

Kansas State High School Activities Association Minutes

***Note: Minutes are subject to approval by the Board at its next meeting.**

**Executive Board Meeting
KSHSAA Board Room
Wednesday, April 24, 2024
Thursday, April 25, 2024**

The Executive Board met in the office of the Kansas State High School Activities Association on Wednesday and Thursday, April 24-25, 2024, with the following in attendance: President Justin Seuser, Kellen Adams, Justin Briggs, Rick Byers, Shelby Green, Eric Hofer-Holdeman, Deena Horst, Alan Penrose, Travis Powell, Casey Seyfert, Linda Wiley, Paul Zuzelski and Bill Faflick, Executive Director. Assistant Executive Directors Mark Lentz, Jeremy Holaday, Craig Manteuffel, Rod Garman, Kyle Doperalski, Sarah Smith, Director of Operations Brent Unruh, and Director of Officials Scott Goodheart were also present.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were approved unanimously via consent:

- ◆ Minutes of the March 14, 2024, Executive Board meeting.
- ◆ Items approved by KSHSAA staff on behalf of the Executive Board. **(A list of these items may be found at the end of these minutes.)**
- ◆ **Independent Schools Appointment** – Per **Bylaw Article IV, Section 4(e)**, the Executive Board appointed Superintendent Geoff Andrews, Catholic Diocese of Salina, to a two-year term on the Board of Directors (2024-2026) as a representative for independent schools.
- ◆ **Middle/Jr. High At-Large Appointment** – Per **Bylaw Article IV, Section 5**, the Executive Board appointed Principal Stacey Chatmon, Kansas City-Carl B. Bruce Middle School, to a two-year at-large term on the Board of Directors (2024-2026).

PUBLIC FORUM

None present.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES

The Executive Board received reports from Executive Director Bill Faflick and administrative staff regarding the status of programs and services of the Association. Staff reported on spring activity seasons currently underway. The Executive Director gave a financial report and update on legislative and other issues.

BASEBALL SEEDING QUESTION ANSWERED

Discussion was held about a baseball team potentially seeded to participate in the postseason but may no longer be able to participate due to suspension of their season. The Board was informed of possible options including leaving the spot on the bracket as a bye or moving the next seeded team(s) up to fill the bracket spot. Following lengthy discussion, the Board directed staff to move the next seeded teams up in standings to fill bracket spots provided the team in question does not confirm participation in the postseason tournament by the time of the seeding meeting taking place for that classification grouping.

LIABILITY AND CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE

Jan Mason and Kent Miller of Willis Towers Watson Insurance spoke with the Executive Board and provided an update on information pertaining to liability, catastrophic and medical coverage for member schools of the KSHSAA for the 2024-25 school year. WTW was able to negotiate a rate that will remain the same for the next two school years. It was voted unanimously to purchase coverage through Mutual of Omaha for a two-year period at the same rate. Information regarding coverage and the premium per student will be mailed to all member school superintendents and principals in May with the annual membership mailing.

The premium per student will increase by 3 cents meaning member schools will pay \$7.60/each to cover students (grades 7 – 12) participating in KSHSAA athletic activities, regardless of the number of activities in which the student participates. The increase is based upon an increase of \$.03 to the liability component as WTW was able to negotiate a catastrophic component rate with no changes. There are no changes in coverage from last year (\$25K deductible, \$5M lifetime benefit). More specific information regarding coverage and benefits for the 2024-25 school year will be provided in the membership mailing.

SOCCER MANUAL CHANGES DISCUSSED

The Board was presented with two modifications for implementation in the 2024-25 soccer manual. The first involved the “mercy rule” and would reduce the 10-goal differential to 8 for the purposes of risk mitigation. It would remain applicable only after one half of play. The second change involved the “overtime procedure” and would remove the two 5-minute sudden victory periods in postseason play. This change would mean postseason games ending regulation with a tie score will play two 10-minute sudden victory periods, and then proceed to penalty kicks when needed. Following discussion, the Board asked staff to survey soccer coaches for more data and bring both items back to their meeting in June.

BASKETBALL SHOT CLOCK TRIAL DISCUSSION

Based upon input from schools and the discussion at the March Executive Board meeting, a recommendation was made to amend the optional shot clock one-year trial for next year to include detail relative to mercy games and invitational or league tournaments. Specifically, the following recommendations were submitted for approval of the Board:

- A. In a game which utilizes a fourth quarter running clock based upon the 30-point differential, the shot clock will continue to not be utilized once the running clock begins.
- B. At the discretion of the tournament host, the shot running clock one-year trial may be utilized if it is used in all tournament games without regard to the remainder of the regular season home schedule.

Following discussion, language was adjusted for both items as shown by formatting above and they were passed unanimously.

2024-25 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATES APPROVED

Following discussion and removal of the March dates, the following meeting dates were approved for the 2024-25 Executive Board:

Tuesday, September 17 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18 – 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, November 21 – 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, January 23 – 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, April 24 – 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 11 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, June 12 – 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

GOVERNOR APPOINTEES

Staff and Executive Board members reviewed the at-large appointees on the Board of Directors. In accordance with K.S.A. 72-7114, the Governor of Kansas make these appointments. All Governor Appointments serve two-year terms; in the second year, they are also members of the Executive Board.

Current Appointees, and the Congressional Districts they represent:

- CD #1 – Delvin Strecker – Current Term Expires June 30, 2025
- CD #2 – Linda Wiley – Current Term Expires June 30, 2024
- CD #3 – Vacated – Current Term Expires June 30, 2024
- CD #4 – David Abel – Current Term Expires June 30, 2025

EXECUTIVE BOARD APPOINTEES

Staff and Executive Board members reviewed the at-large appointees on the Board of Directors congruent to duties of the Executive Board (Bylaws Article IV, Section 4e (Independent schools rep) and Section 5 (middle school at-large reps)).

Current Executive Board Appointees:

- Independent School – Geoff Andrews – Superintendent of Salina Diocese – term expires June 30, 2024. *(Per Executive Board action and his agreement, Geoff will serve another two-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2026.)*
- MS/JH At-large – Connie Redic – Principal at Wichita-Curtis – term expires June 30, 2025.
- MS/JH At-large – Justin Briggs – AD at Dodge City Commanche – term expires June 30, 2024. *(Per Executive Board action and her agreement, Stacey Chatmon will serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2026.)*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

A preview was provided for Executive Board members regarding Board elections and items to be discussed at the Board of Director's meeting taking place following this meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

BOWLING PROPRIETORS PARTNERSHIP

Staff reported on the current partnership with the Kansas Bowling Proprietors based upon meetings with their representatives. Details were provided regarding access to facilities for practice and competitions, regional dates, and host fees. The group has applied to speak to the Board of Directors at their upcoming meeting during the open forum time and a preview of their presentation was provided. Also discussed was a meeting held between staff and the Kansas Bowling Proprietors and items brought to the Association as requested by the KBP.

RULE 30 SEASONS OF ACTIVITIES INTERPRETATION

Discussion was held on **Rule 30 Seasons of Activities**, and if seniors, following their final competition in an activity, count toward the limitations for team/squad members participating on non-school teams outside the season of sport. **Soccer Rule 38** provides an exception to exclude seniors from limitations. Staff sought an interpretation regarding senior participation for activities other than soccer. Following discussion, the Board determined all activities should exclude seniors from participation limitations on non-school teams outside their season of sport once they have concluded their final competition. This interpretation will not make changes to Handbook rules but the Board directed staff to adjust language in activity manuals accordingly.

RULE 18 TRANSFER INTERPRETATION

Staff requested the Executive Board clarify an interpretation of **Transfer Rule 18** for a current member school district. Southern Cloud USD 334 currently operates two high schools, Glasco High School and Miltonvale Jr/Sr High School. Based upon a local Board of Education decision, Southern Cloud USD 334 is tentatively planning to close the Miltonvale Jr/Sr HS building and the Glasco HS building and relocate those students to Southern Cloud High School which will be in a building the district currently uses as an elementary school. Following discussion, the Executive Board determined the portion of **Transfer Rule 18** applicable for students at Miltonvale Jr/Sr High School is **Article 7 – Discontinued Schools**, as cited below:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION

On Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m., the Executive Board called for an executive session for 30 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel information. Mr. Faflick was asked to remain. The Board resumed the regular session at 9:10 a.m.

KSHSAA STAFF SALARY ALLOCATION APPROVED; ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS RENEWED

Following the Executive Session, the Executive Board approved a staff salary allocation of \$1,952,470 for the 2024-25 school year. The Executive Board also approved a one-year extension for all returning contracted administrators.

COACHING BEYOND

As part of an effort to provide professional development aligned with developing student mental wellness, the Wichita Public Schools have secured a grant to present *Coaching Beyond* to their coaching staff. Wichita Heights Athletic Director Traci Nigg served in the development of this program

while at Ohio State University and is spearheading this work in Wichita. Following a presentation to the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, Ms. Nigg presented the Executive Board with an overview of the program. Discussion was held on benefits across the state and strategies helpful to bring awareness of the program to other school districts in Kansas.

POSTSEASON OFFICIATING FEES

Staff presented Executive Board members with information on travel and mileage fees provided to officials working postseason contests. The Association previously utilized a three-year rotation when looking at fees paid and this traditional schedule will resume next year as all KSHSAA sponsored activities had adjustments to game/competition fees coming out of COVID. Officials Director Scott Goodheart instead provided details to the Board on pay for mileage, looking at previous history and comparison to other state payments. After reviewing the information provided, the following travel/mileage fees were approved effective with the 2024-25 school year:

Football Postseason Travel/Mileage	All individuals paid	<i>(increase from 2 individuals)</i>
Non-State Postseason Travel/Mileage		<i>(New Zone Ranges)</i>
Zone 0	0-25 miles	\$10
Zone 1	25-50 miles	\$30
Zone 2	51-100 miles	\$50
Zone 3	101-150 miles	\$70
Zone 4	151-200 miles	\$90
Zone 5	201-250 miles	\$100
Zone 6	251-300 miles	\$130
Zone 7	301 & up miles	\$130
State Postseason Travel/Mileage	\$0.46 per mile	<i>(increase \$0.10)</i>

HUDL VIDEO SHARING

Hudl has been a school partner for schools across Kansas as the video exchange platform. They have asked the KSHSAA for a partnership which would allow officials to access all game films in football, basketball, and volleyball. This would also provide access to other schools using Hudl. Following discussion, the Board asked staff to research questions on views to be shared and allocation of funds received. The item was then tabled until the June meeting of the Executive Board.

**KANSAS SPEECH COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Kansas Speech Communications Association (KSCA), represented by Mike Harris, United Teachers of Wichita; Eric Skoglund, Olathe Northwest; Rob Egan, Wichita-Collegiate; Carolyn Cook, Shawnee Mission South; and Rob Owens, Lyndon met with the Executive Board to present KSCA recommendations.

The following recommendations were received, discussed, and approved for immediate implementation:

**Proposal #1
Debate**

In debate elimination rounds at the 2-speaker state tournament, language should be added which clarifies that if a debate between teams from the same school is unavoidable, that the winner may be determined by the head coach's choice of (1) having the debate with a panel of judges as normal or (2) advancing a team selected by the coach.

KSCA Rationale

- *KSHSAA has requested that we identify a mechanism for naming a single champion in 2-speaker state competition.*
- *Passed – 87%*
 - *6A – 92%*
 - *5A – 95%*
 - *4A – 75%*
 - *3-2-1A – 75%*

Proposal #2

Debate

Language regarding “scouting” should be removed from the 2-speaker and 4-speaker rules regarding observers in a round.

KSCA Rationale

- *Allowing observers to flow debates provides an educational opportunity for those observers. With increased evidence sharing norms and most sharing taking place online additional observers in a round may no longer imply a competitive advantage for either team.*
- *Passed – 75%*
 - *6A – 75%*
 - *5A – 89%*
 - *4A – 67%*
 - *3-2-1A – 67%*

Proposal #3

Debate

Instructions to grievance committees should add “rerun a round with new judges” and “remove a judge from the pool and replace with the school head coach” as options for consequences.

KSCA Rationale

- *Some grievance committees have asked for more explicit instruction of the options available to them. These two options have been used with KSHSAA’s approval as consequences for past grievances already; this would simply standardize the practice to make clear to all grievance committees what their options are.*
- *Passed – 85%*
 - *6A – 92%*
 - *5A – 95%*
 - *4A – 78%*
 - *3-2-1A – 67%*

Proposal #1

Speech

A new “swap” deadline should be added to state speech champs registration, allowing coaches to make substitutions in unlike events up to the Monday preceding the state championship, and moving the pre-tournament publication grievance deadline to Wednesday.

KSCA Rationale

- *As more components of this tournament move online, it is no longer necessary to have firm entry numbers locked in 10 days prior to the tournament. Adding a new process instead of simply extending the deadline is meant to provide some stability for hosts in terms of planning for room/student/judge numbers.*
- *This would also necessitate a small change in the deadline for grievances regarding the pre-tournament publication list.*
- *Passed – 86%*
 - *6A – 83%*
 - *5A – 95%*
 - *4A – 100%*
 - *3A – 88%*
 - *2A – 73%*
 - *1A – 82%*

Proposal #2

Speech

Qualification for state champs should require at least one round of the tournament to be conducted live or synchronously, as opposed to pre-recorded or asynchronously.

KSCA Rationale

- *While online competition provides a number of benefits for member schools, asynchronous competition is not sufficiently similar to the experience of performing a live round. Note that qualification to state festival is unaffected by the proposal.*
- *Passed – 71%*
 - *6A – 42%*
 - *5A – 83%*
 - *4A – 82%*
 - *3A – 81%*
 - *2A – 86%*
 - *1A – 75%*

Proposal #3

Speech

Students should be permitted to triple enter at Regional and State Festivals.

KSCA Rationale

- *This would align festivals with the state speech champ changes passed for 2023-24.*
- *Passed – 84%*
 - *6A – 73%*
 - *5A – 93%*
 - *4A – 100%*
 - *3A – 85%*
 - *2A – 69%*
 - *1A – 89%*

Proposal #4

Speech

Instructions to grievance committees should add “rerun a round with new judges” and “remove a judge from the pool and replace with the school head coach” as options for consequences.

KSCA Rationale

- *Some grievance committees have asked for more explicit instruction of the options available to them. These two options have been used with KSHSAA's approval as consequences for past grievances already; this would simply standardize the practice to make clear to all grievance committees what their options are.*
- *Passed – 83%*
 - *6A – 88%*
 - *5A – 100%*
 - *4A – 91%*
 - *3A – 74%*
 - *2A – 67%*
 - *1A – 73%*

Proposal #5 Speech

In Prose and Poetry, the rule that performers' feet should not move should be removed.

KSCA Rationale

- *In NSDA rules, as well as many other states and collegiate competition, this restriction does not exist. The rule creates lower-quality performances by students and leads to some judges watching for technical violations rather than evaluating a student's performance. It also creates confusion with POI, which is a similar event but does not have this restriction.*
- *Passed – 75%*
 - *6A – 85%*
 - *5A – 95%*
 - *4A – 55%*
 - *3A – 68%*
 - *2A – 69%*
 - *1A – 68%*

Proposal #6 Speech

In POI, "under control" should be further clarified by adding the phrase "by remaining in contact with the body at all times."

KSCA Rationale

- *This phrase, borrowed from recent changes to the NSDA rules in this event, may better clarify what it means for the book to be "under control" of the competitor, creating certainty for coaches as they prepare and clarity for grievance committees.*
- *Passed – 93%*
 - *6A – 84%*
 - *5A – 94%*
 - *4A – 100%*
 - *3A – 100%*
 - *2A – 90%*
 - *1A – 100%*

Proposal #1 Manual Revisions

Two small technical corrections to the Debate, Speech & Drama Manual.

KSCA Rationale

- *Some grievance committees have asked for more explicit instruction of the options available to them. These two options have been used with KSHSAA's approval as consequences for past grievances already; this would simply standardize the practice to make clear to all grievance committees what their options are.*

Proposal #2

Pilot Proposal 2025 6A 2-Speaker State Championship

Three-Day schedule proposed for pilot program in Class 6A in 2025

KSCA Rationale

- *This schedule puts less pressure on competitors, coaches, and judges by ensuring that no one is involved in more than 5 rounds on a single day and may thus improve the quality of debate at the end of the tournament. It also puts fewer programs in the position of choosing between dangerous winter driving in the middle of the night versus the cost of additional hotel rooms.*
- *6A – 74%*

KANSAS MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA), represented by John Taylor, Wichita; Mark Gard, Coffeyville-Field Kindley; Jamie Minneman, Barton Community College; Damian Johnson, Eudora; and Dana Hamant, Wichita, met with the Executive Board to present KMEA recommendations.

The following recommendations were received, discussed, and approved for immediate implementation:

Proposal #1

Should Duets be added as a 2025 KSHSAA Regional and State Solo & Small Ensembles entry category? (Like Instruments only)

KMEA Rationale

- *Yes – 177; Maybe – 29; No – 33*

Proposal #2

Should a new piano rubric be used at the KSHSAA Regional and State Piano Festivals in 2025?

SEE APPENDEX FOR RUBRIC

KMEA Rationale

- *Yes – 188; Maybe – 48; No – 3*

KANSAS COACHES ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Kansas Coaches Association (KCA), represented by Aaron Anderson (Blue Valley West), Stan Boggs (Dodge City), Jessica Koch (Nemaha Central), and Ginny Honomichl (Baldwin City), met with the Executive Board to present KCA recommendations.

All recommendations from the KCA were tabled until the June Executive Board meeting to allow for additional stakeholder communication and extended deliberation prior to final action.

A list of the KCA proposal items follows:

Proposal #1

Volleyball

KSHSAA should seed postseason using a strength of schedule component.

KCA Rationale:

- *Sub-States will be seeded more accurately using a strength of schedule component: team winning percentage (50%), opponent win percentage (30%), opponents' opponent win percentage (20%)*
- *There are several companies that build formulas to calculate this strength of schedule.*
- *80.2% of coaches support this proposal.*

Proposal #2

Volleyball

In 1A, 2A & 3A using the new format, KSHSAA should take the second-place teams from the quads and place the second-place teams in the opposite bracket as the first-place team from their quad. The two second-place teams in each bracket would be ranked by winning percentage to determine their place on the bracket, with the higher second-place team playing the lower-seeded first-place team in the first round, and the lower second-place team playing the higher-seeded first-place team.

KCA Rationale:

- *Ensures two teams will not be in the same quad and sub-state.*
- *95.6% of coaches support this proposal.*

Proposal #3

Basketball

Add three (3) games to the 20 game limit for the upcoming 2024-25 season.

KCA Rationale:

- *This would allow schools the opportunity to schedule 3 additional games if they wish.*
- *Baseball & softball just added 3 more dates for games this year.*
- *73.6% of coaches support this proposal.*

Proposal #4

Golf

(Girls Golf Only) Change Girls Golf to 4 regionals in each classification with the top 3 teams and 5 top individuals with ties qualifying for the State Tournament from each of the 4 regionals.

KCA Rationale:

- *Boys & girls should have equity in their sports. Currently boys are guaranteed 12 teams and 20 individuals to qualify for the State tournament and Girls are guaranteed 12 teams and 18 individuals to qualify for the State tournament.*

Proposal #5

Golf

Have regionals seeded geographically. Using the rankings from *KansasGolfScores*, assign Regionals to ensure there are no more than 4 of the top 12 girls teams (3 of the top 12 boys teams) in a single Regional. If more than 4 of the top 12 girls teams (3 of the top 12 boys teams) are located in a single Regional, KSHSAA will move teams from that Regional to ensure there are no more than 4 of the top 12 girls teams (3 of the top 12 boys teams) per Regional.

Possible swap teams if a team needs to be moved: The first team ranked 16 or below will be swapped with a top 12 team to accomplish balance.

KCA Rationale:

- *The current process for regional assignments is not getting our best 12 teams to state. Good teams are getting left behind at stacked regionals, while subpar teams are qualifying out of weaker regionals. This will keep teams as close to home as possible, but also offer a better product for the State Tournament.*

Proposal #6

Cross Country

Change the State Qualifying criteria for individuals to the top 15 runners medal & qualify for the state meet.

KCA Rationale:

- *This would make individual qualifying a simpler & straightforward process. Currently the 10 runners medal & qualify for state.*
- *73% of coaches support this proposal.*

Proposal #7

Tennis

Allow tennis players to compete in one outside (non-KSHSAA) tennis event during the school season.

KCA Rationale:

- *Allows school players that wish to play in an outside event to begin the school season with their school coach & school team instead of waiting until after the outside event has concluded. Some players can't join their school team & practice with them until after Labor Day or Spring Break events.*
- *Provides more time for school coaches to develop their entire team, especially their doubles teams.*
- *Could increase the number of players competing in the school season.*
- *KSHSAA approved a similar proposal for Golf in 2022.*
- *Many surrounding states already allow their players to compete in one outside event during their school season.*

Proposal #8

Tennis

Change the KSHSAA Regional Assignments in Class 4A and Class 3-2-1A to 45-55% split from the current 40-60% split.

KCA Rationale:

- *The 36 most populous schools will continue to be assigned to 6A with the next 36 schools assigned to 5A. After 6A & 5A schools have been assigned, the remainder of the schools offering tennis will be split so 45% go to 4A and 55% to 3-2-1A.*
- *The 40-60% split has created a great imbalance in the number of schools in these 2 tennis classifications (4A and 3-2-1A) since it was implemented in 2017. In the 2023 Fall Girls' season, there were 29 schools in 4A and 45 schools in 3-2-1A. The greatest imbalance is in the fall since there are many more schools that offer tennis to girls than to boys. In the 2022-23 schools there were 142 schools offering tennis to girls, while 127 schools offered tennis to boys.*

- To have a postseason tournament, 24 schools are needed, so if the # of schools in 4A drops then 4A and 3-2-1A would combine their postseason tournaments. In the spring of 2023, there were only 24 schools competing in 4A.
- 74 votes from 4A and 3-2-1A. 73% of coaches support this proposal.

Proposal #9
Tennis

Make changes to State Tennis Player Default and New State Doubles Team (one new player who did not participate in Regional) not involved in the seeding conversation during the state seeding meeting. These are Tennis manual changes needed as the result of the new seeding format for 2023-24.

KCA Rationale:

- **DEFAULT:** No longer is the statement “leaving the bye at the sixth position” needed.
 - **Rationale:** If a singles player or doubles team fails to play at the state tournament, the bye should be at the #24 spot so the #9 seed gets to advance to the #8 seed spot. The top 8 currently do not have first round matches, so this is the logical spot to place the bye.
- One new member on doubles team at state tournament after the seeding meeting.
 - If the original doubles team was seeded in the top 12 and then one player was replaced, the new doubles team would take the #12 seed (the last seeded position in the bracket). All the seeds below that new doubles team would be moved up one seed. Entries from the same school cannot play one another in the first round. In this situation, a doubles team may change two seeded positions.
 - If the original doubles team was not seeded in the top 12 positions and then one player was replaced, the new doubles team will take the #24 spot in the bracket and all other doubles teams will bump up one spot (#13-23).
 - **Note:** Bumping up entries when entries pullout of state competition is not new. It just looked different when we only seeded the regional champions and the bracket was divided into different sections (A, B, C, D).

KIAAA ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (KIAAA), represented by Shane Backhus, McPherson; and Matt Ortman, Blue Valley USD 233; met with the Executive Board to present recommendations resulting from the KIAAA Annual Classification Forum conducted earlier in April.

All recommendations from the KIAAA were tabled until the June Executive Board meeting to allow for additional stakeholder communication and extended deliberation prior to final action.

A list of the KIAAA proposal items follows:

Proposal #1
Track & Field

Should the KSHSAA modify the qualifying procedure for the high school State Track & Field championship meet?

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
6A	16	53.3%	14	46.7%
5A	13	65.0%	7	35.0%
4A	10	76.9%	3	23.1%

3A	17	77.3%	5	22.7%	
2A	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	
1A	1	25.0%	3	75.0%	
TOTAL	65	67.0%	32	33.0%	MARGINAL

Proposal #2

General

Should the KSHSAA change the wording to **Rule 26, Article 4** to "A student shall not participate in group training sessions or tryouts held by outside agencies other than colleges in a sport while he or she is a member of a school athletic team in that identical sport.

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	27	90.0%	3	10.0%	
5A	19	95.0%	1	5.0%	
4A	11	84.6%	2	15.4%	
3A	21	95.5%	1	4.5%	
2A	7	100.0%	0	0.0%	
1A	4	80.0%	1	20.0%	
TOTAL	89	91.2%	8	8.8%	PASS

Proposal #3

Soccer

Should KSHSAA disregard East/West Regions, and reseed teams based upon the win-loss-tie points and percentages for the State Soccer Quarterfinals.

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	22	73.3%	8	26.7%	
5A	10	52.6%	9	47.4%	
4A	8	61.5%	5	38.5%	
3A	6	66.7%	3	33.3%	
2A	3	75.0%	1	25.0%	
1A	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
TOTAL	49	65.3%	26	34.7%	MARGINAL

Proposal #4

Baseball & Softball

Should KSHSAA change Rule 32 Article 4 (baseball) and Rule 39 Article 5 (softball) to read "a student may participate in 32 games of inter school competition during the season, exclusive of the state championship series.

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	29	96.7%	1	3.3%	
5A	15	75.0%	5	25.0%	
4A	9	69.2%	4	30.8%	
3A	20	90.9%	2	9.1%	
2A	5	41.7%	7	58.3%	
1A	4	80%	1	20.0%	
TOTAL	82	80.4%	20	19.6%	PASS

Proposal #5

General

Should the KSHSAA change their policy/practice/procedure –to include an “opt-in” box in the annual KSHSAA School Dues that would include KIAAA/NIAAA dues. If a school checkmarks the “opt-in” those professional dues would be included in the KSHSAA fees charged to the school. The KSHSAA would reimburse the KIAAA for those dues paid via annual dues. If the “opt-in” box is left unchecked, KIAAA/NIAAA dues would be left to the school to pay by other means.

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	30	100.0%	0	0.0%	
5A	20	100.0%	0	0.0%	
4A	13	100.0%	0	0.0%	
3A	21	95.5%	1	4.5%	
2A	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	
1A	5	100.0%	0	0.0%	
TOTAL	97	99.0%	1	1.0%	PASS

Proposal #6

Wrestling

Should KSHSAA change Rule 44: Sec. 2: Art. 6 to read: Schools (girls and/or boys events) may participate in no more than four events (currently it is two events) any combination of double dual, quad (triple dual) and/or one day tournaments that begin prior to 3:00 p.m. for each gender. Two day tournaments shall be scheduled on Friday and Saturday.

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	29	96.7%	1	3.3%	
5A	20	100.0%	0	0.0%	
4A	13	100.0%	0	0.0%	
3A	21	95.5%	1	4.5%	
2A	8	100.0%	0	0.0%	
1A	4	100.0%	0	0.0%	
TOTAL	95	97.9%	2	2.1%	PASS

Proposal #7

General

Should eSports be a sanctioned non-athletic KSHSAA activity?

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	22	73.3%	8	26.7%	
5A	20	100.0%	0	0.0%	
4A	10	76.9%	3	23.1%	
3A	14	77.8%	4	22.2%	
2A	4	50.0%	4	50.0%	
1A	3	75.0%	1	25.0%	
TOTAL	73	78.5%	20	21.5%	PASS

Proposal #8

Basketball

Should the KSHSAA change their procedure of the current Sub-State Tournament Format for Classes 2A and 3A?

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
3A	15	68.2%	7	31.8%	
2A	6	75.0%	2	25.0%	
TOTAL	21	70.0%	9	30.0%	PASS

Proposal #9

Basketball

Should KSHSAA split the State into four regions of 16, and create two sub-states within each region of 16?

KIAAA Rationale (Voting from annual conference):

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
3A	20	90.9%	2	9.1%	
TOTAL	20	90.9%	2	9.1%	PASS

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOLARS BOWL COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Kansas Association of Scholars Bowl Coaches (KASBC), represented by Ryan Burrows of Satanta High School, met with the Executive Board to present KASBC recommendations.

The following recommended changes to the Scholars Bowl manual were received, discussed, and approved for immediate implementation:

Proposal #1

Rule 2 Electronic ~~Communication~~ Devices (page 16)

Use of electronic ~~communication~~ devices (including, but not limited to cell phones/smart phones, PDAs, tablets, computers, smart watches, digital recording devices) and cameras during a competition round is prohibited for players and alternates, spectators, and coaches. Essential medical devices (such as insulin pumps, Holter monitors, etc.) ~~and cameras~~ are not included in this rule. When entering a competition room, all electronic devices must be silenced and out of sight. Anyone failing to comply with the rule regarding the use of electronic devices will be asked to leave the competition room.

A five-point penalty will be immediately assessed against any team who has an electronic device (other than a medical device) that disrupts a round by making an audible sound. (This point-penalty applies only to players seated at the competition table.)

Rationale

- *Provides clarification and addresses an issue of laptops/iPads being used by coaches and spectators during a competition round.*

NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, immediately following the Board of Directors meeting.

The June meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, June 12-13, 2024, and is scheduled for the KSHSAA office building located at 601 SW Commerce Place in Topeka.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ITEMS

NOTE: In the following listing, middle/junior high schools are indicated in all capital letters.

QUALIFICATIONS OF COACHES/DIRECTORS RULE 10

The following were approved under Rule 10-1-2 (Supervised)

- (1) Chris Durham , Andale HS
Golf
- (2) Jennifer Rodriguez , Bucklin HS
Softball
- (3) Derek Birk, Burlington HS
Softball
- (4) Damian Rodriguez, De Soto HS
Track & Field
- (5) Lillie Diaz, Derby HS
Track & Field
- (6) AJ Bohon, Gardner Edgerton HS
Track & Field
- (7) Phil Thiessen, Hillsboro HS
Golf
- (8) Pat Richter, Holton-Jackson Heights HS
Baseball
- (9) Dave Reust, Hugoton HS
Track & Field
- (10) Kendra Bradley, Leavenworth HS
Track & Field
- (11) Jason Parks, Minneapolis HS
Softball
- (12) Justin Robinson, Minneapolis HS
Golf
- (13) Jason Parr, Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy
Track & Field
- (14) Marsha Parr, Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy
Track & Field
- (15) Philip Sarnecki, Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy
Baseball
- (16) Terry Blackwell, Topeka HS
Tennis
- (17) Desiree Miller, Topeka HS
Softball
- (18) Tanner Besenyi, Topeka West HS
Baseball
- (19) Terry Jones, Topeka West HS
Track & Field
- (20) Rachelle Orr, VICTORIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Track & Field
- (21) Bobby Pope, Wichita-South HS
Baseball

The following were approved under Rule 10-1-2 (Unsupervised)

- (1) Tom Daniels, Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy

Track & Field

AGE REQUIREMENTS RULE 17 (Hardship)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule17-1-1

- (1) Jah'cure Thomas, HERINGTON MS
Boys Track & Field
- (2) Tristan Reed, JUNCTION CITY MS
Boys Track & Field, Boys Cross Country

TRANSFER RULE 18 (Transfer from Non-Member School)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule18-1-4

- (1) Kaden Claycamp, Holton-Jackson Heights HS
Formerly attended Spring Hill ISKS
- (2) Chance Barr, Hutchinson HS
Formerly attended Nickerson-Central State Academy
- (3) Jordan Dale, Leoti-Wichita County HS
Formerly attended Rocket Online Schools
- (4) Payton McKinney, Newton HS
Formerly attended Home School

TRANSFER RULE 18 (Possible Limited Eligibility)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule18-1-6

- (1) Zion Clark, BAXTER SPRINGS MS
Formerly attended AR - FAYETTEVILLE SUMMIT ACADEMY
Varsity: Boys Track & Field
- (2) Lily Cummings, BENTON-CIRCLE MS
Formerly attended EL DORADO MS
Varsity: Girls Track & Field
- (3) Bria Fitzwilliams, BENTON-CIRCLE MS
Formerly attended ANDOVER-CENTRAL MS
Varsity: Girls Track & Field
- (4) Chisolm Miller, Cherryvale HS
Formerly attended Independence HS
Varsity: Boys Track & Field
- (5) Kaden Willenberg, Claflin-Central Plains HS
Formerly attended Salina-Central HS
Non-Varsity: Boys Tennis
- (6) Kierstyn Hunt, Holton-Jackson Heights HS
Formerly attended Holton HS
Varsity: All Activities
- (7) Heily De La Cruz, Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS
Formerly attended Kansas City-Washington HS
Varsity: Girls Soccer
Non-Varsity: Volleyball
- (8) Maddux Wheeler, Olathe North HS
Formerly attended Shawnee Mission West HS
Varsity: Boys Tennis
- (9) Abby Spornitz, Olathe North HS
Formerly attended Olathe West HS
Varsity: Softball

- Non-Varsity: Cheerleader
- (10) Kaden Clark, Olathe North HS
Formerly attended Olathe West HS
Varsity: Boys Track & Field
Non-Varsity: Football 11-Player
 - (11) Layna Mead, Olathe South HS
Formerly attended Olathe North HS
Non-Varsity: Girls Track & Field, Volleyball
 - (12) Joseph (JW) Lister, Riley County HS
Formerly attended Randolph-Blue Valley HS
Varsity: Boys Golf
 - (13) Koy Colby, Scandia-Pike Valley HS
Formerly attended Concordia HS
Non-Varsity: Football 8-Player
 - (14) Isabella Fikki, Shawnee Mission West HS
Varsity: Boys Soccer
 - (15) Kenya Diaz Gallegos, Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege HS
Formerly attended Shawnee Mission South HS
Non-Varsity: Girls Soccer
 - (16) La'Michael Jones, Wichita-North HS
Formerly attended Wichita-East HS
Non-Varsity: Boys Track & Field
 - (17) Reagan Loftin, Wichita-Trinity Academy
Formerly attended Andover HS
Non-Varsity: Girls Soccer

The following were ruled (Not Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-6

- (1) Eva Bethea, Olathe North HS
Formerly attended Olathe Northwest HS
Varsity: Girls Soccer

TRANSFER RULE 18 (Foreign Exchange Student)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-12

- (1) Tommaso Fea, Dodge City HS
International Student Exchange
- (2) Emanuele Femia, Dodge City HS
International Student Exchange
- (3) Venancio Chavala, Newton HS
AFS-USA, Inc.
- (4) Katarzyna Nowaczyk, Newton HS
Greenheart Exchange
- (5) Irene Sanchez ruano, Newton HS
Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA)
- (6) Filippo Marchini, Valley Center HS
International Education Student Exchange Program (INTER-ED)
- (7) Mark Rueschoff, Valley Center HS
International Education Student Exchange Program (INTER-ED)

TRANSFER RULE 18 (Hardship)

The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-13

- (1) Addison Kleinsorge, Chase HS

- Formerly attended Home School
- (2) Audrey Turner, CLAFLIN-CENTRAL PLAINS MS
Formerly attended SMITH CENTER JH
 - (3) Benjamin Mattice, El Dorado HS
Formerly attended Anthony-Harper/Chaparral HS
 - (4) Hailey McKibbon, Howard-West Elk HS
Formerly attended Towanda-Circle HS
 - (5) Tristan Reed, JUNCTION CITY MS
Formerly attended GA - VALDOSTA-PINE GROVE MS
 - (6) James Gardner, Larned HS
Formerly attended Rozel-Pawnee Heights HS
 - (7) Kathryn Gardner, LARNED MS
Formerly attended ROZEL-PAWNEE HEIGHTS JH
 - (8) Jordyn Rias, Olathe North HS
Formerly attended Olathe South HS
 - (9) Luke Ganstrom, SENECA-NEMAHA CENTRAL MS
Formerly attended SENECA-STS PETER & PAUL MS
 - (10) Karlee Trow, TESCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Formerly attended BROOKVILLE-ELL-SALINE JH
 - (11) Reagan McGivern, Topeka-Hayden HS
Formerly attended Topeka-Seaman HS
 - (12) Christian Hart, Towanda-Circle HS
Formerly attended Caldwell HS
 - (13) Brooke Blanc, Udall HS
Formerly attended Langdon-Fairfield HS
 - (14) Amani Christian, Wichita-South HS
Formerly attended Wichita-Trinity Academy

The following were ruled (Not Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-13

- (1) Anjalenna Gomez, Maize South HS
Formerly attended Goddard HS
- (2) Caroline Clayton, Olathe South HS
Formerly attended Olathe Northwest HS
- (3) Miller Jones, Overland Park-Blue Valley West HS
Formerly attended Olathe North HS

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RULE 29

The following were approved under Rule 29-2-1, 29-3-1, 29-3-2 (schools may be combined for interschool activities . . . for the activities listed, with the identification of the combined team and/or the school responsible for administering the activity in parenthesis):

Rule 29-2-1

South Haven HS/Caldwell HS
Boys Baseball; Girls Softball
{South Sumner}, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026

Rule 29-3-1

Linn Elementary School/Linn Lutheran School
Boys Track & Field; Girls Track & Field

KSHSAA APPROVED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ATHLETIC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Sport</u>
4/15-4/18/24	BSSHS JV & Varsity Girls Soccer Invitational	Blue Springs South HS, MO	GSCR
4/17/24	7th-8th Tiger Track & Field Classic	Commerce MS, OK	T&F
4/18/24	HS Tiger Track & Field Classic	Commerce HS, OK	T&F
4/18/24	Lamar Rotary Relays	Lamar HS, MO	T&F
4/18-4/20/24	Berkley Walline Memorial Baseball Tournament	Kansas City Christian School, Prairie Village KS	BSB
4/18-4/20/24	Kansas Relays	University of Kansas, Lawrence KS	T&F
4/18-4/20/24	Baseball Spring Classic	De Soto HS, KS	BSB
4/19/24	Abilene HS Varsity Track Invitational	Abilene HS, KS	T&F
4/19-4/20/24	KC Urban School Baseball Festival	Grandview HS, MO	BSB
4/20/24	Distance Night in Palatine	Palatine HS, IL	T&F
4/22/24	St. Joseph Christian JH T&F Invitational	St. Joseph Christian School, MO	T&F
4/22-4/27/24	Kansas City Cup Girls Soccer Tournament	Van Horn HS, Independence MO	GSCR
4/25-4/27/24	Tournament of Champions	TBK Sports Complex, Bettendorf IA	GSCR
4/26-4/27/24	Adam LaRoche JV Baseball Tournament	Fort Scott HS, KS	BSB
5/3/24	Shawnee Mission North Relays	Shawnee Mission North HS, Overland Park KS	T&F
5/3-5/4/24	Howard Wood Dakota Relays	Sioux Falls HS, SD	T&F

NON-ATHLETIC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Activity</u>
4/23/24	All-Star Percussion Ensemble	Kansas State University, Manhattan KS	Music
4/25-4/27/24	NSD Last Chance Qualifier	Des Moines Roosevelt HS, IA	Speech
9/9-9/11/24	Kansas State Fair Marching Band	Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson KS	Music
9/28/24	Bands of America Iowa Regional Championship	Waukee NW Athletic Complex, Des Moines IA	Music