

Off-Season Programs/Outside Competition – During the School Year

Based on numerous questions from parents and club coaches concerning what is permitted during the school year outside the season of sport below are some interpretations of KSHSAA rules. Here are a few definitions that will help clarify some rules. School coaches may not be involved in off season practices or competitions.

Outside Competition (Non-School teams)

During the school year outside the season of sport no more than (3-basketball; 4-volleyball; 5-8-man football, baseball & softball; 6-11 man football and soccer) may play/practice or be rostered on the same non-school/outside team.

School Year

Defined as the Tuesday after Labor Day until the Saturday before Memorial Day.

School Squad

Defined as Varsity, JV, 9th, A-team, B-team, etc. Any amount of time played in a contest (pinch runner, 1 quarter, 1 play, etc) constitutes squad membership. A player could be a member of several squads.

Non-School-Team membership

The number of players allowed on a non-school/outside team during the school year outside the season of sport is based on the previous school years roster. Limits are 3-basketball; 4-volleyball; 5-8-man football, baseball & softball; 6-11 man football and soccer.

Non-School/Outside team

Any team that is not part of the school program.

Private Instruction

Defined as one student receiving instruction from one person during a period of instruction. A support person (no more than 2) may be present at Private Instruction but may not receive instruction. For example during a basketball lesson one person could pass the ball while another played defense but may not receive instruction

Group Instruction

Defined as two or more students receiving instruction from an instructor during the same period of instruction.

Open Gym

If a school provides an open gym it must be announced to the entire student body, it cannot be for only a select or designated group of people. **NO INSTRUCTION** may be given by anyone during an open gym. A coach employed by the school cannot supervise the open gym if the sport they coach is being played. Example: if the batting cages are being used the baseball/softball coaches cannot organize or supervise the open gym.

Camp/Clinic (not organized by school coaches)

A camp/clinic held during the school year outside the season of sport must be advertised and open to anyone, not just a specific group of students. Camps/clinics may not be longer than one calendar week in length. The same group of students may not attend more than two camps/clinics organized for the purposes of skill development.

Practice after the school season

In areas of the state where middle schools have a split season for basketball we receive inquiries about parents or other individuals continuing to practice with the players after the school season is over. Parents or other individuals may not "extend" the season by having members of the school team continue to practice together after the school's competition season is over.

School facilities

School facilities being used by outside groups for practices and competitions must be rented/leased per board of education policy.

Off-Season Conditioning

Off season conditioning programs must be open to the entire student body and participants must furnish their own clothing. A school may not have more than one off-season conditioning program. Off season conditioning is limited to “weight training and general agility drills – not sports specific drills and general running conditioning.”

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, soccer, softball and volleyball, do apply. (See *Rules 32-1-1, 33-1-4, 35-1-1, 38-1-2, 39-1-1, 43-1-1*)

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

FALL and CHRISTMAS MORATORIUMS

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PRACTICE/ACTIVITIES

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.

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

FALL ATHLETIC BUFFER WEEK

Art. 1: There shall be no athletic practice, off-season 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 play-offs 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, Spirit ~~Competition Groups~~, Scholars' Bowl 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 of a member school must employ all coaches or coaches' aides by written agreement. Volunteers shall not coach, with an exception provided for individuals who are certified staff employed by the member school at the same school site.

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.

Art. 6: Beginning with the Saturday before Memorial Day, concluding Saturday of SCW #2, 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 Sunday of SCW #3 and ending Sunday of SCW #5, football, volleyball and basketball coaches/coaches aides may, work with individual students or a single group (no more than 3 students in basketball, 4 students in volleyball, 6 students in 11-man football, and 5 students in 8-man football) 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, volleyball, and basketball are not subject to the restrictions outlined in Article (6).

Art. 8: All sport coaches may conduct a one-week team camp for members of the school squad. All camps must conclude before Sunday of SCW #3. (See Rule 30-1-6, Seasons of Activities.) Member schools, the coaches and coach aides they employ, may not conduct contact football camps. (See Rule 30-1-6 (b) (3), Seasons of Activities and Rule 35-1-5, Football.)

Art. 9: Beginning Sunday of SCW #5 through and including Sunday of SCW #7, only voluntary weight training and conditioning is permitted for all school athletic teams. No school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

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' gymnastics, 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.

- 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 or 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 Tuesday following Labor Day 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.

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. The only exception is when there is no boys' state series in that sport, and then a mixed team shall compete in the girls' division.

NOTE: Boys may not compete on a girls' volleyball team in regional, sub-state or state tournaments.

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.

Art. 4: A student shall not participate in group training sessions or tryouts held by colleges or other outside agencies 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;

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- 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 extra-curricular 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.

- 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 **participate in** more than four seasons 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 is ineligible due to transfer, scholarship, etc., the season(s) during that period shall be counted toward the total number of seasons possible. (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: 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-Man football, five in 8-Man football, four in volleyball, six in soccer, five in baseball, or five in softball are on the same outside team; (See **Rules 32-1, 33-1-4, 35-1-2, 38-1, 39-1, 43-1-1.**)

- 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. 4: 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 without violating the standards.

Art. 5: Interschool scrimmages (practices) in all activities shall be prohibited.

- a. Schools may not hold interschool scrimmages (practices) in athletics, 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.

In Gymnastics and Swimming and Diving and Track and Field (pole vault 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.

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.

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

- a. A coach may organize and administer a one-week (per sport) camp for his/her players only, provided the following guidelines are met:

- (1) 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.

- (2) It shall be conducted following the Saturday before Memorial Day and conclude before Sunday of Standardized Calendar Week #3.

- (3) Member schools, the coaches and coach aides they employ, may not conduct contact football camps. (See **Rule 10-1-6 (c), Qualifications of Coaches and Rule 35-1-5, Football.**)

- (4) School uniforms or **player equipment** may not be used. Exception: Use of school owned football helmets at the school coach's non-contact, one week camp is permitted. If school **facilities** (gymnasium, fields, balls, bats, etc.) are used, the coach must lease them per board of education policy.

- (5) No coach or other school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend a sports camp as a condition for team membership.

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(6) A student shall not receive pay or expenses for working at a camp involving a sport in which he/she participates.

(7) The camp program shall not include any type of competition with teams or another camp.

- b. School coaches in 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 school team practices shall be permitted until Monday of SCW #7.

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 post-season 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 35-1-1, 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 post-season 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.

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 student or team shall participate in more than twenty games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only ten of twenty playing dates may involve school time.

Art. 5: A school may be allowed to participate in a higher classification group (one with schools of a larger enrollment), with the approval of the Executive Board when just cause is shown.

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.

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 Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

Art. 3: 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. 4: No student may participate in more than 20 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 post-season competition, shall be 20 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 21 in lieu of 20 games during the season.

- c. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, varsity invitational tournaments shall be held:

- (1) Early season—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 post-season tournament series.

Art. 5: 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 non-varsity 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. 6: 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 ninth grade, shall be played in six-minute quarters.
- c. Games involving teams which combine ninth grade students with students in the eighth and/or seventh 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 seventh or eighth grade player shall participate in more than six game quarters a day. Overtime periods are considered part of the fourth quarter.

Should a non-varsity 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.

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: No member school shall participate in a meet until it has had (14) days of training.

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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 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—One mile (1600 M)
- 8th grade—Two miles (3200 M)
- 9th grade—Same as senior high school

Rule 35

FOOTBALL (Boys)

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

Art. 1: No middle/junior or senior high school shall be represented in a game or scrimmage with any outside teams or group until it has had **JH/MS - 13, HS - 14** ~~14~~ days of practice prior to (and not including) the first scheduled day of competition.

- a. Credit shall be given for a full day's practice whether or not it is on a school day.
- b. Each individual player shall participate in at least nine days of practice before his first game.
- c. The majority of the squad members shall participate in each practice session before it is considered a day of training.
- d. The opening date for football practice without pads (shoulder, rib, hip) or football pants, shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. Helmets and football shoes may be worn.
- e. The first day of practice with pads shall not begin until the team has had three days of practice without pads.

Art. 2: From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than six players from 11-Man squads and five players from 8-Man squads from the same school may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than six players from 11-Man squads and five players from 8-Man 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 (c), Qualifications of Coaches** and **Rule 30-1-6 (b) (3), 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.

- a. The 8-Man season shall close the week preceding Thanksgiving (SCW #20) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #20, unless approved by the Executive Board.
- b. The 11-Man 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 one season. No student shall participate in more than two games per week and may not participate in more than four quarters in any one day.

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 play-offs for five Classes in 11-Man, as well as for two championships in 8-Man football (two divisions). For 8-Man district football participation, assignments shall be limited to those schools with a maximum enrollment of 100 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 post-season 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 post-season 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-Man district assignment decides to participate in 8-Man football after the two-year assignments are made, that school would be considered a new 8-Man school and shall not be eligible to compete in post-season play. It will be given an 8-Man 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: 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 and may not participate in more than four quarters in any one day.

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. 3: 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 (none)

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

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

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

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

Art. 3: The state tournament

- Girls—Shall be held on Monday, insofar as possible, of Standardized Calendar Week #16. Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week.
- Boys—Shall be held on Monday, 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: There shall be one Class in the sand greens regional and state tournaments in the spring.

Art. 6: The Executive Board may schedule summer tournaments, if a sufficient number of schools enter summer competition.

- A school shall not participate during the school year and in summer competition.
- A school shall declare its choice in advance.

Art. 7: 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.

- 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.
- Schools are encouraged to schedule as many quadrangular or smaller events as possible. It is recommended these events start after school hours.
- On those days when schooltime is used, only two matches or tournaments may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T. and ~~four~~ ~~two~~ additional matches or tournaments may start no earlier than 1 p.m. C.T. The ~~two~~ ~~four~~ remaining matches must begin no earlier than 3 p.m. C.T.

Art. 8: Member schools may enter a maximum of six players in one of the state tournament series.

- The best four scores shall be totaled to determine the team championship.
- If a team qualifies for the state tournament, all six members shall qualify.
- If a school enters fewer than four players, they shall compete for individual medalist.

Art. 9: After 18 holes of medal play in state tournaments, championships shall be awarded for low medalist and for the low medalist six-member team.

NOTE: Ties for medalists shall be decided by a “sudden death” play-offs.

Art. 10: 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)

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.

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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.

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: 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. 4: 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. 5: 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: No student or team shall participate in more than 20 games of interschool competition during a season, exclusive of the state championship series. Only ten of twenty playing dates may involve school time.

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 on Friday and Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #33.
- b. Girls—Shall be held on Friday and Saturday of 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 (none)

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 Saturday of SCW #14. In classification groups of 33 or more schools, a two day regional tournament will be conducted on Friday & Saturday of 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: The Executive Board may schedule summer tournaments if a sufficient number of schools enter summer competition.

- a. A school shall not participate during the school year and in summer competition.
- b. A school shall declare its choice in advance.

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

- a. Two dual meets may be substituted for one day of tournament competition provided no loss of instructional 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 school time is used, only two matches or tournaments may start prior to 3 p.m. C.T.

Art. 6: The regional winners of first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth places in both singles and doubles shall qualify for the state tournament series.

- a. No school may be represented by more than two contestants in the singles matches and not more than two teams in the doubles matches.
- b. A student may not represent a school in both singles and doubles matches.

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 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 two miles (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 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 880 yards (800 M) 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—One mile (1600 M)

8th grade—Two miles (3200 M)

9th grade—Same as senior high school

Change is effective with the beginning of the 2009 junior high track and field season.

Art. 3: The recommended order of events in invitational meets will be listed in the March issue of the *KSHSAA Activities Journal*.

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)

Art. 1: 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: No team or girl representing a member high school shall participate in more than thirty-six (36) competition points. A team/player may play in a maximum of forty (40) matches. KSHSAA post-season tournaments are not included in this number.

a. **Dual** (one match between two schools) = 1 point

b. **Triangular** (three schools playing one another) = 2 points

c. **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

Tournaments are limited to no more than six matches being played by any one school. Teams are limited to no more than four tournaments at any one level of competition (i.e., varsity, junior varsity, etc.).

NOTE: A tournament is defined as a multiple school contest in which a winner is declared. Quadrangulars are not tournaments. Any volleyball competition involving more than four schools shall be declared a tournament.

Player Exception: When varsity teams and sub-varsity teams play on the same day at the same site, participation in both sub-varsity and varsity matches, counts as the same match.

The same is not applicable when varsity teams and sub-varsity teams play on the same day at separate tournaments. Players participating in both varsity and junior varsity tournaments on the same day have played in two of their allowed tournament competitions.

Tournament Exception: In a league with nine or more schools, a two day league tournament or seven matches may be approved by the KSHSAA Executive Board if necessary. Leagues must apply in advance for prior approval.

Art. 4: Boys may not compete on a girls' regional, sub-state or state tournament team.

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 shall participate in more than eight days of interschool competition during a season, including tournaments.

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.

EXCEPTION: In a league with nine or more schools, a two-day league tournament is permitted if necessary and it would count as one tournament.

NOTE: A tournament is defined as a multiple school contest in which a winner is declared. Quadrangulars are not tournaments. Any volleyball competition involving more than four schools shall be declared a tournament.

Rule 44

WRESTLING (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.

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

NOTE: All multiple dual events and one-day tournaments shall be scheduled after 3:00 p.m. on Friday or any time on Saturday. *Double duals and triple duals scheduled Monday through Thursday shall be after 4:00 p.m.* 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
Quad (Triple Dual)	3 points
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.

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. 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 103 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: Member schools may enter a maximum of six players in one of the state tournament series.

- a. The best four scores will be totaled to determine a team championship.
- b. If a team qualifies for the state tournament, all six members shall qualify.
- c. If a school enters fewer than four players, they shall compete for individual medalist honors.

Art. 5: After three games of medal competition in state tournaments, championships will be awarded for low

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medalist and for the low medalist six-member team.

NOTE: Ties for team awards and medalist honors will be decided by tie-breaking procedures adopted by the Executive Board.

Art. 6: 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.

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 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.

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 fund raising 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.*)

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 whose primary function is to 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.*)

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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 groups shall be allowed a maximum of **two** in-state or out-of-state member school-sponsored festivals, workshops or clinics during each school year.

- a. Spirit groups attending festivals, workshops or clinics during the school year may be **rated** and receive oral and/or written critiques but shall **not** be **ranked**.
- b. Summer camps/clinics or KSHSAA Fall Spirit Spreader clinics do not count as one of the above events.
- c. The allowable festivals, workshops or clinics are not to be counted under the limitations of **Rule 46 - Music Activities**.
- d. Non-member in-state or out-of-state schools are not allowed to host spirit group activities for member schools.
- e. Host member schools sponsoring an event may obtain outside clinicians or judges.

Art. 7: 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. KSHSAA member school-sponsored events do not require approval by the KSHSAA Executive Board.

- 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**.
- 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 Activities**.

Art. 8: Spirit and Spirit Competition Group coaches shall meet the requirements of **Rule 10 - Qualifications of Coaches** (Athletic, Spirit Competition Groups, 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, time limits on questions and the use of recognition systems by participants. **NOTE:** Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education/Health 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 eight 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.

Section 3: Middle/Junior 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.