

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association was held on Thursday, January 23, 1997, at the Hyatt Regency, Lexington. The invocation was given by Darrell Treese. Larry Boucher introduced the KHSAA Board members who were present and then hired the meeting over to President Bob Rogers.

Mr. Rogers called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all delegates and others present and thanked them for attending. He then called on Commissioner Louis Stout who gave a State of the Association report. Following Mr. Stout's report, Mr. Rogers reviewed the Rules of Order and then called on Exec. Asst. Bridget DeVries to call the roll. Two hundred thirty-four delegates answered the roll call. Mr. Rogers announced that in order for a proposal to pass, 155 affirmative votes would be needed, with the exception of Proposal #4. Due to the fact that Proposal #4 dealt with a specific gender sport (boys), delegates of all-girls schools could not vote. Therefore, 154 affirmative votes were needed to pass Proposal #4. Mr. Rogers then designated Ken Tippett as the Parliamentarian.

The next order of business was the presentation of proposals.
Kenneth Frick, Butler High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 1. Jim Watkins, KHSADA, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 1
Submitted by Principal James A. Sexton, Eastern High School. A proposal to amend the Constitution of the KHSAA to expand representation on the Board of Control to one elected representative per each basketball region replacing the current sectional plan.
The motion to adopt Proposal 1 failed 133-92.

Frank Cardwell, Franklin-Simpson High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 2. Roy McNamey, Lone Oak High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 2
Submitted by the KHSAA Board of Control. A proposal to amend Bylaw 6, Tensel Rule, Section 2, Non-Domestic Students, a proposal to clarify the eligible restrictions on these students.
RATIONALE: Court cases and legal opinions have demonstrated that the wording of Bylaw 6, Section 2 leaves little room for interpretation when students seek a second year and when students not coming through an exchange program enter a Kentucky school. It is the feeling of the Board of Control that this proposal clarifies the spirit and intent of Bylaw 6, Section 2 and is more in line with the wishes of the membership.
Bylaw 6, Transfer Rule
Sec. 2. Foreign Non-Domestic Student.
(a) Any non US resident or foreign student shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics for one school year from the date of enrollment in a Kentucky school. The Commission may waive the period of ineligibility if the following conditions are met:
1) The assignment is through a foreign exchange program approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, through its Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs.
2) The State Assigning Agency for the approved foreign exchange program is registered and approved with the KYSEA and the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education.
3) The State Assigning Agency for the approved foreign exchange program assigning students in compliance with KYSEA and State Board Regulations, and certifies compliance with state.
4) Application for waiver is submitted in sufficient time for

the Commissioner to review and rule on such on or before the first day of practice in each sport as provided for in Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons.
5) The student, Principal or Designated Representative of the member school and a representative of the placement agency shall sign and attest to certification that the athlete complies with the eligibility rules of the KHSAA and shall not be eligible under any circumstances for more than one year of athletic participation.
(9) Any student, having made election to do such and having been granted a one year waiver under subsection (a) above in Kentucky or in any other state, shall not be eligible, under any circumstances, for more than one (1) school year while enrolled in grades 9-12 in Kentucky.
The motion to adopt Proposal 2 passed 232-2.

Phillip Burkett, Warren East High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 3. Dennis Jackson, Paducah Tilghman High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 3
Submitted by Athletic Director and Delegate Jim Perrin, Christian County High School. A proposal to amend Bylaw 25 of the KHSAA to allow for a revision to the method of counting games during spring break for baseball, and slow and fast pitch softball.
The motion to adopt Proposal 3 failed 67-168.

Ron Maddox, Covington Holmes High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 4. David Carr, Murray High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 4
Submitted by Athletic Director Sam Harr, Danville High School, Ken Cox, Principal, Tates Creek High School, and Kenneth Frick, Principal, Butler High School. A proposal to amend Bylaw 25 of the KHSAA to allow for fall contact spring football practice.
RATIONALE: This can be done during the proposed time period without intrusion on other events while helping to develop players. This boost to football will help our young people compete for better college opportunities while improving their own skills and making for a safer game during the regular season.
Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons
Sec. 9. Sports Specific Limitations - Football - Boys
(1) Organized non-contact practice shall not begin prior to July 15. During this non-contact period, a helmet, shoulder pads and shoes are the only football equipment which may be worn. Organized contact practice in pads shall not begin prior to the fourth Friday prior to the first legal playing date.
(2) There shall be no more than two (2) practice games (schemed) per member school (grades 9-12) prior to the opening varsity game of the season with players other than members of the squad.
(3) The first game shall not take place prior to ten (10) weeks ends prior to the weekend of the first round of the state playoffs.
(4) A maximum of ten (10) regular season games may be played. Preseason bowl games shall count toward the ten game limit.
(5) The regular season ends at all levels of play (grades 9-12) on the Saturday preceding the first KHSAA Tournament (District, Region or State), with the exception that the varsity team may practice and play through its elimination from KHSAA sanctioned tournament play. Following elimination, there shall be no further practice or play during the remainder of the academic school year.
(6) Each player, in order to be eligible to participate in a game, shall have taken part in a minimum of ten (10) practice periods extending over a period of ten (10) days during the three weeks preceding the first game.
(7) Every player must have five (5) days of practice without pads to become accustomed to heat conditions immediately prior to the first day of practice in pads.

Adis Johnson, Harrodsburg High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 5. Dennis Jackson, Paducah Tilghman High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 5
Submitted by the KHSAA Board of Control. A proposal to amend Bylaw 25, Section 9 of the KHSAA to allow for the start of the playoffs.
RATIONALE: Historically, football has always been the most restricted sport with regards to scheduling options. In the past couple of years, the Board of Control has approved requests from schools hosting bowl games to play a week early in order to avoid major conflicts with other activities. It is the feeling of the Board of Control that all schools should have this same option and that this type of bylaw would be of great benefit when classes are realigned and district alignments change.
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The motion to adopt Proposal 5 passed 222-2.

James Sexton, Eastern High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 6. Leon Stewart, Milard High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 6
Submitted by Principal and Delegate Fred Carter, Bowling Green High School. A proposal to amend Bylaw 25 of the KHSAA to increase the allowable number of cheerleading competitions.
The motion to adopt Proposal 6 failed 82-128.

Ken Cox, Tates Creek High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 7. Michael Anstus, Caswell High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 7
Submitted by the KHSAA Board of Control. A proposal to amend Bylaw 27 of the KHSAA to revise the requirements to hold a coaching position in Kentucky.
The motion to adopt Proposal 7 failed 144-75.

Tasso Harris, Valley High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 8. Dennis Jackson, Paducah Tilghman High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 8
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The motion to adopt Proposal 8 failed 47-161.

Sam Harr, Danville High School, made a motion to adopt Proposal 9. Sam Harr, Danville High School, seconded the motion.
PROPOSAL 9
Submitted by the KHSAA Board of Control. A proposal to amend Bylaw 30 of the KHSAA to state that assaulting a sports official would render a coach, participant or other school representative permanently ineligible to be involved in athletics in this state.
RATIONALE: There is simply no room to argue to allow for the assaulting of a sports official. Right or wrong, the integrity of the interscholastic process depends upon the proper respect for contest officials, tournament and state management, scorers, timers and others who occupy similar positions. Though this penalty has been imposed by the Commissioner's office on these rare occasions when this situation has presented itself, placing it in the bylaws would serve as a permanent deterrent and could be used by all school representatives to dissuade the point to players, coaches, parents and related groups.
Bylaw 30, Imposition of Penalties
When Association rules and regulations have been violated, penalties may be imposed on the offending schools or individuals by the Commissioner's office under the Board of Control.
For violation of any rule or regulation by any member school, official, or representative, such penalty as may be called for under the specific rule or regulation, or, in case no specific penalty is called for, such disciplinary action, including warning, reprimand, probation, suspension, and/or payment of a fine may be imposed by the Commissioner's office or Board of Control.
Fine - A fine may be levied in lieu of, or in addition to, any other penalty imposed upon the school. The Board of Control shall adopt a schedule of fines and publish said schedule annually in The Athlete and in the Association Handbook.
Forket - The forfeit of contest records may be included in penalties assessed for violation of Association rules.
Warning - A warning is written notification that a violation, or an inexcusable or unethical action, has occurred; it is a matter of record, and that such action must not be repeated.
Letter of Reprimand - A written reprimand of the individual, program, or school may be issued if a violation of the rules has occurred which was preventable through normal oversight. The action is a matter of record, and a warning that repeat actions of this type will be cause for further penalty.
Probation - Probation is the following manner. Normally, a school on probation is on conditional Association membership, but may engage in its regular schedule, sanctioned events, and district, regional and state championships. This is provided that the individual and/or school has taken steps to insure that the problem which placed the individual, sport or school on probation has taken steps to alleviate the problem which caused

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These being no further business to come before the Delegate Assembly, President Rogers called for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.