

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

MEETING CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY

Wednesday, October 15, 2021 – 9:00 a.m.

(All Members – Agenda Item Hearings, Discussion & Final Action)

Bylaws, Article IV, Board of Directors, states:

Section 11: The Board of Directors shall meet at least twice a year, once during the month of September and once during April. Other meetings may be called upon recommendation of the Executive Board or upon petition signed by a majority of the Board of Directors. Notice of any meeting shall be sent by mail to every member of the Board of Directors at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. Members of the Board of Directors may waive the required written notice for any meeting.

On page 24 of the *KSHSAA Handbook*, under **Rules and Regulations Governing Grades 7-12**, the first paragraph concerning AMENDMENTS reads as follows:

The rules and regulations for grades seven through twelve (grade school, middle school, junior high and senior high) may be amended at any regular or called meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote of those present.

In the 1981 legislative session, the following, which applies to unified school districts, was passed:

Any member who abstains from voting shall be counted as voting against the motion or resolution. If a member announces a conflict of interest with regard to the issue, the member may leave the meeting until the voting on the issue is concluded and the member who abstains from voting thereby shall not be counted as having voted. K.S.A. 72-8205.

1. Each Handbook rule is divided into four sections:

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

Section 2: Senior High Regulations

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

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

2. Unless stated otherwise, articles passed by a majority of the members present will become effective upon publication of the minutes.

1. **Call to Order & Welcome – President**

2. **Roll Call and Introduction of Members – Executive Director**

3. **Waiver of 10-Day Written Meeting Notice**

*Introduction, Discussion and Vote will be held simultaneously on the following action items:
(Unless otherwise indicated, underlined portions are recommended changes in rules.)*

4. Should the KSHSAA consider setting aside components of **Rule 22, Outside Competition**, to allow participants in Unified Bowling to concurrently participate in designated weekend tournaments during the fall 2021 Unified Bowling season without compromising their eligibility in Unified Bowling this school year?

Those designated tournaments include the following:

- October 16 - Heart of America, Kansas City, MO
- October 23 – Rex Heffley, Hutchinson (The Alley)
- November 7 – KCO, Leavenworth (Crown Lanes)
- November 6, 13 – Kansay State Youth Championship, Lawrence (Royal Crest)

Additional tournaments would be considered by KSHSAA administration if they are of state-wide impact. This exception is not intended to include on-going league play.

For reference, Rule 22 reads as follows:

Rule 22

OUTSIDE COMPETITION

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

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

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

NOTE: Informal participation on the part of the student athlete, such as that experienced on the black top KSHSAA Handbook 37 (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.***)

Rationale: Several schools have students who are serving as partners to the athletes on the Unified Team with commitments to participate in these designated tournaments and without this one year adjustment, they would have to choose between these scholarship tournaments or participating on the school Unified team. The Bowling proprietors, who have been faithful partners in all bowling efforts have indicated strong support for an exemption this year. Proprietors indicate some Kansas students typically participate in these events and there has not been adequate time to adjust schedules to allow for alternatives in this first year. Adoption of this one year exemption to the Outside Competition rule supports students and proprietors in our first Unified Bowling season and provides planning time to eliminate conflicts in future years.

Proposed by Olathe Public Schools USD 233 (October 13, 2021)

5. **Next Meeting** -- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the KSHSAA Board of Directors is scheduled Friday, April 29, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. to include hearings, discussion and final action.

6. **Adjournment**