

Potential Alternative Season - implications

The revised calendar emphasizes the KSHSAA's position to accommodate all the sport seasons in 2020-21 with the knowledge a number of member schools having already determined interscholastic activities are not able to be conducted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Fall Sports/Activities	Traditional		Length Weeks	# of Competitions	Alternative Start	First day of Competition		Length Weeks	# of Competitions	NOTES
	Start	End				End	End			
Cross Country	8/17	10/31	11	7	3/1	3/17	4/23	8	5	No state meet, final meet should be league or area championship
Debate	8/17	1/16	21	8	8/17		1/16	21	8	Virtual format approved
Football	8/17	11/28	15	9	3/1	3/17	4/23	8	6	No state level playoffs, schedule final game for rivalry or league championship
Game Day		11/20, 21		1	3/1		11/20, 21		1	Year round activity, one day event, considering virtual opportunity
Golf - Girls	8/17	10/20	9	8	3/1	3/5	4/12	6	6	No state meet, final meet should be league or area championship
Gymnastics	8/17	10/24	10	10	3/1	3/19	4/23	8	8	No state meet, final meet should be league or area championship
Scholars Bowl	8/17	2/13	25	9	8/17		2/13	25	9	Virtual format - pending approval
Soccer - Boys	8/17	11/7	12	16	3/1	3/12	4/23	8	12	No state tournament, final match should be rivalry or league championship
Tennis - Girls	8/17	10/17	9	8	3/1	3/5	4/17	7	6	No state tournament, final competition should be rivalry or league championship
Volleyball	8/17	10/31	11	36 pt, 40 mat	3/1	3/12	4/23	8	27	No state tournament, final competition should be rivalry or league championship
Winter Sports										
Basketball	11/16	3/13	16	20	11/16		3/13	16	20	Tryouts in December
Bowling	1/1	3/5	9	10	1/1		3/5	9	10	
Swim/Dive - Boys	11/16	2/20	13	10	11/16		2/20	13	10	
Wrestling - Boys	11/16	2/27	14	18 evt, 30 pts	11/16		2/27	14	18 evt, 30 pts	
Wrestling - Girls	11/16	2/25	14	18 evt, 30 pts	11/16		2/25	14	18 evt, 30 pts	
Spring Sports/Activities										
Baseball	3/1	5/28	13	20	3/29		6/25	13	20	Virtual format - pending approval
Golf - Boys	3/1	5/24	12	8	3/29		6/21	12	8	
Soccer - Girls	3/1	5/29	13	16	3/29		6/26	13	16	
Softball	3/1	5/28	13	20	3/29		6/25	13	20	
Speech	1/8	5/1	17	8	1/8		5/1	17	8	
Swim/Dive - Girls	3/1	5/22	12	10	3/29		6/19	12	10	
Tennis - Boys	3/1	5/15	11	8	3/29		6/12	11	8	
Track and Field	3/1	5/29	13	8	3/29		6/26	13	8	
State Music Festivals										
Piano		2/20					2/20			Remain on scheduled dates
Large Groups		4/14, 4/15					4/14, 4/15			
Solos, Small Ensembles		4/24					4/24			

In order to trigger a delayed spring season, schools in general classifications of 1A-2A-3A will be considered one band, and schools in general classification of 4A-5A-6A will be considered in a separate band.
 In order to implement the delayed start/end dates for the alternative spring season for all schools in classes 1A-2A-3A, more than half of the combined 1A-2A-3A schools must participate in the alternative fall season in one or more activities.
 In order to implement the delayed start/end dates for the alternative spring season for all schools in classes 4A-5A-6A, more than half of the combined 4A-5A-6A schools must participate in the alternative fall season in one or more activities.
 All spring activities within a band will follow either the traditional spring calendar or the alternative delayed start/end spring calendar.

Parameters - Guiding Principles

The following (and attached) proposals are pending approval of respective rule modifications by the Executive Board and the Board of Directors

The goal for this school year is to provide opportunities for students to participate as a member of their school team.

Participation in the alternative fall season is optional.

There will be no postseason in the alternative fall season.

There is no guarantee the health status of respective communities will allow for the alternative fall season.

Participation in the traditional fall season is encouraged for all schools where it is appropriate to conduct activities in accordance to local health guidance.

Participation in the alternative fall season is activity specific (not all or none).

Declaration of a commitment to the fall season for each activity is to be communicated to the KSHSAA by Sep 21.

Team champions will be crowned in the traditional fall season if there are 8 or more participating schools in the respective classification.

Alternative fall schedules should be primarily competed within a league.

All non-border out-of-state competitions or practices are strongly discouraged.

All multiple-team events from outside a host schools region are strongly discouraged.

Co-op programs that include schools that are unable to participate in the alternate season, or the extended spring season, may seek other co-op partners to provide opportunities for participation.

Registered officials should be used for varsity competitions in the alternate fall season and the extended spring season.

Eligibility for the extended spring season is based upon foundational levels of eligibility established for the season (students do not lose academic eligibility at the end of the academic year).

If the decision is made to participate in the alternative season, **Rule 22 Outside Competition** detail is immediately applicable.

If the decision is made to participate in the alternative season, **Rule 30 Season of Sport** detail is immediately applicable.

If the decision is made to participate in the alternative season, Outside Competition Rule 22-1-1 is extended for all team members until the end of the school season.

Transfer students are not eligible at the new school if they change residences and enroll following final class day in previous school and prior to end of the extended spring season.

Transfer students are not eligible for a second season in the same sport in a given school year.

Maximum for total number of weeks participating and number of contests (traditional and alternative) is congruent to max allowed in traditional season.

No athletic activities may be scheduled on April 24 or designated large group date of April 14 or 15 in order to protect performing arts opportunities.

If a cross country team participates in at least 4 meets or practices/competes beyond Oct 10, they are not eligible for the alternative fall season.

If a football team participates in at least 5 games or practices/competes beyond Oct 17, they are not eligible for the alternative fall season.

If a girls golf team participates in at least 5 meets or practices/competes beyond Sept 26, they are not eligible for the alternative fall season.

If a gymnastics team participates in at least 6 meets or practices/competes beyond Sept 26, they are not eligible for the alternative fall season.

If a boys soccer team participates in at least 9 games or practices/competes beyond Oct 10, they are not eligible for the alternative fall season.

If a girls tennis team participates in at least 5 meets or practices/competes beyond Sept 26, they are not eligible for the alternative fall season.

If a volleyball team participates in at least matches/20 points or practices/competes beyond Oct 10, they are not eligible for the alternative fall season.

The alternative fall season and potential delayed start to the spring season is based upon ending winter sports on time.

At this time, we expect winter sports to begin and end on time. If a delayed start is necessary, winter sports would have a reduced schedule but still end on time if they begin as late as Jan 1, 2021.

Decisions regarding permitted activities and coach/athlete contact for summer of 2021 will be provided at a later date.

Note: Middle schools seasons may continue until the final day of school and remain at the discretion of local leadership.

As an alternative to interscholastic competition, Middle School leaders are encouraged to offer intramural and skill development opportunities during the school year.

If schools participate in the alternative fall season and/or delayed start to the spring season, consideration for additional support and compensation for coaches and impacted administrators would be appropriate

No decision regarding the status of championship activities will be made prior to a month before they are scheduled to begin. The focus this year is on participation in interscholastic activities at the local level.

Board of Directors

Support Material

Friday, August 28, 2020 – 3:00 p.m.

Pending approval, the following rule modifications would be applicable only for the 2020-21 school year. These modifications allow for an alternative fall season and reduced number of competitions in the alternative fall season. If the number of schools participating reach a designated level, it would allow for a delayed start and end to the spring season.

RULE 22 – OUTSIDE COMPETITION

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

Art. 1: A student who is a member of a school athletic, scholars bowl or debate squad effective Monday SCW#7 through Friday preceding Memorial Day may not participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport, scholars bowl or debate activity. If a season is extended beyond Memorial Day due to COVID-19, the restrictions noted apply until the end of the 2020-2021 school season.

RULE 30 – SEASONS OF ACTIVITIES

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 postseason competition. An exception is allowed for schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season as defined in activity specific rules.

RULE 32 – BASEBALL

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not be held prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Monday of SCW #39 (March 29, 2021) is first day of practice for schools participating in delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37. Thursday of SCW #41 (April 15, 2021) is first day of competition for schools participating in delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 3: The season shall close with the state championship series during Standardized Calendar Week #47. State championship series shall conclude in SCW #51 for those schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

RULE 34 – CROSS COUNTRY

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. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021). For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.

Art. 2: No student representing a member school shall participate in more than seven meets during a season, exclusive of regional and state meets. No student shall participate in more than 5 meets during the alternative 2020-2021 fall season.

RULE 35 – FOOTBALL

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

Art. 1:

- d. The opening date for football practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021).

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1:

- a. The 8-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board. For those schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, final contest shall be Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021). For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.
- b. The 11-Player season shall close the week of Thanksgiving (SCW #21) and no games may be played later than Saturday of Standardized Calendar Week #21, unless approved by the Executive Board. For those schools participating in the alternative 2020-21 fall season, final contest shall be Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021). For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.

Art. 2: Each senior high team is limited to a maximum of nine regular-season games during the one season. Each senior high team is limited maximum of 6 games during the alternative 2020-2021 fall season.

RULE 36 – GOLF

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Monday of SCW #41 (April 12, 2021).
- b. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Monday of SCW #39 (March 29, 2021) is first day of practice for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Monday of SCW #41 (April 12, 2021).
- b. Boys—Prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37. Thursday of SCW #41 (April 15, 2021) is the first day of competition for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 3: The state tournament

- a. Girls—Shall be held on Monday, insofar as possible, of Standardized Calendar Week #16. Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.
- b. Boys—Shall be held on Monday, insofar as possible, of Standardized Calendar Week #47. Regionals, when needed, will be held the previous week. Shall be held on Monday, insofar as possible of SCW #51 (June 21, 2021) with regionals, as needed the week prior for schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season.

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. No student representing a member school shall participate in more than six days of competition during the alternative 2020-2021 fall season.

Art. 8: Following up to 36 holes of medal play in state tournaments, championships shall be awarded. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason.

RULE 37 – GYMNASTICS

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. All practice and competition shall conclude no later than Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021). For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.

Art. 2: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021).

Art. 3: Competition shall not begin prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #9. For school participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, competition shall not begin prior to Friday of SCW #37 (March 19, 2021).

Art. 4: The latest closing date for the state championship meet shall be Standardized Calendar Week #16 (girls). For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.

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. No girl shall participate in more than eight meets during the fall 2020-2021 alternative schedule.

RULE 38 – SOCCER

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

- a. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021).
- b. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Monday of SCW #39 (March 29, 2021) is first day of practice for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

- a. Boys—Prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #8. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, competition shall begin no earlier than Friday of SCW #36 (March 12, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021).
- b. Girls—Prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37. Thursday of SCW #41 (April 15, 2021) is first day of competition for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

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 postseason 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 postseason spring soccer. For schools participating in the boys alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021). Girls state championship series shall conclude in SCW #51 for those schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

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. No student shall participate in more than 12 games during the boys alternative 2020-2021 fall season.

RULE 39 – SOFTBALL

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not be held prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Monday of SCW #39 (March 29, 2021) is first day of practice for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37. Thursday of SCW #41 (April 15, 2021) is first day of competition for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 3: The season shall close with the state championship series during Standardized Calendar Week #47. State championship series shall conclude in SCW #51 for those schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

RULE 40 – SWIMMING & DIVING

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

- b. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Monday of SCW #39 (March 29, 2021) is first day of practice for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

- b. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #37. Monday of SCW #41 (April 12, 2021) is first day of competition for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 3: The state championship meet—

- b. Girls—Shall be held during Standardized Calendar Week #46. Shall be held during SCW #50 for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

RULE 41 – TENNIS

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Saturday of SCW #41 (April 17, 2021).
- b. Boys—Prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Monday of SCW #39 (March 29, 2021) is first day of practice for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin—

- a. Girls—Prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Saturday of SCW #41 (April 17, 2021).
- b. Boys – Prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #36. Thursday of SCW #40 (April 8, 2021) is the first day of competition for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 3: The state tournament

- a. Girls – The Executive Board shall establish the state tournament during Standardized Calendar Week #15. Regional tournaments, when needed, will be held during SCW #14. In classification groups of 33 or more schools, a two day regional tournament will be conducted during SCW #14. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.
- 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. State tournament will be held during SCW #49 with regional tournaments in preceding week for those schools in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 4: 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. No student representing a member school shall participate in more than six days of competition during the alternative 2020-2021 fall season.

RULE 42 – TRACK & FIELD

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not be held prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #35. Monday of SCW #39 (March 29, 2021) is first day of practice for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Thursday of Standardized Calendar Week #37. Competition shall not begin prior to Thursday of SCW # 41 for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

Art. 5: The Executive Board shall arrange to hold regional meets in convenient locations throughout the state during Standardized Calendar Week #46. Regional meets will be conducted during SCW #50 for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

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. The state championship meets shall be held during SCW #51 for schools participating in the delayed spring schedule if required based upon banding criteria.

RULE 43 – VOLLEYBALL

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

Art. 1: Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #7. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, practice shall begin on Monday of SCW #35 (March 1, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021).

Art. 2: Competition shall not begin prior to Friday of Standardized Calendar Week #8. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, competition shall begin no earlier than Friday of SCW #36 (March 12, 2021) and all practice and competition shall conclude no later than Friday of SCW #42 (April 23, 2021).

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 postseason tournaments are not included in this number. In the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, no team or girl representing a member high school shall participate in more than 27 competition points and a team/player may play a maximum of 30 matches.

Art. 4: The season shall close with the state championship tournament during Standardized Calendar Week #17. For schools participating in the alternative 2020-2021 fall season, there will be no postseason competition.