

KHSAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Governing Wrestling Tournaments

(Adopted by the Board of Control)

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

I) Assignment of Schools to Regions

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in wrestling for boys, provided that fifteen (15) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to November 1. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control. Newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.

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

REGION 1 - [WESTERN KENTUCKY] – Apollo, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Christian County, Daviess County, Fort Campbell, Henderson County, Hopkinsville, Ohio County, Paducah Tilghman, Union County, University Heights

REGION 2 - [MID KENTUCKY] – Anderson County, Central Hardin, Danville, Fort Knox, John Hardin, Larue County, Nelson County, North Hardin

REGION 3 - [WEST JEFFERSON] – Bullitt Central, DeSales, Doss, Fairdale, Holy Cross [Louisville], Iroquois, Meade County, Pleasure Ridge Park, Southern, Valley, Western

REGION 4 - [CENTRAL JEFFERSON] – Atherton, Central, DuPont Manual, Kentucky School f/t Blind, Moore, Seneca, St. Xavier, Trinity [Louisville]

REGION 5 - [EAST JEFFERSON] – Ballard, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Kentucky Country Day, North Oldham, Oldham County, South Oldham

REGION 6 - [NORTHERN KENTUCKY] – Campbell County, Conner, Dixie Heights, Holmes, Newport, Ryle, Scott, Simon Kenton

REGION 7 - [CENTRAL KENTUCKY] – Bourbon County, Bryan Station, Franklin County, Harrison County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Montgomery County, Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek, Western Hills, Woodford County

REGION 8 - [EASTERN KENTUCKY] – Ashland Blazer, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Letcher County Central, McCreary Central, Oneida Baptist, Perry County Central, Pike County Central, Prestonsburg, Sheldon Clark, Wayne County, Whitley County

II) Dates and Sites for Tournaments

The Commissioner shall make the determination of the regional tournament sites. Schools interested in hosting a regional tournament must submit their request through the defined site selection process at prior year tournaments. The applicant shall supply information relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner. The Commissioner's office may use this site selection plan as a guide, but is not bound by this plan in determining the sites. If a region is unable to resolve conflict over the plan, the Commissioner shall establish a plan. All tournaments will be held within the dates indicated on the Memorandum Calendar unless otherwise approved in writing by the Commissioner.

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

Schools interested in hosting a regional tournament must submit the tournament information when requested by the Commissioner's office. The applicant shall verify that the facility tournaments any standards established by the Games Committee and shall supply data relating to seating and parking facilities and such other information as may be requested by the Commissioner. Member schools are not permitted to practice for, travel to or participate in an

interscholastic athletic contest during the six-hour school day. No Wrestling tournament should be scheduled at a time that would violate any part of the six-hour academic school day.

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

III) Tournament Managers

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

IV) Eligibility to Enter Tournament Play

To be eligible to compete in the regional or state meet, a contestant shall have competed in at least four matches on a team representing a member school during the regular season.

To be eligible for the team championship, a school shall have competed in a minimum of four (4) matches against other schools during the season.

All entrants from a school accumulate team points toward the team championship in accordance with the provisions under part IX, Champion.

V) Contestants

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

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

A) Region

1) A school may enter one participant in each weight class in the region tournament. To be eligible for the region tournament, a wrestler's name must appear on a properly completed region tournament entry form including the proper verification as to the number of weigh-ins per class during the year.

2) Entry sheets are required to be brought to the seeding meeting for the region tournament by the coach or designated school representative of each school desiring to participate. A wrestler may not be entered in a region tournament unless his/her name appears on the entry form and the weigh-in verification records are completed. Entry forms must be duplicated so that the original copy is sent to the region manager, and the copies are distributed to the other participating coaches.

3) Each school shall have an opportunity to have a representative at the seeding meeting for the region tournament. If a coach or representative is not present, those present may conduct the business of the region meeting including completion of the seeded brackets.

4) There will be a double elimination tournament in each weight class at the region tournament. The manager will coordinate a meeting of participating coaches for the purpose of making region pairings in each weight class by seeding the participants. For regions without an adopted seeding plan, the following criteria may serve as a guide:

- a) Head to head competition between contestants.
- b) The record against common opponents;

- c) A contestant with a better overall record;
 - d) A contestant with an exceptional record against acknowledged strong competition;
 - e) A returning champion or runner-up in the same weight class;
- 5) The region tournament will be wrestled and scored to six places.
- B) State.**
- 1) The top four wrestlers in each weight class shall advance from the regional tournament into the state tournament. In the event that a seeded wrestler is not able to participate in the state tournament due to injury or other reason beyond the control of the wrestler, the appropriate seeded wrestler[s] will be moved up in the seeding, and the next place wrestler from the regional tournament will be seeded fourth. Notification of situations of this type where substitutions are made shall be made to the Commissioner immediately with further notification to all effected coaches.
 - 2) Wrestlers unable to compete may be replaced prior to weigh-ins, and such shall not constitute a forfeit. Other positions shall be rotated up in the bracketing.
 - 3) There will be a double elimination tournament for each weight class at the state tournament. The Commissioner shall draw each weight class individually for the pairings at the state tournament. If there is an odd man left, he shall receive a bye.
 - 4) The state tournament will be wrestled and scored to eight places.

VI) Rules

The National Federation of State High School Association Rules will be used at all tournaments.

VII) Weight Classifications, Certification and Control

A) Weight Classes and Weigh-ins

- 1) Competition shall be divided into weight classes for postseason competition as follows: 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215 and 285.
- 2) For each round of the postseason tournament, the two pound weight / growth allowance provisions from the National Federation Rules shall be used.
- 3) The two-pound growth allowance will be added to each class boundary on January 15.
- 4) A certified scale shall be used to verify weight at all matches [regular and postseason]. Scales which do not display current certification or for which current documentation is not available shall not count toward the wrestler's weigh-in requirements but shall count as though the wrestler weighed 278.

B) Certification into a Weight Class

- 1) A wrestler is certified into a particular weight class at any regularly scheduled match or tournament any time on or prior to January 15 by making base weight at an official weigh-in on a certified scale as long as that certified weight is not below the documented minimum weight and is at a time allowed by the minimum weight calculations. A wrestler weighing in on or prior to January 15 is continually certifying at the weigh-in weight.
- 2) Once a wrestler is certified into a particular weight class as of January 15, he/she may weigh-in only in that class and one class above. He/she is automatically re-certified into a higher weight class after January 15 by weighing in and qualifying for that class, but never into a lower weight class. After January 15, making base weight (including growth) two classes above any previously certified weight class automatically renders that wrestler ineligible for the remainder of the year to wrestle in the lower weight class [previous certified weight].
- 3) A wrestler may only enter the postseason tournaments by making the required weight [base prior to January 15, two-pound growth weight on or after January 15] in a minimum fifty-percent of his/her certified weigh-ins, including those in part A[4] above.

C) Minimum Weight

- 1) The weight class in which an individual participates in postseason must be determined between October 15

and the first regular season match.

- 2) All athletes must meet eligibility requirements including the development of a set minimum body weight. This weight is to be determined in joint consultation with the athlete, his/her parents, his/her doctor and the coach and may require an additional medical examination by a medical doctor.
- 3) An accepted method of determining this weight must be used and the Commissioner must approve the method.
- 4) Failure to determine an athlete's minimum weight shall render the athlete ineligible for competition. Athletes without a minimum weight determination may not wrestle in competition or in practice after the start of the regular season. The Head Coach or the wrestling program at a particular school may be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 33, and may be declared ineligible for competition for failing to submit minimum weight verification information in a timely fashion.
- 5) A wrestler may never be certified into a class which is below the minimum body weight determined by the wrestler, his/her parents, his/her coach and his/her doctor and verified by using the proper calculation forms.

D) Weight Control

All coaches are cautioned that rapid reduction in weight can endanger the health of the student athlete and coaches are encouraged to keep current with all research in this area. The manager of each meet is to have each participant weighed and it is highly recommended that a physician examine each participant.

VIII) Officials (Regular and Postseason)

For regular season play, the fee shall \$40 per standard dual match. For a double dual, the fee shall be \$70 per official. For a tri-meet, the fee shall be \$90 per official. For a quad, which must use a minimum of two officials, the fee shall be \$90 per official. For a one-day 16-person bracket tournament, the fee shall be \$160 per official. For a two-day, 24-person bracket tournament, the fee shall be \$220 per official and for a two-day, 32-person bracket, the fee shall be \$245 per official. Fees for other meet formats not mentioned shall be negotiated with the local official(s) by the school. The host school is responsible for the full complement of officials but shall work with the local assigning secretary if one is retained by the local policy board. The local regional policy board may approve a supplement for incidental expenses such as travel and mileage.

Only officials licensed with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association may officiate in the regional or state meet. The Commission shall assign all officials to region and state competitions. Only a Level 2 or 3 official may officiate the regional or state tournament. Exceptions must be approved by the Commission.

Regional tournament officials shall be paid a fee of \$125.00. In the case where an official is required to travel outside of the local assigning area by virtue of the assignments, the fee shall be increased by \$5 per person. The crew of officials may paid a mileage allowance for one car based on the mileage submitted to and approved by the manager.

State tournament officials shall be paid a predetermined rate per session based on the format of the tournament.

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

IX) Champion

The team that scores the greatest number of points during the tournament shall be declared the team champion. Team points will be awarded in accordance with the National Federation Rules Book.

X) Trophies and Awards

A) Region.

- 1) Trophies will be given to the team winner and runner-up at each region.
- 2) Awards will be given to first six (6) placers in each weight class at each regional tournament and a Most Valuable Wrestler.
- 3) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the regional tournament.

B) State.

- 1) Trophies will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second, third and fourth at the state meet.
- 2) Awards will be given to the first eight (8) finishers in each weight class at the state tournament.
- 3) Awards will be presented to the competitor with the Quickest Pin, Most Pins in Least Amount of Time, and to the Most Valuable Wrestler.
- 4) The Association will bear the costs of all trophies and medals at the state tournament.

XI) Finances

A) Region

- 1) The finances of the regional meet will be managed at the regional level.
- 2) The regional competing schools shall decide any distribution of net profit/loss, which shall be shared.

B) State

- 1) The Association will finance the state tournament.
- 2) Schools are responsible for the expenses of competitors participating in the state tournament.

XII) Special Tournament and Regular Season Rules

A) Specifications for Wrestling Tournaments

The specifications for recommended and required standards for wrestling facilities to be used in tournament play may be developed by Association staff and Advisory Committees and approved by the Board of Control.

B) Additional Rules for Contests

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

XIII) School Personnel to Accompany Team

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

[See Case Situations on Page 101-102]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Case TR-3- What sports and activities are insured by the KHSAA?

The KHSAA Board of Control will purchase Catastrophe Insurance, using the member dues and tournament receipts, to insure the student-athletes who compete in the sanctioned sports of the KHSAA. In addition, students serving in a support capacity at those sponsored events (managers, trainers, etc) shall be included in the coverage as well as cheerleaders complying with the NFHS rules restrictions and Bylaw 25 limitations.

Such insurance coverage shall be in force from the first day of the Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons in a sponsored sport or sport activity, through the last day, provided such competition complies with all parts of the Bylaw and its individual competitors comply with all applicable KHSAA bylaws. The deductible for this policy shall be published in a timely manner to ensure that the school and student-athletes have adequate opportunity to comply with Bylaw 2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Case TR-20- How is it determined that a meet counts against the four meet minimum in Track or Cross Country?

In order to count as a meet for the four meet minimum a meet shall be a meet which rises to the standard of counting as a meet towards the interpretations of Bylaw 25 (CS BL-25-39). In addition, in Cross Country, the distance would be a minimum of 2500 meters and a maximum of 5000 meters and involved entries from two or more schools. To count towards the minimums, the meets may be at the Varsity or non Varsity level in terms of meet structure. It shall be counted in the same manner for all competitors (varsity, JV or freshman). The school approved or provided uniform shall be worn in this competition. In accordance with Bylaw 20, a school representative shall accompany the team.

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

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

Case TR-22- If a Cross Country Meet is interrupted by weather, can other races be run that day?

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