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Jamboree Participation

All KSHSAA Jamboree stipulations must be followed:

<https://www.kshsaa.org/Public/softball/PDF/softballJamboree.pdf>

In addition, we ask that you consider a few items to install in your jamboree:

Use situations – start an inning with runners on base. Start with a 2-1 count.

Consider a time limit.

Be prepared to play – too many reports last year of each session starting with a 30 minute warm up.

New Handbook Rule 26

Art. 4: A student shall not participate in group training sessions or tryouts held by outside agencies other than colleges in a sport while he or she is a member of a school athletic team in that identical sport.

So a player could attend a college ID camp/showcase if it is hosted by the college and on campus. It must be individually entered. They cannot go as part of their outside team.

Private Instruction is Permitted

During the school season a student/athlete may continue to receive private instruction in the same sport that they are participating in (baseball). Private instruction is defined as one-on-one instruction. A support person may be present but not receive instruction. For instance, if the player was going to a pitching lesson the school catcher could go to “support” and catch, but the catcher cannot receive instruction during the lesson. A pitcher could not go to a group pitching lesson during the season.

Part of the rationale for the rule is when players are participating on the school team, they need to do things the way the school coach has asked. When multiple people are giving instruction, the player is challenged with what advice to follow, and it becomes confusing. If a player is taking private lessons, they should inform the school coach.

No Participation on a Non-School Team

During the school season a player may not also play on a non-school team in the same sport. School team membership is over when a player’s school squad has completed their last game. At that point they can begin playing on a non-school team but are limited to no more than 5 from the same school squad playing or practicing together until the Saturday before Memorial Day.

2024-25 RULES MEETING & EXAM

COACHES – All KSHSAA head softball coaches (high school and middle school) are required to complete a rules meeting and a rules exam prior to the season. *NEW THIS YEAR: All assistant coaches are required to complete a rules meeting.* The rules meeting and the exam are accessible online through **March 19.**