



2011-12 Basketball Announcements



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RULES MEETINGS

Head High School and Middle/Junior High School coaches are required to view the online rule meeting. The meeting is available from October 5 until November 16. You must log in as a school coach view the complete meeting and answer the quiz questions to get credit for meeting attendance. After November 16 coaches will not be able to view the meeting for credit.

RULES TESTS

The testing procedure has changed. All coaches and officials were sent 100 questions to study and answer prior to logging on to complete the test. Once questions have been answered the coach/official will log onto the KSHSAA website and submit answers to a random 50 of the questions sent. Each official/coach will get a different 50 questions but all will be from the 100 sent.

YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE EXAM IN ONE SESSION. Logging off or not completing the exam will result in you losing what you have completed up to that point and having to start over. Print both your answer sheet and question sheet. Once the exam has been turned off you can log on and see your score.

The test will be available from October 5 until November 22. A school coach that doesn't complete the exam will pay a penalty of \$25. An official who fails to complete the exam will be placed on probation.

KSHSAA RULES

1. Coaches should check with the building principal and/or athletic director for specific information on rules affecting student athletes. In addition to the *KSHSAA Handbook* and *Basketball Manual* the schools are mailed copies of the *Activities Journal* on a monthly basis. Journal articles provide explanation and interpretation of KSHSAA rules regarding eligibility and participation.

Of particular interest to basketball coaches are the following rules:

- General Eligibility (Rules 13,15,16,17,18)
- Bona Fide Student (Rule 14)
- Outside Competition (Rule 22)
- Seasons of Sport (Rule 30)
- Coaches Qualifications (Rule 10)
- Basketball (Rule 33)

2. **Rule 10**—Only certified coaches (certified in compliance with standards established by the State Board of Education), or coaches aides (through application and approval from the KSHSAA), are allowed to work with teams. **No outsiders or volunteers may coach or assist with any coaching duties.** Coaches aide applications should be completed by school administrators and submitted on **Form A**. If your school district employs coaches aides, make them aware of the KSHSAA rules and regulations.
3. **Open Gym**—During the school year, coaches can not be present in any open gym if there is participation in his/her out-of-season sport. It is a violation for a basketball coach to be in an open gym where a basketball is being shot, dribbled or passed. An open gym cannot be held in conjunction with an "off-season conditioning program." Basketball, Volleyball and Football coaches may only supervise a summer "open gym" from Saturday preceding Memorial Day until the Saturday of SCW #4.
4. **Rule 33**—This rule explains the number of contests in which a player may participate, as well as the number of quarters. Non-Varsity games may be played in less than four quarters. Players may participate in a maximum of 6 quarters per day.
5. **Outside Competition**—From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than three players from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same non-school team. (**Squad** = 7th, 8th, 9th, Soph., JV, Varsity, etc. **SQUAD MEMBERSHIP** = participa-

tion on that squad anytime during the school year).

6. The first practice day for High Schools is November 14. Middle/Junior High season is determined by the school. **Holiday NON-PRACTICE days December 23-27, 2011.**
7. Leagues tournaments having more than 8 schools may have a play-in game to determine who will be in the 8 team bracket. Only those schools involved in the play-in game may have 21 regular season games.
8. Players may participate in **six** quarters in a day. Schools having JV and a Varsity team in tournaments the same week may not allow player to play six (6) quarters in one day in two different tournament brackets. A student may not play in two games in one day unless both games are in the same tournament bracket. JV and Varsity tournaments are considered separate tournaments. The six (6) quarter rule is applied only during regular season (Ex.: JV/Var/9th) games.
9. The KSHSAA has adopted the smaller 28.5 inch ball for use by middle/junior high boys.

HAIR ADORNMENT (FEATHERS, TENSILE, ETC.) NOT PERMITTED

Basketball players will not be allowed to wear feather hair extensions (latest trend in adding style and texture to hair), tensile, etc. in their hair during practice and competition. This is considered "ADORNMENT" and is not permitted by NFHS and KSHSAA rule. All KSHSAA sports codes are consistent, feathering will not be permitted during any activities under NFHS rule jurisdiction.

COACHES INFORMATION

1. Officials Recommendation Form—Meet with your athletic director and complete and return Forms BB-1 (Girls) and BB-2 (Boys) Officials Recommendations for post season as these are the school recommendations for post season assignments. This form is due by **February 8, 2012** and will be submitted online. Recommend only officials who have worked for you, or you've personally observed in the past year. Do not request an official not be assigned unless your school has submitted Form S to the KSHSAA during the season.
2. Officials may be added after February 8th by calling, FAXing or e-mailing the KSHSAA.
3. See *Basketball Manual* for due dates for rosters and win/loss records to sub-state managers.
4. Season Game Scores Form—BB-9 (Girls) & BB-10 (Boys) should be FAXed to the KSHSAA on February 29.

OFFICIALS INFORMATION

1. Area Supervisor meetings are recommended for all officials and required for those wishing to work post-season games. A schedule for meetings is included in the official packet.
2. Post-season assignments will be sent electronically using the Arbiter. Officials must make sure their information and e-mail address are correct on the KSHSAA web-site so we can provide accurate information to the Arbiter. You will be sent a welcome to the Arbiter when we have entered all the officials. (The web-site is arbitersports.com)
3. Registered officials and member schools have been provided a 2011-2013 *OFFICIALS HANDBOOK*. In addition to providing information about registration, meeting attendance, required reports, contracts and other procedural information, attention is also given to appearance, conduct and ethics involved in officiating.
4. Officials who miss either a KSHSAA rules meeting or an area supervisor's meeting due to illness, emergency or

employment obligations beyond their control may request consideration from the KSHSAA to make up ONE of these meetings. Requests will be evaluated based on their individual merits. **Any request to make up a missed meeting must be submitted in writing to the KSHSAA and should reach the KSHSAA office within one week of the missed meeting.**

5. Contracts should be in writing, clearly stating dates, times, financial arrangements and terms to which both the school and official agree. Schools and officials should confirm one week prior to the game. An official's word is his/her bond.
6. The KSHSAA recommends officials give a card to each coach prior to the first contest, listing the date, participating schools, each official's name and home town.
7. Communication—If you do not hear from the school prior to your assignment, please contact them regarding details you might need.
8. Officials should conduct a pre-game meeting with workers assigned to the game to go over various responsibilities. Officials will conduct a pre-contest conference with captains and coaches from both teams.
9. Beginning March 14, officials may log on to the KSHSAA officials page on the website to check their school recommendation totals. The 2011-12 recommendation totals will be available for 30 days.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Attention is called to the Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events section of the *KSHSAA Basketball Manual*. Both participating schools have specific responsibilities and are encouraged to work cooperatively to provide a good experience for players, coaches, officials and spectators.
2. The KSHSAA strongly recommends communication between officials and schools prior to each contest. Schools should inform officials where to park, proper entrance, location of dressing facilities, etc. Schools should provide two adult chaperons or security personnel to escort officials to and from their private dressing facilities.

3. Host and visiting school administration and adult supervisors shall make every effort to keep the court clear of spectators prior to and at the conclusion of each game. Fans and players should not be allowed to cut down the nets after any contest.
4. Schools should train and assign scorers, timers and PA announcers who are familiar with the rules and responsibilities of each position. Responsible, mature, adult personnel should be assigned to these positions as they are part of the officiating team.
5. **The six-foot (6') coaching box must be clearly marked and visible from the court.**

POST SEASON FORMAT

1. Boys/girls games will be alternated for quarterfinal and semifinal contests at sub-state and state tournaments. Specific information regarding the format for each classification may be found in the *2011-12 Basketball Manual*.
2. Classes 6A and 5A will host the first round semifinals at the site of the higher seeded team(s), and finals being played at the primary site. Game times for the finals on Friday and Saturday will be determined at the seeding meeting. The bracket with the host school will play the 7:45 p.m. championship game. This provides certainty in game time for planning purposes for officials, schools and spectators.
3. With the 2012 tournaments in an "even year", boys Class 1A, 3A and 5A will play Wednesday. Girls Class 2A, 4A and 6A will play Wednesday. Details and exact schedule for each classification can be found in the *Basketball Manual* and the KSHSAA website.
4. Officials—Post season assignments will be based on recommendations from schools, league commissioners and area supervisors. **ALL OFFICIALS** should send in their *Basketball Tournament Application* by February 1, 2012.

OFFICIAL RECRUITMENT

Coaches and officials are asked to help in the recruitment of new officials. Encourage former players to register as basketball officials.

BASKETBALL MANUAL

The 2011-12 KSHSAA Basketball Manual will be mailed to each school and official. Information is included about team tournament assignments, specific information relative to procedures, dates when forms and pictures are due, seeding procedures, and other pertinent information. *Note: In sub-state tournaments, teams receiving a bye will consider the bye as a win as it relates to their win-loss record for seeding purposes in subsequent tournaments.*

SCRIMMAGES

Schools may not hold **interschool scrimmages** in any activity. Alumni scrimmages are permitted provided no score is kept and no clock is used. If any of these elements are present, the activity counts as one of the school's allowed competitions. Intrasquad games among teammates do not count as scrimmages or games. **Interschool scrimmages are not allowed.** Member schools are not allowed to scrimmage with or against junior college or college teams.

The Spalding TF1000 Legacy Wide Channel basketball will be used for post season play. During the regular season, schools may use any NFHS approved ball.



Official KSHSAA Basketball for all post-season tournaments.

COACHING BOX & BENCH DECORUM

The KSHSAA Executive Board continues approval of the "optional six-foot coaching box." **Appropriate conduct by coaches and consistent enforcement by officials will be expected.** During rules meetings, basketball coaches and officials were again reminded about concerns, the need for compliance and consistent interpretations, and enforcement.

The optional six-foot coaching box is to be marked 22 to 28 feet from the end line. When the optional coaching box could interfere with normal spectator traffic, the KSHSAA may approve an alternate location (which may not be closer to the mid-court line, and must be in front of the team bench).

During play, the head coach may stand within the six foot coaching box. By rule interpretation, coaches are not:

- to kneel/squat in front of the bench;
- to "wander toward the end line, in front of the scorer/timer table;"
- to verbally, or with physical animation, react negatively to play and/or calls;
- shall not be on the playing court at any time.

Officials are not to be "looking" for the coach but, when a coach is not in compliance with the guidelines and interpretation, the stipulated penalty should be consistently assessed. Once a coach receives a "T," he/she loses the use of the optional coaching box and must remain seated except in those instances specified by rule.

Officials are to assess the appropriate penalty when the coach is:

- observed out of the box;
- observed squatting or kneeling in front of the bench;
- inappropriately responding.

NOTE: Per **Rule 10-5-2**, at no time is an assistant coach permitted to use the optional coaching box.

Once the penalty is assessed, officials are to notify the coach and submit the required "**Loss of Coaching Box Privilege Report.**" This form may be submitted on-line by logging into the officials website.

Principals and athletic directors are requested to meet with all coaches to ensure a clear understanding of expectations.

RUNNING CLOCK OPTION

NFHS Rule 5-5-3 allows states to adopt a "point differential" (running clock) plan. The KSHSAA Executive Board approved the use of the following guidelines: "By **League Adoption** or by **agreement of school principals in advance of the contest**, a running clock may be used in the 4th quarter when a 30-point differential is reached. The "**Running Clock Option Rule**" will apply to all levels of play grades 7-12. **The 30-point running clock will be used in KSHSAA post-season sub-state tournaments.** Beginning with the start of the fourth quarter, any time the score differential reaches a 30-point margin, the clock shall

continue to run except when stopped per NFHS playing rules, e.g., called time-out, an injured or bleeding player."

PRE-SEASON MEETINGS

Coaches are encouraged to have pre-season meetings with athletes and parents. Among items to discuss are:

- School policies (attendance, transportation, lettering, drug & alcohol policies)
- Player expectations & Team rules
- Sportsmanship – athletes and parents – **Rule 52**
- Review playing rules and emphasize new ones
- Academic achievement
- KSHSAA rules and regulations
- Practice schedules and game limitations.

REPORTS

Any coach or official involved in an unusual situation should contact the KSHSAA. Officials should submit reports online. Coach/player ejections shall be reported on this form within 24 hours of the contest. Officials should report unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches or fans which detract from the positive educational environment. Schools may use Form S from the online *Entry Forms* to report unusual situations or report positive comments about an official or school to the KSHSAA.



Visit WWW.NFHS.ORG for information concerning sports medicine issues.

WEB-SITE UPDATES

Coaches and Officials should check the KSHSAA basketball page weekly for rule interpretations and other information. (kshsaa.org/athletic/basketball) Officials can continue their education by logging on as an official and going to the education tab on the officials page.

KSHSAA COACHING RULES

During the school year outside the season of sport (beginning SCW 5 until the Saturday before Memorial Day) a coach:

1. May NOT have contact with their players to work on skill development
2. May NOT coach their team in a fall or spring league.
3. May NOT organize a league in which their team will be playing.
4. May NOT supervise an open gym if basketball is being played.
5. May NOT coach in practice or competition those students they will be coaching the following year in that sport.
6. May NOT transport students to camps or clinics in their sport.
7. May NOT attend camps or clinics with their athletes.

During the school year, outside the season of sport, (defined for students as the Tuesday after Labor Day until the Saturday before Memorial Day) students may play on non-school teams but no more than three (3) from the same school squad may be rostered, practice or play together on the non-school team. School rosters from the most recent season are the determinant. For purposes of this rule, players are considered members of every team in which they played game minutes the previous school season.

**COACHES PLEASE
REMEMBER —
ONLY 6 QUARTERS A
DAY**

*“You gain strength,
courage and confidence
by every experience
which you must stop
and look fear in the
face... You must do the
thing you think you
cannot do.”*

—Eleanor Roosevelt—

OFFICIALS CLINICS

These clinics are designed for 1st and 2nd year officials and will teach 2 person mechanics. See the flyer in your official packet to register for the clinic, pre-registration is required.

Oct. 29 – Garden City Recreation
Nov. 5 – K-State Rec. Complex
Nov. 12 – Cheney HS
Nov. 13 – Brewster HS
Nov. 16 – Emporia HS
Nov. 17 – OKUN Fieldhouse
Nov. 19 – Centralia HS
Nov. 19 – Hutchinson HS
Nov. 19 – Salina-Central HS
Nov. 19 – Topeka-Seaman HS
Nov. 21 – Altamont-Labetet Co. HS
Nov. 22 – Winfield HS - Library
Dec. 3 – Fort Hays State

Sessions include: The Basics; The Pre-game; Court-Coverage; Mechanics.

AREA SUPERVISOR MEETING

- Thirteen KSHSAA basketball area supervisors, selected for knowledge of rules, officiating experience and geographical location conduct clinics and series 1 and series 2 meetings. See schedule mailed with the official mailing or check online.
- All registered officials are encouraged to attend these meetings. Series 1 and Series 2 meetings are required for post-season assignment.
- Primary role is to assist the KSHSAA in disseminating information to officials, working toward uniformity of sport rule interpretation and application by all officials.

*“Success is never final,
and failure is never fatal;
it’s courage that counts.”*

STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – 2012

Wed. March 7, 2012

Girls Q-Finals

Class 2A, 4A, 6A

Boys Q-Finals

Class 1A Div. I & II, 3A, 5A

Game Times:

3:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m.

6:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

Thurs. March 8, 2012

Boys Q-Finals

Class 2A, 4A, 6A

Girls Q-Finals

Class 1A Div. I & II, 3A, 5A

Game Times:

3:00 p.m., 4:45 p.m.

6:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

Friday, March 9, 2012

Semifinals

3:00 p.m. – Girls

4:45 p.m. – Boys

6:30 p.m. – Girls

8:15 p.m. – Boys

Saturday, March 10, 2012

1A-6A – 1 Session

12:00 p.m. – G – 3rd-Place

2:00 p.m. – B – 3rd-Place

4:00 p.m. – G – Finals

6:15 p.m. – B – Finals

STATE SITES

6A – Wichita, Koch Arena

5A – Topeka, Expocentre

4A – Salina, Bicentennial Center

3A – Hutchinson, Sports Arena

2A – Manhattan, KSU

1A DI – Emporia – White Aud.

1A DII – Hays, FHSU - Busch Gross

*“Life will always be to
a large extent what we
ourselves make it.”*