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Throughout these instructions, portions that are different from previous seasons, or changed due to COVID-19, have been highlighted yellow.

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GENERAL WINTER INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL SPORT AND SPORT ACTIVITIES

SUPERSEDURE NOTE

The information in these instructions supersedes any information previously distributed, including the Competition Rules.

In many cases, these rules have been revised over the last couple of years through the pandemic to the point where time has not permitted complete overhaul and revision of the competition rules

All involved should review items such as tiebreakers and procedures for competition and consider this document authoritative.

Contact the primary event contact with any additional questions.

COVID-19 GUIDANCE

The KHSAA's complete "Healthy at Sports, Stage 5 - Partnering for Progress, Guidance for Continued Practice and Competition during the Pandemic" document can be found at the following link: <u>COVID GUIDANCE</u>.

In addition to specific guidance, this document includes guidance for all sports, officials and media. The information in this document should be thoroughly reviewed by all managers, participants and spectators attending a district or regional tournament.

REMINDER - Anyone attending or participating in a KHSAA regular season or postseason event should review their symptoms before arriving. Those that are ill or displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home.

Some differences in the guidance are necessitated by the differences in sports, facilities and geographic areas, which are pronounced during normal years and magnified this school year.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

Masks/Face coverings for non-competitors and the requirements surrounding these items are a matter of local jurisdiction.

At minimum, any local or specific mask-requiring ordinance should also include a requirement for managers to post signage and make regular announcements.

COMPETITORS

Due to safety concerns, competitors who are considered to be aerobically exercising should not be required to wear masks during competition.

WATER - COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Coaches and athletes are reminded to bring their own water bottles as no community dispensers can be used.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Each member school and event host is expected to adhere to public health standards regarding isolation and quarantine as well as the adopted Return to Play Protocol in the event of a positive test in a participant or team staff member.

The host is responsible for adherence to COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with normal home site procedures.

VENUE LOGISTICS

VENUE SAFETY

Persons who attend KHSAA events may be injured as a result of the risks inherent in being a spectator at such events.

Please advise KHSAA or venue personnel of any situation you encounter which you or a team member feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

Any crowd control problems or acts of violence should be brought to the attention of the event staff, which will contact the appropriate authorities.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

SIGNAGE, BALLOONS AND NOISEMAKERS

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.



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Signs/banners must be handheld or attached in a manner not to damage the existing structure.

Signs/banners shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate game management cues are not permitted inside the facility. These items include, but are not limited to: air horns, electronic amplifiers, portable sound systems, instruments that require additional electricity, game clock horns and whistles.

Artificial noisemakers of any kind are not permitted inside the facility per NFHS rules.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are not permitted at the event.

Only venue provided amplified music is permissible, but only during pre-competition or natural and planned breaks.

SPORTSMANSHIP

The KHSAA requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values and all parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility and perspective.

We remind you that officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

We encourage and appreciate your help in letting this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

HEALTH INFORMATION

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

The Association will use the services of UK HealthCare to provide trainers for the KHSAA state events.

Athletic Training Staff will be available beginning one (1) hour prior to the event and remain available throughout the day.

PHYSICAL EXAM FORM

Schools are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

The Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (Physical Exam Form) for this purpose.

The form contains appropriate emergency treatment permission and should be brought for each athlete at the competition.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff and venue personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for this event and the plan will be available upon arrival from the athletic training staff.

If an athlete or fan is in need of emergency medical attention, contact the nearest KHSAA staff member, official, UK HealthCare trainer or venue staff so emergency medical services can be reached.

An AED will be located at the team check-in area.

BYLAW 22 REMINDER

REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS

You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a principal, coach or another approved individual of the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school.

VIDEOTAPING, MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA, and as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all postseason rounds belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships.

Control of media access and location at all levels of postseason play is with the KHSAA.



At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made for television media to record video of the contests, without play-by-play, at no charge as long as the sole purpose is for newscast highlights.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round, quarterfinal and state competition, allowances shall be made for other media outlets to be admitted to the contests as long as the sole purpose is for reporting of the actions taking place at the contest and promoting the event.

Participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed to record the contest, for coaching purposes only, if space is available with such availability at the discretion of the KHSAA and may be required to sign a waiver indicating that the KHSAA shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the video recording.

Any video recording must not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements and cannot be broadcast in any form, including internet and social media.

If space is deemed available, the KHSAA has the right to designate a specific area for video recording and no video recording will be allowed outside of that area.

The determination of space availability is solely with the KHSAA and shall be equitable for all teams.

A freelance/commercial photographer is any person, including a school employee, not representing an established media outlet or a person who will capture images from the event.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a student or full-time school employee, for the sole purpose of reporting the events for school internal publications.

Space permitting, school media may be granted floor photography access consistent with traditional media acess.

Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.

The school media pass may not be used for taking pictures that will later be sold as these individuals need to apply for a freelance/commercial photographer pass and pay the requisite fee.

This pass must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online system using Form SI103 which is included as a link at the end of these instructions.

TRADITIONAL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Traditional media members (print, TV, radio, online) interested in covering KHSAA State Championship events should apply for credentials through the KHSAA's online system. A link to the credential application is included at the end of these instructions.

The deadline to apply is 3 p.m. the day before competition begins.

Applications should be submitted by the editor or director at each organization.

Complete information should be submitted for all attendees (including unique email addresses and cell phone numbers), as the KHSAA will use these methods to communicate information surrounding the event.

Media outlets may be limited during this event.

Freelance/commercial photographers, as defined herein, will not be granted access to KHSAA events unless the requisite media rights fee is paid.

KHSAA Media policies are outlined online at - https://khsaa.org/news-stats-pubs/media-resources/media-credentials/

MEDIA RIGHTS FEE

Freelance/commercial photographers as defined in these instuctions and radio stations interested in originating a broadcast of a KHSAA State Championship event are subject to a media rights fee.

Information regarding the fee for each event is available through the online credentialing system.

TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS

The KHSAA is a full member of the NFHS Network and as such, restrictions exist on all postseason levels.

A telecast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play-by-play, of any contest over the air. A webcast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed account, including play-by-play, of any contest distributed



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using the internet.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including first round, second round, quarterfinal and state rounds, and is the sole authority for approval of any other.

No entity, unless given prior approval by the KHSAA shall be permitted to produce video telecasts or broadcasts, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media products such as Facebook® Live.

The mandated minimum fee schedule will be published annually by the Commissioner's office on the KHSAA website.

For all postseason play, all questions regarding live or delayed broadcast or telecast policies, including requests for approval shall be referred to the Media Relations and Publications Director for approval by the Commissioner.

MUSIC COPYRIGHT

KHSAA schools are reminded to adhere to all music copyright laws.

FILMING

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

Spectators may film with a hand-held camera from the spectator area, but may not in any manner transmit live video through any resource, including personal social media accounts.

Violators are subject to removal.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online at the following link - <u>khsaa.teamip.com</u>.

KHSAA State Championship apparel will be available for sale at the event and online post event via the TeamIP link on all pages of the KHSAA website.

TeamIP is the exclusive vendor of championship apparel, please look for their tent at the championship event to purchase memorabilia.

No outside merchandise representative of the event may be produced by any other entity and sold or distributed inside the playing facility.



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BASKETBALL SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations on behalf of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control and staff on winning your regional tournament and advancing to the 2023 Mingua Beef Jerky Girls' Sweet 16® and the 2023 UK HealthCare Boys' Sweet 16®.

Refer to this manual and the important website links included at the end to guide you through preparation for your participation in the state tournament.

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Contact the primary event contact with any additional questions.

KHSAA CONTACTS

The primary contact for the boys' and girls' basketball tournaments is Commissioner Julian Tackett (jtackett@khsaa.org).

If he is not available or unable to respond, your inquiry may be referred to Associate Commissioner Butch Cope (<u>bcope@khsaa.org</u>) or Mr. Tackett's Administrative Assistant Kara Howard (<u>khowardkhsaa.org</u>).

Media and statistics inquiries should be directed to KHSAA Publications and Media Relations Director Connor Link (<u>clink@khsaa.</u> org) and if he is unavailable, your inquiry may be referred to Event Services and Social Media Director Jenny Elder (<u>jelder@khsaa.</u> org).

Questions may also be directed to the KHSAA offices at (859) 299-5472 and any member of the staff should be able to refer you to the correct party.

QUALIFYING FOR PARTICIPATION IN CHAMPIONSHIP

Teams competing in the State Basketball Tournament have advanced though the District Tournament and won one of 16 Regional Tournaments.

PRE-EVENT LOGISTICS

TEAM CONFERENCE CALL

There will be a web conference for coaches and athletic directors prior to the girls' event at 9 a.m. ET on Monday, March 6.

There will be a web conference for coaches and athletic directors prior to the boys' event at 9 a.m. ET on Thursday, March 9.

While it is not essential for participants to be on camera, it will be much more advantageous if participants join via computer to see the diagrams and other information being shared.

Schools will be sent additional instructions regarding the call via email once the field is set.

Participants can set up from any location to join the conference.

REQUIRED COACH PRESS MEDIA AVAILABILITY

BACKGROUND

- On Monday of each state tournament week, each coach, in region order, will have a 10-minute time slot for media who join into a call.
- This call helps not only get promotion out about the event, but also helps to keep our head coaches from getting peppered with as many requests for interview.
- The first media availability will begin at 1:00 ET each week.
- Please note that for 2023, the time changes to Daylight Savings Time on the Sunday following the girls' tournament, March 12, 2023.

• Please be sure your head coach is available able to connect via Zoom either with a camera on your computer or phone.

CALL PARAMETERS

- The call will be monitored by a member of the KHSAA taff.
- A private link to the Zoom call will be provided to each coach via email on Monday morning.
- We will mute all participating media members at first, take questions by chat, and open it up at the end if we have any time left.
- All coaches will be scheduled in 10-minute segments and held in a waiting room until their turn.
- The recording will be made available afterward on the KHSAA YouTube channel and specific media members are likely to request to record at the time.

SCHEDULE

- In deference to the schools in the Central Time Zone and to attempt to minimize conflicts with late day and after school commitments, the interviews will be held in reverse region order.
- For planning purposes, the scheduled time for each coach's appearance and details to join the webconference are listed below and are in Eastern Time:
 - o 1:00 PM Region 16
 - o 1:10 PM Region 15
 - o 1:20 PM Region 14
 - o 1:30 PM Region 13
 - o 1:40 PM Region 12
 - o 1:50 PM Region 11
 - o 2:00 PM Region 10
 - o 2:10 PM Region 9
 - o 2:20 PM Region 8
 - o 2:30 PM Region 7
 - o 2:40 PM Region 6
 - o 2:50 PM Region 5
 - o 3:00 PM Region 4
 - o 3:10 PM Region 3
 - o 3:20 PM Region 2
 - o 3:30 PM Region 1

PRE-EVENT MATERIALS

Included in the pre-tournament package which was sent to the regional manager is:

- The school's allotment of bag tag student souvenir passes (50) which will include all players, cheerleaders, coaches administrators and others, details of which are contained in these instructions.
- The fifty (50) official TEAM PARTY passes to be worn by adult staff (i.e. ALL coaches and other team party members, etc.) as well as all team members when these individuals attend sessions other than in which they participate.
- Details regarding the TEAM PARTY passes are contained in these instructions.
- In addition, there will be material to help assist schools while they are in Lexington.

FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED

The forms and information below are available via links to the KHSAA website at the end of these instructions. Links to the form are at the end of these instructions and on the KHSAA website.





Deadlines for each of the forms are included below.

GIRLS' FORMS

By Monday at 10 a.m.:

- Any missing game statistics must be entered at the link at the end of these instructions
- GE63 School Participant Team Information Form
- SI113 Designated Radio Station for the one station which may originate a broadcast
- School Student Media Request Form submitted through the online media credentials portal.

By Tuesday at 4 p.m. if the school desires to have students considered:

- BK118 J. B. Mansfield Award
- BK119 Academic Scholarship Application

BOYS' FORMS

By Thursday at 9 p.m.:

- Any missing game statistics must be entered at the link at the end of these instructions
- GE63 School Participant Team Information Form
- SI113 Designated Radio Station for the one station which may originate a broadcast
- School Student Media Request Form submitted through the online media credentials portal.

By Friday at 9 p.m. if the school desires to have students considered:

- BK117 Ted Sanford Award
- BK119 Academic Scholarship Application

GPS ADDRESS FOR RUPP ARENA

430 W. Vine St., Lexington, Ky., 40507

LODGING

A complete list of the tournament lodging assignments is on the KHSAA website.

Each property is holding a block of twelve (12) rooms for your traveling party until noon on Monday for the girls' tournament and noon on Thursday for the boys' event.

Teams should contact the hotel before noon on that date to confirm or cancel your reservations.

There is a penalty for failing to utilize the assigned property if another property is used in deference to the properties that have not only offered a significantly discounted rate, but have held the rooms for the schools rather than selling them at a higher rate to the public.

For details regarding the expense reduction related to lodging, see the team expense reimbursement section.

COMPETITION DATES AND SCHEDULE

DATES AND BRACKETS

The girls' tournament will be played March 8-11 and the boys' tournament will be played March 15-18.

Listed on the KHSAA website is a schedule of games and bracket that will trace the tournament pairings from the first round through the championship game, including the ticket section and locker room assignments for participating teams.

The first round schedule of games is NOT necessarily in bracket order and there is a link to the complete schedule and bracket at the end of these instructions.

KHSAA STAFF

On Monday, the staff will be available by contacting the KHSAA offices in Lexington at (859) 299-5472.

On Tuesday, the staff will be transitioning to the arena for setup but should be readily available.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY AROUND THE ARENA

HIGH STREET AND PARKING ENTRY

For the Girls' and Boys' Sweet 16® High Street will be used as an entrance only for the parking lots.

All traffic from the lots will exit onto Maxwell Street.

Officers will be on Maxwell to empty lots so we can get everyone in on High Street quickly.

There will be no entry access to the lots from Maxwell at any point because of the traffic plan.

DROP OFF AT ARENA

Pick up on High Street will be restricted, pick up should take place on Main Street in the cut out at the front of the center. Pick up on High will be limited to handicapped/accessible only.

SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11

On Saturday, March 11, 2023 Lexington will be hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival.

Closures on Main Street will begin at 0930 hours at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Main will close at Walton Avenue at approximately 1230 hours.

The closure will remain in effect until approximately 1430 hours.

At 1100 hours, Midland Avenue will be closed and all traffic will be diverted to 3rd Street.

Short Street will be closed from Upper to MLK beginning at 0900 hours and will remain closed until approximately 2100 hours. Limestone will be closed at Main during that time as well.

TEAM PARKING

INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM PARKING GENERAL INFORMATION

Final parking instrucitons will be shared during the team conference call.

A loading/unloading map as well as a parking locator map are located on the KHSAA website.

Parking lots are not maintained or controlled by the KHSAA.

Parking personnel at Rupp Arena and the Lexington Metro Police on duty will direct you to the parking locations.

All parking lots controlled by the Arena are CASHLESS and all drivers should be prepared for a credit card transaction.

Controlled parking in the lots immediately surrounding Rupp will be \$15 per car and \$30 per bus in excess of the allowed number.

OFFICIAL TEAM PARKING

CURRENT SESSION GAME PARTICIPANTS

- Teams will follow the entry map on the KHSAA website to drop off the members of the team, cheerleaders and band in the Level 1 parking garage during the session in which the team is scheduled to play.
- After unloading, the team busses for the current four-game session will be permitted to park in the garage or immediately outside of the garage to allow for re-loading at the discretion of the parking staff.
- Individuals not in school transportation will not be permitted to park in the Level 1 parking garage but may proceed in to unload and then leave the garage, at which point non-school transportation will be directed back out onto Oliver Lewis Way and will need to find surface parking..
- Team bus drivers who are in the current session but not issued a TEAM PARTY pass may enter with the Team Party through the Level 1 parking garage and will be admitted without charge through that gate by identifying themselves to the KHSAA staff.

PARKING IN SESSIONS IN WHICH TEAMS ARE NOT PARTICIPATING

• Official transportation carrying the team members will need to follow the entry map on the KHSAA website to drop off the members of the team in the Level 1 parking garage during the session in which the team is scheduled to play.



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- Other members of the traveling party not on the primary school provided transportation must park in the publicly available areas around the arena.
- Any other team bus or vehicle unloading at the location but not participating in the current session must leave the parking lot via Oliver Lewis Way, turn right onto main, another right onto Broadway, and process past High Street to the entrance to the Farmer's market parking lot.
- School transportation with individuals NOT participating in the current session should proceed directly to the public bus parking lots (Farmer's Market lot) per the parking instructions previously mentioned in this document, park in that lot, and proceed down the sidewalk and enter through the main arena High Street entrance.
- There will be no loading or unloading at the High Street entrance.
- Team bus drivers who are NOT in the current session but not issued a TEAM PARTY pass may enter through the pass gate at the main entry to the arena on High Street and will be admitted without charge through that gate by identifying themselves to the KHSAA staff.

ADMISSION INTO VENUE

RUPP ARENA CLEAR BAG POLICY

Patrons may only have one clear bag (no larger than $12^{"}x 12^{"}x 6^{"}$) or one small clutch purse, with or without handle or strap (no larger than $9^{"}x 5^{"}$, does not have to be clear) for personal items.

To avoid additional touch points, patrons are strongly encouraged to leave unnecessary items at home.

Purses and bags larger than these sizes are strictly prohibited.

Diaper Bags may exceed this size requirement, please see Guest Services desk for a visual inspection.

Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a gate designated for this purpose.

All bags and items will be searched.

Bags that are too big, will need to be disposed of or returned to your vehicle. This is strictly enforced.

For examples and details, see https://www.rupparena.com/arena-information/bag-policy/

SECURITY PROCEDURE

Be aware that when you enter an event, bags, purses and packages are subject to be searched and magnetometers will be utilized at this event.

In the event that an item is found to be contrary to the security practices implemented by local and Federal law enforcement authorities, you may be forced to return items to your car and/or hotel prior to entering the arena.

Those individuals involved with this determination are adhering to applicable Federal, State and Local guidelines, and your cooperation is appreciated.

See the link at the end of these instructions for a complete list of prohibited items at Rupp Arena.

Scanning machines and devices such as magnetometers will be in use (much like airport screening) at all entrances to the arena.

Patrons are expected to follow the directives of security personnel in compliance with the use of these machines.

Travel plans should be made accordingly, arriving in time to allow the venue to properly execute its security plan.

ON-SITE RESALE OF TICKETS AT SWEET SIXTEEN®

Due to Lexington – Fayette Urban County Government Regulations, the resale of tickets is prohibited in the majority of the two block area on which the Central Bank Center is located.

Please pay attention to special announcements via the outdoor public address system for specific instructions should you decide to resell the tickets you have received for any reason.



This is Lexington – Fayette Urban County Government Ordinance enforcement, which is not under the jurisdiction of the KHSAA.

TICKET AND PASS REQUIREMENTS

COMMEMORATIVE TAGS

- Each participating team was issued 50 commemorative sourvenir tags, which are NOT valid for admission at any gate.
- These passes were shipped to the regional managers to be given to the region championship team.
- An additional ten (10) TEAM PARTY passes will be given to each team upon arrival at the Level 1 Garage entrance.

TEAM PARTY CREDENTIALS (TEAM PARTY PASSES)

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Each participating team was issued fifty (50) TEAM PARTY, region specific passes.
 - o An additional ten (10) TEAM PARTY region specific passes will be issued upon arrival to the venue for the first time.
 - o The original fifty (50) passes passes were shipped to the regional managers to be given to the region championship team.
 - o These are to be used for gate admission for school adminisrators, coaches, team members, cheerleaders, managers, etc. to be admitted \through the participant pass gate(s).
 - o These passes are valid for admission by the holder at any session of the tournament, and no other identification or claim will be valid for admission.
- No additional TEAM PARTY credentials will be issued once these two allotments are received by the school.
- Persons found to be transferring TEAM PARTY passes to a non-traveling party member will have the pass confiscated and will not have that pass replaced.
- TEAM PARTY passes are valid for entry once per session at the pass gate when entering as a group.
- TEAM PARTY passes lost/stolen will not be replaced.
- TEAM PARTY passes will be honored at the lower garage pass gate, as well as on the arena concourse level

TEAM MEMBERS, COACHES AND SUPPORT STAFF

- Team members should be issued one of the TEAM PARTY passes and must have them to enter at either the Level 1 parking garage (current session) or upper Pass Gate (any other session).
- This requirement includes all coaches and non-uniformed personnel.
- The players and coach(es) are including in the count of fifty (50) TEAM PARTY passes.

CHEER SQUAD

- Cheerleaders of competing schools (limited to twenty (20) per team per game plus one (1) mascot) must enter through a team pass gate using one of the TEAM PARTY credentials as a group in uniform to be entitled to free admission.
- The cheerleaders and coach(es) are including in the count of fifty (50) TEAM PARTY passes.
- All cheer team members participating in the tournament in a game during the current session shall enter the pass gate at the Level 1 parking garage, which is the only pass gate for current session teams and each must be in possession of the TEAM PARTY credential
- Non-uniformed cheerleaders traveling with the cheer team will not be entitled to complimentary admission and must have a
 purchased ticket if they do not hold a TEAM PARTY pass

NON-PLAYER TEAM PARTY PASSES

- The allowance of fifty (50) TEAM PARTY passes is intended for coaches, assistant coaches, statisticians, trainers, doctors, etc.
- These can also be used by school administrators in marshalling and controlling the student cheering (pep) sections as necessary, and those individuals may be seated in designated areas.
- TEAM PARTY passes were intended for use by the team videographer as well.



• This limitation includes all coaches, managers, trainers, statisticians, and other adults designated by the school as a member of the traveling party on a daily basis.

LOADING/UNLOADING OF PEP/BAND BUSES

Follow the directions for team parking listed listed on the KHSAA website, which will be in the "Farmer's Market" parking lot, near Maxwell and South Broadway.

The bus must go to the Pep Bus parking lot detailed in the diagram and park in that lot, and the driver proceed down the sidewalk and enter through the main arena High Street entrance.

The fans can then proceed to the entrances for admission.

Pep bus drivers who are not issued a TEAM PARTY pass may enter through the pass gate at the main entry to the arena on High Street and will be admitted without charge through that gate by identifying themselves to the KHSAA staff.

If advance notice is given to the KHSAA through Form GE63, the school will be issued one electronic parking pass for each session in which a participant bus is utilized, which will be paid by the KHSAA.

If no notice is given, the drive should be prepared to pay the \$30 fee electronically upon entry to the lot, and such will only be able to be paid electronically.

BAND SEATING AND ADMISSION

Members of the band must have a ticket, which must be purchased either by the school or band member.

Pep bands will be admitted to any session in which their team is a participant by presenting a ticket.

The band must sit in the first five rows (FF through KK) of the lowest level cheering (pep) section if they are going to play during the games or bring instruments into the arena.

These tickets may be purchased through the box office who will be in contact based on the contents of your GE63 form.

If you need more than seventy (70) seats (the first five rows in double letter seats) for your band, the additional seats needed may be purchased as a block for distribution by the amount of extra band seats, but this must be noticed on the GE63 form prior to the tickets going on sale for the school.

If you do not need all rows for your band, the band must sit in the forward most seats in the section, and the balance of the tickets behind them can then be sold to your fans.

Current session bands should enter through the pass gate at Parking Level 1 in the rear of the arena (see Parking locator map), ground level of the arena and present the ticket for scanning.

The band must then proceed to its designated seating area on the arena floor level.

The band shall adhere to regulations under the section entitled "Band Information and Restrictions" in these instructions.

BUS DRIVER ADMISSION

Provisions for admission of drivers is contained in the Loading/Unloading section.

The available seating for the bus drivers for schools NOT playing in the current session will be in Sections 28 and 34, which serves as the general participant seating for both tournaments.

TICKET SALES

GENERAL FAN TICKETING

- All persons desiring admission to the arena must hold a game ticket or pass issued by the KHSAA and the Rupp Arena ticket office.
- All individuals two (2) years of age or older must have a ticket for admission, basically, if they require a seat, they require a ticket.
- All ticketing is electronic and administered by the Rupp Arena and Central Bank Center ticket office.
- All tickets will incur a \$2 facility fee and bond fees paid to Rupp Arena that is not at KHSAA discretion or retained by the KHSAA, as well as nominal ticketmaster fees.
- Fees can generally be lessened by ordering tickets in groups instead of all purchasers buying individually.

GENERAL TEAM SECTION TICKET NOTES (GIRLS)



- For the school ticket sections, the tickets are for one game, not for a double header session, if purchased at the school labeled links.
- The single contest seat assignments for the Girls' tournament are General Admission.
- These tickets allow fans to see one game (not a doubleheader) for a lesser price than the full session price.
- These single game seats can be used in all sections EXCEPT 13, 14, 15, 30, 31 and 32.

GENERAL TEAM SECTION TICKET NOTES (BOYS)

- For the school ticket sections, including discounted sections, the tickets are for one game, not for a double header session, if purchased at the school labeled links.
- All seats for the boys' tournament are reserved seats.
- These tickets allow fans to see one game (not a doubleheader) for a lesser price than the full session price.
- These single game seats are reserved seats and do not allow for general seating.

GENERAL TEAM SECTION TICKET NOTES (BOTH TOURNAMENTS)

- Each team is alloted all of the seats in one lower arena end zone as a "pep"' section.
- These tickets will be discounted from the public rate and valid for only one the game in which the team is playing.
- Single game tickets for the second game of a session will not be available to be used for admission until one hour before the game start.
- Additional seating in other sections will be made available via the box office through the links on the KHSAA ticketing site, <u>https://www.khsaatickets.org</u>.
- No tickets will be issued on consignment.
- A block of seats may be purchased from the box office based on the information contained in the GE63 form, but require
 prepayment for the electronic tickets.
- Purchasing in block may result in lower processing fees for your patrons.
- A complete diagram of seat locations to be assigned throughout the event is located on the KHSAA website.
- Tickets are available only through links on the KHSAA website and via the public market on Ticketmaster.com.
- Links to all available tickets will be on the KHSAA and Rupp Arena websites will redirect to Ticketmaster for sales.
- The box office will be in contact with the designated ticket contact on the GE63 form to confirm any needed arrangements.

For each game you win, you have the option of purchasing two additional blocks of seats to take back to the school.

- First, you may purchase the band block as a group (but limited to the number of instruments in the gym for round one plus the director(s)), and those will be located in the same lower rows as in your initial round.
- You may also purchase ONLY a maximum of 140 additional tickets for use in distribution to the parents, faculty and administration.
- Due to security concerns and past occurrences, no waiver to this 140 ticket limit will be granted.
- The arena staff must sell the balance of the designated cheering (pep) section through the digital ticketing system.
- If you choose to take either of these ticket blocks, no refunds will be issued and they must be pre-paid sp ensure that your official school representatives are prepared to make payment.

DISCOUNT IN ADVANCE OF EACH GAME AND TIMELINE FOR SALES

- For the first round, tickets will go on sale on Monday, March 6 at 1:00 p.m. ET for the Girls' Tournament, and Thursday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. ET for the Boys' tournament.
- Each team will have a specific link for the first round that if used, will result in a lesser price (approximately \$2.50 per seat less) being charged per ticket.
- These discounted tickets will be available for three hours at this discount price and will no longer be available at that price after 4:00 p.m ET.
- After the advance period, the tickets will be for the end zone locations in the cheering (pep) section, but will be at the

normal rate for the single game (not session).

For the second, third and fourth rounds, tickets will be available online immediately following the game.

- For the second and subsequent rounds, the tickets will be discounted for two hours after the conclusion of that team's contest.
- Each team will have a specific link for the first round that if used, will result in a lesser price (approximately \$2.50 per seat less) being charged per ticket.
 - o For winners of the first game each day, these discounted tickets will be available from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. ET and only available via the link at https://www.khsaatickets.org.
 - o For winners of the second game each day, these discounted tickets will be available from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. ET and only available via the link at https://www.khsaatickets.org.
 - o For winners of the third game each day, these discounted tickets will be available from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. ET and only available via the link at https://www.khsaatickets.org/
 - o For winners of the fourth game each day, these discounted tickets will be available from 10:00 p.m to midnight, ET and only available via the link at https://www.khsaatickets.org
- After the advance period, the tickets will be for the end zone locations in the cheering (pep) section, but will be at the normal rate for the single game.

ACCESSIBLE AND ATTENDANT SEATING, WHEELCHAIR/A.D.A. ACCOMMODATIONS

- Tickets for accessible and companion (attendant) seating are available online through the Central Bank Center Box Office by calling 859-233-3535.
- The KHSAA will exercise normal care and control to provide students and fans with accessible seating.
- Accommodations have been made for persons in wheelchairs and those otherwise unable to utilize the traditional arena seating.
- Rupp Arena does not provide wheelchairs for public use during events.
- Tickets for those individuals who need accessible seating, and applicable companion seating may be purchased at the main ticket office.
- Due to insurance and other concerns, wheelchairs are not normally permitted in the team bench areas, and are to be seated in the designated areas.

VENUE LOGISTICS

PRACTICE AND WARM-UP TIMES

Teams may not use the Rupp Arena floor for practice other than the time allotted for pre-game warm-ups.

Teams may work with local team schools for available practice times at nearby gyms

ARRIVAL AT ARENA AND LOCKER ROOMS

The KHSAA will have representatives to meet the schools when they arrive at the arena.

The KHSAA utilizes attendants at the tournament to assist teams when they arrive at the arena.

These representatives will direct you to the proper dressing facility and are excellent contacts to help with any unforeseen needs during the tournament.

A complete listing of locker room assignments is listed on the KHSAA website, as is a map of the arena rooms to help you navigate the facility.

VALUABLES AND LOCKER ROOM KEYS

The KHSAA employs a great deal of security for the tournament as well as the employment of assistants to help with the locker rooms.

However, it is strongly suggested that schools use a "valuables bag" which should then be taken to the team bench for added security.



Each team will be issued a key to the dressing room that must be returned to the locker room managers following the game. The KHSAA is not responsible for this key if lost and the school will be billed for any necessary charges should the key be lost.

TEAM BENCHES, WARM-UP AND HOME/VISITING TEAM

No dunking will be allowed during pre-game warm-ups, irrespective of the presence of game officials.

Any school with players dunking during the pre-game warm-up period prior to the arrival of game officials will have a minimum \$250 deducted from team travel reimbursement, and likely higher if the activity is repeated or if the act results in delay of the game.

The top team in the bracket will be the home team and will occupy the bench on the RIGHT side of the scorer's table as you face the scorer's table from the court.

There may be no more than 25 persons in the bench area, inclusive of the five (5) that are on the floor at any time.

No more than 20 individuals may occupy the 20 chairs that will be provided on each bench.

Bench personnel will not be allowed to be seated on equipment cases, etc.

All pre-game warm-ups will be done at the basket opposite the team bench.

No continual standing will be allowed by bench personnel during the game other than the head coach in compliance with NFHS playing rules.

UNIFORMS

The team designated as the home team shall wear WHITE uniforms, the visitors shall wear DARK uniforms that clearly contrast to white.

TOWELS

The KHSAA does not provide towels for the teams participating in the tournament.

Your school will need to inform the participants who plan on showering after the games to bring their own towels.

WATER

Through its arena contract, water and cups will be placed on the team benches for the teams participating in the tournament. Your school will need to inform the participants of this availability and provide attendants from your non-uniform personnel.

TEAM SCOREBOOK, STATISTICS AND COMPUTER STATS

The KHSAA provides official statistics for the games.

There is no space provided for team statisticians at the scorer's table.

All official stats will be available live on the KHSAA website and a final box score will be posted following each game.

The KHSAA provides an official scorer for the tournament, and one seat will be provided adjacent to the official scorer for each team scorer.

If scorers in these seats are not performing this task, they will be reseated either on the team bench (with proper credential and if space allows), or in the stands.

Please remind this person (scorer) that they are NOT to cheer for either team or show any unsportsmanlike conduct toward officials, players or others as the press table and scorer's table are working areas and violations will result in immediate removal.

LOCATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (GE63)

Each school shall submit KHSAA Form GE63 online by the time line detailed in the conference call.

Failure to submit this form may result in a denial of admission for the traveling party.

A link to this form is included at the end of these instructions.

This form stipulates in-game contact for any potential issues with the team, cheering (pep) section, or cheer team.

Do not list the coach as the primary contact as this person should be available to come to the arena floor, security check point, or other meeting space in the event of an issue.

Up to four team administrators will be permitted to be in the identified seats for help with this task.





TEAM VIDEO

Schools will be restricted to the use of a single space in a designated area at the bottom of the upper arena to tape its contest, and only that contest.

The person performing this task should be issued a TEAM PARTY pass.

These credentials may not be issued to outside videographers and the video may only be shared within the team for game evaluation and preparation.

CHEERLEADING INFORMATION

GENERAL CHEERLEADING INFORMATION

There is no cheerleading hospitality room.

Each squad should have a representative responsible for securing the belongings and those may be stored under the end zone cheering (pep) section of seats.

There is a maximum of 20 cheerleaders who may be in uniform and participating on the floor during any tournament game, not including a single individual serving as the mascot.

This limit of cheerleaders is observed whether or not the cheer team is competing in the KHSAA in-game tournament cheerleading competition.

Advancing schools with larger squads may rotate cheerleaders during subsequent games throughout the week if necessary– but not during the game.

For schools without an official cheerleading squad that have other students "leading cheers" for the students, these leaders shall be in school day dress and conduct will be held to an acceptable level of decorum.

Violators of basic decorum and proper conduct within the cheerleaders or cheer leaders will be removed from the arena with no opportunity to return to the contest.

No signs of any kind may be affixed to the permanent arena surfaces or obstruct the view of fans during play.

Cheerleaders may use hand-held signs for cheers when the ball is not live.

Props such as flags, etc., that may potentially obstruct crowd view may not be used during the game, and must be kept out of the arena floor area while the game is in progress.

For any official photograph following the semifinals or finals, a limit of 20 cheerleaders and one mascot may be in the team pictures that are taken by the Association.

Time permitting following the finals, schools may take additional photographs if additional cheerleaders or team members desire to appear.

Schools violating these limitations, including limits on number of individuals, mounts, stunts or tumbling will be fined and otherwise penalized in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 27.

PRE-GAME AND PLAYER INTRODUCTION

Cheerleaders are allowed to cheer on the playing floor during player introductions (in support of the players, not a choreographed performance).

During introductions, no stunts of any type will be allowed as the same restrictions are in place at that time as duing the floor cheers.

CHEERS DURING THE GAME

Cheerleaders will not be allowed on the playing floor after the introductions except for halftime of each game as part of the ingame competition.

Floor type cheers may only be done in that team's end zone (when the ball is not live).

All location restrictions, including between free-throw lane lines, shall be enforced during the tournament.

No mounts, stunts or tumbling of any type is permitted during these floor type cheers.

All NFHS rules and restrictions shall be followed during all games of the tournament.



IN-GAME CHEER REGULATIONS AND COMPETITION

An in-game cheer competition is being conducted, under the supervision of specific representatives of the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors and not under the jurisdiction of the KHSAA, and further details on this competition are on the KHSAA website.

Cheer regulations in this manual, including all limitations, are in place regardless of a school's desire to participate in the ingame competition.

Schools must notify the KHSAA offices by the close of business on Monday for girls' teams, Thursday for boys' teams if they do not wish to compete in the in-game competition.

All NFHS rules and restrictions shall be followed during the state tournament.

The scoresheet that will be utilized is available on the kapos.org website.

This in-game cheer competition includes all cheer teams competing in the tournament.

Judges will judge the squads throughout the team's first round game, including pre-game, halftime and following the game.

Judging sheets may be picked up after the awards presentation on Friday evening in the hospitality room.

A reminder that signs that obstruct the line of site of any patron are prohibited.

Cheerleaders may use hand-held signs both in their cheer and on sidelines when the ball is NOT in play, including timeouts and quarter breaks.

Cheerleaders may not use signs while the ball is in play, which includes during free throws.

Cheerleading hosts will always be available at courtside tables to answer any questions you may have.

All cheer teams must follow the National Federation Spirit Rules as explained in the NFHS Spirit Rules Handbook.

If there are questions about any of those rules related solely to the competition, contact Gwen Saylor, who will manage the competition, at gwen.saylor@kapos.org.

FLOOR CHEERS IN FRONT OF THE CHEERING (PEP) SECTIONS

Floor type cheers may be done in your end zone (when the ball is not live) and will be judged in the "Floor Cheer" category. No mounts, stunts or tumbling of any type is permitted during these floor type cheers or during player introductions. In-game cheer judges will be instructed to deduct points in the safety category should mounts, stunts or tumbling be observed.

FIRST ROUND HALFTIME FLOOR CHEERS

KHSAA in-game cheer competition workers will guide the cheer coaches to assist getting them on and off the floor.

During halftime of each first round game, cheer teams may perform two (2) floor cheers of their choosing, which may or may not include gymnastics and shall not exceed 1:30 in total floor time.

Both cheers may utilize a maximum of 20 cheerleaders and must utilize the same 20 cheerleaders in each performance.

Visitor cheer teams will be judged first.

Two (2) cheers will be performed back to back.

Both cheers may include stunting, gymnastics, etc. but should be appropriate for game situations and the performance surface. The same individuals must participate in both floor cheers.

Coaches should review the General Risk Management provisions in the NFHS Spirit Rules prior to the competition.

Cheer teams will face AWAY FROM the official scorer's table when performing.

AWARDS FOR IN-GAME CHEER COMPETITION

The top two (2) teams will be recognized on Friday evening of each tournament with presentation of awards taking place at halftime of the first game.

On Friday evening, cheerleaders of teams that are being recognized should come in uniform; however, if cheerleaders cannot be present on Friday night, please appoint someone to represent them.

If you will be receiving an award on Friday evening, your coach will be contacted prior to Friday evening based on the



information supplied to the KHSAA on form GE63.

BAND INFORMATION

BAND ADMISSION

Band admission information is delineated earlier in the section related to traveling party admission

BAND ALLOWANCES AND RESTRICTIONS

The Association reserves the right to request that the band not perform during certain times in order to allow for the completion of various ceremonies.

Bands are to perform only at the game in which the school is playing, beginning no sooner than 25 minutes before game time and only when there is a timeout on the floor, between periods and at the end of the game.

Large percussion and other instruments may be placed on the landing deck at the base of the section, but must leave clear ingress and egress to the section.

No instrument of any type may be placed on the main arena floor level.

The director shall prohibit the band or any component thereof (including drums) from playing or standing while the game is in progress.

Bands shall make every effort to play in alternating timeouts during the game.

Electronic musical instruments or amplifiers MAY NOT be used at any time.

Drums, cymbals, bells and mechanical noisemakers shall not be used to assist cheering including clappers, whistles, and other devices while the ball is alive by rule including during play and free throws.

The KHSAA reserves the right to play recorded music during charged timeouts and between quarters, halves and games.

Band members should wear identifiable clothing to assist the ushers in maintaining the security of this area for the band.

If a band does not comply with any of these tournament policies, the Principal of the involved institution will be asked to rectify the situation, and if unable to do so, the band shall lose the privilege of playing during the tournament.

The KHSAA is responsible for the National Anthem for each session.

The band is to stop playing when both teams leave the floor prior to the start of the game to allow for the timely playing / singing of the anthem.

This will occur during each session in accordance with the enclosed timetable.

The band is not to play between 20:00 and 15:00 minutes showing on the countdown clock to allow for the appropriate recognitions via the video display panels.

CONDUCTING THE EVENT

ROSTER LIMITATIONS

No more than 15 players may be in uniform for a state tournament game.

Each school will be provided a line-up card for use in designating the fifteen players and the starting line-up.

You may enter any 15 players from your online postseason roster (all levels) for each game, and it is not necessary that the same 15 be in uniform.

WARM-UPS

No team will enter the playing floor area prior to the clock starting for a 30-minute warm-up period.

Locker room assistants or KHSAA personnel will inform you as to the proper time for entry to the court.

Teams playing in the second game of the doubleheader will be given a full 30-minute warm-up period AFTER the floor is clear from the first game.

HALFTIME AND PERIOD BETWEEN GAMES

Halftime intermission will be 15 minutes for all games.



There will be 30 minutes between games during a session.

A tentative timetable for the first round of games is listed on the KHSAA website.

TIMEOUTS

Each team will be allowed to call a maximum of three (3) full-length timeouts.

Each full timeout will be 1:30 in duration, with a warning horn sounding with 15 seconds remaining.

Each team will be allowed to call a maximum of two (2) 30-second timeouts.

Each of those will be 30 seconds in duration, with a warning horn sounding with 10 seconds remaining.

There will be one (1) media timeout each quarter which shall occur at the first dead ball after the three (3) minute mark.

When a shooting foul is committed that causes the ball to become dead at the specified time mark on the game clock for a media timeout, the media break shall be taken and then the free throw(s) shall be administered after the timeout.

Media timeouts will be taken each quarter regardless of how many timeouts have been called by the teams before or after the three (3) minute mark on the clock.

Any unused media timeouts from a quarter will be carried to the first dead ball of the following quarter.

All full timeouts (media or team) will be 1:30, regardless of the teams' readiness to play.

Teams get whatever timeouts they call (full or 30 sec), or have left, regardless of the time on the clock.

There will be no media timeouts in any overtime period.

During all timeouts, the alternate official will rise from his/her seat at the scorer's table and will not be seated until the second horn has sounded indicating the resumption of play.

This official will indicate with the extended index finger when the first horn has sounded, and shall continue this signal until the sounding of the second horn.

TIMEOUT SITUATIONS

1st quarter, Team A calls a full-length timeout at 4:40.

• There will be a media timeout called during the first dead ball under the 3 minute mark in the 1st quarter.

2nd quarter, Team B calls a full-length timeout at 2:30.

• There will be a media timeout called on the next dead ball in the 2nd quarter.

1st quarter, Team B calls a 30 second timeout at 5:15.

• There will be a media timeout called on the first dead ball under the 3 minute mark in the 1st quarter.

2nd quarter, Team A calls a full-length timeout at 2:30.

- There will be a media timeout called on the next dead in the 2nd quarter.
- If no dead ball situation occurs for a media timeout can be called, the media timeout will be called on the first dead ball in the 3rd quarter.

4th quarter, Team A calls a full-length timeout at 2:50 and Team B calls a 30 second timeout at 2:05, and the first dead ball situation in the 4th quarter under 3 minutes where a media timeout could be called occurs at 1:55.

• A media timeout will be called at 1:55 in the 4th quarter.

2nd quarter, 2:45 on the clock, B1 is dribbling the ball near mid-court and is fouled by A1 and this is Team A's seventh (7) team foul of the half.

- As soon as official reports foul to scorer's table a media timeout is taken.
- During timeout, officials should signal or tell scorers who is the free throw shooter.
- When play resumes B1 will be shooting the bonus.

3rd quarter, 2:30 on the clock, subs A3 and B4 are at the scorer's table waiting to enter the game when B2 fouls A5 in the act of shooting.

- As soon as official reports foul to scorer's table, a media timeout is taken.
- During timeout, officials should signal or tell scorers who is the free throw shooter.

• When play resumes both subs (A3 and B4) are in the game and A5 will be shooting free throws (2 or 3).

4th quarter, 2:59 on the clock, A4 fouls B2 and this is Team A's tenth (10) team foul of the half and is A4's fifth (5) personal foul.

- As soon as official reports foul to scorer's table, the scorers notify the official that A4 has five fouls.
- Team A has 30 seconds to replace A4 and then a media timeout is taken.
- During timeout, officials should signal or tell scorers who is the free throw shooter.
- When play resumes B2 will be shooting free throws (2 or 3).
- In this situation no timeout will be taken until fouled out player is replaced and a media timeout will then be taken.

Either team may call a timeout after the media timeout is over.

GAME BALLS

Spalding basketballs will be used for both the Girls' and Boys' tournaments.

Game and warm-up balls will be provided by the Association.

The KHSAA will provide nine (9) balls for each team to use in the pre-game warm-up period.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event of inclement weather, it is the duty of the KHSAA to make decisions with regards to postponement or rescheduling, including getting proper notification to all teams, media outlets and schools.

Staff will utilize the KHSAA website, Twitter and the KHSAA texting system to provide updates.

KHSAA officials will make every effort to learn the weather forecast prior to the start of play as the safety of the public and participants is the most important factor in any decision.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

SPORTSMANSHIP

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association requires officials to enforce sportsmanship rules.

High school athletics emphasize positive values.

All parties have worked hard to create a sense of teamwork, respect, responsibility, and perspective.

Officials expect good behavior and will quickly penalize misconduct.

Let this competition reflect mutual respect among all participants and officials.

BENCH DECORUM

The KHSAA will instruct the game officials to enforce the rules of the game regarding bench conduct and the coaching box.

The NFHS approved 28-foot coaching box will be utilized for the tournament games.

With the continued emphasis on sportsmanship and the high profile nature of the state tournament, there should be no need for further reminders about the conduct of the coaching staff and other personnel on the bench, including actions, gestures and language.

In light of recent Board of Control emphasis on conduct, the game officials have been instructed to ensure that all rules are enforced within the NFHS Rules and other books.

FAN CONDUCT, BEHAVIOR OF CHEERING (PEP) SECTION

Fans demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct are subject to removal without refund.

Note that all fans entering the arena are subject to the search of any personal belongings, including purses, bags, carry-alls, back packs, etc.

While the Association encourages spirited competition and fan participation, it is important to set out boundaries for the fan groups, and absolutely essential to have the cooperation of member school personnel.

No one is to come on the arena floor without a TEAM PARTY pass.

Fans are to stay in the stands before, during and after the game.



The School Administrators are expected to notify non competing students that they are not to come on the playing area prior to, during, or following the game and to assist in the prevention of this, and if this occurs, penalties will be imposed upon the member school per bylaw 27.

Access to competition areas shall be limited to participating student-athletes, coaches, officials, support personnel and properlycredentialed individuals at all times.

School Administrators should remind fans which sections of the arena to which your school has been assigned.

Any member school who has students relocate to a specific section of the arena to rendezvous with team members; has team members enter the stands following the game, or has members of its cheering (pep) section enter the court en masse following the game will be penalized as a violation of KHSAA Bylaw 15 (practice of sportsmanship).

THROWING OF OBJECTS AND FACILITY DAMAGE

Any team whose student/cheering (pep) section throws any object or material on the floor that results in a delay of game will be assessed a team technical foul under NFHS Rule 10-1-5b without warning.

This prohibition on throwing objects or materials includes paper, powder and any other foreign substance and school representatives should remind your student body repeatedly of this prohibition.

Schools will be responsible for any damage to the playing facility by your cheering (pep) section.

Any amount for repair will be deducted from team expenses and if it exceeds team expenses, billed to your school for immediate payment.

Please make certain you inform your student body and the team family that the school will be financially liable for damage to any part of the arena.

SIGNS, PLACARDS AND BODY PAINT

Confetti, balloons, signs, placards, flags and banners that cannot be held by one person within the confines of his/her seat shall not be brought into the arena and signage may not obstruct the view of patrons during play.

No posters or signs of any kind will be permitted to be adhered to any surface of the arena.

Please make certain all pep, spirit and support organizations are aware of this rule.

Body painting must be done prior to arrival at the arena.

Schools will be penalized for the actions of their students and fans in defacing the restrooms, etc. by applying the paint on arena property.

NOISE MAKERS AND ADDITIONAL FAN ITEMS

No electronic amplification equipment will be allowed in the arena, or any other electronic, mechanical or semi-mechanical noisemaker.

This includes stereos, speakers, cannons, electronic horns, air horns, etc. In addition, no recorded music or other type of reproduction subject to copyright restrictions will be permitted with the exception of that provided by the KHSAA.

FANS, PARENTS AND PLAYERS AFTER THE GAME

Team members cannot leave the floor to go into the stands and meet parents.

Please inform your parents and family members as to your post game procedure for leaving the arena.

It causes unnecessary security problems when fans loiter near the end of the arena waiting for team members and you have already exited via the back entrance.

The school representatives designated on Form GE63 will be contacted should any student member of the cheering (pep) section exhibit conduct such that local police must get involved.

HEALTH INFORMATION

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Through University of Kentucky Sports Medicine, trainer and medical coverage will be available for ALL teams in the tournament. Please make any special needs known to the trainers as early as possible so that all athletes have the opportunity for treatment.





Our Sports Medicine partners have been asked to be at the arena ninety (90) minutes before each session begins.

Each team is also entitled to have its own team doctor available for consultation but if utilized, must be part of the TEAM PARTY passes.

Please feel free to utilize these important services, which are fully described in an additional letter.

A trainer will be provided at all games and stationed outside the end zone during games.

EMERGENCY TREATMENT

Ambulance services will be on call/on site for this event.

Should emergency medical treatment be necessary, the injured person(s) will be transported to UK Good Samaritan Hospital, 310 S Limestone, Lexington, KY, 40508, 859-226-7000.

The member school administration is responsible for ensuring that the parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

The Principal, Athletic Director and/or the Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 (Parent Permission and Consent Form) for this purpose, as it contains appropriate language and should be brought for each athlete to the tournament. A link to the form is included at the end of these instructions.

VENUE SAFETY

Persons who attend KHSAA events may be injured as a result of the risks inherent in being a spectator at such events.

Attendance at events is a vital family and community based activity which is encouraged.

Please advise KHSAA or venue personnel of any situation you encounter in which you or a team member feels should be addressed to minimize risk to all involved.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

KHSAA staff will, in consultation with the athletic training staff and venue personnel, develop an Emergency Action Plan for this event. This plan will be available upon arrival on site from the Athletic Training Staff or the Association staff.

STATE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

In compliance with the Federal Court Decree, the Commission composed of the Commissioner and the four assistants will assign all officials.

The officials will be appointed and announced by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

A crew of three (3) officials will be used for each game along with an alternate stand-by official.

The Precision Timing System will be used for stopping the clock.

A clock operator will handle all clock adjustments.

No official will be assigned a contest that involves a team from the region in which they reside or normally officiate.

MEDIA, TV, RADIO, WEBCAST, TRADEMARKS AND PHOTOS

GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS

The general media rights, Traditional Media Credential Information, Media Rights Fees, Telecasting, Webcasting and Music copyright information are clearly spelled out in the Videotaping, Media and Intellectual Property Rights section in this manual and is the same for all KHSAA championships.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Schools may request school media credentials, designed to be used by a full-time staff member, or by a student journalist.

All school media credentials must be requested in advance of the start of the event through the online system listed as a link at the end of these instructions.

Each school is permitted one (1) school media pass at KHSAA State Championship events, valid only for a student or full-time school employee, for the sole purpose of reporting the events for school internal publications.

Any school issued credential is valid only for the contest session in which the team is participating.





Additional school media passes issued are at the discretion of the KHSAA Communications Department, and subject to both space assignment determinations within the facility.

Outside entities such as professional photographers, videographers or parents may not utilize the school media pass.

No school media pass may be used for taking pictures that will later be sold, as these individuals need to apply for a freelance/ commercial photographer pass and pay the requisite fee.

The individual receiving the School Media Pass would be admitted through media pass gate.

No School Media Pass will be issued at the gate the day of the game without advance application.

Persons issued a School Media Pass are not permitted on the lower press row unless a determination is made by the communications staff that a single individual may occupy a lower press row spot with space restrictions.

As with all media, there is to be NO cheering or team support from approved school media representatives, and such is grounds for removal.

COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Any photographer retained by the school or school system (including booster organizations) who subsequently sells any of the end product (i.e. photo collages for parents, individual picture or video sales, etc.) shall be designated as a commercial photographer.

Space permitting, school media may be granted floor access consistent with traditional media acess.

There is to be no cheering or team support from approved media representatives.

The link to the credential application system is at credentials.khsaa.org.

FILMING/VIDEO RECORDING

External power sources may not be used by patrons.

One (1) "Team Video" camera will be permitted in a designated area to tape only that school's contest.

Spectators may film with a hand-held camera from the spectator area, but may not in any manner transmit live video through any resource, including personal social media accounts.

Violators are subject to removal.

Individuals performing this task are to be issued one of the Team Party passes for this event.

MEDIA NOTES - DURING GAME AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Any media member desiring special accommodations, including the "wiring" of a coach, etc., must seek permission through the KHSAA as this is precluded by rules.

Please direct any inquiries for interviews/accommodations of this type to the Media Relations and Publications Director at the KHSAA offices.

School officials and members of the athletics and coaching staffs may not make exceptions to this policy.

MEDIA RESTRICTIONS PRE-GAME AND LOCKER ROOM

The KHSAA does not allow media representatives in the participating locker rooms for any reason.

Pre-game interviews should be done in the hallway outside of the locker rooms or in the media room.

This ensures equal access for all reporters, irrespective of sex or media type.

School officials and members of the athletics and coaching staffs may not make exceptions to this policy.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The KHSAA retains commercial photographers to take pictures during the championships, including all awards ceremonies, pre and postgame events, and action shots during the game.

These photographs will be online for sale through the KHSAA photos site within 72 hours of the completion of the finals, using the link at the end of these instructions.

All other photographers should be directed to the KHSAA for credentialing, and not through any school media pass.

All photographers who will sell their work, regardless of contract holder, must come through the credentialing system and will



pay a rights fee.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS - KHSAA RADIO NETWORK

During the pre-game, a representative of the KHSAA radio network will visit with each coach as a means of introduction and identification.

This will facilitate the pre-game, halftime and postgame interviews.

This interview will be done in the access hallway in the dressing room corridor.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS - HALFTIME

The KHSAA Radio Network representatives will be interviewing the coach who is leading on the scoreboard as that coach leaves the floor at halftime.

If the score is tied, the person being interviewed will be randomly selected.

This walk-off interview should last only a few seconds.

Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

School officials and members of the athletics and coaching staffs may not make exceptions to this policy.

KHSAA Media Requirements supercede any team member or prior committed obligation.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS - POSTGAME (ALL GAMES PRIOR TO FINALS)

The KHSAA radio network representatives will be interviewing the student-athlete selected as player of the game as that individual leaves the floor following the contest.

This walk-off interview should last only a few seconds and your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

No other interviews are to be conducted on the court or with courtside media following any game.

School officials and members of the athletics and coaching staffs may not make exceptions to this policy.

Immediately following the games, KHSAA Media Relations and Publications Director, or other Association appointed representatives will come to your dressing room to take the Head Coach and players selected by the coach to the media interview room.

WIN OR LOSE, you are expected to comply with this equal access policy.

Member school coaches who refuse for any reason to participate or cause undue delay will be fined or otherwise penalized in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 27.

Due to equal access provisions and the age of our competitors, no locker room interviews will be permitted and no school or school representative may alter this policy.

Please inform your local media of the need to adhere to this restriction.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS - POSTGAME (FINALS)

The KHSAA radio network representatives will be interviewing the student-athlete selected as player of the game as that individual leaves the floor following the contest.

The coaches will be introduced during warm-ups to KHSAA representatives who will come and find the coach after the game and direct you back to the sideline area after a few minutes for the natural postgame celebrations, etc..

BOTH teams are expected to return to the bench area after a short celebration period.

Approximately five (5) minutes after the conclusion of the game, the runner-up head coach AND at least two players (selected by the coach or requested by media representatives) will be escorted from the locker room to the media interview area by a KHSAA representative.

Approximately five (5) minutes later, the winning head coach AND at least two players (selected by the coach or requested by media representatives) will be escorted from the locker room to the media interview area by a KHSAA representative.

WIN OR LOSE, you are expected to comply with this equal access policy.

Member school coaches who refuse for any reason to participate or cause undue delay will be fined or otherwise penalized in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 27.

The coaches will go to the interview room immediately following the awards ceremony.



Due to equal access provisions and the age of our competitors, no locker room interviews will be permitted and no school or school representative may alter this policy.

PRE TOURNAMENT MEDIA INFORMATION FROM TEAMS

You may be contacted during the time before the tournament by the KHSAA Media Relations and Publications Director or his designee.

At this time, statistical information will be requested as well as other time sensitive requests for information.

Please comply in a timely manner.

SWEET SIXTEEN® / 16® TRADEMARK REFERENCES

GENERAL SWEET SIXTEEN® AND SWEET 16® REFERENCES

As preparations are made for the 2023 State High School Basketball Tournaments, it is important that you know the legal obligations regarding the use of the term Sweet 16[®].

This term may not be used without permission.

Sweet Sixteen® and Sweet 16® are registered trademarks of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association with shared use by the NCAA for collegiate basketball only due to a licensing agreement wherein the NCAA has been granted permission by the KHSAA.

Any use of these terms dealing with sports, recreation, games and athletics must be approved by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association prior to such usage.

The member schools of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association have given the KHSAA written authorization as the sole source permitted to use the names, mascots or images of the individual teams in the tournament on any type of souvenir merchandise.

The KHSAA and the NCAA will aggressively and actively pursue violators of these trademarks.

TITLE REFERENCES TO TOURNAMENT

Sponsorship of KHSAA State championship events is vital to the livelihood of the Association.

Please help us thank our corporate sponsors by recognizing their commitment to the KHSAA with proper identification of our events in printed materials, broadcasts, etc.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

- For 2023, the KHSAA is under a titling agreement with Mingua Beef Jerky to serve as the Title Sponsor of the girls' State Basketball Tournament.
- All references to the Girls' event shall state the "Mingua Beef Jerky Girls' Sweet 16® State High School Basketball Tournament."
- When referring to the Girls' basketball state championship, the tournament's full name, the Mingua Beef Jerky Girls' Basketball Sweet Sixteen® should be used in all first references, without exception.
- KHSAA should not be used when referencing the Girls' Sweet 16® unless it is accompanied by Mingua Beef Jerky.
- The Mingua Beef Jerky Girls' Basketball Sweet Sixteen® has an event-specific tournament logo which should be used with any accompanying articles, graphics, newscasts, etc.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

- For 2022 through 2026, the KHSAA is under a titling agreement with UK HealthCare to serve as the Title Sponsor of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament.
- All references to the boys' event shall state the "UK HealthCare Boys' Sweet 16® State High School Basketball Tournament."
- When referring to the boys' basketball state championship, the tournament's full name, the UK HealthCare Boys' Basketball Sweet Sixteen® should be used in all first references, without exception.
- KHSAA should not be used when referencing the Boys' Sweet 16® unless it is accompanied by UK HealthCare.
- The UK HealthCare Boys' Basketball Sweet Sixteen® has an event-specific tournament logo which should be used with any

accompanying articles, graphics, newscasts, etc.

The KHSAA will provide a logo for authorized uses on request.

If you desire to use the official tournament logo for the event or the proper title in the promotion of the tournament or if you are approached by other events or organizations attempting to use it, you should contact Chad Collins at the KHSAA for the rules and regulations regarding such usage.

All references which include the title partner, should also include the KHSAA, and all references to the tournament should include both the partner and the KHSAA.

CORPORATE PRESENCE AND LOGOS

The KHSAA is under exclusive rights with several major companies regarding promotional material and equipment.

As such, we are legally compelled to enforce the restrictions of those contracts and will take whatever action necessary including confiscation of items for the duration of the tournament in order to protect those agreements.

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Only Spalding basketballs, provided by the KHSAA will be able to be used for warm-ups and competition.

The KHSAA is under no agreement with any official sports drink.

EVENT MERCHANDISE

Most of the information regarding merchandise is contained in the Event Merchandise section of this manual.

Due to trademark and licensing restrictions, pre-printed or otherwise produced shirts or novelty items commemorating the championship victory or participation are not permitted in the arena.

Persons attempting to bring promotional or other items that could conflict with either the novelty or the copyright restrictions into the venue will have those items confiscated by event personnel.

If other vendors, either with or without the consent of the member school, and whether or not the items are delivered by outside entities or school representatives, attempt to bring violating items into the arena, they will be stopped at the gate and the items will be delivered to the KHSAA for disposal.

POST EVENT

RESULTS

Scores and statistics will be posted on the KHSAA/Riherds Scoreboard and on the KHSAA website following each game.

QUARTERFINAL GAME AWARDS

An All-Tournament team award will be presented to one player from the teams failing to advance to semifinals at the discretion of the coach.

A plaque will be awarded to each team not advancing to the semifinals.

While a reasonable amount of time will be allowed for the initial celebration for the winning team, we would ask your cooperation in helping to clear the floor of all team and media representatives.

Postgame interviews and awards presentations will be conducted only in the vicinity of your bench and presenters will bring the awards to your bench.

SEMIFINAL LOSING TEAMS AWARDS

Teams advancing to the semifinal rounds will be expected to participate in the awards ceremonies on Saturday with the entire team and participants.

An All-Tournament team award will be presented to two players from the teams failing to advance to finals at the discretion of the coach.

Following each semifinal game, a semifinalist team trophy will be presented to the teams that do not advance to the championship game.





While a reasonable amount of time will be allowed for the initial celebration for the winning team, we would ask your cooperation in helping to clear the floor of all team and media representatives.

Postgame interviews and awards presentations will be conducted only in the vicinity of your bench and presenters will bring the awards to your bench.

A school representative will be given thirty-three (33) individual medals for the traveling party that can be distributed at the pleasure of the school.

Additional medals may be ordered by contacting the KHSAA following the tournament.

The team and other representatives are expected to be present for the ceremony.

Following the presentation, a group picture will be taken, if desired, and the teams then dismissed.

CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP AWARDS

The runner-up and championship awards will be presented following the championship game.

KHSAA personnel will direct teams as to the procedure for the awards presentations.

While a reasonable amount of time will be allowed for the initial celebration for the winning team, we would ask your cooperation in helping to clear the floor of all team and media representatives.

Postgame interviews and awards presentations will be conducted only in the vicinity of your bench and presenters will bring the awards to your bench.

An All-Tournament team award will be presented to three players from the teams in the championship game at the discretion of the coach.

Each of the championship game participating teams will be presented a team trophy and there will be an opportunity for a photo.

A school representative will be given thirty-three (33) individual medals for the traveling party that can be distributed at the pleasure of the school.

Additional medals may be ordered by contacting the KHSAA following the tournament.

The team and other representatives are to be present for the ceremony.

Following the presentation, a group picture will be taken in front of the bench, if desired, and the teams then dismissed.

The team photo will be available on khsaaphotos.org.

The victorious team in the championship game will be allowed to cut down the arena nets, but not until AFTER the awards ceremony is completed, and all team photographs have been taken.

The winning team should have scissors available from their sports medicine staff in order to cut down the championship nets.

TED SANFORD AWARD

This award honors a senior tournament participant who excels in four areas: academic achievement, basketball ability, citizenship and sportsmanship.

Please submit the online nomination using Form BK117 if you wish to nominate a member of your basketball team.

Nominations must be submitted prior to the published deadline using the link at the end of these instructions.

Late nominations will not be accepted.

JB MANSFIELD AWARD

This award honors a senior tournament participant who excels in four areas: academic achievement, basketball ability, citizenship and sportsmanship.

Please submit the online nomination using Form BK118 if you wish to nominate a member of your basketball team.

Nominations must be submitted prior to the published deadline using the link at the end of these instructions.

Late nominations will not be accepted.

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM T-SHIRTS

The KHSAA will produce through TeamIP an official championship shirt that will be shown during the awards ceremony and





presentation.

These shirts will be available to order following the game, and will be available at the championship celebration location should the school choose to have one.

Due to trademark and licensing restrictions, no other shirts will be allowed in the arena or on the property of Rupp Arena for this purpose, and violations of this provision will result in the items being confiscated.

Please inform any of your local merchants of this restriction.

SWEET SIXTEEN® ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Academic Scholarship Award was instituted in 1985 to honor a senior participant in the tournament who holds a high grade point average (based upon a 4.0 scale).

Please submit the online nomination using Form BK119 if you wish to nominate a member of your basketball team.

Nominations must be submitted prior to the published deadline using the link at the end of these instructions.

Late nominations will not be accepted.

EXPENSE ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENT RESTRICTIONS

GENERAL POLICY

- An expense allowance will be paid for teams traveling to the field hockey, soccer, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball tournaments.
- The total number of players and travel party reimbursed is twenty (24) for field hockey, volleyball, soccer, baseball and softball to include a partial allowance for twenty-one (21) players, plus three staff.
- The total number of players and travel party reimbursed is thirty-three (33) for basketball to include a a partial allowance for fifteen (15) players and fifteern (15) cheerleaders, plus three (3) staff.
- The total number of players and travel party reimbursed is fifty-nine (59) for football.
- No reimbursement is paid for the individual sports of Golf, Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Wrestling, Tennis or Track and Field
- No reimbursement is paid for the sport-activities of Cheer, Dance, Bowling, Esports, Archery or Bass Fishing.
- Schools inside a 40 mile, one-way radius from the event site will only be reimbursed as a commuting team.

MILEAGE

- Each team will be reimbursed \$2 per mile, round trip from the school address to the competition facility address for field hockey, volleyball, soccer, basketball, baseball and softball.
- Each team will be reimburse \$3 per mile, round trip from the school address to the competition facility address for football.
- Any mileage allowance will be for the round-trip distance from the school location to the host city, in accordance with mileage numbers provided by Google Maps.

COMMUTING TEAMS

• Each commuting team will be reimbursed mileage as detailed above, plus \$15 per player per contest played.

TEAMS USING LODGING

- Each region has been assigned a team hotel at a property that has held rooms at a lesser cost than the normal market rate.
- Schools are responsible for the initial payment of all lodging bills and will be reimbursed the lodging allowance, provided it is utilized.
- If you are exempt from state sales tax, be preparted to show that verification to the hotel.
- Teams using the assigned lodgin shall be paid for the actual nights used as verified by the property through the morning following elimination from the tournament.
- Teams not commuting but failing to stay in the assigner property will only be reimbursed mileage for their participation.



RESPONSIBILITY FOR FANS AND PARTICIPANTS

OFFSETS TO EXPENSE ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENT OR OTHER PENALTY

- The participating schools are responsible for the conduct of the fans supporting that team.
- Any and all steps including fines or other penalties (including the withholding of team expense payments) will be levied in the event of mass entrance to the field.
- Any and all steps including fines or other penalties (including the withholding of team expense payments) will be levied in the event of players or others entering the stands during or after a game.
- Expense allowance reimbursements will be made net of any damages done to the stadium/stands/court or playing facility that can be directly attributed to the student body or representatives of the school.
- By requesting reimbursement, the school acknowledges liability for damage directly attributable to the school, student body or fans.
- The KHSAA will take whatever action is necessary, including fining the particular school and assessing the cost for repair to those schools leaving the seating area in a damaged condition or destroying any stadium property, including fences, gates and barriers.

DAMAGE TO FACILITY

• The KHSAA will take whatever action is necessary, including fining the particular school and assessing the cost for repair, to those schools leaving the seating area in a damaged condition or destroying any Central Bank Center property, including fences, gates and barriers that can be directly attributed to the student body or representatives of the school.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

Forms

- KHSAA School System (For entering stats)
- Form GE63 (Team Sport Team Information)
- Form SI113 (School Broadcast Designated Radio)
- Form BK117 (Ted Sanford Award Application, Boys' Tournament)
- Form BK118 (JB Mansfield Award Application, Girls' Tournament)
- Form BK119 (Academic Scholarship Application, Boys' and Girls' Tournament)
- Form GE64 (Request for Team Reimbursement)
- Media Credential Request Form (including school/student media)

General Links

- Ticket Ordering Links
- Official Tournament Photos
- Rupp Arena Parking Diagram
- Rupp Arena Policies and Prohibited Items
- Rupp Arena Seating Diagram
- <u>Radio Broadcasts</u>
- <u>Video Webcasts</u>

Girls' Basketball Specific Links

- <u>Tournament Bracket</u>
- <u>Girls State Tournament Information and Forms</u>
- Girls State Tournament Rosters, Locker Rooms, TIcket Assignments, Stats, Webcasts, Radio and Media Info



Boys' Basketball Specific Links

- Boys State Tournament Information and Forms
- <u>Tournament Bracket</u>
- Boys State Tournament Rosters, Locker Room, Ticket Assignments, Stats, Webcasts, Radio and Media Info



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