for seventh and/or eighth grade wrestling shall be: 1st period—1 minute; 2nd period—1-1/2 minutes, 3rd period—1-1/2 minutes. Consolation round periods will each be 1 minute in length.

The overtime procedure is the same as prescribed by the National Federation Rule Book.

When competition involves using seventh and/or eighth graders on the ninth grade level, the length of match shall be: 1st period—2 minutes; 2nd period—2 minutes; 3rd period—2 minutes.

Rule 45 - BOWLING (Girls & Boys)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Schools are encouraged to schedule as many dual matches as possible. It is recommended these competitions begin after school hours.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to January 1 of each calendar year.

Art. 2: The state tournament shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week # 35. Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week.

Art. 3: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than 10 days of competition during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

Art. 4: The Executive Board has the authority to revise the participation regulations and to establish regulations for outside tournament competition.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of competition during a season.

Section 4: Unified Activity Regulations (apply to grades 9-12)

Art. 1: Schools are encouraged to schedule as many dual matches as possible. It is recommended these competitions begin after school hours.

Art. 2: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #13 of each calendar year.

Art. 3: Competition shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #15.

Art. 4: When needed, Regional Qualifying Tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #19.

Art. 5: The state tournament shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #20.

Art. 6: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than 4 days of competition during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

NON-ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Rule 46 - MUSIC

Interscholastic Music: Music activities shall include those interscholastic competitive and/or evaluative events that are an outgrowth of the member school's music program. The term "evaluative" shall mean an individual and/or group could be "rated" (competition against a standard norm) and/or "ranked" (competition for position) according to achievement standards. "Ratings" with numbers assigned or "rankings" with scores assigned may be verbal and/or written.

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: All interscholastic music activities sponsored by outside agencies and non-member schools, and advertised as middle/junior/senior high school activities, festivals, or tournaments in which representatives from two or more schools participate shall be approved by the Executive Board.

The Executive Board shall have the authority to determine the qualifications for approval and to assess penalties for participating in events not approved.

Art. 2: Kansas music activities hosted by member schools or approved by the Executive Board may be rated and receive oral and/or written critiques, but shall not be ranked or receive cash or merchandise awards.

- a. Kansas marching band, jazz band and show choir activities hosted by member schools or approved by the Executive Board may be **ranked**, rated and receive oral and/or written critiques as long as the event falls within the guidelines of the KSHSAA mileage limitations. (See **Bylaws, Article XIV - Approval of Events.**)

Out-of-state music activities approved by the Executive Board and the out-of-state high school association may be ranked, rated and receive oral and/or written critiques as long as the activity falls within the guidelines of the KSHSAA mileage limitations. (See **Bylaw, Article XIV - Approval of Events.**)

Art. 3: No member school shall be permitted representation in a national music activity, festival or competition unless approved by the Executive Board. (See **Bylaw, Article XIV - Approval of Events.**)

Art. 4: Students representing member schools in interscholastic competitive and/or evaluative music activities shall be required to meet the same qualifications as those representing their school in all other interscholastic activities (i.e. grades, transfer, scholarship, etc.). (See **Rules 12-19.**)

- a. Students representing member schools in "support" music events shall not be required to meet KSHSAA individual eligibility requirements. "Support" music events are school activities where music groups perform at interscholastic activities under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA.
- b. Students representing member schools in "field trips" shall not be required to meet KSHSAA individual eligibility requirements. "Field trips" **within KSHSAA's 500 mile jurisdiction** are school activities where music groups attend or perform for "educational comments" **ONLY** (no ratings, no rankings, no scores).
 - (1) The Executive Board may indicate no jurisdiction in music group "field trip" **within KSHSAA's 500 mile limitation** sponsored by an outside agency upon receiving a written request from the principal on school letterhead thus allowing the music group to be ranked, rated and receive oral and/or written critiques.
 - (2) Music groups representing member schools in "field trip" activities sponsored by an outside agency, may be ranked, rated and receive oral and/or written critiques provided the activities are **beyond KSHSAA's 500 mile limitation**. (See **Awards Rule 20-1-2d, EXCEPTION.**)

NOTE: "Field trip" activities are not covered by KSHSAA's Liability and Catastrophe Insurance plan.

Art. 5: Each music group is limited to a maximum of four interscholastic competitive and/or evaluative music activities each school year.

- a. Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) activities do not count as one of the allowable events.
- b. KSHSAA regional and state music festival do not count as one of the above events.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall be responsible for establishing and arranging a two-level concept (regional and state) for piano, solos and small ensembles, and a one-level concept (state) for all large groups and classifications.

Art. 2: Participation in regional and state music festivals shall be divided into classifications by the Executive Board.

- a. It is permissible for schools to participate in a higher classification group (one with schools of a larger enrollment), but it is not permissible to change to a lower school classification.
- b. Regional and state piano festivals shall be scheduled by the Executive Board without regard to classification.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

- Art. 1:** A ninth grade junior high school student may participate in senior high school music activities (large groups, solos and ensembles) with the approval of both principals, provided both schools are under the same Board of Education.
- Art. 2:** Middle or junior high schools must be members of the KSHSAA if they wish to combine the seventh and/or eighth graders with senior high school bands, orchestras, choruses or glee clubs, in state music festivals and/or interscholastic competitions.
- Art. 3:** Elementary (sixth grade or below) students of the same school system, or of an elementary school that lies wholly within an organized middle/junior/senior high school district, may participate in bands, orchestras, choruses or glee clubs without affecting their eligibility after they become middle/junior/senior high school students.
- a. Elementary (sixth grade or below) students shall be subject to the Kansas State Board of Education regulations.

Rule 47 - DEBATE and SPEECH

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

- Art. 1:** All interscholastic debate, forensics, dramatics activities sponsored by outside agencies and non-member schools, and advertised as middle/junior/senior high school activities, festivals, or tournaments shall be approved by the Executive Board. (See *Bylaw, Article XIV - Approval of Events.*)
- Art. 2:** A KSHSAA member school desiring to host or participate in a multiple interscholastic (three or more schools) debate, forensics, dramatics activity involving out-of-state school(s) must acquire approval from the Executive Board and the out-of-state high school's association(s).
- Art. 3:** No member school shall be permitted representation in a national debate, forensics, dramatics event, festival or tournament unless approved by the Executive Board. (See *Bylaw, Article XIV - Approval of Events.*)
- Art. 4:** Students representing member schools in debate, forensics, dramatics activities shall be required to meet the same qualifications as those representing their school in all other interscholastic activities: (i.e. grades, transfer, scholarship, etc.).
- Art. 5:** Member schools shall not be involved in fundraising or in financing students to attend outside school-training sessions, tryouts or camps on debate.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Debate season:

- a. School-organized debate practice shall not begin prior to Monday of SCW #7.
- b. Invitational debate tournaments shall not begin prior to Friday of SCW #11.
- c. Debate season shall close at the conclusion of the KSHSAA State Debate Tournament during SCW #28.

- Art. 2:** No student may represent his or her high school in more than eight competitive debate activities, either invitational or duals, including league and out-of-state tournaments, exclusive of the regional and state debate tournaments. (See *Rule 47-2-1.*)

NOTE: Each student is limited to seven competitive debate events, except that should his or her school host a league or invitational tournament, then he or she may participate in eight competitive debate events. If a school attempts to host a tournament and is unable to do so, it may appeal to the Executive Board for a waiver of this regulation to permit its students to enter eight competitive debate events.

- Art. 3:** Invitational debate tournament competitions may not begin prior to 3 p.m. C.T. on school days.
- Art. 4:** The Executive Board shall be responsible for establishing and arranging the criteria under which regional and state debate tournaments shall be administered.
- Art. 5:** Participation in regional and state debate tournaments shall be divided into classifications by the Executive Board. (6A, 5A, 4A, 3-2-1A).
- Art. 6:** Speech and Drama season:
- a. Speech and drama festivals or tournaments shall not begin prior to the Friday of SCW #27.
- b. Speech and drama activities shall culminate with the KSHSAA State Speech Festivals and Championships.
- Art. 7:** Speech and drama events and their descriptions shall be established by the Executive Board.

- Art. 8:** No student shall represent his or her school in more than eight speech festivals or tournaments in addition to the regional and state festival or championship. Included in these festivals and tournaments shall be speech activities identified in the *KSHSAA Debate, Speech & Drama Manual* as being under the jurisdiction of the Association held as festivals, tournaments or meets and sponsored by member schools or outside agencies. (See *Rule 47-2-7.*)

NOTE: Each student is limited to seven competitive speech events, except that should his or her school host a league or invitational tournament, then he or she may participate in eight competitive speech events. If a school attempts to host a tournament and is unable to do so, it may appeal to the Executive Board for a waiver of this regulation to permit its students to enter eight competitive speech events.

Exceptions:

(1) One-Act Play festivals or tournaments do not count toward the eight festival or tournament limit.

(2) Students may compete in Lincoln-Douglas debate on Friday and Individual Events on Saturday at a different site with the weekend counting as only one tournament against an individual's eight tournament limit.

Art. 9: The Executive Board shall be responsible for establishing and arranging the criteria under which regional and state speech festivals and speech championships shall be administered.

Art. 10: For participation in regional and state festivals or championships, where schools participate according to classes, the classifications shall be established by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations

Art. 1: A ninth grade junior high school student may participate in senior high school debate, forensics and dramatics with the approval of both principals, provided both schools are under the same Board of Education. A student who does this shall be ineligible for further junior high school competition in that activity.

Rule 48 - SPIRIT and SPIRIT COMPETITION GROUPS (Cheerleaders, Dance/Drill Teams, Pompon Squads, Flag Teams, etc.)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Spirit Groups - School authorized student leaders who serve as support groups for their school's interscholastic athletic programs. Spirit groups strive to boost school spirit, promote sportsmanship and develop positive crowd involvement. Entertainment routines relating to the overall spirit and promotion of school activities are allowable.

Spirit Competition Groups - Student participants who perform in competitions, festivals, workshops or clinics during the school year.

Art. 2: Students representing their school in a spirit and/or spirit competition group shall be required to meet the same qualifications as those representing their school in all other interscholastic activities (i.e., grades, transfer, scholarship, etc. *(See Rules 12-19.)*)

Art. 3: No student is eligible to represent his/her school in a spirit and/or spirit competition group until a **Physical Examination Form** is completed and filed with the school according to **Rule 7 - Physical Examination**.

a. Students representing their school in a spirit and/or spirit competition group must be listed on the KSHSAA Activity Eligibility Certificate List.

Art. 4: All spirit and/or spirit competition group activities shall be conducted under the official rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations and those approved by the KSHSAA. *(See KSHSAA Rule 1.)*

a. **All pyramids** and/or mounts are limited to two persons high, meaning the top person receives primary support from a base(s) which is in direct, weight bearing contact with the cheering surface. The limitations are designed to minimize the possibility of serious accidents and/or injuries.

b. All basket tosses (tosses initiated from the waist level, immediately followed by a cradle catch) are prohibited to minimize the possibility of a serious accident and/or injury.

NOTE: NFHS Spirit Rule 2 - Safety shall be adhered to during all spirit and/or spirit competition group activities and practices.

Art. 5: Trophies or plaques may be awarded to the schools of spirit and/or spirit competition groups. Medals, ribbons or certificates may be awarded to individual participants. *(See Rule 20 -Awards.)*

Art. 6: Spirit competition groups shall be allowed a maximum of **four** in-state and/or out-of-state spirit competition events approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board and the out-of-state high school associations, except that should a member school host a spirit competition event, they may participate in **five** which includes their host event during each school year.

a. Spirit competition groups attending **in-state** festivals, workshops or clinics during the school year may be **rated** and receive oral and/or written critiques, but shall **not** be **ranked**. Exception: Participating school teams may be ranked in KSHSAA designated statewide event for respective spirit activities.

b. Spirit competition groups attending out-of-state competitions, festivals, workshops or clinics during the school year may be **ranked**, rated and receive oral and/or written critiques subject to KSHSAA mileage limitations.

c. Summer camps/clinics or KSHSAA Fall Spirit Spreader clinics do not count as one of the above events.

d. The allowable events are not to be counted under the limitations of **Rule 46 - Music**.

- e. Non-member in-state or out-of-state schools are not allowed to host spirit group activities for member schools.
- f. Host member schools sponsoring an event may obtain outside clinicians or judges.

Art. 7: Spirit and Spirit Competition Group coaches shall meet the requirements of **Rule 10** - Qualifications of Coaches (Athletic, Esports, Spirit, Scholars Bowl and Speech and Music Director.)

Rule 49 - KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: The KSHSAA offers a club program known as the Kansas Association for Youth, or the Kays and Kayettes. This is a character building, leadership training program for middle/junior and senior high school students. Through programs and service projects, the members are taught the essential and basic elements of good citizenship.

Art. 2: The club program provides leadership training through leadership camps, regional conferences and district conferences.

Rule 50 - STUDENT COUNCIL

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: The Association shall be the official agency representing member high schools in all student council activities.

Art. 2: The Executive Board shall have authority to:

- a. Establish regulations governing interschool student activities and to prepare and supervise conference programs.
- b. Negotiate with the National Association of Student Councils, organizations of other states, or any other interested agencies.
- c. Be responsible for the approval of awards to student council members, as well as a membership in the National Association of Student Councils or any other organization.

Rule 51 - SCHOLARS BOWL

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: A Scholars Bowl activity is defined as an academic contest in which subject matter of at least three of the five academic disciplines required by the State Board of Education for high school graduation are used for competition. This activity features head to head academic team competition, quick response answers and time limits on questions. **NOTE:** Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science/Health and Fine Arts are the current academic disciplines.

Art. 2: Students representing their schools in Scholars bowl competitions shall be required to meet the same qualifications as those representing their school in all other interscholastic activities; (i.e., grades, transfer, scholarship, etc.)

Art. 3: It is recommended Scholars bowl competitions be held on Saturday or after 3 p.m. C.T. on school days.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: The Executive Board shall be responsible for setting up and arranging the criteria under which regional and state Scholars Bowl competition shall be administered.

Art. 2: Scholars Bowl season:

- a. School organized Scholars Bowl practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7.
- b. Invitational Scholars Bowl tournaments shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #16.
- c. Scholars Bowl season shall close at the conclusion of the KSHSAA State Tournament during Standardized Calendar Week #32.

Art. 3: No student may participate in more than nine Scholars Bowl competitions per year, exclusive of regional and state. On those days when schooltime is used, only two competitions may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

NOTE: Each student is limited to eight scholars bowl competitions, except that should his or her school host a league or invitational tournament, then he or she may participate in nine scholars bowl competitions. If a school attempts to host a tournament and is unable to do so, it may appeal to the Executive Board for a waiver of this regulation to permit its students to enter nine scholars bowl competitions.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (none)

Rule 52 - CITIZENSHIP/SPORTSMANSHIP

INTRODUCTION—The effective American secondary school must support both an academic program and an activities program. We believe that these programs must do more than merely coexist—they must be integrated and support each other in “different” arenas. The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

PHILOSOPHY—Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in the American schools. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand and to value the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model SPORTSMANSHIP, to build school pride, and to increase student/community involvement; this ultimately translates into improved academic performance. Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP for our youth as respected representatives of society. **Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!**

ALL ACTIONS are to be FOR, NOT AGAINST; POSITIVE, NOT NEGATIVE or DISRESPECTFUL!

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: SPORTSMANSHIP is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below for clarification:

- a. Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff and fans).
- b. Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- c. Win with character and lose with dignity.
- d. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- e. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
- f. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

Art. 2: Enforcement Procedure:

- a. It is encouraged and recommended by the Kansas State High School Activities Association that local boards of education adopt these regulations and reinforce them as indicated herein.
- b. The Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association shall be responsible for the interpretation of these regulations, including “desirable and unacceptable behavior” and shall publish them in the association's *Citizenship/Sportsmanship Manual*.

Rule 53 - INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) is responsible for all interscholastic activities identified in the *KSHSAA Handbook* as being under the jurisdiction of the Association.

Art. 2: KSHSAA activities sponsored by outside agencies or non-member schools and advertised as middle/junior/ senior high school events or contests, must be approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board.

Art. 3: All other activities, including **academic events** not identified as Scholars Bowl competitions (*Refer to Rule 51-Scholars Bowl*) and those vocational and technical activities which are approved and governed solely by the Kansas State Board of Education are not under the jurisdiction of the KSHSAA, as they are not identified in the *KSHSAA Handbook*.

Art. 4: Each member school acknowledges that athletic contests and interscholastic competitions take place in the public. As such, there is no expectation of privacy in the images of student participants, coaches or others involved at such events. The KSHSAA and/or its agents or designees may take, distribute and use photographs of student athletes, coaches, officials and other participants at such events and use the same for publicity, marketing and other appropriate purposes, including event programs. The member school will take appropriate actions to notify its student athletes, coaches and participants of this provision.

Rule 54 - ESPORTS (GIRLS & BOYS)

Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

Art. 1: Students representing member schools in interscholastic Esports activities are required to meet the same qualifications as those representing their school in all other interscholastic activities (i.e. grades, transfer scholarship, etc.; refer to **Rules 12-19**).

Art. 2: Esport coaches shall meet the requirements of **Rule 10 – Qualifications of Coaches (Athletic, Esports, Spirit, Scholars Bowl, Debate and Speech) and Music Directors**.

Art. 3: Schools are encouraged to schedule as many dual matches as possible. It is recommended these competitions begin after school hours.

Art. 4: Competition may be virtual or in-person.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations (apply to grades 9-12)

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #21.

Art. 2: Competition shall begin no earlier than Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

Art. 3: Regionals, when needed, will be held prior to the State Tournament. Regionals will be conducted as in-person competitions.

Art. 4: The state tournament shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week # 30. The state tournament will be conducted as in-person competitions.

Art. 5: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than 9 days of competition for any unique game during a season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

Art. 6: No school may participate in more than 12 days of competition for any unique game during the season, exclusive of regional and state tournaments.

Art. 7: In order to be eligible for regional tournaments, a student must participate in a minimum of one competition date as an "in-person" participant.

Art. 8: The Executive Board has the authority to revise the participation regulations and to establish regulations for outside tournament competitions.

Art. 9: Competitions outside of the designated school season are considered club activities.

Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations (apply to grades 7-8)

Art. 1: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than eight days of competition for any unique game during a season.

Art. 2: No school may participate in more than 10 days of competition for any unique game during the season.

Section 4: Unified Activity Regulations (apply to grades 9-12)

None

HISTORICAL NOTES

The first interscholastic activities organizations were the State High School Debate League and the State High School Athletic Association, both of which came into being in 1910. The Debate League was centered in the Extension Division of the University of Kansas, although the governing body was composed of high school principals. Harold G. Ingham, Director of the University Extension Division, guided the debate activities until 1937.

The Athletic Association has been under the exclusive direction of superintendents and principals since its organization in the fall of 1910. It grew from a small, voluntary group of fewer than 50 high schools in 1910 and 1911, until the early 1920s when as many as 500 high schools were members. With the increasing interest in athletics came problems involving eligibility, sportsmanship, and outside agencies. A revision of the constitution in 1921 gave the Board of Control authority to assess penalties for violations, and some rather startling cases involving rules violations increased the prestige of the Association.

The time, attention and responsibilities required of the Board of Control led to a movement for a full-time executive secretary to serve as chief administrative officer. Membership dues were raised, a surplus created, and at the annual meeting in 1927, the Board of Control was authorized to employ a full-time executive officer and to establish permanent headquarters in Topeka.

Members of the Board of Control at that time were W.A. Wood, Pratt, President; C.W. Smick, Oberlin, Vice President; W.W. McConnell, Winfield, Secretary; E.R. Stevens, Independence, Treasurer; W.N. VanSlyck, Salina; and E.A. Thomas, Williamsburg. Mr. Thomas was later employed as the Association's first executive secretary. On August 1, 1927, headquarters was established in the National Reserve Building in Topeka.

In the early 1930's, a movement was started to organize an association to embrace all existing associations dealing with interschool events and with authority to supervise and regulate all interscholastic activities. After a number of years of study and planning by committees representing the High School Principals Association and other organizations such as the Debate League, Typists Association, and Music Educators Association, the Board of Control and headquarters staff of the Athletic Association were requested to assist in the formation of a new Activities Association and to administer its program.

In 1937, the Activities Association came into being. Speech and music activities were organized including speech clinics, debate tournaments and music festivals. During the year, plans were also made to institute an Athletic Accident Benefit Plan to provide a schedule of benefits for students injured in athletic contests and practice periods.

Additional services have been instituted until at the present time all high school activities involving students from member schools are carried on under the supervision of the administrative staff of the Activities Association. These include KAY Leadership Camp, Student Council Workshop and conferences and festivals and/or clinics for students and faculty interested in athletics, speech and drama, music, cheerleading and school-spirit groups.

The official magazine of the association, *The Kansas State High School Activities Journal*, was published from 1937 until 2025. In 2026, the KSHSAA switched to an online distribution of important events and printing of an administrator manual for regulations and policies.

High school principals discussed the feasibility of establishing a character building, leadership training club program for high school students. One of the main objectives was to provide training for active participation in citizenship projects. In 1946, upon recommendation of the high school principals of the state, the Legislative Council gave its approval. After considerable deliberation, it was decided to establish a special organization known as the Kansas Association for Youth.

In 1952, lots were purchased at 1300 Topeka Avenue for a new association headquarters. Construction was begun in April 1953, and the building was completed in December. On December 16, the new office was opened.

It was possible to increase the services to the schools with the addition of a printing department. This created a need for additional staff members and office space. The Executive Board authorized the purchase of ground at 520 West 27th in September 1967, for a new building. The property at 1300 Topeka Avenue was sold and the association was moved to 520 West 27th, in Topeka, Kansas, in August, 1968.

The KSHSAA was reorganized on June 3, 1958, in compliance with the provisions of Ch. 341, Laws of Kansas, 1955, as amended by Ch. 375, Laws of Kansas, 1957. The association had previously incorporated on January 16, 1956, under the corporation code of the State of Kansas. Major changes were made in the governing body to include six board of education or school board members, a representative of the State Board of Education, and a representative of the State Board for Vocational Education. Provisions of the law also required the establishment of an Appeal Board and the filing of an annual report with the State Department of Public Instruction.

On June 4, 1969, in compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 72-130, 72-131, 72-132, 72-133, 72-134 as amended, the KSHSAA reorganized. The statute required changes in election districts for board of education representatives on the Board of Directors, two (2) representatives from the State Board of Education, and annual reports to be filed with the State Board of Education.

On April 21, 1993, K.S.A. 72-130 and 72-134 were repealed per House Bill No. 2067. A new governance procedure was enacted to reflect principals, superintendents, sizes of boards of education, State Board of Education, organizations, senior high leagues, gender, minority/ethnic and geographical representation, effective July 1, 1993.

In September of 2000, land was purchased at 601 SW Commerce Place in Topeka. Ground was broken in March, 2001 and a new office was completed in June 2002. The third office building in association history was dedicated September 18, 2002. The property at 520 SW 27th was sold after serving as the KSHSAA headquarters for thirty-four years.

On April 17, 2014, K.S.A. 72-130 was revised per Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2197. Changes were made to allow the Governor to appoint at-large members of the Board of Directors which were previously made by the State Board of Education. The Governor's appointees serve six-year terms on the Board of Directors and beginning in the 2015-16 school year, two of the appointees will serve on the Executive Board in the second, fourth and sixth years of their terms. New language was added stating that no Board member may serve on the Executive Board until they have served at least one year on the Board of Directors. This change took effect on July 1, 2014.

On March 12, 2020, the state championship basketball tournament was canceled following quarterfinal games. On March 18, 2020, the spring season was canceled. These actions were in response to the national health crisis initiated by COVID-19. Activity participation resumed with risk mitigation protocols in place.

In 2021 all previous Kansas State Statue numbers were transferred by the Kansas Office of Revisor of Statutes. These changes are noted with new numbers throughout the Handbook. All changes took effect on July 1, 2021.

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1910 President—J. W. Shideler, Junction City; Secretary—C.A. Wagner, Emporia; Treasurer—B.P. Young, Halstead

1911-1914 President—E.B. Albaugh, Clay Center; Secretary—W. Shideler, Junction City; Treasurer—C.A. Wagner, Emporia; Alternate—R. V. Phinney, Larned; Alternate—S. U. Pett, Emporia

1915-1916 President—E.B. Albaugh, Clay Center; Secretary—H.T. Steeper, Parsons; Treasurer—W.A. Sterba, Newton; Alternate—S.U. Pett, Emporia; Alternate—G. D. Rathbun, Edwardsville

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1919 President—E.B. Albaugh, Clay Center; Secretary—A. S. Wright, Newton; Treasurer—R.R. Cook, Topeka; Alternate—G.F. Brooks, Hutchinson

1920 President—Will French, Winfield; Secretary—W.P. Harris, Iola; Treasurer—R.R. Cook, Topeka; Alternate—C.C. Fairchild, Valley Falls

1921 President—R.R. Cook, Topeka; Vice President—C.W. Smick, Oberlin; Secretary—Will French, Winfield; Treasurer—E.R. Stevens, Leavenworth

1922 President—R.R. Cook, Topeka; Vice President—C.W. Smick, Oberlin; Secretary—W. W. McConnell, Neodesha; Treasurer—E.R. Stevens, Leavenworth

1923-1924 President—C.T. Rice, Kansas City; Vice President—C.W. Smick, Oberlin; Secretary—W. W. McConell, Winfield; Treasurer—E.R. Stevens, Leavenworth

1925-1927 President—W.A. Wood, Pratt; Vice President—C.W. Smick, Oberlin; Secretary—W.W. McConnell, Winfield; Treasurer—E. R. Stevens, Independence; Members-At-Large—J.W. Shideler, Fort Scott; E.A. Thomas, Williamsburg; W.N. VanSlyck, Salina; Clifford Dean, Russell

1928-1929 President—W.A. Wood, Pratt; Vice President—C.W. Smick, Oberlin; Treasurer—E.R. Stevens, Independence; W.N. VanSlyck, Topeka; W.W. McConnell, Winfield; N.I. Reist, Olathe; H. Leigh Baker, Lawrence

1930-1931 President—C.W. Smick, Oberlin; Vice President—W.W. McConnell, Winfield; Treasurer—E.R. Stevens, Independence; H.L. Baker, Lawrence; L.C. Newman, Jetmore; N.I. Reist, Olathe

1932 President—C.W. Smick, Oberlin; Vice President—N.I. Reist, Olathe; Treasurer—E.R. Stevens, Independence; E.A. Funk, Arkansas City; L.C. Newman, Sterling; J.R. Jones, Sublette

1933-1935 President—E. R. Stevens, Independence; Vice President—L.C. Newman, Sterling; Treasurer—N.I. Reist, Olathe; E.A. Funk, Arkansas City; W.C. Nystrom, Norton; J.R. Jones, Sublette; Clifford Dean, Russell

1936 President—E.R. Stevens, Independence; Vice President—E.A. Funk, Arkansas City; Treasurer—N.I. Reist, Olathe; Clifford Dean, Russell; J.R. Jones, Sublette; D.E. Wolgast, Marysville

ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF CONTROL MEMBERS

- 1937-1939** President—E.R. Stevens, Independence; Vice President—R. Jones, Sublette; Treasurer—E.A. Funk, Arkansas City; Clifford Dean, Russell; D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; J.E. Bowers, Seneca
- 1940-1943** President—E.R. Stevens, Independence; Vice President—J.R. Jones, Garden City; Treasurer—E.A. Funk, Arkansas City; D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; J.E. Bowers, Seneca; Hugh W. Speer, Hays; Johnnie Corrigan, Powhattan
- 1944** President—E.A. Funk, Arkansas City; Vice President—Johnnie Corrigan, Powhattan; Treasurer—D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; R.L. Dennen, Colby; W. W. Bass, Chanute; R. W. Hogan, Great Bend
- 1945-1946** President—D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; Vice President—Johnnie Corrigan, Powhattan; Treasurer—R.L. Dennen, Colby; R. W. Hogan, Great Bend; J.F. Gilliland, Hutchinson; George D. Caldwell, Neodesha; F.B. Toalson, Dodge City; Brice Durbin, Burns
- 1947-1948** President—D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; Vice President—Johnnie Corrigan, Powhattan; Treasurer—R.L. Dennen, Colby; Finis M. Green, Pittsburg; F. B. Toalson, Dodge City; F.H. Dawson, Burrton; W.D. Carr, Anthony
- 1949-1951** President—D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; Vice President—Johnnie Corrigan, Powhattan; Treasurer—R.L. Dennen, Colby; F.B. Toalson, Dodge City; W.D. Carr, Anthony; Floyd C. Smith, Iola
- 1952** President—D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; Vice President—Frank B. Toalson, Dodge City; Treasurer—Wilmot D. Carr, Anthony; Floyd C. Smith, Iola; Vaughn E. McColey, Smith Center; George Cleland, Atchison (1/2 yr.); Walter Hines, Topeka-Highland Park (1/2 yr.)
- 1953** President—D.E. Wolgast, Marysville; Vice President—Wilmot D. Carr, Anthony; Treasurer—Floyd C. Smith, Iola; Vaughn E. McColey, Smith Center; Walter Hines, Topeka-Highland Park; Hilton Prather, Meade
- 1954-1955** President—Floyd C. Smith, Iola; Vice President—Vaughn E. McColey, Smith Center; Treasurer—Walter Hines, Topeka-Highland Park (1/2 yr.); Hilton Prather, Meade; Fred H. Howell, Haven; Wm. C. McDermed, Greenleaf; Ralph C. Johnson, K.C.-Wyandotte (1/2 yr.)
- 1955-1958** President—Vaughn E. McColey, Smith Center; Vice President—Hilton Prather, Meade; Treasurer—Fred H. Howell, Haven; Wm. C. McDermed, Greenleaf (1/2 yr.); C.W. Rice, Blue Rapids; Ralph C. Johnson, K.C.-Wyandotte; John L. England, Pittsburg

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Affiliated organizations, recognized and represented on the Board of Directors and official advisory committees, as designated by the Board of Directors and Executive Board, include: the Kansas Coaches Association, Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Kansas Association of Scholars' Bowl Coaches, Kansas Speech Communication Association and the Kansas Music Educators Association.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS *(Following Reorganization)*

- 1958-59** President: Hilton Prather, Meade; Vice President: Paul Ridgway, Bushton; Treasurer: William Gossett, Wayside; Vaughn E. McColey, Smith Center; Clarence Cox, Long Island
- 1959-61** President: Paul Ridgway, Bushton; Vice President: William Gossett, Wayside; Treasurer: C.W. Rice, Blue Rapids; Vaughn E. McColey, Smith Center; R.C. Johnson, K.C.-Wyandotte; Clarence Cox, Long Island
- 1961-62** President: William Gossett, Wayside; Vice President: C.W. Rice, Blue Rapids; Treasurer: R.H. McCollum, El Dorado; Charles G. Wolfe, Bucklin; Ralph M. Bateman, Fredonia; Fred W. Rausch, Jr, Topeka
- 1962-63** President: R.H. McCollum, El Dorado; Vice President: Charles G. Wolfe, Bucklin; Secretary-Treasurer: Lee R. Cashman, Effingham; William Gossett, Wayside; Fred W. Rausch, Jr., Topeka; Marvin Stark, Portis
- 1963-64** President: R.H. McCollum, El Dorado; Vice President: Marvin Stark, Portis; Secretary-Treasurer: Lee R. Cashman, Effingham; Vincent T. Laudick, St. Paul; Robert W. Hart, Pittsburg
- 1964-65** President: Lee R. Cashman, Effingham; Vice President: Marvin Stark, Portis; Secretary-Treasurer: Vincent T. Laudick, St. Paul; Warren Settles, Junction City; Robert W. Hart, Pittsburg
- 1965-66** President: Lee R. Cashman, Effingham; Vice President: Marvin Stark, Portis; Secretary-Treasurer: Vincent T. Laudick, St. Paul; Francis Taylor, Emporia; Robert W. Hart, Pittsburg
- 1966-67** President: Lee R. Cashman, Effingham; Vice President: Vincent T. Laudick, St. Paul; Secretary-Treasurer: Edwin Friesen, Wichita; Fred Dellett, Garfield; Harold Elliott, Russell; Robert W. Hart, Pittsburg
- 1967-68** President: Edwin Friesen, Wichita; Vice President: Robert Rumble, Great Bend; Secretary-Treasurer: R.D. Rorabaugh, Highland; Milo Peterson, Buffalo-Altoona; Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Robert Curry, Arkansas City; Donald Musick, Concordia
- 1968-69** President: Robert Rumble, Great Bend; Vice President: Donald Musick, Concordia; Secretary-Treasurer: Milo Peterson, Buffalo-Altoona; Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Farris Razook, Andover; George Madelen, Hutchinson; Robert Wells, Logan; Robert Curry, Arkansas City

- 1969-70** President: Robert Rumble, Great Bend; Vice President: Donald Musick, Concordia; Secretary-Treasurer: Milo Peterson, Buffalo-Altoona-Midway; Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Farris Razook, Andover; George Madelen, Hutchinson; W. Richard Channell, Kansas City-Argentine; Robert Blum, Oakley
- 1970-71** President: Donald Musick, Concordia; Vice President: Milo Peterson, Buffalo-Altoona-Midway; Secretary-Treasurer: Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; George Madelen, Hutchinson; W. Richard Channell, Kansas City-Argentine; Clinton Hill, Peabody; Herschel Olmstead, Junction City; Robert Blum, Oakley
- 1971-72** President: Milo Peterson, Buffalo—Altoona-Midway; Vice President: Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Secretary-Treasurer: George Madelen, Hutchinson; W. Richard Channell, Kansas City-Argentine; James Herd, Protection; Keith Mueller, Riley-Riley County; Herschel Olmstead, Junction City; W.P. Shepard, Ottawa
- 1972-73** President: Milo Peterson, Buffalo—Altoona-Midway; Vice President: Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Secretary-Treasurer: George Madelen, Hutchinson; W. Richard Channell, Kansas City-Argentine; James Herd, Protection; Keith Mueller, Riley-Riley County; Herschel Olmstead, Junction City; W.P. Shepard, Ottawa
- 1973-74** President: Milo Peterson, Buffalo-Altoona-Midway; Vice President: Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Secretary-Treasurer: George Madelen, Hutchinson; W. Richard Channell, Kansas City-Schlagle; James Herd, Protection; Keith Mueller, Riley-Riley County; Charles Schooler, Eureka; Harold Voth, Haven
- 1974-75** President: Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Vice President: George Madelen, Hutchinson; Secretary-Treasurer: W. Richard Channell, Kansas City-Schlagle; James Irick, Baldwin; Keith Mueller, Riley-Riley County; Ned Rolfs, Cawker City-Waconda East; Charles Schooler, Eureka; Harold Voth, Haven
- 1975-76** President: Charles Wolfe, Bucklin; Vice President: James Irick, Baldwin City; Secretary-Treasurer: Charles Schooler, Eureka Junior; James Akers, Madison; John Bottom, Beloit; H.D. Neill, Kansas City-Washington; Charles Watkins, Anthony—Harper-Chaparral; M.L. Winters, Olathe
- 1976-77** President: M.L. Winters, Olathe; Vice President: James Irick, Baldwin City; Secretary-Treasurer: Charles Schooler, Eureka Junior; James Akers, Madison; H.D. Neill, Kansas City-Washington; Kenneth Brown, Abilene; Melvin Crouch, Hiawatha; Donald Musick, Mullinville (*April-September*); Eugene Burke, Oswego (*Remainder of Mr. Musick's term.*)
- 1977-78** President: Kenneth Brown, Abilene; Vice President: H.D. Neill, Kansas City-Washington; Secretary-Treasurer: Eugene Burke, Oswego; Eugene Haydock, Fredonia; James Chadwick, Coldwater; H.L. Deines, Norton Junior; Martin Smith, Wichita-Heights; Floyd Amon, Holton
- 1978-79** President: James Chadwick, Coldwater; Vice President: Eugene Burke, Oswego; Secretary-Treasurer: Eugene Haydock, Fredonia; Floyd Amon, Holton; Kenneth Brown, Abilene; Earl Guiot, Buhler; Jim Miller, Kismet—Kismet-Plains-Southwestern Heights; Lester L. Paul, Topeka-Shideler Jr.; Martin Smith, Wichita-Heights
- 1979-80** President: Eugene Burke, Oswego; Vice President: Eugene Haydock, Fredonia; Secretary-Treasurer: Lester L. Paul, Topeka-Shideler Jr.; Kenneth Brown, Abilene; James Chadwick, Coldwater; Gary Fulton, Oakley; Earl Guiot, Buhler; Jim Miller, Kismet—Kismet-Plains-Southwestern Heights; Martin Smith, Wichita-Heights
- 1980-81** President: Eugene Haydock, Fredonia; Vice President: Lester L. Paul, Topeka-Shideler Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer: James McClain, Bennington; Earl Guiot, Buhler; Jim Miller, Kismet—Kismet-Plains-Southwestern Heights; Maxwell Sloop, Halstead; Martin Smith, Wichita-Heights; James T. Weixelman, Baileyville-B&B
- 1981-82** President: Earl Guiot, Buhler; Vice President: Maxwell Sloop, Halstead; Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Miller, Kismet—Kismet-Plains-Southwestern Heights (*April-September*); Secretary-Treasurer: James T. Weixelman, Baileyville-B&B (*September-April*); Cecil W. Deel, Sterling; Eugene S. Haydock, Fredonia; James E. McClain, Bennington; Paul E. Palmer, Kansas City-Schlagle; Lester L. Paul, Topeka-Shideler Jr.; James Davis, Hoxie (*Remainder of Mr. Miller's term.*)
- 1982-83** President: Lester L. Paul, Topeka-Shideler Jr.; Vice President: James T. Weixelman, Baileyville-B&B; Secretary-Treasurer: Paul E. Palmer, Kansas City-Schlagle; Warren R. Conner, Ashland; James L. Davis, Hoxie; Cecil W. Deel, Sterling; Eugene S. Haydock, Fredonia; Jack Roberts, Hays (*April 1982-83*); Neill Wheeler, Rosalia-Flinthills
- 1983-84** President: James T. Weixelman, Baileyville-B&B; Vice President: Paul E. Palmer, Kansas City-Schlagle; Secretary-Treasurer: Jack Roberts, Hays; Mel Coates, Wellington Jr.; Jack Collins, Pleasanton; Samuel J. Nicoletti, Arma-Northeast; Keith Rasmussen, Lincoln; Don L. Wells, Kingman
- 1984-85** President: Paul E. Palmer, Kansas City-Schlagle; Vice President: Don L. Wells, Kingman; Secretary-Treasurer: Samuel J. Nicoletti, Arma-Northeast; John E. Battitori, Coffeyville-Field Kindley; Mel Coates, Wellington Jr.; Don Hague, Peabody; James Koch, Clifton-Clyde; Larry D. Wade, Haviland (*September 26, 1984 - April, 1985*); James T. Weixelman, Baileyville-B&B
- 1985-86** President: Don L. Wells, Cheney; Vice President: Mel Coates, Wellington Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer: Samuel J. Nicoletti, Arma-Northeast; John Gasper, Wichita-Northwest; Dean Gilstrap, Arkansas City; Don Hague, Peabody; Gerry Harris, Marion; Earl Loyd, Burr Oak-White Rock; Marvin Stark, Colby
- 1986-87** President: Dr. John Gasper, Wichita-Northwest; Vice President: Don Hague, Peabody; Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Ratzlaff, Kismet—Kismet-Plains-Southwestern Heights; Don E. Day, Axtell; Dean Gilstrap, Arkansas City; Robert Graham, Fredonia Jr.; Gerry Harris, Marion; Robert Herbig, Mankato; Marvin Stark, Colby

- 1987-88** President: Don Hague, Peabody; Vice President: Gerry Harris, Marion; Secretary-Treasurer: Don E. Day, Axtell; Dean Gilstrap, Arkansas City; Robert Graham, Fredonia Jr.; Robert Herbig, Mankato; Dr. Charles W. Nichols, Overland Park—Shawnee Mission-South; Gary Price, Hesston; Marvin Stark, Colby
- 1988-89** President: Don Hague, Peabody; Vice President: Don E. Day, Axtell; Secretary-Treasurer: Robert Graham, Fredonia Jr.; Jerry Baumgardner, Emporia; Dean Gilstrap, Arkansas City; Gerry Harris, Marion; Jim Menze, Haven; Marvin Stark, Colby; Dan Stwalley, LaCygne-Prairie View
- 1989-90** President: Dean Gilstrap, Arkansas City; Vice President: Jerry Baumgardner, Emporia; Secretary-Treasurer: Dan Stwalley, LaCygne-Prairie View; Larry Anderson, Oswego; Dr. G. Derril Gwinner, Ellsworth; Mike Kastle, Ransom; Robert Overstreet, Ozawie-Jefferson West Middle; B.H. Pennel, Hiawatha; Duane Rankin, Cimarron/Ensign (**NOTE:** *Jim Menze, Haven, served as President from April 22 through June 15, 1989.*)
- 1990-91** President: Jerry Baumgardner, Emporia; Vice President: Dan Stwalley, La Cygne-Prairie View; Secretary-Treasurer: Duane Rankin, Cimarron/Ensign; Larry Anderson, Oswego; Dan Elsener, Wichita-Carroll & Kapaun Mt. Carmel; Mike Kastle, Ransom; Robert Overstreet, Ozawie-Jefferson West Middle; B.H. Pennel, Hiawatha; Joyce Schmitz, Baileyville, USD #451
- 1991-92** President: Dan Stwalley, LaCygne-Prairie View; Vice President: Mike Kastle, Ransom; Secretary-Treasurer: Larry Anderson, Oswego; Dan Elsener, Wichita-Carroll & Kapaun Mt. Carmel; Larry Jackson, St. Marys; Keith King, Iola; Katie McHenry, Wichita-East; Kenneth W. Rundle, St. Paul Middle; Joyce Schmitz, Baileyville, USD #451
- 1992-93** President: Keith King, Iola; Vice President: Katie McHenry, Wichita-East; Secretary-Treasurer: Joyce Schmitz, Baileyville, USD #451; Fred Campbell, Jr., Fort Scott; Dan Flummerfelt, Winfield Middle; Larry Jackson, St. Marys; John Paul Jones, Bucklin; C. Frank Mermoud, Shawnee Mission-Northwest; Ted Vannocker, Lebo (**NOTE:** *Dan Elsener, Wichita Carroll & Kapaun Mt. Carmel served as President from April 25 through June 16, 1992. Myron Graber filled the unexpired term of Ted Vannocker.*)
- 1993-94** President: Katie McHenry, Wichita-East; Vice President: Dan Flummerfelt, Winfield-Middle; Secretary-Treasurer: Keith King, Iola; Tom Heiman, Hill City; Jack Hulse, Lakin; John Paul Jones, Bucklin; Connie Moritz, Kansas City-Sumner Academy; Joyce Schmitz, Baileyville, USD #451
- 1994-95** President: Keith King, Iola; Vice-President: Tom Heiman, Hill City; Secretary-Treasurer: Jack Hulse, Lakin; Jerry Baumgardner, Emporia; Harold Bohm, Cheney; Ginny Honomichl, Baldwin City; Mike Kastle, Ransom; Jim Ratzlaff, Winfield; Zeny Schmidt, Olathe-South; David Zumbahlen, Centralia
- 1995-96** President: Mike Kastle, Ransom; Vice-President: Tom Heiman, Hill City; Secretary-Treasurer: Ginny Honomichl, Baldwin City; Jerry Baumgardner, Emporia; Harold Bohm, Cheney; Jack Hulse, Lakin; Cindy Knox, Buhler; Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; Zeny Schmidt, Olathe-South; Mike Stallbaumer, Baileyville, USD #451
- 1996-97** President: Tom Heiman, Hill City; Vice-President: Ginny Honomichl, Baldwin City; Secretary-Treasurer: Jack Hulse, Lakin; Jerry Baumgardner, Emporia; Jim Day, Chanute; Mike Kastle, Ransom; Cindy Knox, Buhler; Patrick Lang, Goddard USD #265; Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley Middle
- 1997-98** President: Jack Hulse, Lakin; Vice-President: Ginny Honomichl, Baldwin City; Secretary-Treasurer: Mike Kastle, Ransom; Jim Day, Chanute; Robert L. Dible, Rexford USD #316; Kevin Gilmore, Olathe; Tom Heiman, Hill City; Russ Kokoruda, Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest; Francine Martin, El Dorado; Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley Middle
- 1998-99** President: Mike Kastle, Ransom; Vice-President Robert L. Dible, Rexford USD #316; Secretary-Treasurer Francine Martin, El Dorado; Tom Foerschler, Onaga; Scott Hill, Abilene; Russ Kokoruda, Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest; Duane Osborne, Seneca-Nemaha Valley; William Parker, McPherson; Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley Middle; Ray Patterson, Rozel-Pawnee Heights
- 1999-2000** President: Russ Kokoruda, Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest; Vice-President: William Parker, McPherson; Secretary-Treasurer: Francine Martin, El Dorado; Teresa Clouch, Emporia; Robert L. Dible, Rexford USD #316; Tom Foerschler, Onaga; Scott Hill, Abilene; Mike Nulton, Hoisington; Tom Palmer, Sabetha; Ray Patterson, Rozel-Pawnee Heights
- 2000-01** President: Francine Martin, El Dorado; Vice-President: Mike Nulton, Hoisington; Secretary-Treasurer: Tom Palmer, Sabetha; Teresa Clouch, Emporia; Charlotte Davis, Kansas City-Wyandotte; Bruce Deterding, Wichita-South; Gina Geis, Topeka-Seaman USD 345; Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; Reggie Romine, Ellis; Diane Spicer, Pittsburg; Harold Voth, Haven
- 2001-02** President: Francine Martin, El Dorado; Vice-President: Reggie Romine, Ellis; Secretary-Treasurer: Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; Teresa Clouch, Lawrence; Bruce Deterding, Wichita-South; Gina Geis, Topeka-Seaman USD 345; Andy Metsker, Easton-Pleasant Ridge; Diane Spicer, Pittsburg; Harold Voth, Haven; Evan Yoder, Hillsboro
- 2002-03** President: Reggie Romine, Ellis; Vice-President: Bruce Deterding, Wichita-South; Secretary-Treasurer: Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; John Bacon, Olathe; Douglas Bolden, Kansas City-Schlagle; Gina Geis, Topeka-Seaman USD 345; Rick Johnson, Hiawatha; Dennis King, Stilwell-Blue Valley; Andy Metsker, Easton-Pleasant Ridge; Evan Yoder, Hillsboro
- 2003-04** President: Bruce Deterding, Wichita-South; Vice-President: Andy Metsker, Easton-Pleasant Ridge; Secretary-Treasurer: Dennis King, Stilwell-Blue Valley; John Bacon, Olathe; Douglas Bolden, Kansas City-Schlagle; Ardith Dunn, Satanta; Rick Johnson, Hiawatha; Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; Bruce Pinkall, Pratt USD 382; Reggie Romine, Ellis

- 2004-05** President: Melvin Ormiston, Cunningham; Vice-President: Reggie Romine, Ellis; Secretary-Treasurer: Bruce Pinkall, Pratt USD 382; Douglas Bolden, Kansas City-Schlagle; Ardith Dunn, Satanta; Rick Johnson, Hiawatha; Tamie Preston, Dodge City; Ron Traxson, Cheney; Ken Willard, Hutchinson (**NOTE: Reggie Romine resigned Feb. 9, 2005 and Loren Feldkamp, Onaga served the remaining term. Rick Johnson assumed Vice-Presidency upon Mr. Romine's resignation.**)
- 2005-06** President: Rick Johnson, Hiawatha; Vice-President: Ron Traxson, Cheney; Secretary-Treasurer: Douglas Bolden, Kansas City-Schlagle; Sue Gamble, Shawnee; Bob Jackson, Logan; Tamie Preston, Dodge City; Mike Simmons, Sublette; Bob Tolle, McPherson USD 418; Brad Wade, Pretty Prairie
- 2006-07** President: Ron Traxson, Cheney; Vice-President: Douglas Bolden, Kansas City-Schlagle; Secretary-Treasurer: Rick Johnson, Hiawatha; Sue Gamble, Shawnee; Bob Jackson, Logan; Tamie Preston, Dodge City; Tracy Smith, Uniontown; Bob Tolle, McPherson USD 418; Stacey Yurkovich, Olathe-Prairie Trail
- 2007-08** President: Tracy Smith, Uniontown; Vice President: Tamie Preston, Dodge City; Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Jackson, Logan; Don Clark, Jr., DeSoto USD 232; Greg Gorman, Cherokee-Southeast; David Morford, DeSoto (**NOTE: Mr. Morford succeeded Mr. Gorman who resigned his position as a result of a classification change.**); Justin Lockwood, Caney-Caney Valley; Leticia Nielsen, Wichita-Carroll; Stacey Yurkovich, Olathe-Prairie Trail; Janet Waugh, Kansas City
- 2008-09** President: David Morford, DeSoto; Vice President: Tamie Preston, Dodge City; Secretary-Treasurer: Bob Jackson, Logan; Eric Armstrong, Hutchinson; Don Clark, Jr., DeSoto USD 232; Justin Lockwood, Caney-Caney Valley; Mike Hubka, Medicine Lodge (**NOTE: Mr. Hubka succeeded Mr. Lockwood who resigned his position as a result of a classification change.**); Dwight Nichols, Topeka; Galen Unruh, Elbing-Berean Academy; Stacey Yurkovich, Olathe-Prairie Trail; Janet Waugh, Kansas City
- 2009-10** President: Eric Armstrong, Hutchinson; Vice President: Galen Unruh, Elbing-Berean Academy; Secretary-Treasurer: Eugene Haydock, Halstead USD 440; Bill Faflick, Wichita USD 259; Robert Gonzales, Manhattan; Darrin Herl, Grainfield-Wheatland; Mike Hubka, Medicine Lodge; Bruce Krase, Whitewater-Remington; David Morford, DeSoto; Janet Waugh, Kansas City
- 2010-11** President: Bill Faflick, Wichita USD 259; Vice President: Galen Unruh, Elbing-Berean Academy; Secretary-Treasurer: Eugene Haydock, Halstead USD 440; Eric Armstrong, Hutchinson; Mike Burgan, St. John-Hudson; Jackie Cook, Great Bend (**NOTE: Ms. Cook succeeded Mr. Armstrong who resigned his position as a result of a classification change.**); David Dennis, Wichita; Robert Gonzales, Manhattan; Mike Hubka, Medicine Lodge; Gerald Henderson, McPherson (**NOTE: Mr. Henderson succeeded Mr. Gonzales who resigned his position on the Board in March 2011.**); Bruce Krase, Whitewater-Remington; Penny Lane, Topeka-Washburn Rural; David Morford, DeSoto
- 2011-12** President: David Morford, DeSoto; Vice President: Penny Lane, Topeka-Washburn Rural; Secretary-Treasurer: Eugene Haydock, Halstead USD 440; Jackie Cook, Great Bend; Randy Heatherly, Girard; Bret Howard, Eureka; Ben Jacobs, Ellinwood; Alan Stein, Hill City; John Whetzal, Centralia; Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Topeka
- 2012-13** President: Penny Lane, Topeka-Washburn Rural; Vice President: Eugene Haydock, Halstead USD 440; Secretary-Treasurer: Ben Jacobs, Ellinwood; Steve Blankenship, Pratt; Jackie Cook, Great Bend; Randy Heatherly, Girard; Bret Howard, Eureka; Gwen Poss, Olathe-Northwest; Alan Stein, Hill City; John Whetzal, Centralia; Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Topeka
- 2013-14** President: Alan Stein, Hill City; Vice President: Ben Jacobs, Ellinwood; Secretary-Treasurer: Eugene Haydock, Halstead USD 440; Steve Blankenship, Pratt; Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley Middle; Gwen Poss, Olathe-Northwest; Scott Sheldon, Emporia; Monte Stewart, Belle Plaine; Ken Thiessen, Wichita-East; John Whetzal, Centralia; Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Topeka
- 2014-15** President: Ken Thiessen, Wichita-East; Vice President: John Whetzal, Centralia; Secretary-Treasurer: Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley; Doug Glenn, Topeka; Annette Gonzales, Shawnee Mission-North; David Kraft, LeRoy-Gridley USD 245; Justin Lockwood, Rosalia-Flinthills; Monte Stewart, Belle Plaine; Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Topeka; Rod Wittmer, Holton; Paul Zuzelski, Syracuse
- 2015-16** President: Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley; Vice-President: Monte Stewart, Belle Plaine; Secretary-Treasurer: Rod Wittmer, Holton; Barbara Bollier, Mission Hills; Mike Crouch, Emporia, USD 253; Tom Flax, Ness City; Annette Gonzales, Shawnee Mission North; Britton Hart, Emporia; Pam McComas, Topeka; Terry Ostmeyer, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell; Carolyn Wims-Campbell, Topeka
- 2016-17** President: Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley; Vice-President: Rod Wittmer, Holton; Secretary-Treasurer: Britton Hart, Emporia; Kathy Busch, Wichita; Mike Crouch, Emporia, USD 253; Tom Flax, Ness City; Annette Gonzales, Shawnee Mission North; Terry Ostmeyer, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell; Rudy Perez, Norton
- 2017-18** President: Juan Perez, Ulysses-Kepley; Vice-President: Britton Hart, Emporia; Secretary-Treasurer: Terry Ostmeyer, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell; Shane Backhus, McPherson; Gary Brockus, Louisburg; Kathy Busch, Wichita; Mike Crouch, Emporia, USD 253; Bob Diepenbrock, Kingman-Norwich, USD 331; Tom Flax, Ness City; Annette Gonzales, Shawnee Mission North; Pam McComas, Topeka; Rudy Perez, Norton;
- 2018-19** President: Britton Hart, Emporia; Vice-President: Terry Ostmeyer, Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell; Secretary-Treasurer: Rudy Perez, Norton; Kathy Busch, Wichita; Mike Crouch, Emporia, USD 253; Bob Diepenbrock, Kingman-Norwich, USD 331; Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill; Penny Lane, Topeka-Washburn Rural; Mark Meyer, Gardner-Edgerton; Alan Stein, Hill City; Galen Unruh, Elbing-Berean; Tom Flax, Ness City (**NOTE: Mr. Flax succeeded Mr. Unruh who resigned his position as a result of a classification change.**); Deena Horst, Salina (**NOTE: Ms. Horst succeeded Ms. Busch following her resignation due to the KSBE selecting her as its President in January.**);

- 2019-20** President: Alan Stein, Hill City; Vice-President: Penny Lane, Topeka-Washburn Rural; Secretary-Treasurer: Mark Meyer, Gardner-Edgerton; Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill; Deena Horst, Salina; Mike Kastle, Parsons; Monty Marlin, Sublette; Pam McComas, Topeka; Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud; Matt Renk, Atchison; Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney; Ken Stonebraker, Salina-South;
- 2020-21** President: Alan Stein, Hill City; Vice-President: Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud; Secretary-Treasurer: Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill; Jason Herman, Olathe North; Deena Horst, Salina; Mike Kastle, Parsons; Monty Marlin, Sublette; Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney; Ken Stonebraker, Salina-South;
- 2021-22** President: Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud; Vice-President: Mike Kastle, Parsons; Secretary-Treasurer: Greg Rosenhagen, Cheney; Tim Bumgarner, Whitewater-Remington; Matt Garber, Sabetha; Shannon Haydock, Rose Hill; Deena Horst, Salina; Tammie Romstad, Kansas City; Catherine Smith, Olathe; Drew Thon, Garden City; Linda Wiley, Silver Lake.
- 2022-23** President: Roger Perkins, Miltonvale-Southern Cloud; Vice-President: Mike Kastle, Parsons; Secretary-Treasurer: Drew Thon, Garden City; David Abel, Wichita; Justin Briggs, Dodge City-Comanche; Deena Horst, Salina; Ben Mitchell, Wichita Southeast; Tammie Romstad, Kansas City; Justin Seuser, Buhler; Sean Spoons, Eureka; Delvin Strecker, Salina; Paul Zuzelski, Syracuse.
- 2023-24** President: Justin Seuser, Buhler (*voted to position Sept. 2023*); President: Drew Thon, Garden City (*resigned Sept. 2023*); Vice President Mike Kastle, Parsons, USD 503 (*voted to position Sept. 2023, resigned Jan. 2024*); Vice President Casey Seyfert, Beloit (*voted to position Jan. 2024*); Secretary/Treasurer Justin Briggs, Dodge City-Comanche; Kellen Adams, Chanute, USD 413; Rick Byers, Kansas City-Turner; Shelby Green, Douglass, USD 396 (*voted to position Jan. 2024*); Eric Hofer-Holdeman, Wichita Northwest (*voted to position Sept. 2023*); Deena Horst, Salina; Alan Penrose, Lansing; Travis Powell, Greensburg-Kiowa County; Linda Wiley, Topeka; Paul Zuzelski, Syracuse.
- 2024-25** President: Casey Seyfert, Beloit; Vice President Travis Powell, Greensburg-Kiowa County; Secretary/Treasurer Alan Penrose, Lansing; David Abel, Wichita; Geoff Andrews, Diocese of Salina; Eric Cooper, Clearwater; Shelby Green, Douglass, USD 396; Gina Knapp, Blue Valley, USD 229; Jim Porter, Fredonia; Donald Raymer, Marion; Connie Redic, Wichita-Curtis; Sara Richardson, Wichita East; Delvin Strecker, Salina.
- 2025-26** President: Alan Penrose, Lansing; Vice President: Donald Raymer, Marion; Secretary/Treasurer: Shelby Green, Douglass, USD 396; Kellen Adams, Leavenworth, USD 453; Geoff Andrews, Diocese of Salina; Eric Cooper, Clearwater; Jay Doornbos, Council Grove; Linessa Frazier, Topeka; Cory Jensen, Hanover; Jim Porter, Fredonia; Sara Richardson, Wichita East; RJ Wilson, Lenexa.
- 2026-27** President: Alan Penrose, Lansing; Vice President: Donald Raymer, Marion; Secretary/Treasurer: Shelby Green, Douglass, USD 396; Kellen Adams, Piper, USD 203; Eric Cooper, Clearwater; Jay Doornbos, Council Grove; Keith Hauser, Norton; Cory Jensen, Hanover; Jay Novacek, Olathe East; Jim Porter, Fredonia; Relyn Strom, Topeka-Robinson.

KSHSAA ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

E.A. Thomas: Term 1927-1957. Mr. Thomas served as superintendent of schools, basketball coach and music director for the Quenemo, Hartford and Williamsburg school districts. On August 1, 1927, he became the first executive officer of the Kansas State High School Activities Association—a position which he held for over 29 years. Mr. Thomas retired on January 1, 1957. He pioneered strict rules in all forms of high school athletics.

C.H. Kopelk: Term 1957-1962. Mr. Kopelk was serving as a classroom teacher, coach and nationally recognized official in McPherson High School when hired as an assistant executive secretary. He served in this position from 1947-1957. He was made executive secretary on January 1, 1957, when Mr. Thomas retired. He served the Association from 1947-1962.

Brice B. Durbin: Term 1962-1976. Mr. Durbin was serving as a freshman basketball coach at Wichita State University when he was hired on April 1, 1957, as an assistant executive secretary. He had previously coached in Marysville, Arkansas City and Hutchinson high schools. On October 13, 1962, he was selected as executive secretary to fill the vacancy created by the death of Carl Kopelk. Mr. Durbin resigned September 1, 1976, to become the executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations. Mr. Durbin served the Association from 1957-1976.

Nelson L. Hartman: Term 1976-1993. Mr. Hartman was serving as superintendent of schools at Goddard, when he was named assistant executive secretary. He assumed his duties on June 10, 1963. He was previously employed as a mathematics teacher and coach at Claflin, Cunningham and Wakeeney schools. Mr. Hartman was promoted to executive director on September 1, 1976, after Mr. Brice Durbin resigned. He retired after 30 years of service to the Association, on October 1, 1993. Mr. Hartman served the Association from 1963-1993.

Kaye B. Pearce: Term 1993-1996. Mr. Pearce was serving as the athletic director and activities coordinator for Salina-Central High School when he joined the staff on August 1, 1976 as an assistant executive director. He had served the Salina schools as a coach and athletic director for 19 years. July 1, 1989, he was selected as associate executive director and January 20, 1993 he was named executive director, effective October 1, 1993 upon Nelson L. Hartman's retirement. Mr. Pearce served the Association from 1976-1996.

Gary P. Musselman: Term 1996-2018. Mr. Musselman served as principal of La Crosse High School at the time of his selection to the KSHSAA staff. Previously, he taught and coached in Independence, Andover, Beloit and Halstead school districts. He served as an assistant executive director from 1988-1996 and was named executive director-elect in June of 1995. Mr. Musselman served on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of State High School Associations from 2013-2017 and as the NFHS President in 2016-2017. Mr. Musselman served the Association for 30 years from 1988-2018 during which time he was responsible for construction of the new KSHSAA office, dedicated September 29, 2002.

William S. Faflick: Term 2018- Mr. Faflick was serving as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools in USD #259, Wichita when selected to serve as the Executive Director-Elect beginning on July 1, 2017. Prior to his six years serving the Wichita schools in this position, Mr. Faflick served as the District Director of Athletics from 1999-2011 and as the Athletic Director for Wichita Southeast High School from 1995-1999. Faflick taught and coached at Southeast High School, beginning in 1985. On July 2, 2018, Mr. Faflick began his term as Executive Director following the retirement of Mr. Musselman.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

C. H. Kopelk: Term 1947-1957 (*See Executive Directors*)

Brice B. Durbin: Term 1957-1962 (*See Executive Directors*)

Nelson L. Hartman: Term 1963-1976 (*See Executive Directors*)

Francis L. McGinness: Term 1976-1977 (*See Assistant Executive Directors*)

Kaye B. Pearce: Term 1989-1993 (*See Executive Directors*)

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Delmar Curry: Term 1938-1947. Mr. Curry, a Topeka businessman, was hired as an assistant to Mr. E.A. Thomas, in September of 1938.

Wanda May Vinson: Term 1946-1982. Miss Vinson, a teacher at Wichita-East, was employed on August 1, 1946. She had previously served as principal of the Antioch Grade School and taught in the high schools of Wellsville, Wellington and Wichita-East. Miss Vinson served as assistant executive secretary. Miss Vinson retired in September of 1982, after serving the Association for 36 years.

Keith Akins: Term 1967-1988. Mr. Akins was serving as the forensics, drama and debate coach in Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights High School when he was selected as an assistant executive secretary on July 1, 1967. He had served as a vice principal and classroom teacher in Iola High School and an instructor in Garden City High School. Mr. Akins retired in July 1988, after serving the Association for 22 years.

- Francis L. McGinness:** Term 1972-1977. Mr. McGinness was an associate principal and activities/athletic director at Topeka-West High School. He joined the staff on July 1, 1972 as an assistant executive secretary. On August 1, 1976, he was selected as associate executive secretary. On July 1, 1977 he joined the National Federation staff.
- Dick Brown:** Term 1977-1993. Mr. Brown was athletic director and basketball coach for the Dodge City Junior College when he assumed his responsibilities as an assistant executive director on August 1, 1977. He had previously taught and coached in Gove and Mullinville High Schools. Mr. Brown retired July 1, 1993 after serving the Association for 16 years.
- Claire Casselman:** Term 1982-1989. Ms. Casselman assumed responsibilities as assistant executive director, and KAY director on September 1, 1982. On September 1, 1989 she joined the faculty at Washburn University, Topeka, to become director of ecumenical ministries.
- Victor R. Sisk:** Term 1988-2005. Mr. Sisk was chairman of the music department at Lawrence High School before assuming his responsibilities as assistant executive director on July 1, 1988. He previously taught at the junior high, high school and college levels. Mr. Sisk retired July 1, 2005 after serving the Association for 17 years.
- Cheryl Gleason:** Term 1989-2021. Ms. Gleason was a teacher, coach and activities sponsor in Caldwell and at Osawatomie High School before assuming her responsibilities as assistant executive director and KAY director on November 1, 1989. She retired on July 1, 2021 following 32 years of service to the Association.
- Rick Bowden:** Term 1993-2011. Mr. Bowden was a teacher, coach and official in Goddard and Wichita, before assuming his responsibilities as assistant executive director on July 1, 1993. Mr. Bowden retired on June 30, 2011 after serving the Association for 18 years.
- Paul E. Palmer:** Term 1993-2004. Mr. Palmer was Director of the TARGET Interactive Project for the National Federation. He was a teacher, coach, official and administrator before assuming his responsibilities as assistant executive director on July 1, 1993. Mr. Palmer retired July 1, 2004 after serving the Association for 11 years.
- David Cherry:** Term 1996-2018. Mr. Cherry served as a teacher, coach and athletic director at Ellis High School prior to his joining the Association staff. He previously taught and coached in the Whitewater and Emporia school districts. Mr. Cherry assumed his duties as assistant executive director on July 1, 1996 and retired on July 1, 2018 following 22 years with the Association.
- Francine Martin:** Term 2004-2023. Ms. Martin served as assistant principal/activities director at Topeka-Seaman High School at the time she assumed her duties as an assistant executive director July 1, 2004. She previously taught and coached at LaCrosse High School and El Dorado High School, where she later became assistant principal and athletic director. For the 2022-23 school year, Ms. Martin began the position of Director of Officials for the Association, from which she retired July 1, 2023, after serving for 19 years.
- Reggie Romine:** Term 2005-2015. Mr. Romine served as principal at Ellis High School prior to joining the Association staff. He previously taught at Dighton High School, where he later became principal. Mr. Romine assumed his duties as assistant executive director on July 1, 2005 and retired on June 30, 2015 after 10 years with the Association.
- Mark Lentz:** Term 2011-2026 Mr. Lentz served as Assistant Principal and Activities Director at Paola High School prior to assuming his duties as assistant executive director on July 1, 2011. He previously served as principal of Jayhawk Linn Jr./Sr. High School in Mound City, KS. He retired on July 1, 2026, after serving the Association for 15 years.
- Jeremy Holaday:** Term 2012- Mr. Holaday was a member of the Kansas State University Athletic Department staff when selected to join the staff of the Association, as Director of Communications/Sports Information. He served as a graduate assistant in the KSU Athletic Department in sports information and event management, while working on a Master's program in student development through the College of Education.
- Craig Manteuffel:** Term 2015-2024 Mr. Manteuffel served as the Director of Bands for Hays High School for 19 years before joining the Association staff on July 1, 2015. Prior to his tenure at Hays High, he served 10 years as the instrumental and vocal music director for grades 5-12 for USD #403, Otis-Bison Schools. He retired on October 1, 2024, following 10 years of service to the Association.
- Rod Garman:** Term 2018- Mr. Garman served as a district administrator and swimming/diving coach at Topeka-Seaman USD 345 prior to joining the Association staff. He previously was an administrator, teacher and coach in Marion and Minneola. Mr. Garman assumed his duties as an assistant executive director on July 1, 2018.
- Annie Diederich:** Term 2021-2023. Mrs. Diederich served as a program consultant for the Kansas State Department of Education prior to joining the Association staff. She previously was a principal and athletic director for Jackson Heights USD 335 and served 20 years as an administrator with Seaman Schools USD 345. Mrs. Diederich joined the Association as an assistant executive director on July 1, 2021, and retired on August 1, 2023.
- Kyle Doperalski:** Term 2022- Mr. Doperalski served as an Associate Athletics Director at the University of North Dakota for the 11 years prior to joining the Association staff. He previously served at New Mexico State as the Aggie Sports Network Broadcast Coordinator and Aggie Vision General Manager. Mr. Doperalski also served in Sports Information during the time he was a student-athlete at the University of Nebraska. Mr. Doperalski joined the Association as an assistant executive director on July 1, 2022.

Sarah Smith: Term 2023- Ms. Smith served as a teacher, coach, and activities director at Doniphan West Junior and Senior High School at the time she assumed her duties as an assistant executive director on July 1, 2023. She previously served as a teacher, coach and club sponsor at Wetmore Academic Center.

Megan Hagaman: Term 2024- Dr. Hagaman served as a language arts, debate and speech instructor over a 16-year career in Kansas schools. Before joining the Association, she was Assistant Principal at McPherson High School while serving as debate coach for Kansas Wesleyan University. Dr. Hagaman assumed duties as assistant executive director on July 1, 2024.

Shawn Steiner: Term 2026- Mr. Steiner served as a high school teacher, coach, and administrator for 21 years. His entire professional career was with Dodge City Schools, where he most recently served in the District Athletic Director and District Activities Director roles. Mr. Steiner joined the Association on July 1, 2026.

OFFICE MANAGER

Rheinetta Doty: Term 1976-1996. Ms. Doty began her career as a KSHSAA secretary upon her graduation from Oskaloosa High School in the summer of 1947. She served as secretary to five executive directors. On September 1, 1976, she became the Association's first office manager. Ms. Doty served the Association from 1947-1996.

Karen Ruder: Term 1996-2008. Mrs. Ruder joined the KSHSAA staff in August of 1995 as an executive secretary. July 1, 1996 she began service as supervisor of personnel and information services. Prior to joining the staff Mrs. Ruder taught, coached and sponsored numerous activities at Bishop Ward High School in Kansas City, Kansas.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Brent Unruh: Term 2008- Mr. Unruh joined the KSHSAA staff on January 1, 2008. A native of Hillsboro, Mr. Unruh is a Certified Athletic Trainer and was employed by an orthopedic medical practice prior to joining the KSHSAA. In that capacity, he served several northeast Kansas schools as a contract athletic trainer.

DIRECTOR OF OFFICIALS

Francine Martin: Term 2022-2023. (See Assistant Executive Directors)

Scott Goodheart: Term 2023- Mr. Goodheart served as an active multi-sport official and league commissioner at the time he assumed his duties on June 1, 2023. He previously served as an athletic administrator at Pratt Community College and a recreation director in Hoisington.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION

The National Federation consists of fifty individual state high school athletic and/or activities associations and the association of the District of Columbia. Also affiliated are nine interscholastic organizations from the Canadian provinces of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland-Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Quebec as well as the Canadian School Sports Federation and the associations of the Republic of the Philippines, Guam and St. Thomas.

These associations have united to secure the benefits of cooperative action which eliminates unnecessary duplication of effort and which increases efficiency through the pooling and coordinating of ideas of all who are engaged in the administration of high school athletic and activities programs.

ORIGIN AND GROWTH

The national organization had its beginning in a meeting in Chicago on May 14, 1920. L.W. Smith, secretary of the Illinois High School Athletic Association, issued invitations to neighboring states and state association representatives who came from Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss problems which had resulted from high school contests which were organized by colleges and universities or by other clubs or promoters. In many cases little attention was given to eligibility rules of the high school associations or to other school group regulations; chaotic conditions had developed. At this first meeting it was decided that the welfare of the high schools required a more active part in the control of such athletic activities be exercised by the high schools through the state associations and this control necessitated the formation of a national organization. A constitution and bylaws were adopted and the group decided on the name "Midwest Federation of State High School Athletic Associations." Principal George Edward Marshall, Davenport, Iowa was elected president and Principal L.W. Smith of Joliet, Illinois was elected secretary-treasurer.

In 1921, four states, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, continued their interest and became charter members through formal ratification of the constitution. Largely due to their efforts, the national organization grew during the early years.

In 1922, the Chicago annual meeting was attended by representatives from all states and the name of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations was adopted. A number of college and university representatives who attended the meeting expressed sympathy for and interest in the efforts to introduce a high degree of order in the regulation of interscholastic contests.

Since that time the National Federation has had a healthy growth to its present nationwide membership. By 1940, a national office with a full-time executive staff became necessary and such an office was established in September of that year.

The legislative body is the National Council made up of one representative from each member state association. Each representative must be a state association chief executive officer or governing board member. The executive body is the Executive Committee of twelve members from the eight territorial sections as outlined in the constitution. Their election is by the National Council at its summer meeting.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

The purpose of the National Federation of State High School Associations is to coordinate the efforts of its member state associations toward the ultimate objectives of interscholastic activities. It shall provide a means for state high school associations to cooperate in order to enhance and protect their interscholastic programs. In order to accomplish this, the National Federation is guided by a philosophy consistent with the accepted purposes of secondary education. Member state associations' programs must be administered in accordance with the following basic beliefs: Interscholastic activities shall be an integral part of the total secondary school educational program which has as its purpose to provide educational experiences not otherwise provided in the curriculum, which will develop learning outcomes in the areas of knowledge, skills and emotional patterns and will contribute to the development of better citizens. Emphasis shall be upon teaching "through" activities in addition to teaching the "skills" of activities.

Interschool activities shall be primarily for the benefit of the high school students who participate directly and vicariously in them. The interscholastic activity program shall exist mainly for the value which it has for students and not for the benefit of the sponsoring institutions. The activities and contests involved shall be psychologically sound by being tailored to the physical, mental and emotional maturity levels of the youth participating in them.

Any district and/or state athletic meet competition to determine a so-called champion shall provide opportunities for schools to demonstrate and to evaluate the best taught in their programs with the best taught in other schools and in other areas of the state.

Participation in interscholastic activities is a privilege to be granted to those students who meet the minimum standards of eligibility adopted cooperatively by the schools through their state associations, and those additional standards established by each school for its own students.

The state high school associations and the National Federation shall be concerned with the development of those standards, policies and regulations essential to assist their member schools in the implementation of their philosophy of interscholastic activities.

Non-school activities sponsored primarily for the benefit of the participants in accordance with a philosophy compatible with the school philosophy of interscholastics may have values for youth. When they do not interfere with the academic and interscholastic programs and do not result in exploitation of youth, they shall be considered as a worthwhile supplement to interschool activities.

The welfare of the schools demands a united front in sports direction policies and the high school associations provide opportunity for this unity. They must be kept strong.

Kansas State High School Activities Association

The Kansas State High School Activities Association became a member of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations in 1923. The National Federation is both a service and regulatory organization. It was founded on the premise it would provide service to individual state associations by controlling interstate athletic events. As its membership grew, the services of the National Federation also increased through expanding programs. The growth in size and influence of state high school associations and the National Federation ensures some degree of team work on the part of approximately 20,000 schools. This cohesiveness has enabled them to formulate policies and plans for improving interscholastic athletic conditions and to make these plans function.

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2026-2031 KSHSAA PROJECTED CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES	SCW	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	ACTIVITIES	SCW	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31
GIRLS TENNIS													
Summer Moratorium	-	6/29-7/5	6/28-7/4	7/3-7/9	7/2-7/8	7/1-7/7	Beginning Practice Date	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19
Student Council Workshop (Emporia State University)	3	7/19-24	7/18-23	7/16-21	7/15-20	7/21-26	Earliest Possible Competition	7	8/21	8/20	8/18	8/17	8/23
KAY Leadership Camp (Rock Springs)	4	7/27-31	7/26-30	7/24-7/28	7/23-27	7/29-8/2	Regional Tournaments (1 day):	14	10/7	10/9	10/6	10/6	10/12
							Regional Tournaments (2 day):	14	10/9-10	10/8-9	10/6-7	10/5-6	10/11-12
							State Tournaments	15	10/16-17	10/15-16	10/13-14	10/12-13	10/18-19
BOYS SOCCER													
Coaching School	5	8/3-4	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Beginning Practice Date	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19
Labor Day	-	9/7	9/6	9/4	9/3	9/2	Earliest Possible Competition	8	8/28	8/27	8/25	8/24	8/30
Fall Athletic Buffer Week	19	11/9-15	11/8-14	11/6-12	11/5-11	11/11-17	Early Season Tournaments	10	9/7-12	9/6-11	9/4-9	9/3-8	9/9-14
KIAAA Fall Workshop		11/9	11/8	11/6	11/5	11/11	Mid-Season Tournaments	15	10/12-17	10/11-16	10/9-14	10/8-13	10/14-19
KAY Citizenship Week	20	11/15-21	11/14-20	11/12-18	11/11-17	11/17-23	Regional Tournaments	17	10/26-31	10/25-30	10/23-28	10/22-27	10/28-11/2
Thanksgiving	21	11/26	11/25	11/23	11/22	11/28	State Tournament Quarterfinals	18	11/2	11/1	10/30	10/29	11/4
KASB Convention	-	11/5-8	11/11-14	11/2-5	TBD	TBD	State Tournament Semifinals	18	11/4	11/3	11/1	10/31	11/6
Winter Moratorium	-	12/23-27	12/24-28	12/24-28	12/23-27	12/22-26	State Tournament Championship & Consolation	18	11/7	11/6	11/4	11/3	11/9
KIAAA Convention	-	4/9-12	3/24-27	3/23-3/26	3/22-25	TBD	UNIFIED BOWLING						
Easter	-	3/28	4/16	4/1	4/21	4/13	Beginning Practice Date	13	9/28	9/27	9/25	9/24	9/30
Memorial Day	-	5/31	5/29	5/28	5/27	5/26	Earliest Possible Competition	15	10/12	10/11	10/9	10/8	10/14
USA Convention	-	6/2-4	5/31-6/2	TBD	TBD	TBD	Regional Meets	19	11/9-14	11/8-13	11/6-11	11/5-10	11/11-16
							State Meet	20	11/17	11/16	11/14	11/13	11/19
FOOTBALL													
Beginning Practice Date	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19	GAME DAY	20	11/20	11/19	11/17	11/16	11/22
Jamboree Scrimmage	8	8/28 or 29	8/27 or 28	8/25 or 26	8/24 or 25	8/30 or 31	Dance Showcase	20	11/21	11/20	11/18	11/17	11/23
Earliest Possible Competition	9	9/2	9/1	8/30	8/29	9/4	Cheer Showcase						
First Football Playing Friday	9	9/4	9/3	9/1	8/31	9/6	FLAG FOOTBALL						
Week #9 Bracket Games	17	10/29-30	10/28-29	10/26-27	10/25-26	10/31-11/1	Beginning Practice Date	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19
Regional	18	11/6	11/5	11/3	11/2	11/8	Earliest Possible Competition	7	9/2	9/1	8/30	8/29	9/4
Sectional	19	11/13	11/12	11/10	11/9	11/15	Regionals	14	10/10	10/9	10/7	10/6	10/12
Sub-State	20	11/20	11/19	11/17	11/16	11/22	Quarterfinals	15	10/13	10/12	10/10	10/9	10/15
State	21	11/27 or 28	11/26 or 27	11/24 or 25	11/23 or 24	11/29 or 30	State Semifinals & Championship	15	10/17	10/16	10/14	10/13	10/19
CROSS COUNTRY													
Beginning Practice Date	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19	DEBATE	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19
Earliest Possible Competition	9	9/2	9/1	8/30	8/29	9/4	Beginning Practice Date	11	9/18	9/17	9/15	9/14	9/20
Sub-State Meets	16	10/24	10/23	10/21	10/20	10/26	Earliest Date for Invitationals	24	12/18-19	12/17-18	12/15-16	12/14-15	12/20-21
State Meets	17	10/31	10/30	10/28	10/27	11/2	Regional Tournaments	28	1/15-16	1/14-15	1/12-13	1/11-12	1/17-18
							4-Speaker State Tournaments	28	1/15-16	1/14-15	1/12-13	1/11-12	1/17-18
							2-Speaker State Tournaments (Class 5A, 4A, 3-1A)						
							2-Speaker State Tournaments (Class 6A)	28	1/14-16	1/13-15	1/11-13	1/10-12	1/16-18
VOLLEYBALL													
Beginning Practice Date	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19	SCHOLARS BOWL	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19
Earliest Possible Competition	8	8/28	8/27	8/25	8/24	8/30	Beginning Practice Date	16	10/19	10/18	10/16	10/15	10/21
Regional Tournaments, 3A-1A DII	16	10/19-20	10/18-19	10/16-17	10/15-16	10/21-22	Earliest Possible Competition	31	2/4	2/3	2/1	1/31	2/6
Sub-State Tournaments	17	10/24	10/23	10/21	10/20	10/26	Regional Tournaments	32	2/13	2/12	2/10	2/9	2/15
State Tournaments							State Tournaments						
GIRLS GOLF													
Beginning Practice Date	7	8/17	8/16	8/14	8/13	8/19	SCW = Standard Calendar Week						
Earliest Possible Competition	7	8/21	8/20	8/18	8/17	8/23							
Regional Tournaments	15	10/12 or 13	10/11 or 12	10/9 or 10	10/8 or 9	10/14 or 15							
Sub-State Tournaments	16	10/19-20	10/18-19	10/16-17	10/15-16	10/21-22							

ACTIVITIES		SCW	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	ACTIVITIES		SCW	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31
SPORTS															
Beginning Practice Date		20	11/16	11/15	11/13	11/12	11/18	SPEECH & DRAMA		27	1/8	1/7	1/5	1/4	1/10
Earliest Possible Competition		22	11/30	11/29	11/27	11/26	12/2	Regional Festivals		-	4/17	4/22	4/21	4/13	4/19
State Meet		30	1/29-30	1/28-29	1/26-27	1/25-26	1/31-2/1	State Speech Championships		-	5/1	5/6	5/5	5/4	5/3
WRESTLING															
Beginning Practice Date		20	11/16	11/15	11/13	11/12	11/18	BOYS TENNIS		35	3/1	2/28	2/26	2/25	3/3
Earliest Possible Competition		22	11/30	11/29	11/27	11/26	12/2	Beginning Practice Date		36	3/11	3/9	3/8	3/7	3/13
Regional Tournaments (Girls)		32	2/12-13	2/11-12	2/9-10	2/8-9	2/14-15	Earliest Possible Competition		44	5/8	5/5	5/4	5/3	5/10
Regional Tournaments (Boys)		33	2/20	2/19	2/17	2/16	2/22	Regional Tournaments (1 day):		44	5/7-8	5/4-5	5/3-4	5/2-3	5/9-10
State Tournaments (Girls & Boys)		34	2/26-27	2/25-26	2/23-24	2/22-23	2/28-3/1	Regional Tournaments (2 day):		45	5/14-15	5/12-13	5/11-12	5/10-11	5/16-17
BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING															
Beginning Practice Date		20	11/16	11/15	11/13	11/12	11/18	BOYS GOLF		35	3/1	2/28	2/26	2/25	3/3
Earliest Possible Competition		22	11/30	11/29	11/27	11/26	12/2	Beginning Practice Date		37	3/18	3/16	3/15	3/14	3/20
Regional Tournaments (Girls & Boys)		33	2/18-20	2/17-19	2/15-17	2/14-16	2/20-22	Earliest Possible Competition		46	5/17 or 18	5/15 or 16	5/14 or 15	5/13 or 14	5/19 or 20
State Meets								Sub-State Tournaments		47	5/24-25	5/22-23	5/21-22	5/20-21	5/27-28
BASKETBALL															
Beginning Practice Date		20	11/16	11/15	11/13	11/12	11/18	GIRLS SOFTBALL		35	3/1	2/28	2/26	2/25	3/3
Earliest Possible Competition		22	11/30	11/29	11/27	11/26	12/2	Beginning Practice Date		37	3/18	3/16	3/15	3/14	3/20
Early Season Tournaments (Girls & Boys)		23	12/7-12	12/6-11	12/4-9	12/3-8	12/9-14	Earliest Possible Competition		46	5/17-20	5/15-18	5/14-17	5/13-16	5/19-22
Girls Only		24	12/14-19	12/13-18	12/11-16	12/10-15	12/16-21	Regional Tournaments		47	5/24-28	5/22-26	5/21-25	5/20-24	5/26-30
(if not held during first week)								State Tournaments							
Invitational Tournaments								BOYS BASEBALL		35	3/1	2/28	2/26	2/25	3/3
Boys and/or Girls		29	1/18-23	1/17-22	1/15-20	1/14-19	1/20-25	Beginning Practice Date		37	3/18	3/16	3/15	3/14	3/20
Girls Only		30	1/25-30	1/24-29	1/22-27	1/21-26	1/27-2/1	Earliest Possible Competition		45	5/12-14	5/10-12	5/9-11	5/8-10	5/14-16
(if not held during first week)								Regional Tournaments		46	5/17-20	5/15-18	5/14-17	5/13-16	5/19-22
Sub-State Quarterfinals:		34	2/25-27	2/24-26	2/22-24	2/21-23	2/27-3/1	3A, 2-1A Quarterfinals		47	5/24-28	5/22-26	5/21-25	5/20-24	5/26-30
Class 1A DII, 1A DI, 2A, 3A								Regional Tournaments							
Sub-State Tournaments: All Classes		35	3/1-5	2/28-3/3	2/26-3/2	2/25-3/1	3/3-7	State Tournaments		46	5/17-20	5/15-18	5/14-17	5/13-16	5/19-22
State Tournaments: All Classes		36	3/9-13	3/7-11	3/6-10	3/5-9	3/11-15			47	5/24-28	5/22-26	5/21-25	5/20-24	5/26-30
BOWLING															
Beginning Practice Date		-	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	GIRLS SOCCER		35	3/1	2/28	2/26	2/25	3/3
Regional Meets		34	2/22-27	2/21-26	2/19-24	2/18-23	2/24-3/1	Beginning Practice Date		37	3/18	3/16	3/15	3/14	3/20
State Meets		35	3/3-5	3/1-3	2/28-3/2	2/27-3/1	3/5-7	Earliest Possible Competition		39	3/29-4/3	3/27-4/1	3/26-31	3/25-30	3/31-4/5
								Mid-Season Tournaments		44	5/3-8	5/1-6	4/30-5/5	4/29-5/4	5/5-5/10
PIANO								Regional Tournaments		46	5/17-22	5/15-20	5/14-19	5/13-18	5/19-24
Regional Festivals		31	2/6	2/5	2/3	2/2	2/8	State Tournament Quarterfinals		47	5/24	5/22	5/21	5/20	5/26
State Festival		33	2/20	2/19	2/17	2/16	2/22	State Tournament Semifinals		47	5/26	5/24	5/23	5/22	5/28
								State Tournament Championship & Consolation		47	5/29	5/27	5/26	5/25	5/31
GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING															
Beginning Practice Date		35	3/1	2/28	2/26	2/25	3/3	TRACK & FIELD		35	3/1	2/28	2/26	2/25	3/3
Earliest Possible Competition		37	3/15	3/13	3/12	3/11	3/17	Beginning Practice Date		37	3/18	3/16	3/15	3/14	3/20
State Meets		46	5/20-22	5/18-20	5/17-19	5/16-18	5/22-24	Earliest Possible Competition		46	5/20 or 21	5/18 or 19	5/17 or 18	5/16 or 17	5/22 or 23
								Regional Meets		47	5/28-29	5/26-27	5/25-26	5/24-25	5/30-31
MUSIC															
Regional Festivals															
Solos & Small Ensembles: 1st Weekend		-	4/3	4/1	4/7	3/30	3/29								
Solos & Small Ensembles: 2nd Weekend		-	4/10	4/8	4/14	4/6	4/5								
State Festivals															
Large Groups: All Classes		-	4/14-15	4/19-20	4/18-19	4/10-11	4/16-17								
Solos & Small Ensembles: All Classes		-	4/24	4/29	4/28	4/27	4/26								

