



# 2016 Fall Regional Administrator and Board of Education Meetings

**REMINDER to School Administrators: PLEASE BRING YOUR ATTENDANCE CARDS.**

**Sr. High – ADM-5 • Jr. High/MS – ADMJ-5**

<b>Monday, October 17, 2016</b>	<b>Topeka, KSHSAA Office</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 18, 2016</b>	<b>*NEW – Salina-Smoky Hill Education Service Center</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 19, 2016</b>	<b>**Dodge City USD 443 The Learning Center</b>
<b>Thursday, October 20, 2016</b>	<b>Oakley High School</b>
<b>Monday, October 24, 2016</b>	<b>Maize High School</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 25, 2016</b>	<b>***NEW – Blue Valley USD 229 District Office</b>
<b>Wednesday, October 26, 2016</b>	<b>****Fort Scott High School</b>

**\* NOTE: The location can be found at 605 E. Crawford in Salina.**

**\*\* NOTE: The location can be found at 308 W. Frontview Road in Dodge City.**

**\*\*\* NOTE: The location can be found at 15020 Metcalf in Overland Park.**

**\*\*\*\* NOTE: Be aware! Construction at Fort Scott High School has made for limited parking.**

## Agenda

<b>12:30 - 1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>1:15 - 1:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Opening General Session</b> Gary Musselman, KSHSAA Executive Director <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome &amp; Announcements</li><li>2. Recognition of KSHSAA Board members</li><li>3. Executive Director's report:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. General comments</li><li>b. Preview agenda items</li></ol></li></ol>
<b>1:45 - 3:45 p.m.</b>	<b>Group discussion meetings</b> - in classification groups
<b>3:45 - 4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Closing General Session</b> - Reporting advisory votes & adjourn

# Topics for Discussion

## Baseball/Softball

1. **(Classes 5A/6A Only)** Effective in 2017-18, should the KSHSAA change their procedure of placing teams in regionals to 16 teams – instead of either the current 12 or eight?

*Rationale:*

- *Top four seeds would host – with eight teams qualifying for the state tournament. (No changes to the current eight team state tournament format.)*

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Proposed by KIAAA*

## Basketball

2. **(Classes 5A/6A Only)** Effective in 2017-18, should the KSHSAA change their procedure of placing teams in sub-states to 16 teams – instead of the current eight?

*Rationale:*

- *Top four seeds would host – with eight teams qualifying for the state tournament. (No changes to the current eight team state tournament format.)*

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Proposed by KIAAA*

## Cross Country/Track & Field

3. **(Middle/Jr. High Schools Only)** Should **Rule 34-3-2** and **Rule 42-3-2(c)** be changed to allow seventh grade students to run the 2-mile distance? (Currently 7th graders may only run 1-mile.)

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Proposed by KSHSAA Executive Board (Sept.13-14, 2016)*

## Football

4. **(8-Man Only)** Should the KSHSAA hold the 8-man football bi-district round on the Friday following the end of the regular season, the regional round on the following Friday, the sub-state round the following Friday, and the state championship on the Saturday of SCW 21 the same as 11-man championship games.

\*Note: Would require a possible 2017 Spring Board of Directors approval to modify **Rule 35-2-1(a)**.

*KCA's Rationale*

- *We would like to get away from playing 3 games in 10 days for the safety of the players and allow for more recuperation and preparation for the next playoff round. We would also be open to possibly playing on Friday of the championship weekend so we would continue to have our own date but that may not be possible. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of lengthening the schedule so as not to play 3 games in the 10 days. There was also discussion for starting one week earlier on the season and continuing to play the championship game on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.*

**YES** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO** \_\_\_\_\_

*Proposed by KCA*

# Items for Information and Discussion Only

## Baseball – Pitch Count Rule

5. A rules change by the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee (*NFHS Rule 6-2-6*) requires all state associations to adopt a pitch count rule for baseball pitchers effective with the upcoming 2017 season. Using data collected during the 2016 season, the KSHSAA convened a committee of veteran coaches from around the state to develop a pitch count policy for Kansas. The policy, as seen on page four, is proposed by the committee.

## Classification

6. Members of the KSHSAA Classification Study Committee appointed by the Executive Board will be present to discuss the Committee's proposals for football and annual classifications.

Members of the committee include:

\* Mike Kastle – Southern Coffey Co. USD 245 *Retired* (Co-Chair)

\* Bill Faffick – Wichita USD #259 (Co-Chair)

Tim Brady – Olathe USD 233

Charlotte Davis – Kansas City USD 500

David Ediger – Cimarron High School

Britton Hart – Emporia High School

Mike Hubka – Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege High School

Greg Koelsch – Smith Center High School

Bob Mellen – Clearwater High School

Greg Rosenhagen – Cheney High School

Alan Sheets – Belleville-Republic Co. Jr./Sr. High School

Carol Swenson – McPherson High School *Retired*

Paul Zuzelski – Syracuse High School

## Proposed KSHSAA Pitch Count Rule

### *Effective 2017 Baseball Season*

NFHS Baseball Rule 6-2-6 now states, "Each NFHS member state association will be required to develop its own pitching restriction policy based on the number of pitches thrown during a game to afford pitchers a required rest period between pitching appearances."

We propose:

<u>Pitches</u>	<u>Required Rest</u>
76-105	4 days
61-75	3 days
46-60	2 days
31-45	1 day
1-30	0 days

#### **More Information:**

- The above pitch count chart applies to all levels of competition.
- Required rest means calendar days. Throwing 105 pitches on Monday means the required rest period will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The first available day to return to competitive pitching is Saturday.
- A player's pitch count and required days of rest apply to games at any and all levels of play.
  - Example: Player A throws 62 pitches in a junior varsity game. Player A must rest 3 days before pitching in a JV, Varsity or other sublevel game.
- Number of pitches are competitive pitches only. Warmup or bullpen pitches do not count.
- \*A pitcher will be allowed to finish a batter if they reach the max of 105 in the middle of the at bat.

**Penalty: Violation of the maximum pitch count (105)\* in one day or the required rest that accompanies the respective pitch count will result in immediate ineligibility of the violating player and coach. Ineligibility remains until reinstated by the KSHSAA. The game in which the violation occurs will result in forfeiture.**

All violations must immediately be reported to the KSHSAA.

#### **Recording of Pitch Counts**

Game day: NFHS Baseball Rule 9-2-2 denotes that..."The scorebook of the home team shall be the official scorebook, unless the umpire-in-chief rule otherwise..."

- The official scorer(s) will keep track of pitch counts for both teams at all levels of competition.
- The KSHSAA will provide an official pitch count tracking sheet to each school for use.
- Each head coach will sign the sheet after each game. This will insure each coach/school understands the required rest of their pitchers. The host school will archive each sheet.
- The official scorer should record all pitches thrown to the batter; ball, strike, foul, legal or illegal.
- When a pitcher approaches one of the benchmarks (30, 45, 60, 75 & 105 pitches) of the pitch count rule, the official scorer will inform the respective coach of that pitcher.
- Coaches will be required to input data into KSHSAA website within 24 hours of completed competition. This data will only be visible to baseball schools.

Pitch count or scorebook applications (example: *Gamechanger*) may be used to keep track of pitches. The pitch count sheet must still be signed by coaches and official scorer and retained on file by the home team.

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
CLASSIFICATION STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT  
TO  
EXECUTIVE BOARD  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RECOMMENDATION 1

Refer to Administrator and Board of Education regional meetings for discussion only.  
Anticipate implementation would be in 2018-19 school year.

RECOMMENDATION 2

**Football Classification:**

- 8 Championships
  - 6A – 32 schools
  - 5A – 32 schools
  - 4A – 32 Schools
  - 3A – 48 Schools
  - 2A – 48 Schools
  - 1A – Appx. 35 Teams
  - 8-Man Division I – Appx. 50 Teams
  - 8-Man Division II – Appx. 49 Teams

Continue 2 year classification cycle  
No team would play three games in ten days  
8-Man championship would be same Saturday (SCW #21) as 11-man

RECOMMENDATION 3

**Annual Classification – All activities but football**

- 6 Championships
  - 6A – 36 schools
  - 5A – 36 schools
  - 4A – 36 schools
  - 3A – 64 schools
  - 2A – 64 schools
  - 1A – Appx. 117 schools (Class 1A would utilize Regional and Sub-State format in Volleyball and Basketball)

\*Note: In 2015-16, 97 schools were classified as 1A. Cooperative team agreements in Class 1A resulted in 88 basketball teams and 85 volleyball teams participating.

**ARTICLE XII**

**Classification of Senior High Schools**

**Section 1:** A classification system shall be established for senior high schools involved in interscholastic activities under the supervision of the KSHSAA.

**Sec. 2:** The classification system for each activity is based upon criteria developed and approved by the KSHSAA Board of Directors.

**Sec. 3:** The Executive Board may combine or separate Classes at any time if the number of participating schools in an activity so warrants.

**Sec. 4:** Modification of the classification system may be proposed by the KSHSAA Board of Directors, the Executive Board, or by petition from a member school. A petition must be signed by the principal and superintendent of at least 20 percent of the schools in the Classes modified by the proposal and presented to the KSHSAA Executive Director by December 1 of any school year. Any proposal, before it becomes effective, shall be approved first by the KSHSAA Board of Directors, and second, by a majority of all schools affected and a majority of all Classes affected. When only two Classes are affected, the proposal must have a majority support from each Class.

# Kansas State High School Activities Association



## Mission Statement

*Adopted September 2009*

**The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) serves students by providing leadership for the administration of education based interscholastic activities.**

## Belief Statements

### We believe...

- Member schools are the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA).
- The KSHSAA is a student-centered organization.
- The KSHSAA is the recognized state authority on interscholastic activity programs.
- Our Association is strengthened by equity and diversity.
- Each school choosing membership in the KSHSAA is equally important and has a direct voice in governing the organization.
- KSHSAA is best governed by representatives of the member schools and its affiliated organizations.
- Each KSHSAA sponsored activity is equally important.
- Student participation in interscholastic activity programs and competitions is a privilege.
- Participation in interscholastic programs promotes student academic achievement.
- Interscholastic activity programs promote positive school/community relations.
- Safety, quality and fairness in interscholastic activity programs are essential.
- Fiscal responsibility by the KSHSAA benefits member schools.
- Participation in interscholastic programs promotes good citizenship, improves life skills and builds character.
- Honesty, integrity and sportsmanship are the fundamentals upon which all interscholastic programs are built.
- All professionals that are in contact with students should be knowledgeable and properly trained.





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