

## Kansas State High School Activities Association

# Minutes



Executive Board Meeting  
KSHSAA Board Room  
Wednesday, June 11, 2025  
Thursday, June 12, 2025

*\*Note: Minutes are subject to approval by the Board at its next meeting.*

The Executive Board met in the office of the Kansas State High School Activities Association on Wednesday and Thursday, June 11-12, 2025, with the following in attendance: President Casey Seyfert, David Abel, Eric Cooper, Shelby Green, Gina Knapp, Alan Penrose, Jim Porter (*late arrival*), Travis Powell, Donald Raymer, Sara Richardson and Bill Faflick, Executive Director. Assistant Executive Directors Mark Lentz, Jeremy Holaday, Rod Garman (*absent Thursday*), Kyle Doperalski, Sarah Smith, Megan Hagaman, Director of Operations Brent Unruh, and Director of Officials Scott Goodheart were also present. Board members Geoff Andrews, Connie Redic and Delvin Strecker were unable to attend.

NOTE: Per **Bylaw Article V, Sec. 4**, new Executive Board members elected at the April Board of Directors meeting shall attend the June Executive Board meeting as observers and for orientation. Jay Doornbos, Cory Jensen (*absent Thursday*) and RJ Wilson were present as new members observing the meeting. New board member Linessa Frazier was unable to attend. President Casey Seyfert, President-Elect Alan Penrose, Vice President Travis Powell, Vice President-Elect Donald Raymer, and Secretary/Treasurer-Elect Shelby Green participated with Mr. Faflick in an orientation session with the Executive Board-elect members.

### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were all approved unanimously via consent:

- ◆ Minutes of April 23-24, 2025, Executive Board meeting.
- ◆ Minutes of April 24, 2025, newly elected Executive Board meeting (following the conclusion of the Board of Directors meeting).
- ◆ Items approved by KSHSAA staff on behalf of the Executive Board. (***A list of these items may be found at the end of these minutes.***)
- ◆ **Middle/Jr. High At-Large Appointment** – Per **Bylaw Article IV, Section 5**, the Executive Board appointed Principal Relyn Strom, Topeka-Robinson Middle School, to a one-year unexpired at-large term on the Board of Directors (2025-2026).
- ◆ The Executive Board authorized a budget hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. in the office of the KSHSAA. The Association budget for the 2025-26 school year will be finalized at that time. Interested parties are welcome to attend.
- ◆ To ensure the KSHSAA remains in compliance with the Kansas Open Records Law, the Executive Board voted to designate the Executive Director or his designee, as the “Freedom of Information Officer.” Additionally, the Executive Director or his designee will serve as the “Custodian of the Records” for purposes of the Open Records Law.

### AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As part of the request for an addition to the agenda based upon recent personnel changes in member schools, the Board received the resignation of Connie Redic from the Executive Board (and Board of Directors) due to her acceptance of a new position. Per **Bylaw Article IV, Section 5**, the Executive Board appointed Principal Patric Jackson, Wichita-Stucky Middle School, to a two-year at-large term on the Board of Directors (2025-2027).

### PUBLIC FORUM

*None*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

The Executive Board heard reports from the Executive Director and administrative staff regarding the status of programs and services of the Association. Staff reported key communications regarding general operations and spring activity championship events. The Executive Director and Financial Manager provided a financial report and updates on Association business.

## **HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE MEMBERS SELECTED**

Tracy Smith, retired teacher, coach, administrator and current official from Uniontown, and Linn Exline, retired teacher and administrator from Salina, were appointed to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. They will replace Steve Curran, Girard, and Sue Givens, El Dorado, who have completed four-year terms on the committee. Britton Hart, Emporia, was appointed to serve as chair of the committee for 2025-26.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING BREAKOUT DEBRIEF**

As part of the April 24 Board of Directors meeting, respective classifications of schools conducted breakout sessions to discuss critical topics which may require action or further study, including placement on the Regional Administrator and Board of Education Meeting agenda. Board members discussed items brought up during these sessions. Discussion included the basketball shot clock, football enrollment numbers, calendar changes, flag football and other emerging activities, student burnout, and state legislature changes impacting member schools and the KSHSAA.

## **SPRING ACTIVITIES RECAP**

Staff led a discussion regarding the success and challenges with each of the recently completed spring culminating/championship events. The Executive Board members provided feedback and made suggestions for modification and future enhancements. Discussion was held on music adjudicator numbers, speech host challenges, swimming facility pros and cons, golf course additional costs, baseball/softball locations, soccer attendance numbers, and the track and the impact of the track & field meet with increased entries based upon new qualifying standards.

## **SWIMMING AND DIVING EQUIPMENT/FACILITY MODIFICATION**

The NFHS Swimming & Diving Rules Committee now affords the opportunity for a determination to be made by each state related to the use of backstroke starting ledges. Following discussion, the Executive Board approved the use of backstroke ledges at the state swimming and diving championship starting in the 2026-27 school year. The use of backstroke starting ledges for regular season competitions will be determined by respective host schools/sites.

## **ADVISORY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

Each year, the Kansas Association of Scholar's Bowl Coaches (KASBC), the Kansas Coaches Association (KCA), the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (KIAAA), the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA), and the Kansas Speech Communications Association (KSCA), survey their membership and develop proposals for amendments to rule and/or championship protocol. These recommendations were introduced at the April Executive Board meeting, captured and distributed via meeting minutes to allow member schools to discuss them and provide feedback. Final discussion and action on all recommendations was conducted at the June meeting of the Executive Board. A summary of Executive Board actions follows:

### **Recommendations Adopted**

*The following recommendations, submitted by various advisory groups, were approved by the Executive Board for immediate implementation:*

### **Football**

1. **(8-Player)** Change the size of the 8-Player Divisions to 40 for D1 rather than 48. **(KCA)** – *(For implementation in fall of 2026.)*

*Rationale:*

- *There was discussion at the annual meeting of the 8-Player Football Association that schools, particularly D2 schools, want to look at balancing the number of schools in each division. D1 has been locked into 48 teams for several years and when there were 96 schools participating in 8-player football this made one division constant. After 6-player teams began, it created discrepancy. The current cycle we are playing in has 48 teams in D1 and 39 in D2. 40 is the division number that is currently being used in 3-2-1A so it should be able to be easily adopted to the 8-Player bracket. Placing the extra teams in D2 would allow for movement between D2 and 6-player as well.*
- *66 of 87 8-Player D1 and D2 Coaches surveyed responded, which 75.9%*
  - *52-Yes 14-No 78.8% In favor*

## **Golf**

2. **(Boys Class 3A)** Modify the current format for 3A Boys Golf Regionals by reducing the number of regional hosts from six to four. **(KCA)**

*Rationale:*

- *The current structure, with six regional tournaments, places a significant strain on finding available golf courses that can host the regional events, especially in the spring when many courses are already in use by other events. Reducing the number of regional hosts to four would help alleviate this pressure, allowing for better utilization of available golf courses. The new structure would allow three teams from each regional to qualify for state, along with the next five individuals who are not part of the qualifying teams. This change would bring the 3A Boys Golf Regionals into alignment with all other classes for Boys Golf, ensuring consistency across divisions and simplifying the logistics of hosting regional tournaments.*
- *Votes: 3A Boys Coaches (59 3A Coaches Voted)*
  - *Yes: 44 (75%)*
  - *No: 15 (25%)*

## **Girls/Boys Tennis**

3. The Systematic Draw-In Procedure should be updated to read: **(KCA)**

Systematic Draw-In Procedure Seeds #13-24 shall be determined as follows:

1. The highest remaining regional finishers shall be randomly drawn in for seeds #13-16 (or #13-15 if there are only 3 remaining, etc.) For example, if after seeding is finished, the highest regional finishers are runner-up, a 4th, a 4th and a 6th place finisher, those 4 entries will be randomly drawn at the highest available seeds.
  - a. EXCEPTION: If this random draw creates a matchup with teammates, the group that was randomized will be redrawn until the matchup with teammates is avoided.
2. The process will be repeated for the remaining seeds and include the highest remaining regional finishers in each random draw until all seeds #13-24 are filled in with no teammate conflicts.

*Rationale:*

- *The systematic draw-in that begins at seed #13 should include all entries that would be involved if the seeding conversation continued. Example: if at #13 there were the following players as the highest remaining regional finishers: 2nd place, 4th place and 6th place, the random draw-in should include all 4 entries and fill in the spots 13-16 on the bracket. This process should continue through the entirety of the bracket. This would increase the bracket equity while still rewarding regional finish.*
- *After having five seasons with the new seeding procedure, this potential change is the most obvious. If seed #13 were to actually be seeded, it would include the four highest remaining regional finishers. In order to increase bracket equity, continue to honor regional finish and place players on the bracket in a spot more true to their ability, the systematic draw-in procedure is in need of being updated.*

- *Survey Results:*

<i>Classes:</i>	<i>1-3A</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>5A</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Total</i>	
<i>For:</i>	30	19	23	22	94	86.2%
<i>Against:</i>	2	3	1	9	15	

## Wrestling

4. **(Boys Classes 6A-5A)** Should the KSHSAA change their policy of having the boys wrestling super regional be a one-day tournament held on Saturday for Classes 5A and 6A? **(KIAAA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

<i>Class</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes%</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No%</i>	
6A	26	89.7%	3	10.3%	
5A	19	95.0%	1	5.0%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>91.8%</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>PASS</b>

## Items Referred to the Board of Directors

*The following recommendations, which were submitted by advisory groups, will be submitted for consideration at the next Board of Directors meeting:*

## Basketball

1. Should the KSHSAA review and change their process of seeding for postseason basketball play from only utilizing a record-based tie-breaker system to using strength of schedule system based off a point system?

**(KIAAA) – Deferred to regional meetings along with all other strength of schedule proposals.**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

<i>Class</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Yes%</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>No%</i>
<del>6A</del>	<del>13</del>	<del>44.8%</del>	<del>16</del>	<del>55.2%</del>
<del>5A</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>50.0%</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>50.0%</del>
<del>4A</del>	<del>7</del>	<del>41.2%</del>	<del>10</del>	<del>58.8%</del>
3A	16	72.7%	6	27.3%
2A	8	72.7%	3	27.3%
1A	5	83.3%	1	16.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>79.6%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20.4%</b>

## Cross Country

2. Change the number of competitions allowed to start before 3pm on school days from 2 (two) to 4 (four). **(KCA)**

*Rationale:*

- *This change would allow more opportunities to run in the morning to avoid heat. This would serve both increased safety as well as performance goals.*

- *Survey Results:*

<i>Classes</i>	<i>1A</i>	<i>2A</i>	<i>3A</i>	<i>4A</i>	<i>5A</i>	<i>6A</i>	<i>Total</i>	
Yes	62	55	49	31	29	30	258	87%
No	12	7	11	5	3	2	40	13%

## Track & Field

3. Should the KSHSAA allow four school competitions to start prior to 3 p.m. CST? (current rule allows two)

**(KIAAA) – (If implementation occurs during 2026 season; no existing contract may be modified without agreement from 100% of participating schools.)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
6A	27	96.4%	1	3.6%
5A	20	100.0%	0	0.0%
4A	16	94.1%	1	5.9%
3A	22	95.7%	1	4.3%
2A	10	100.0%	0	0.0%
1A	6	100.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	101	97.1%	3	2.9%

### **Items Referred to the Fall Regional Administrator Meetings**

*The following recommendations, which were submitted by advisory groups as noted below, will be submitted for discussion and consideration by those attending the Fall Regional Administrator Meetings conducted in October 2025 at seven different sites across the state:*

### **Basketball**

1. Strength of Schedule - Use of Power Points for Sub-State & State Tournament Seeding **(KCA)** - *(For implementation in the 2026-27 school year.)*

*Rationale:*

- *For the KSHSAA Sub-State and State tournaments, use "Power Points" to determine each school's seeding.*
- *Power Points are determined by wins/losses over - 1st division, 2nd division, 3rd division, 4th division teams. All games will be counted towards each school's Power Point average, regardless of in-state game or not. All regular season games must be reported by Wednesday SCW #33 for classes 1A D1 and 1A D2, Saturday SCW #33 for classes 2A and 3A and Saturday SCW #34 for classes 4A, 5A and 6A (these are the current reporting dates) and will count towards the school's Power Point average.*
- *The total power point average for substate is determined by taking the total number of power points divided by the number of contests played.*
- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	%	No	%	Total
1A-D1	52	68.4%	24	31.6%	76
1A-D2	57	70.4%	24	29.6%	81
2A	53	71.6%	21	28.4%	74
3A	68	67.3%	33	32.7%	101
4A	36	69.2%	16	30.8%	52
5A	38	82.6%	8	17.4%	46
6A	34	70.8%	14	29.2%	48
Total	338	70.7%	140	29.3%	476

### **Cross Country**

2. Use rankings to determine regional assignments. A committee of coaches (spanning all classifications and geographic areas) would be formed to develop specific language for regional assignments. **(KCA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Using rankings, based off of regular season results, would create regionals with more parity.*
- *Survey Results:*

Classes	1A	2A	3A	4A	5A	6A	Total	
Yes	59	42	41	27	22	28	219	76%
No	14	14	18	8	9	8	71	24%

## Volleyball

3. Should the KSHSAA change their process of seeding for postseason volleyball play from only utilizing a record-based tie-breaker system to using a strength of schedule system based upon a point system for Classes 1A-3A?

**(KIAAA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
6A	12	41.4%	17	58.6%
5A	7	35.0%	13	65.0%
4A	5	27.8%	12	72.2%
3A	19	82.6%	4	17.4%
2A	7	70.0%	3	30.0%
1A	5	83.3%	1	16.7%
TOTAL	31	79.4%	8	20.6%

## **Recommendations Denied**

*The Executive Board voted to deny the following recommendations, which were submitted by various advisory groups:*

## Cross Country

1. Should the KSHSAA change their policy to qualify 4 teams for the State Cross Country Championships instead of 3 teams? **(KIAAA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
6A	26	92.9%	2	7.1%
5A	17	85.0%	3	15.0%
4A	15	93.8%	1	6.2%
3A	13	72.2%	5	27.8%
2A	3	42.9%	4	57.1%
1A	4	66.7%	2	33.3%
TOTAL	78	82.1%	17	17.9%PASS

## Football

2. **(8-Player)** Change the 8-Player hosting criteria so that the higher seeded team will always serve as the playoff host school. **(KCA)**

*Rationale:*

- *This is the process already being used in 4-5-6A and 3-2-1A, so it should be able to be easily adopted to the 8-Player bracket. Each year, there are instances where a higher seeded team must travel to a lower seed, often it is a team they have previously played and beaten.*
- *66 of 87 8-Player D1 and D2 Coaches surveyed responded, which is 75.9%*
  - *47-Yes 19-No 71.2% In favor*

## Football

3. **(11-Player Classes 6A-5A)** Should KSHSAA place football teams in 5A and 6A in 8-Team Districts for the purpose of seeding the postseason. Week 9 would still be the first round of playoffs. **(KIAAA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
6A	17	60.7%	11	39.3%
5A	14	70.0%	6	30.0%
4A	5	29.4%	12	70.6%
TOTAL	31	64.6%	17	35.4%

## Soccer

4. **(All Classes)** Should KSHSAA disregard East/West Regions, and reseed teams based upon the win-loss-tie points / percentages for the State Soccer Quarterfinals? **(KIAAA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	18	62.1%	11	37.9%	
5A	11	55.0%	9	45.0%	
4A	12	80.0%	3	20.0%	
3A	11	57.9%	8	42.1%	
2A	5	55.6%	4	44.4%	
1A	3	60%	2	40.0%	
TOTAL	60	61.9%	37	38.1%	FAIL

## Track & Field

5. Should the KSHSAA change the rule for Track and Field to exclude track and field meets run by University/College Inv./Open from the not starting prior to 3 p.m. rule? **(KIAAA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
6A	28	96.6%	1	3.4%	
5A	20	100.0%	0	0.0%	
4A	16	94.1%	1	5.9%	
3A	23	100.0%	0	0.0%	
2A	8	72.3%	3	27.7%	
1A	5	83.3%	1	16.7%	
TOTAL	100	94.3%	6	5.7%	PASS

## Volleyball

6. **(Classes 3A-2A-1A)** Should KSHSAA change their postseason timeline for 3-2-1A volleyball from starting postseason on KSHSAA Calendar Week 16 (Monday and Tuesday Quads) to starting on KSHSAA calendar Week 17 (Monday and Tuesday Quads)? **(KIAAA)**

*Rationale:*

- *Survey Results:*

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%	
3A	19	82.6%	4	17.4%	
2A	6	60.0%	4	40.0%	
1A	4	66.7%	2	33.3%	
TOTAL	29	74.4%	10	25.6%	PASS

## No Action Items

*The Executive Board took no action on the following items, because it is existing policy or because no action is necessary:*

## Basketball

1. Begin the 1st day of competition for Basketball on Monday of SCW #22 allowing 3 extra competition days. (Currently the starting date is Thursday of SCW #22.) **(KCA)**

*Rationale:*

- *With the increase in the number of games a team can play now in Kansas starting in the fall of 2025-26, from 20 games to 23 games, we are looking to add some extra playing days that a team could use for scheduling. We are looking to start on Monday - SCW. #22, the same day that wrestling and*

swimming can start. The KBCA thought this was the best option to try since we were getting all kinds of requests to look at eliminating buffer week, playing over Christmas break, and lengthening the season a week. A team would not have to play that Monday but could even start on Tuesday instead. Weather is not as much of an issue early, so the extra playing dates would help ease scheduling issues.

- **Survey Results:**

Class	Yes	%	No	%	Total
1A-D1	50	65.8%	26	34.2%	76
1A-D2	59	72.8%	22	27.2%	81
2A	60	81.1%	14	18.9%	74
3A	68	68%	32	32%	100
4A	38	73.1%	14	26.9%	52
5A	28	60.9%	18	39.1%	46
6A	33	70.2%	14	29.8%	47
Total	336	70.6%	140	29.4%	476

## General

2. Should something other than W/L record be used in establishing postseason seeding for all team sports?

### (KIAAAA)

Rationale:

- **Survey Results:**

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
6A	17	60.8%	11	39.2%
5A	10	50.0%	10	50.0%
4A	8	50.0%	8	50.0%
3A	17	77.3%	5	22.7%
2A	8	72.7%	3	27.7%
1A	6	100.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	66	64.1%	37	35.9%

## General

3. Should factors other than geography be used in establishing regional assignments for all quasi-team sports?

### (KIAAAA)

Rationale:

- **Survey Results:**

Class	Yes	Yes%	No	No%
6A	26	89.7%	3	10.3%
5A	16	80.0%	4	20.0%
4A	7	41.2%	10	58.8%
3A	18	78.3%	5	21.7%
2A	8	72.7%	3	27.3%
1A	2	33.3%	4	66.7%
TOTAL	77	72.6%	29	27.4%

## ASSOCIATION CALENDAR COMMITTEE UPDATE

Following a series of meetings this spring, staff provided a report from the Calendar Task Force. No recommendations from the committee were made and no actions were proposed/considered as the Task Force anticipates a final report following their next meeting in mid-June.



## GYMNASTICS AND SAND GREENS GOLF STATE TOURNAMENTS

Staff led discussion regarding the future of girls state gymnastics and boys state sand greens golf. Per information gathered by staff, following this next school year, gymnastics and sand greens golf will have diminished number of teams and participating schools. Following discussion, the Board voted to sunset the state girls gymnastics competition following the 2025-26 school year. Following discussion, the Board voted to take the next steps to sunset the state boys sand greens competition following the 2025-26 school year.

## BASKETBALL MANUAL UPDATES

Assistant Director Kyle Doperalski led discussion on recommendations for updates to the KSHSAA Basketball Manual. The following items were recommended:

- **Weather Postponements for Postseason Games:** When inclement weather causes postseason games to be postponed, a difficult situation around when and how the new game information such as date, time and place are decided upon. The KSHSAA has developed the following statement that has been approved by the executive board.

When the weather forces a postseason game to be postponed, it is possible that the schools involved in the game may disagree on when and where the rescheduled game shall be played. The weather likely isn't the same in all parts of the state. It is possible that a game is postponed, and the game connected to it in the bracket is not. The KSHSAA staff takes the following things into consideration when making a decision on when and where the rescheduled game(s) shall be played: safety, the weather days built into the schedule, avoid as best possible splitting school communities between genders (parents, fans, cheerleaders, band, student body, media, administrators), competitive equity and impacting only one gender since boys and girls postseasons are concurrent.

- **Homecourt Advantage in Postseason:** In classes 4A-6A, higher seeds have earned the right to host and have a homecourt advantage. To clarify expectations, the starting lineup introductions should alternate between teams, one from Team A, one from Team B and so on. If the home team has a video board, it may be used as it is in a regular season game. The home team may have their band serve as the official band of the game. The nets may not be cut down by either team in the sub-state final.

In classes 1A-3A, the sub-state final round is at a predetermined site. The intent of this round is to be a neutral environment, even if the host school is playing. The higher seed may have their band serve as the official band of the game. If the higher seed band doesn't want to play, the lower seed's band may serve as the official band. If both school's bands want to play, and there is room in the facility as determined by the host AD, both bands may enter, and play, with likely fewer than 50 students in each. The host AD decides the appropriate number of band members allowed based on capacity. If the host school is involved in the game, but the lower seed, they are to sit on the visiting bench and wear away uniforms. This may be different than the regular season when they are the home team in their own gym.

- **Rosters for Postseason:** During any postseason game, only twelve players are allowed to participate in pregame warmup, sit on the bench, and be in the scorebook.
- **Sub-state Equipment and Procedures:**
  - The home team provides warmup balls for each team.
  - All weekday sub-state games start at 6 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. regardless of the distance between schools. There is no option to request moving a weekday sub-state game to 5 p.m.
- **Running Clock for Regular Season** *(add to existing policy):* Running clock policies differ from league to league. If both athletic directors agree prior to the start of the game, the running clock may begin at the start of the 3rd quarter.
- **Classes 3A-1A Postseason Seeding Criteria:** If teams have an identical winning percentage and they haven't played, or if they have split, the team with the greater number of wins is the higher seed.

Following discussion, an additional item was added to the list of changes:

- **Sub-state Procedures:**
  - The coaches and players on the official team pass list can gain free admission into all sub-state games of the opposite gender's team at all rounds of their school's sub-state games if players

and coaches on the pass list arrive together. For example, if School A's boys team is playing a sub-state game on Monday, their girls team pass list may gain free admission to the boys game if girls on the pass list arrive together with their coach(es).

The Board voted to approve all items for inclusion in the 2025-26 basketball manual.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At the request of the Executive Director, the Board entered an Executive Session for the purpose of providing an update regarding ongoing negotiations and discussion regarding non-elected personnel. Following the session, the regular meeting resumed as scheduled. The Executive Board voted to take the recommended action related to staff salaries by increasing the total allocation no more than \$10,000 beyond previous approval limit.

## **TENNIS MANUAL UPDATES**

Assistant Director Sarah Smith asked the Board to modify two instances of language in the KSHSAA Tennis Manual that were either contradictory or out of date. The first was for seeding at regional meets which came from the annual Kansas Tennis Coaches Association meeting.

### **Regional Seeding Procedure**

3. ~~Six~~ Eight positions will be seeded in both singles and doubles. Seeds ~~seven through half of the entries, included nine and 10-9-12,~~ will be offered if any coach so wishes.

The second item was regarding apparel for girls during postseason contests needing shorts with at least a 5-inch inseam.

### **Appropriate Attire: (Competition and Warm-up)**

- Shorts must be worn at the waist with a minimum ~~five (5)~~ three (3) inch inseam.

Following discussion on the potential changes, the Board voted to approve both updates for inclusion in the 2025-26 Tennis Manual.

## **WRESTLING MANUAL UPDATES**

Assistant Director Mark Lentz requested updates to the Wrestling Manual. The first language modification came from the wrestling advisory committee regarding regional seeding criteria and would read as follows:

### **Regional Seeding Criteria**

1. Head-to-Head Competition (If two wrestlers have evenly split wins during the season, the wrestler who won the last match will earn the seed).
2. Record against common opponents.
3. Returning State Champion from the previous year.
4. Returning State Placer from the previous year (2nd trumps 3rd, 4th trumps 5th, etc.).
5. Returning Regional Placer from the previous year (1st trumps 2nd, etc.)
6. OPC: If there are no other criteria from above, then the pre-seed information from the overall record will be used.

Forfeits: Include dual match forfeits in record for seeding.

Losing Records: Contestants with losing records should not be seeded unless they meet the other criteria. If the wrestler has at least three (3) criteria, then that wrestler is available to receive a seed. If they have 1-2 criteria, then they are available for the last available seed.

The second change is regarding the OPC weight management software and would impose 4 distinct deadlines for uploading data online.

### **OPC Deadlines / Fines**

***\$50 fine if the task is not completed by the deadline (per school, per gender, each deadline).***

Deadline #1: December 1: All wrestlers should be listed in the team's OPC with their alpha weigh-in.

Deadline #2: January 2: All certification weigh-in information must be entered, and all competitions and competition weigh-ins must be entered and committed.

Deadline #3: January 25: All competitions and weigh-ins must be entered and committed.

Deadline #4: The remainder of the competitions and weigh-ins must be committed by Wednesday of Regional Week.

Following discussion on the potential changes, the Board voted to approve both updates for inclusion in the 2025-26 Wrestling Manual.

### **UNIFIED BOWLING MANUAL UPDATE**

Assistant Director Sarah Smith presented the Board with two recommendations for inclusion in the Unified Bowling Manual:

#### **Permission for Special Equipment**

State Associations may make reasonable accommodation for individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs as well as to individuals with extenuating circumstances. The accommodation should not fundamentally alter the sport, heighten the risk to others, or place the opponent at a disadvantage.

Ramps, Ball Pusher, Retractable Handles: Athletes needing accommodation, such as ramps, bowling ball handles, ball pushers, or other accommodations, must request an approval letter from the KSHSAA office and provide rationale for the use of the accommodation. This letter should be taken to competitions by the athletes' coach to present as needed. Schools should speak with their bowling center to ensure the center will allow the equipment to be used. During the regular season, a coach and/or teammate may place the ramp with direction from the athlete. The cooperating coach and/or teammate may not direct where the ramp should be placed. The coach and/or teammate may place the bowling ball on the ramp; however, the athlete must push the bowling ball off the ramp. At the state tournament, Special Olympics personnel will place ramps and assist as needed with accommodations.

Following discussion including information on equipment, the Board voted to approve both updates for inclusion in the 2025-26 Unified Bowling Manual.

### **HARDSHIP INTERPRETATION**

Staff led discussion on interpretations for **Handbook Rule 18 – Transfer, Section 1, Article 13 (Hardship)**. Specifically, the consideration for hardship when a transfer of schools is initiated when a school experiences personnel changes, internal turmoil, or eliminates a team. It was the interpretation of the Board to maintain current procedures on hardship eligibility as "Students Without a Choice" to change schools and changes in personnel nor elimination of a program or level of a team would not constitute a hardship.

### **KANSAS AMATEUR SPORTS SUMMIT**

Executive Director Bill Faflick provided the Board with plans to host the first Kansas Amateur Sports Summit at the KSHSAA this fall. Invitations will be extended to youth sports leaders across Kansas, including leaders of recreational departments, non-school leagues and more across various age groups. The discussion will focus on trends and best practices related to the following three main areas: Risk Mitigation, Officials, and Fan Behavior.

### **SPORTSMANSHIP**

The Board was presented with information following the inaugural League Sportsmanship Championship given at the end of the 2024-25 basketball season and held discussion related to sportsmanship and how to continue to positively impact event culture with enhanced sportsmanship and a focus on positive behavior. Suggestions were made to continue focus on sportsmanship and communicate expectations for behavior at school activities.

## **RULE 7 CHANGE SENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommended the Board give consideration of an amendment to **Rule 7 – Physical Examination Parental Consent** by placing it on the agenda for the September 17, 2025, meeting of the KSHSAA Board of Directors. The revised language is contained in the detail of **Rule 7-1-5** as follows:

**Art. 5:** The Physical Examination shall not be taken earlier than ~~May 1~~ **April 1** preceding the school year for which it is applicable

It is the committee's opinion that the additional month would allow more flexibility for families and health care providers without compromising the validity/currency of the preparticipation physical exam. Following discussion, the Executive Board approved the addition to the Board of Directors agenda for implementation with the 2026-27 school year.

## **NORTHERN PLAINS LEAGUE SHOT CLOCK COMMUNICATION**

The member schools of the Northern Plains League have requested a detailed response to concerns related to the shot clock adoption. Discussion was held on the appropriate response to provide from the Executive Board through staff.

## **STATE QUALIFIERS MODIFIED FOR TRACK EVENTS**

In anticipation of an additional competition lane on the track at the Wichita State University Stadium, it was recommended the state qualifying procedure for all events in the regional meet be modified. Current practice is to qualify the top three regional finishers and the next best four performances (without regard to any specific regional) for all events. The new qualifying procedure adopted by the Executive Board will be to take the top three finishers at each regional meet and the next six best performances with no more than four from any one regional meet. This will allow 18 entries in all events at the state meet, and may lead to modifications of the competition schedule, especially in selected field events. It was noted, if for some unforeseen reason, the track project at Wichita State is not completed in time for the state championship meet, to allow KSHSAA staff to utilize the same qualifying procedure as used for the 2025 championship meet.

## **TRACK ORDER OF EVENTS**

Executive Board member Travis Powell requested a modification of the agenda to discuss the order of events at state track and field meets. The Kansas Coaches Association surveyed membership and gained overwhelming support for moving the 4x800 relays up in the order of events to just before the 200m preliminary races. Since the KCA will not present requests for changes to the KSHSAA until after the next track and field season begins, Representative Powell asked the Board for modification at this meeting to make the change in time for the 2025-26 school year. Following discussion, the Board approved changes to the 2026 state track & field championship meet order of events as follows (note, this is not a comprehensive order of events, only event with \* have changed):

- Girls 100m Hurdles - Preliminaries when needed
- Boys 110m Hurdles - Preliminaries when needed
- Girls 100m - Preliminaries when needed
- Boys 100m - Preliminaries when needed
- Girls 4x800\* - Final
- Boys 4x800\* - Final
- Girls 200m - Preliminaries when needed
- Boys 200m - Preliminaries when needed

## EXECUTIVE BOARD POLICY EVALUATIONS

The existing policies for the following categories were reviewed:

1. Dues & Fees
2. Ticket Prices
3. Participation Fees
4. Items for Sale
5. Media Rights Fees & Advertising
6. Host Shares/Expenses Allowed
7. Officials Fees
8. Other Fees
9. Awards

Accordingly, the following changes were approved:

### 1. Membership Dues and Fees

Officials Registration Fee – Track & Field	Remove (formerly \$35)
Officials Registration – Out of State Reciprocal (per sport)	\$25 (formerly \$20)
Penalty Fee – Late Submission of wrestling OPC documentation	\$50 (new)

### 3. Participation & Entry Fees

Basketball (B&G)	Waive for Shot Clock Adoption
Coaching School (starting Aug 2026)	\$100 advance/\$125 onsite (formerly \$90/\$100)
KAY Leadership Camp – 2025 (per student)	\$375 (formerly \$325)
Music – Regional & State Festival (soloist, per entry)	\$15 (formerly \$12)
Student Council 2025 Workshop (per student or sponsor)	\$350 (formerly \$325)
Wrestling – Boys (formerly fee incl. \$125 OPC fee)	\$125 (formerly \$250)
Wrestling – OPC (per school)	\$125

### 4. Items for Sale

NFHS Rules Books (rules, case, manual)	\$8 (formerly \$7)
Tennis Rules Book (USTA)	\$8 (formerly \$7)
NFHS Rules Books – general public	Remove (formerly \$10)
State Program (ALL)	Mail \$6 (formerly \$5)
Official's Patch	\$10 for 3 (formerly \$3)
Music & Speech Festival Medals	\$3 (formerly \$2.35)
Forensic Ballots	Remove (formerly \$0.05 ea)
Digital List/Label Set – Officials – Member School	Remove (formerly \$40)
Digital List/Label Set – Officials – Other Entity	Remove (formerly \$50)

### 5. Media Rights Fees & Advertising

State Program Booster Ads (ALL)	Remove*
State Program Ads (ALL)	Remove*
(*Defer to sponsorship contract with third party)	

### 6. Host Shares/Expenses Allowed

Golf Regional	\$500 stipend (formerly 30%)
Scholars Bowl Regional	\$225 (includes stipend & copy/visual aid expenses)
Scholars Bowl State	\$225 (includes stipend & copy/visual aid expenses)
Soccer State Semifinals	33% (new)
Tennis Regional	\$500 (formerly 30%)
Tennis State	\$1,000 (formerly 15%)
Track & Field State Programs	Remove KAY designation

## 7. Officials Pay Rates & Expenses

Bowling Scorekeeper State	\$100/day + mileage (new)
Cross Country State Referee	\$100/day + mileage (new)
Volleyball Regional	\$50 (new)
Volleyball Regional Line Judge	\$25 (new)

## 8. Miscellaneous Fees

Coaching School – Clinician Fees per Session	(all new)
Coaching School – College D1 Head Coach (FB, BB, VB)	\$300 + mileage
Coaching School – College D1 Head Coach (T&F, Golf, TN, WR, BSB, SB)	\$250 + mileage
Coaching School – College D2/NAIA Head Coach	\$200 + mileage
Coaching School – Non-school Personnel	\$150
Coaching School – High School Coach	\$75 + free conference registration

## ESPORTS UPDATE AND RULE INTERPRETATIONS

Staff facilitated a discussion with the Board relative to Esports as a new activity. General updates related to contract negotiations with PlayVs and championship format were discussed. Staff also received input on emerging questions related to Esports, including:

- A. How are Esports students impacted by the Outside Competition Rule? *The school season will last from School Calendar Week #20 through the state tournament event culminating in SCW #30. Any games sponsored by the KSHSAA during the school year should not be played by a school team in non-school tournaments. Individuals may participate in these games on non-school teams, outside the school season, as long as the school is not paying competition expenses and the student is not representing the school.*
- B. How are Esports students bound by **Awards Rule 20** and **Amateur Rule 21**? *It was determined that per KSHSAA rule, no monetary gifts may be given to students participating for their school teams during the season of sport. Students who do not participate on a school sponsored team outside the season of sport may be awarded money as prizes. Sponsorship is not allowed for individual students as members of a school team, but students may be sponsored as amateurs on non-school teams.*
- C. What criteria should staff use to evaluate the appropriateness of games for school play? *Games that have been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Rating Board) as appropriate for teen or below. These ratings are T (Teen), E 10+ (Everyone age 10 and up), and E (Everyone). Ratings higher than teen (mature or adults only) will not be deemed appropriate for play during KSHSAA sponsored tournaments.*
- D. Which games should be offered by the KSHSAA as part of the championship competition series? *A survey was sent to schools requesting possible participation numbers and identified four popular games for use with the Nintendo Switch console. These games will be contested as part of the state championship tournament; staff will be expected to reevaluate offerings on an annual basis. During the inaugural 2025-26 season, the games being considered for competition include Smash Bros, Mario Kart, Rocket League and Madden.*

## KANSAS COACHING SCHOOL

An update was provided on the KSHSAA Coaching School, which is scheduled for August 4-5, 2025, at the Salina Fieldhouse.

## ACTIVITY PHASE OUT DISCUSSION

Following discussion earlier in the meeting re the potential sunset of championship tournaments, staff requested more formal guidance from the Board to codify a point at which an activity championship will no longer be provided. While handbook rules state there must be 24 member schools with interest in an activity for the KSHSAA to offer a postseason championship, there is no language for a minimum number of school participation once the activity has been added to the KSHSAA postseason offerings. Following discussion, the Board directed staff to begin phaseout of a postseason championship activity or consolidation of classification groups in an activity following three consecutive years of participation numbers lower than 24 schools in the activity or participation numbers lower than 24 in the classification group.

## NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled Executive Board meeting will be held:

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. (*Budget Hearing - 11:30 a.m.*)**

*The KSHSAA Board of Directors fall meeting will begin on Wednesday, September 18 at 3 p.m. in the KSHSAA Board Room with hearings, discussion and final actions taking place.*

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ITEMS

The following items were approved by the Board as part of their consent agenda. *NOTE: In the following listing, middle/junior high schools are indicated in all capital letters.*

### COACHES AIDE RULE 10

**The following were approved under Rule 10-1-2 (Supervised)**

- (1) Kyle Spencer, BENTON-CIRCLE MS  
Football
- (2) Kiara Willis-Leonard, BENTON-CIRCLE MS  
Cheer
- (3) Brea Buoy, Caney Valley HS  
Cheer
- (4) Collin Carroll, Colby HS  
Football, Track & Field
- (5) Nicole Jansonius, Colby HS  
Basketball, Track & Field, Volleyball
- (6) Taylor Pingry, Dexter HS  
Softball
- (7) Gunner Koontz, Effingham-Atchison Co Community HS  
Baseball, Football, Wrestling
- (8) Janelle Goodrich, Elbing-Berean Academy  
Basketball
- (9) Baylie Kiefer, Leavenworth HS  
Cheer
- (10) Jason Parks, Minneapolis HS  
Softball
- (11) Shelbi Burke, Mulvane HS  
Cheer
- (12) Olivia Hayse, Mulvane HS  
Dance/Drill Team
- (13) Mike Ramsey, Parsons HS  
Baseball
- (14) Taigen Kerr, Phillipsburg HS  
Cheer
- (15) Marirae Rice, Phillipsburg HS  
Cheer
- (16) Dominique Shelmon, Pittsburg HS  
Football
- (17) Ella Bentley, ROSE HILL MS  
Cheer
- (18) Jessica Kocher, ROSE HILL MS  
Cheer
- (19) Kade Cooper, Scandia-Pike Valley HS  
Football, Track & Field
- (20) Rileigh Jensen, Scandia-Pike Valley HS  
Volleyball
- (21) Kade Cooper, SCANDIA-PIKE VALLEY JH  
Football, Track & Field

- (22) Isiah Goldy, Shawnee Mission East HS  
Football
- (23) Beth Marsden, Shawnee Mission East HS  
Cheer
- (24) Hayley Robinson, Shawnee Mission East HS  
Dance/Drill Team
- (25) Austin McBeth, Wichita-Central Christian Academy  
Basketball

**The following were approved under Rule 10-1-2 (Unsupervised)**

- (1) Becky Elsen, GREAT BEND MS  
Cross Country, Track & Field
- (2) Brooke Mohler, Scandia-Pike Valley HS  
Volleyball
- (3) Jay Russell, Scandia-Pike Valley HS  
Basketball, Football
- (4) Kade Cooper, SCANDIA-PIKE VALLEY JH  
Football, Track & Field
- (5) Jay Russell, SCANDIA-PIKE VALLEY JH  
Basketball, Football

**SEMESTERS RULE 16 (Hardship)**

**The following were ruled (Eligible) under Rule 16-1-4**

- (1) Rehabiah Williamson, Topeka HS

**TRANSFER RULE 18 (Possible Limited Eligibility)**

**The following were ruled (Eligible) for the activities listed under Rule 18-1-6**

- (1) Danielle McNeil, Fort Scott HS  
Formerly Attended Uniontown HS  
Girls Softball - Varsity
- (2) Kyleigh Able, ATTICA JH  
Formerly Attended ANTHONY/HARPER-CHAPARRAL JH  
Girls Track & Field - Varsity
- (3) Ahriana Carrasco, Chanute HS  
Formerly Attended Sapulpa High School  
Girls Soccer - Non-Varsity
- (4) Wade Killingworth, Kansas City-Turner HS  
Formerly Attended Hogan Prep Academy  
Boys Basketball - Varsity, Boys Track & Field - Varsity, Football - Non-Varsity

**TRANSFER RULE 18 (Hardship)**

**The following were ruled (Eligible) under Rule 18-1-13**

- (1) Michaela Ferris, Frankfort HS  
Formerly Attended Shawnee County Juvenile Detention Center
- (2) Jayline Hernandez, Liberal HS  
Formerly Attended Satanta HS
- (3) Gentry Mallon, El Dorado HS  
Formerly Attended Augusta HS

**The following were ruled (Not Eligible) under Rule 18-1-13**

- (1) James Storer, Moundridge HS  
Formerly Attended Wichita-The Independent HS

**COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RULE 29**

The following were approved under Rule 29-2-1, 29-3-1, 29-3-2 (schools may be combined for interschool activities . . . for the activities listed, with the identification of the combined team and/or the school responsible for administering the activity in parenthesis):

**Rule 29-2-1**

None

**Rule 29-3-1**

None



## APPROVED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

\* = *Speech, LD Debate & National Qualifiers Only*

### ATHLETIC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Sport</u>
9/13/25	Clifton-Clyde Volleyball Invitational	Clifton-Clyde HS, Clyde KS	VB
9/27/25	Seaman Invitational Volleyball Tournament	Seaman HS, Topeka KS	VB

### NON-ATHLETIC

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10/18/25	Gorilla Cheer Classic	Cherokee-Southeast HS/Pittsburg State University	Cheer
10/25/25	Sunflower Spirit MS Cheer & Dance Showcase	Haysville West MS, KS	Spirit
1/30-1/31/26	Innovative Dance Classic KC	Olathe Northwest HS, KS	Dance