

# 2025-26

# BASKETBALL MANUAL

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# WELCOME

The *Basketball Manual* is the official manual for high school boys and girls basketball with information concerning regulations and management of games and tournaments. It is designed to provide general information for use in the administration of the KSHSAA basketball program as well as the sub-state and state tournaments. This manual is made available to every member school, registered basketball official, tournament manager, and members of the media. No doubt questions will arise during the regular season, invitational tournaments and prior to the start of postseason tournaments. We believe many questions will be answered by a thorough review of the contents of this manual.

The KSHSAA staff members and all member schools thank all personnel, including tournament managers, school administrators, officials, coaches, players, media, and the thousands of loyal basketball fans for their efforts and interest during the regular season contests and tournaments. We hope you have a successful season. For questions, contact the KSHSAA.

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## Checklist for Schools Participating in Tournaments

- Basketball schedules and score reporting forms - Submit to region/seeding tournament manager on seeding day for your class by all teams participating in sub-state tournaments. Update forms throughout sub-state.
- Basketball Officials Recommended for Sub-State and State Tournaments forms – Submit recommendations between January 28 - February 4, 2026.
- Class 1A Sub-State Squad List and Pass Gate Information Forms - Submit on February 19.
- Class 2A, 3A Sub-State Squad List and Pass Gate Information Forms - Submit on February 23.
- 4A, 5A, 6A Sub-State Squad List and Pass Gate Information Forms – Submit on February 26.
- State Basketball Tournament Squad List, Pass Gate Information and Photo – Submit on March 4 by all teams still participating in a sub-state tournament on March 4.

## Projected Calendar Dates

Year	SCW	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
Beginning Practice Date	20	11/17	11/16	11/15	11/13	11/12
Earliest Possible Competition	22	12/1	11/30	11/29	11/27	11/26
Early Season Tournaments (Girls & Boys)	23	12/8-13	12/7-12	12/6-11	12/4-9	12/3-8
Girls Only (if not held during first week)	24	12/15-20	12/14-19	12/13-18	12/11-16	12/10-15
<b>Invitational Tournaments</b>						
Boys and/or Girls	29	1/19-24	1/18-23	1/17-22	1/15-20	1/14-19
Girls Only (if not held during first week)	30	1/26-31	1/25-30	1/24-29	1/22-27	1/21-26
Sub-State Quarterfinals: Class 1A DII, 1A DI, 2A, 3A	34	2/23-28	2/22-27	2/21-26	2/19-24	2/18-23
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# IMPORTANT BASKETBALL DATES

## Coaches

**Rules Meetings** - Coaches have the option to attend an online rules meeting or participate in an in-person meeting.

Coaches Online Rules Meeting begins – October 8

Coaches Online Rules Meeting ends – November 25

**Exams** - Coaches must complete the exam from October 8 to November 25.

**Holiday Non-Practice Days for Schools** - December 23-27, 2025

## Officials

**Rules Meetings** - Officials must attend a rules meeting. Meeting dates and locations can be found in your official packet or on the KSHSAA website.

**Exams** - To be postseason eligible, Officials must complete the exam between October 9 and December 1. If officials do not wish to be postseason eligible, the exam can be taken until January 7.

**Area Meetings** - All officials are encouraged to attend the area meetings. These meetings provide additional training for officials. The list of dates and times is included in your officials rules book packet mailing. Attendance at the area meeting is required for postseason consideration.

**Postseason Applications** - Due to the KSHSAA office by February 2, 2026.

# 01 STUDENT HEALTH & SAFETY

## Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (PPE)

No student is eligible to represent any school team (in practice and games) until there is, on file with the superintendent or principal, a statement (physical form) certifying that the student has passed an adequate physical examination and is physically fit to participate. The form must be signed by any of the following licensed health care providers: a physician, a chiropractor, a physician assistant (PA) or an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN). The statement (form) must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian stating the student has permission to participate. The physical examination shall not be taken earlier than May 1 preceding the school year for which it is applicable.

## KSHSAA Concussion and Head Injury Information Release Form

This form must be signed by all student-athletes and parent/guardians before the student participates in any athletic or spirit practice or contest each school year.

## Concussion Management / Kansas Law

Below is a summary of our recommendations to our member schools to comply with the state law and the NFHS playing rule. A complete and detailed version can be found on the KSHSAA website in the sports medicine and safety section.

1. If concussion consistent signs or symptoms are observed in an athlete, the athlete should be immediately removed from the practice or contest.
2. The athlete should not be allowed to return to any practice or contest until written clearance is obtained from a health care provider (MD or DO).
3. The KSHSAA and the NFHS strongly recommend the athlete not be allowed to return to the practice or contest the same day the concussion consistent signs or symptoms were observed.
4. A gradual return-to-play protocol should be followed before the athlete is allowed to return to unrestricted participation in their sport.
5. The signed concussion and head injury information release form must be on file with the school.
6. Be sure all of your coaches view the free online course from the NFHS: Concussions in Sports, What You Need to Know. This course can be accessed through the sports medicine and safety section of our website or directly through [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). Schools may choose to use this course in group settings with parents, students or with school staff at in-service meetings.

## Concussion Reporting

If a student suffers, or is suspected of having suffered, a concussion or head injury during a sport competition or practice session, the student: (1) must be immediately removed from the contest or practice and (2) an urgent referral to a health care provider should be arranged (if not already onsite). The student may not again participate in practice or competition until a health care provider has evaluated the student and provided a written clearance for the student to return to practice and competition. The National Federation and the KSHSAA recommend that the student should not be cleared for practice or competition the same day the concussion consistent sign, symptom or behavior was observed.

### REPORT THE HEAD INJURY ON THE KSHSAA CONCUSSION REPORTING PORTAL IF:

1. This is a head injury that required the student participant to be removed from participation due to the student exhibiting signs/symptoms of a concussion. *(If the student was removed from participation, but after a medical examination it was determined no concussion occurred, DO NOT REPORT the injury.) \*AND\**
2. The head injury was sustained during a school sponsored, preseason or in-season practice or competition in the following KSHSAA sanctioned activities: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Soccer, Softball, Swimming/Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheerleading, Dance and Marching Band.

## Concussion and Head Injury Education Requirement

The KSHSAA Executive Board adopted the following student safety requirements for ALL coaches, student participants and school administrators responsible for event coverage:

### Concussion and Head Injury Education

On an annual basis and PRIOR to the first practice of the season, ALL coaches, student participants and school administrators responsible for event coverage are required to complete a concussion education program. This requirement includes cheer and dance sponsors and participating students.

**Any of the following online courses are recommended by the KSHSAA and the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for coaches, student-athletes and school administrators to meet the concussion and head injury education requirement:**

- Concussion in Sports ([www.NFHSLearn.com](http://www.NFHSLearn.com))
- \*Concussion for Students ([www.NFHSLearn.com](http://www.NFHSLearn.com))
- \*ConcussionWise, athlete version (<https://sportsafety.com/athlete/concussionwise/>)
- ConcussionWise, coach version (<https://sportsafety.com/coach/concussionwise/>)
- CDC Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports (<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>)
- \*Course content designed for student-athletes.

## Emergency Action Plans

**ALL schools should have written emergency action plans in place for all activities and all venues where these activities take place.** Coaches, administrators, school medical personnel and student participants all need to be aware of the EAP and all may have responsibilities in carrying out the EAP.

At minimum, an emergency action plan should address the following:

- Identify the personnel involved in the emergency response and their responsibilities
- Provide all necessary contact information
- Identify ambulance emergency access to the venue
- Identify severe weather shelter location(s)
- Identify necessary emergency equipment and where the equipment is located

The KSHSAA website sports medicine section has resources which can assist in developing or improving your emergency action plans. If you need to build an emergency action plan, you can use the KSHSAA EAP Template to assist you in the development.

***Emergency action are required by law to be REVIEWED AND REHEARSED ANNUALLY. The recommended rehearsal day this year in Monday, November 24.***

## KSHSAA Recommended Procedures to Consider When Inclement Weather Occurs During a Contest

The safety of athletes (participants), spectators, coaches/directors, school personnel and all others present at an athletic contest must be the first and foremost concern of contest officials and building administrators.

1. When an interscholastic contest has been scheduled and dangerous playing conditions exist or severe weather is anticipated, the following should be considered:
  - a. Prior to beginning an athletic contest, when severe weather is anticipated, the head contest official and the principals of each school, or their designees, will meet to review the suspension and/or postponement procedures. This would include any playing rule book coverage.
  - b. The host school administrator will be responsible for informing contest officials, visiting school administrators and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements of designated shelter areas.

- c. If a TORNADO WATCH has been issued, the host team building administrator and the head contest official will notify coaches, school administrators and, if applicable, the individual responsible for public address announcements that the possibility of abrupt suspension of play exists.
  - d. If a TORNADO WARNING has been issued, the contest should be suspended immediately. Participants, spectators and all personnel involved with the contest will be advised to “take cover.” The procedure will be announced, when available, over the public address system.
  - e. When lightning is observed in the vicinity of a contest conducted outdoors, play should be suspended.
  - f. If any other life-threatening condition occurs, play should be suspended immediately and predetermined directions to safe locations will be announced.
2. When a suspension of a contest occurs, the following should be considered:
- a. If the suspension is 45 minutes or greater, resuming at a later date should be considered.
  - b. When it appears that weather conditions are no longer a threat to the safety of participants, spectators or contest officials, administrators from all schools involved will meet with the head contest official to determine if play will continue. If any administrator or the head contest official casts a negative vote for play to resume, the suspension should continue.
  - c. If play is to be resumed, contestants will be given at least a 15 minute warm-up period prior to competition.

***For more information check out [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)>Sports Medicine & Safety***

## **Statement on Performance Enhancing Drugs and Nutritional Supplements**

In order to promote the health and safety among all student-athletes, reduce health risk, maintain ethical standards as well as reduce liability risk, students should not use any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency, for the purposes of performance-enhancement. All school personnel, including coaches and school nurses, should never recommend the use of any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, as defined by the World Anti-Doping Agency, for the purposes of performance-enhancement.

School personnel should not dispense or administer any drug, medication (over-the-counter or prescription) or nutritional supplement, unless the student-athlete is under the direct care of a licensed health professional, licensed to practice in the state of Kansas and practicing within their scope of practice as defined by the Kansas Board of Healing Arts, and only as prescribed.

We recommend that coaches, athletic directors, nurses and other school personnel develop strategies that address the prevalence and growing concerns of using any drug, medication or nutritional supplement for the purpose of performance-enhancement. Athletes should be encouraged to pursue their athletic goals through hard work, appropriate rest, proper hydration and good nutrition, not unsubstantiated shortcuts. School personnel, coaches and parents should allow for open discussion about dietary supplement use, and should strongly encourage obtaining optimal nutrition through a well-balanced diet.

*(adopted by the KSHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and Executive Board, April 2017)*

# KSHSAA POLICY INFORMATION

## KSHSAA Coach/Sponsor CPR/AED Training Requirement

Per *KSHSAA Handbook Rule 10-1-9*: Any person serving in the role of a head or assistant sport coach/aide or a head or assistant activity sponsor/aide in a KSHSAA member school shall be certified or trained in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) administration.

### Components of the rule are as follows:

1. Following an initial 30-day grace period from the start of the season, personnel are not eligible to work as a coach or sponsor for their school until proof of completion of CPR/AED training is on file with their school.
2. Every coach/sponsor must complete CPR/AED training every two (2) years.
3. The training shall be coordinated by a certified CPR instructor.
4. Online only training courses are not accepted.
5. There must be a hands-on educational component to the training process.
6. On an annual basis by activity, a school administrator must acknowledge through the KSHSAA website that each coach/sponsor is currently trained in CPR/AED administration. To acknowledge rule compliance, a school administrator should login to the KSHSAA website and go to the Coach/Sponsor Requirements page. Select the activity and enter the date of CPR/AED training next to each coach/sponsor name. If you do not see the coach/sponsor listed, add that person through the Update Directory process online. All head and assistant coaches/sponsors should be listed for every activity!

### Training could be obtained from the following organizations:

- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- American Safety & Health Institute / Medic First Aid
- National Safety Council

### Potential sources for locating a certified CPR instructor:

- School nurse
- School/community athletic trainer
- Local emergency personnel: EMTs, firefighters, police officers
- Community hospital
- Contacting the organizations listed above

## KSHSAA Ejection Policy

### Requirements for Ejected Coaches

Any coach ejected from a contest shall be suspended from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Additionally, coaches who are ejected from a contest (at all levels grades 7-12) are required to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course prior to coaching in their next game. (The course fee is \$20 and can be completed in one hour.) The next game is defined as the next regularly scheduled day of competition. In addition, the school administrator is responsible for providing the KSHSAA administrator with a copy of the coach's certificate of completion of the online course. (The coach may print this as the final step on the online course.) Recurring ejections result in a requirement to repeat the course.

## Requirements for Ejected Players

Any player ejected from a contest for unsporting conduct or behavior shall be suspended from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Additionally, any player ejected from a contest at any level of play (grades 7-12) for unsporting conduct or behavior will be required to successfully complete the free NFHS Sportsmanship Course online, prior to the KSHSAA and school reinstating his/her eligibility privileges. The school principal or athletic director is responsible for overseeing compliance of this requirement. There is no cost for the course which takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. Schools are not required to submit the student's certificate of completion to the KSHSAA but should retain it on file. An appeal process utilizing video images from a school designated (Hudl, NFHS Network, or coaches game film) source may be requested by school administration. Such an appeal must be initiated within 24 hours of the ejection.

## Ejection Policy for Player, Coach, Spectator Involving an Official

Any participant (player, coach, spectator) who is ejected for making contact with an official, who is ejected for unsporting behavior directed toward an official, or who negatively confronts an official following a contest, shall be subject to a non-appealable suspension from the next contest at that level and for all contests at any level (in that activity) until the suspension has been served. Local school leadership may levy additional sanctions as they deem appropriate.

Note: the requirement for all ejected students to complete the NFHS Sportsmanship course and the requirement for all ejected coaches to complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior course prior to being reinstated remain in effect.

## The KSHSAA reviews all ejections.

Modified by the Executive Board November 20-21, 2025, for implementation beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

- The request for appeal should include video submission by the school within 24 hours of the infraction.
- When possible, the KSHSAA will provide a response within 24 hours of submission.
- The determination will be made by a committee consisting of the KSHSAA Sport Administrator, Director of Officials and Executive Director.

## Prohibiting the Use of Drones (Unmanned Aircraft Systems or UAS's)

Unless granted special permission by the KSHSAA Executive Director, the use of drones (UAS) for any purpose is not permitted at any KSHSAA state tournament or postseason game or event. This prohibition applies to all fields of play, courts, arenas, mats, gym floors or pools, and includes a ban on the entire facility being used as part of the KSHSAA event, including the spectator areas and parking areas. During the regular season, member schools should have a drone policy. At no time should a drone be on or over the field of play.

**If granted permission by the KSHSAA Executive Director, a drone may be utilized for filming purposes under the following conditions:**

1. Local law enforcement and host venue policies permit use of a drone.
2. The drone operator complies with all FAA regulations.
3. The host school provides written permission.
4. The venue owner provides written permission.
5. The drone is operated under the supervision of a school staff member (including a member of the coaching staff).
6. The drone is operated such that it is never closer than 30' from the boundary of the field of play projected vertically.
7. The drone is never operated directly over or within 30' of spectator seating.
8. The drone is never operated directly behind a goal.
9. The flight of the drone is within 5' of the center of a vertical cylinder (it is "tethered").
10. The drone is grounded whenever the wind speed exceeds 30 mph or whenever the pilot cannot maintain operation within the allowable vertical cylinder.
11. The drone operator/owner provides proof of third-party aviation liability insurance.

## **KSHSAA Multimedia Use Policy**

*Adopted by the Executive Board at their November 20-21, 2024 meeting.*

The member schools of the KSHSAA understand capturing images of student participants before, during, and after competitions/performances allow stakeholders the opportunity to share and reflect upon the experience. It is also a teaching and learning opportunity for student journalists. Photographing or video taping of events should never delay or disrupt an event nor compromise the safety of participants or photographers. School and event administrators may designate specified areas or times for photographers at any event.

### **Event/Competitor Pre-scout by Schools**

Member school staff or designees may not film any school's activity contest in which they are not a participant without advanced written permission from the principals of all schools involved in a contest/performance.

### **General Public**

1. Spectators of a KSHSAA event may not live stream any event. The host or designee are responsible for approving member schools and members of the media for livestreaming approval.
2. Video or photos should not be taken of individual students if the person taking the video or photos is not directly related to or preapproved by the student or member school administrator to capture video or photographic images.

### **Media**

Professional media should follow expectations and codes of conduct detailed by the Kansas Press Association, Kansas Broadcasters Association, and the KSHSAA.

## **KSHSAA Pre-Activity Timeout**

Purpose: As a proactive communication measure, schools are expected to designate a time prior to the start of any interscholastic contest to share event critical information with stakeholders. The following information should be shared/reviewed prior to the first contest at each location:

1. Introduction of home and visiting administration on duty (identify primary point of contact).
2. Identify the location of athletic trainer(s) or other qualified medical professionals.
3. Identify the location of the AED(s).
4. Identify emergency entrance/exits for the facility.
5. Identify the storm shelter location and communication plan for evacuation.
6. Identify the rapid body cooling plan (location of cold water immersion tub).
7. Identify the communication plan for leadership.
8. Identify the communication plan for respective groups (students, coaches, fans).
9. Identify any special events or concerns relative to the event.

These nine items are to be reviewed prior to the event by the ranking school leader of every school involved in the contest. Each participating school is to be represented in this pregame meeting. If an administrative representative is not in attendance, this responsibility belongs to the head coach.

**HAVE A PLAN. COMMUNICATE YOUR PLAN.**

## **The KSHSAA Code of Ethics for Coaches, Directors, Aides, Adjudicators, Judges and Officials**

Believing that mine is an important part in the nationwide school activity program, I pledge to act in accordance with these principles:

1. I will honor contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial loss.
2. I will study the rules, observe the work of other coaches, directors, adjudicators, judges, or officials and will, at all times, attempt to improve myself and the activity.
3. I will conduct myself in such a way that attention is drawn not to me but to the young people participating in the contest.
4. I will maintain my appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the activity.
5. I will cooperate with the news media in the interpretation and clarification of rules and/or other areas relating to good sportsmanship, but I will not make statements concerning decisions made during the contest.
6. I will uphold and abide by all rules of the KSHSAA and the National Federation.
7. I will shape my character and conduct so as to be a worthy example to the young people who participate under my jurisdiction.
8. I will give my complete cooperation to the school which I serve and to the KSHSAA which I represent.
9. I will cooperate and be professional in my association with other coaches, directors, adjudicators, judges or officials and will do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
10. I will keep in mind that the contest is more important than the wishes of any individual.
11. I will make responsible decisions about consumption of alcohol, including abstinence from alcohol at least 12 hours prior to a contest in which I will be involved.
12. I will not use tobacco or e-cigarette products while directly involved in interscholastic activities.

## **Summer Moratorium**

June 29 - July 5, 2026 is the summer moratorium. There shall be NO school related athletic activities. During this time coaches (licensed teacher coaches and coach aides employed by member schools) shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weight lifting, conditioning, competition or travel. All member school athletic facilities will be closed during this period to school personnel and students grades 7-12. If member school athletic facilities also serve as non-school community recreation facilities, these facilities may remain open during the moratorium so long as no school teams are playing and no school coaches are coaching the teams/individuals. During this one week dead period, students may attend camps or competitions but may not do so with their school coaches. This moratorium does not impact fine arts or spirit activities.

Rationale: The last few years there has been a growing concern within the KSHSAA membership that students and coaches were not being able to have time to themselves during the summer. It was surveyed and discussed at the October Regional Board of Directors Meeting in 2017 and then voted on at the April, 2018 KSHSAA Board of Directors meeting to establish a rule to allow students and coaches a week off during the summer.

For Q/A on this policy, go to [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org).

## **General Fire and Life Safety Guidelines for School Events**

The Fire Prevention Division of the Kansas State Fire Marshal Department requires the following:

### **PRE-EVENT**

- a. Verify that all doors leading to exits are operable and in good working order. All emergency exit doors shall be equipped with panic hardware. No other type of lock, latch or bolt shall be used on any emergency door at any time.
- b. Verify that all access corridors leading to exits are kept clear of storage. Verify that exits are properly lighted and exit signs are functional.

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- c. Verify that the building fire alarm system is on and operable. Test emergency backup generator and/or battery emergency lighting to ensure it is functional.
- d. Verify the fire extinguishers in the vicinity of the event are in place and operable.
- e. Verify that brief written instructions are available for any public address announcer outlining fire, emergency and severe weather (in season) exiting or shelter procedures.

## EVENT

- a. At no time shall more than the set maximum number of occupants be admitted to the event. Management must properly maintain aisles by ensuring they are not blocked by chairs, tables or spectators.
- b. Ensure that proper fire safety and crowd control procedures are utilized.
- c. Smoking is to be prohibited.
- d. If more than 300 people are in attendance at an indoor public event (not necessary for school-only assemblies, etc.), an audible announcement shall be made prior to the start of each program to notify the occupants of the locations of exits to use in case of fire or other emergency. The public address announcement should be similar to the following: "In accordance with the Kansas State Fire Marshal Regulations, we request that you take a moment to identify the emergency exits closest to you. We have checked these exits and other emergency equipment in this building and verify that they are operable in case of emergency."
- e. In events where more than 1,000 people are in attendance, crowd managers/ushers shall be provided at a ratio of one crowd manager/usher for every 250 people. For events where less than 1,000 people are in attendance, provide sufficient staff/ushers to adequately cover the event.
- f. Any crowd manager/usher used at any event shall be knowledgeable on the duties they are to perform in case fire, emergency or severe weather exiting is necessary. Additionally, employees or attendants shall have received instruction in the proper use of portable fire extinguishers and/or other manual fire suppression equipment (if provided).
- g. Vehicles shall not be parked in any manner which will block the safe exiting of occupants from any emergency exit door.
- h. In situations where severe weather is possible, staff/ushers shall ensure that access to any shelters is possible.

For additional information on these requirements, please contact:

*Fire Prevention Division, Kansas State Fire Marshal Department; 800 SW Jackson, Suite 104, Topeka, KS 66612;*

*Phone: 785-296-3401; Fax: 785-296-0151*

## KSHSAA Handbook Rules

Please see the *KSHSAA Handbook*, which can be accessed at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org), for a complete version of all KSHSAA rules. The following are the most frequent rule references basketball coaches ask about.

### Rule 7 – Physical Examination/Parental Consent

### Rule 10 – Qualifications of Coaches

### Rule 22 – Outside Competition

### Rule 30 – Seasons of Activities

## Rule 33 – Basketball (Girls & Boys)

### Section 1: General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

**Art. 1:** No games shall be played except those scheduled by and entirely under the control of the competing schools or the Executive Board.

**Art. 2:** No game shall be played upon a neutral court without the approval of the Executive Board.

**NOTE:** The Executive Board is opposed to sanctioning games sponsored by outside agencies.

**Art. 3:** Schools may participate in invitational tournaments but shall not participate in tournaments conducted by non-member schools, unless approved by the Executive Board.

- a. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams.
- b. The tournament receipts shall be prorated among the participating schools and a financial accounting shall be made to the competing schools and the KSHSAA.

**Art. 4:** 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 outside team. Participation by more than three squad members on the same team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year and any further middle/junior and senior high school basketball, unless reinstated by the Executive Board.

**EXCEPTION:** There are no player limits on 7th and 8th grade students from SCW #17 through Sunday of SCW #35 on non-school basketball teams. During the school season players may not participate on non-school teams. School coach restrictions still apply. (See **Rule 22-1-1-Outside Competition & Rule 30-1-4-Seasons of Activities.**)

## Section 2: Senior High Regulations

**Art. 1:** Practice shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #20.

- a. Any student who has been out for a fall sport shall not start practice until after the team on which he or she competed or had membership has completed its season.  
**NOTE:** A participant is considered as having completed such season if he or she does not qualify for entry in the state championship series or is not continued on the squad when the team advances to the state championship series.
- b. A coach shall not work with individuals in any form of basketball drills or practice prior to the beginning practice date.

**Art. 2:** Competition shall not begin prior to Monday of Standardized Calendar Week #22.

**Art. 3:** All practices and competitions shall be held between the opening and closing of the regular season, unless approved by the Executive Board. No senior high school shall participate in more than one scrimmage. No scrimmage shall be conducted except the one scheduled by, and entirely under the control of the principals of the participating schools or the Executive Board.

**Art. 4:** The season shall close with the state championship series during Standardized Calendar Week #36.

**NOTE:** No game shall be played after the finals of the state tournaments, unless approved by the Executive Board.

**Art. 5:** No student may participate in more than 23 games, including those games played in tournaments.

- a. Regardless of the tournament format, the maximum number of games played in a season, exclusive of KSHSAA postseason competition, shall be 23 games.
- b. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams (See **Rule 33-1-3**). **EXCEPTION:** In league tournaments involving nine or more teams, those teams who must play a contest to qualify for the eight-team bracket may find themselves playing four in lieu of three games in that tournament. As a result, they would be allowed 24 in lieu of 23 games during the season.
- c. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, varsity invitational and league pre-season tournaments shall be held:
  - (1) Early season—A league pre-season tournament involving all league member schools may be held during Standardized Calendar Week #22. Invitational varsity tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Weeks #23 or #24. Standardized Calendar Week #24 is for girls' tournaments only, if not held during Standardized Calendar Week #23.
  - (2) Mid-Season—Invitational varsity tournaments shall be held during Standardized Calendar Weeks #29 or #30. Standardized Calendar Week #30 is for girls' tournaments only, if not held during the first week.
- d. Unless otherwise approved by the Executive Board, league and/or nonvarsity tournaments shall be held at least two weeks prior to the postseason tournament series.

**Art. 6:** No player shall participate in more than six game quarters a day. Overtime periods are considered part of the fourth quarter. **EXCEPTION:**

- a. In a senior high tournament, a player may participate in two games a day.
- b. Participation in a game for any length of time constitutes one game of the number allowed.

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Should a nonvarsity contest be played in four quarters of four minutes each or less, participation in one or two four-minute quarters would be considered identical to that of one eight-minute quarter as it relates to the Six-Quarter Rule. Participation in any part of three or four of the four-minute quarters would count as two quarters toward the six-quarter limit.

**NOTE:** A player who participates in more than the limit shall be charged with playing in two of the total games that student is allowed during one season and disqualified for further play that day.

**Art. 7:** The state championship series shall be held for each class and at sites designated by the Executive Board.

- a. Not more than one team may represent any school in the boys' or girls' state series.
- b. Each school shall enter its team in the tournament designated for schools of its class.

### **Section 3: Middle/Junior High School Regulations**

**Art. 1:** No student at the middle/junior high school level may participate in more than 16 basketball games, including those games played in tournaments.

- a. Invitational tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of eight teams. In league tournaments involving nine or more teams, those teams who must play a contest to qualify for the eight-team bracket may find themselves playing four games in lieu of three in that tournament. As a result, they would be allowed 17 in lieu of 16 games during the season.
- b. Games involving only students below the 9th grade shall be played in six-minute quarters.
- c. Games involving teams which combine 9th grade students with students in the 8th and/or 7th grade may be played in eight-minute quarters.

**EXCEPTION:** Ninth grade students in junior high schools shall be permitted to compete in the same number of athletic competitions as 9th graders in senior high schools.

**Art. 2:** No 7th or 8th grade player shall participate in more than six game quarters a day. Overtime periods are considered part of the fourth quarter.

Should a nonvarsity contest be played in four quarters of three minutes each or less, participation in one or two three-minute quarters would be considered identical to that of one six-minute quarter as it relates to the Six-Quarter Rule.

Participation in any part of three or four of the three-minute quarters would count as two quarters toward the six-quarter limit.

**NOTE:** A player who participates in more than the limit shall be charged with playing in two of the total games that student is allowed during one season and disqualified for further play that day.

**EXCEPTION:** In a middle/junior high school tournament, a player may participate in two games in one day. To facilitate more efficient travel and scheduling, a middle/junior high school player may participate in two games in one day during a one-day, nontournament, multi-team competition.

**Art. 3:** No regional, sub-state or state tournaments are permitted.

**Executive Board Adoption:** The KSHSAA has adopted the smaller 28.5 inch ball for use by middle/junior high school boys.

**Executive Board Interpretation Concerning JV and Varsity Basketball Tournaments:** Schools having a JV and a varsity team in tournaments the same week may not allow players 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 (example: JV/varsity/9th grade) games.

**Offseason & Summer Regulations:** Coaches and school administrators should check the KSHSAA website for current offseason and summer coaching regulations. Most information can be found under *General > Policies & Interpretations > Coach/Athlete Information > Summer Regulations*.

## **Sportsmanship/Citizenship - Rule 52**

**INTRODUCTION**—The effective American secondary school must support both an academic program and an activities program. We believe that these programs must do more than merely coexist—they must be integrated and support each other in “different” arenas. The concept of “sportsmanship” must be taught, modeled, expected and reinforced in the classroom and in all competitive activities. Therefore, all Kansas State High School Activities Association members stand together in support of the following sportsmanship policy.

**PHILOSOPHY**—Activities are an important aspect of the total education process in the American schools. They provide an arena for participants to grow, to excel, to understand and to value the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP and teamwork. They are an opportunity for coaches and school staff to teach and model SPORTSMANSHIP, to build school pride, and to increase student/community involvement; this ultimately translates into improved academic performance. Activities are also an opportunity for the community to demonstrate its support for the participants and the school, and to model the concepts of SPORTSMANSHIP for our youth as respected representatives of society. Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action!

### Section 1 - General Regulations (apply to grades 7-12)

**Art. 1:** SPORTSMANSHIP is a general way of thinking and behaving. The following sportsmanship policy items are listed below for clarification:

- a. Be courteous to all (participants, coaches, officials, staff and fans).
- b. Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions.
- c. Win with character and lose with dignity.
- d. Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team.
- e. Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school.
- f. Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities.

**Art. 2:** Enforcement Procedure:

- a. It is encouraged and recommended by the Kansas State High School Activities Association that local boards of education adopt these regulations and reinforce them as indicated herein.
- b. The Executive Board of the Kansas State High School Activities Association shall be responsible for the interpretation of these regulations, including "desirable and unacceptable behavior" and shall publish them in the Association's Citizenship/Sportsmanship Manual.

## Rule 52 Interpretations

*The following interpretations and policies were adopted by the KSHSAA Executive Board on November 17, 1988, in regard to **Citizenship/Sportsmanship Rule 52**. These are meant to clarify and assist member schools in their enforcement of this regulation.*

**Desirable and unacceptable behavior illustrations are "examples" and are not to be considered all inclusive. These examples can occur prior to, during and after the game or contest.**

**In regard to 52-1-1a - Be courteous to all (participants, cheerleaders, coaches, officials, staff and fans):**

**Desirable Behavior** – Host cheerleading squads welcome visiting squads; **respect shown during National Anthem (hats removed, no talking, never change lyrics or yell mascot at the end)**; opposing coaches and contestants acknowledging each other before/after contest; applause during introduction of contestants, coaches and officials; contestants acknowledging an opponent fouling out with a handshake or fist bump while both sets of fans recognize contestant's performance with applause; all showing concern for injured contestant; respectfully addressing officials during competition and thanking them for their performance regardless of agreement with all calls; helping opponents up during a game; host school extending hospitality to visiting contestants, coaches, cheerleaders and fans; any supportive chants and cheers which are directed toward your team, i.e. "I believe we can win," "We've got spirit - how about you?," "Defense-defense" and other such supportive expressions.

**Unacceptable Behavior** – Any **non-supportive** chants, cheers or actions which are directed toward the opposing team; chants or actions **which single out individuals**; fans or cheerleaders reading newspapers, turning their backs, making disrespectful actions, etc., during introduction of opponents or shooting of free throws; yelling, waving, etc., during opponent's free throws; derogatory/disrespectful yells, chants, songs, gestures, including "goodbye," "you let the whole team down," "air ball," "scoreboard," "you can't do that," "this is our house" at a visitor event, "dribble-dribble-pass," "bong-bong-bong-whoop" while opposing team has ball, and other such expressions directed toward opponents.

**In regard to 52-1-1b - Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions:**

**Desirable Behavior** - Utilize every opportunity to promote understanding of the rules of the contest within the school and community; contestants utilize the team captain or coach for clarification of the call to maintain "Be A Good Sport" positive rapport with officials; accept the decisions of the officials; hand ball to officials; cheerleaders lead fans in positive school yells in a positive manner; cheerleaders lead by coordinating signals and timing of cheers with student body section leaders; cooperate with the news media in interpretation and clarification of the rules.

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**Unacceptable Behavior** - Booing or heckling an official's decision; criticizing the merits of officiating; displays of temper and arguing with an official's call; derogatory remarks toward the official; coach constantly questioning calls.

**In regard to 52-1-1c - Win with character and lose with dignity:**

**Desirable Behavior** - Acknowledgments between opposing contestants and coaches at end of contest with handshakes/fist bumps/etc., regardless of outcome; opposing contestants, coaches and fans engaging in friendly conversations before and following contest; treating competition as a contest, not a war; applause at end of contest for performance of all contestants.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Chants or actions which single out individuals; yells that antagonize opponents when you feel you have won the contest; refusing to give recognition to winner for good performance; blaming loss on officials, coaching, individual contestant's performance or other rationalizations; rushing the field/floor or victory celebration on the playing surface/field.

**In regard to 52-1-1d - Display appreciation for good performance regardless of the team:**

**Desirable Behavior** - Coach/contestants search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching; all fans recognize an outstanding participant's performance by applause, regardless of its impact on the contest; discuss outstanding performance of opponent with visiting and home fans.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Laughing, pointing finger, name calling, yelling player name or number, etc., directed at opponents in an attempt to distract; to degrade an excellent performance by opponents.

**In regard to 52-1-1e - Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself, team and school:**

**Desirable Behavior** - Support the activity by learning yells of cheerleaders and displaying total unity as fans in following their lead; cheerleaders leading by coordinating signals and timing of cheers with student body section leaders to redirect crowd from a controversial call.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Displays of anger, boasting, use of profanity, bouncing beach balls, antics which draw attention to you instead of the contest; doing own yells instead of following lead of the cheerleaders; doing unsportsmanlike yells/gestures, such as "you can't do that" while pointing finger at opponent; singling out individuals; entering the competition arena.

**In regard to 52-1-1f - Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your school or its activities:**

**Desirable Behavior** - Positively encourage those around you to display only sportsmanlike conduct; report poor sportsmanship to school officials; member schools insist that sportsmanship be a priority; administrators help coaches teach, model and reinforce sportsmanship; recognize coaches for sportsmanlike conduct; coaches playing those who exhibit positive sportsmanship; administrators taking appropriate action to ensure sportsmanlike behavior.

**Unacceptable Behavior** - Unwillingness of fans, cheerleaders, contestants, coaches, administrators or member schools to get involved and take a stand to defend one of the main tenets of school activities - teaching and promotion of SPORTSMANSHIP.

## Rule 52 Violations

Violations of the Code of Ethics, KSHSAA Rules and Regulations, or **Citizenship/Sportsmanship Rule 52** by member schools and/or individuals shall be subject to review and consideration by the KSHSAA.

Action may result in the form of a reprimand, probation or suspension of the school and/or individual depending upon the degree of the violation.

If a member school is not willing to impose disciplinary measures acceptable to the KSHSAA, a hearing (informal or formal) will be held and restrictions imposed by the KSHSAA.

Schools/coaches are encouraged to use Form S to call attention to unusual situations, immediately following the contest. This form is to be submitted to the KSHSAA (login to [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)>Entry Forms>Yearly-Letter Forms>Form S).

If a problem is severe, the KSHSAA should be notified by telephone so the situation can be followed up immediately.

**Good Sportsmanship Requires Advance planning; communication as to expectations; consistent and constant monitoring; and the willingness to address inappropriate, unacceptable conduct.**

# ADMINISTRATION OF ALL CONTESTS

## Administrators and Coaches

If any of your players and/or students plan to attend a basketball contest, the KSHSAA requests that you take time to review the importance of proper behavior and conduct with all representatives from your school. Also, please relay this information to the fans from your community. A positive approach prior to the contest with hopes of preventing undesirable demonstrations, rather than the necessity for penalty after adverse situations have occurred, will result in a more pleasant atmosphere. The Association feels with proper preparation and guidance, the conduct of our high school boys and girls will continue to be a positive contribution to the overall educational and activities program throughout Kansas.

The following, "Guidelines for Supervision of Interscholastic Athletic Events," is very explicit regarding the responsibilities of hosting athletic contests. It is placed in this manual to benefit all concerned regarding the expectations of the KSHSAA concerning the sportsmanship that must surround any basketball contest.

## Responsibilities of Host and Visiting Schools

1. The administrators of both schools are responsible for the general organization, management and supervision of student bodies and crowds before, during and following each event, with the home school assuming the major role.
2. Provide adequate supervision prior to and during each contest, to continue until at least one-half hour after the contest, or until all groups have dispersed.
3. It is expected the people representing the participating schools for the purpose of contest administration and/or supervision (principals, superintendents, etc.) meet prior to the contest. They should introduce themselves to the officials and the tournament manager prior to the contest and let them know where they will be located during the contest. The manager and officials should know whom to contact should a problem arise.
4. Faculty supervisors or adults delegated by school administrators should carry some type of identification.
5. The conduct of coaches is the single most important factor in crowd control. Coaches are professional educators and must control themselves under stress in order to set the proper example for the young people on their teams, the student body, and the heterogeneous combination of spectators in the stands. It is not enough to be professional when there is no pressure. Coaches are usually the stabilizing influence in an emotionally charged situation, and they must assume this important responsibility. Coaches must recognize that the future of high school athletics is more important than winning or losing the contest.
6. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
7. Both schools must approve the officials for each regular-season contest prior to the completion of the officials' contracts. Assignments made by league commissioners have the approval of the administration.
8. Any person, school-connected or otherwise, who commits assault and/or battery against students, school employees or contest officials shall make amends to the offended person or persons, and the Executive Board of the KSHSAA shall be satisfied that the public interest does not require prosecution or further disciplinary action. Unless the person or group has made amends to the offended person or persons, charges should be filed. It is the host school's responsibility to file such charges. Prosecution and action in the courts should enforce ordinary order and discipline at interscholastic events.
9. Administrators and supervisors shall not permit spectators to assemble by the playing area/field/court edge prior to, during or at the conclusion of a contest.
10. The host and visiting school administration and adult supervisors shall make every effort to keep the playing area clear of spectators prior to, during and at the conclusion of each contest. It is their responsibility to prevent the contestants or fans from cutting down the nets, taking down the goal posts, etc., after any contest.
11. It is suggested that school alma maters be sung immediately after each contest.
12. If not participating in the contest, a member school may not film any school's activity.

## Responsibilities of Host School

1. Notify visiting school of reserved parking spaces for buses, specific entrance and exits to be used by team and student body, contest time and other important items necessary to conduct the contest.
2. Designate specific seating locations for visiting and host schools.
3. Provide adequate security, police and faculty supervision to begin at least one-half hour prior to contest time and end when all groups have dispersed. Provide instructions to the visiting school and all fans that the playing area/field/court is to remain free of spectators prior to and after the contest.
4. Arrange for the presence of law enforcement officials inside and outside the contest area. Depending on local board of education policies, a general recommendation is: inside supervision be handled by paid security and/or police officers; and outside supervision/security by the local police department.
5. School officials should give specific directions to security and/or uniformed police officers employed. Do not assume they understand their responsibilities! Assign them on a staggered schedule so that all will not arrive and leave at the same time. It may be necessary to have only a small number present prior to contest time, with more as the contest progresses and is concluded. They should be in position to prevent the taking of nets, goal posts, etc., after the contest.
6. Arrangements should be made with local police to direct traffic away from the playing area/field/court so spectators can leave quickly.
7. Reserved parking locations should be set aside for the contest officials; they should be notified of the location prior to the contest.
8. The host school should provide two adult chaperons or security personnel to escort contest officials: to and from their dressing facilities; from playing area/field/court at halftime and following the conclusion of the contest; and to their cars.
9. The officials' dressing quarters are private. No one should be admitted. This includes personnel from the host school. To ensure privacy, use NO ADMITTANCE signs (Form O). To print a copy, login to [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)>EntryForms>Yearly-LetterForms>Form O.
10. Make arrangements to accept and deliver emergency messages.
11. Any unusual incidents or developments should be reported to the KSHSAA immediately.

## Responsibilities of Visiting School

1. An administrator and adequate faculty or adult supervisors should be present at each contest in order to supervise their own students and adult fans prior to their arrival and until they have left. School administrators should introduce themselves to the host administration or tournament managers to let them know whom to contact should a problem arise.
2. Supervise students and fans to prevent unsportsmanlike behavior prior to, during and after the contest. Do not allow the taking of nets or other souvenirs. Explain to your fans prior to attending the contest they are not to be on the floor before, during or after the contest.
3. See that all bus drivers and delegated drivers are informed of any special parking locations and instructions provided by the host school, and notify student spectators and the team of proper entrance and exit locations.
4. Report any unusual incidents to the host school administration immediately, and when needed, assist the host school to file charges against individuals causing a disturbance.

## Public Address Announcer Responsibilities

The announcer is a key figure and carries a great responsibility. What is said and the way it is said will influence the crowd. Announcers may find it necessary to make special announcements in case of emergencies. School administrators are reminded of the importance of mature, responsible adults being assigned this responsibility. The following items may assist:

1. Be impartial. Announce the game with no show of favoritism.
2. Use proper language at all times.
3. Be enthusiastic but calm.
4. Do not anticipate or second guess calls by the officials or criticize officials' decisions, directly or indirectly.
5. Be aware of the entire gymnasium area so that calm directions can be given in an emergency. Serious situations can often be avoided if the announcer will caution the crowd against coming onto the court, throwing things, cutting down nets, etc.
6. Permit no one to use the microphone, except those in charge of the event. The announcer is responsible for whatever is said over the public address system.
7. Announce convenient routes for leaving the gymnasium and caution the crowd to drive carefully.
8. Request the crowd remain for the alma maters if this is a part of the program.
9. Public address announcers should be aware good sportsmanship is a very important part of interscholastic activities. They can play an important role in its encouragement. The following is presented as a possible pregame announcement for any interscholastic contest.

"Activity programs at (name) High School are primarily for the student participants. The purpose of this activity is to provide positive learning experiences and opportunities for personal growth of the participants. We are pleased to host our guests from (name) High School. This competition is being conducted according to the rules of the Kansas State High School Activities Association. Cheerleaders, officials and spectators can (and are expected to) assist in the promotion and achievement of good sportsmanship ideals by taking personal responsibility for keeping this contest at a high level of fair, clean, wholesome competition. Good luck to both teams!"

10. Make an announcement promoting citizenship/sportsmanship (page 53).

## Blood-Borne Pathogens Responsibilities

Schools hosting contests, as well as participating schools, are reminded of the following guidelines:

1. **Host schools** should have someone on hand who has been properly trained to handle situations involving blood on any part of the facilities; for example, wrestling mats, gym floors, locker room floors, etc.
2. **Host schools** should have available proper consumable supplies for the above person to use including disinfectant, rubber gloves and proper containers for disposal of blood-stained materials.
3. **Participating schools** should handle the cleaning up of blood from their own athletes and must use proper precautions including rubber gloves and disinfectants.
4. **Officials** should not be involved in cleaning up blood from playing surfaces or athletes.

# 04 POSTSEASON ASSIGNMENTS

## Participation Fee

Waived this year for all schools to help with shot clock expenses. The participation fee of \$80 does not need to be paid this season.

## Assignment Criteria for Sub-State Competition, 1A-3A

The KSHSAA Executive Board approved the following criteria for making assignments to sub-state competition.

1. After determining the number of schools participating in a given activity and the number of regions, there shall be an equal number of member schools competing in each region insofar as possible.
2. Select the best available predetermined site to conduct the finals, taking into consideration the facility, location and personnel to be involved.
3. Assign schools in a region geographically around the predetermined sites, taking into consideration travel (distance and/or time) insofar as possible.
4. If a region does not have a best available site, a letter may be sent to the principals of all schools in the region seeking possible host sites. From these responses, the Association will select the host site for the region.

NOTE: Final assignments are made in the best interest of all schools involved. A reminder, there does not exist a guaranteed rotation of sites. Changes in classifications, the opening of new facilities and facility size, and the ability of schools to host will impact decisions on host sites.

**Region assignments will be posted on the KSHSAA website around December 1, 2025.**

## Seating Requirements

Predetermined Site Seating: The Executive Board adopted guidelines for “ideal” and minimum seating capacities for post-season hosts. While an effort will be made to assign host sites with adequate seating capacity, in many situations the assistance and cooperation of member schools will be required to ensure maximum attendance with minimum challenges.

Suggested ideal seating:

1A DII Sub-State	1000-1500
1A DI Sub-State	1250-1750
2A Sub-State	2000-2500
3A Sub-State	2000-2500
4A Sub-State	2250-3000
5A Sub-State	2000-2500
6A Sub-State	1500-2500

*When assignments are made to sites which meet the minimum (but not ideal) guidelines, game administrators will need to cooperatively work to ensure minimal problems.*

Administrators of participating schools are encouraged to work with host administration in “getting crowds in and out” and in locating crowds where requested. In some cases, it may be required that “the crowd” from an earlier game leave the facility to ensure an opportunity for the later game followers to attend.

## Minimum Court Size

To be eligible to host KSHSAA postseason basketball contests, including quarterfinal games in sub-states, there must be a minimum of eighteen inches (18”) available between the outside edge of the three-point line and the inside edge of the sideline. Courts with restraining lines may only be used in 1A quarterfinals. Courts with restraining lines may not be used in any 2A-3A postseason game and 1A semifinals and finals.

## Media Passes

Media members will be administered media credentials for state events in August of the current year. The credential will be good for admittance to all state events so long as the media member submits attendance in the "SITE NOTIFICATION" tab to a specific state location by the deadline provided on each media member's login page at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)>Media>Login>Site notification. Each media member must adhere to policies and regulations stated on the back of each credential or credential will be revoked. KSHSAA media credentials are for postseason state events only. Schools may accept them during the regular season should they choose to do so. Contact Jeremy Holaday in the KSHSAA office with any questions.

## School Media Passes

Media passes issued annually to schools may only be used by students and/or teachers. The intent is to promote student journalism/photography education and training and provide involvement opportunities for students. For KSHSAA postseason contests, students/teachers must be included on their school's KSHSAA pass gate list as school media and possess a KSHSAA school media pass for admittance.

## Action Pictures

Cameras may be used during the entire game by any official photographer. However, no pictures may be taken from directly under the basket in the area which would be the extension of the 12-foot free throw lane.

Media photographers may be admitted free if they are taking pictures for newspapers or television. Electronic flash and/or strobe lights are permissible so long as they do not interfere with the contest.

Pictures may be taken during any regular timeout period.

## Radio Broadcasting

Radio broadcasting shall be permitted at no charge for space or the right to broadcast, if space is available. If space is limited, stations from towns with participating teams should receive first choice.

**Radio stations desiring to broadcast any state tournament game shall contact the tournament manager at least 48 hours prior to the contest.** Contracts provided by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters are available at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org)>Media. The broadcasting station shall complete the contract in triplicate—furnishing one copy to the tournament manager and one to the KSHSAA, retaining one for the station records. This procedure has been approved by the KAB and KSHSAA.

## Telecasting of Games

There shall be no extensive live telecasting of any playoff games unless an appropriate financial arrangement is approved in advance by the KSHSAA.

Delayed telecasting may be approved by the KSHSAA provided notification of such desires is made in advance of the contest to the KSHSAA (contract form available upon request), and the following stipulations are met:

1. That agreed compensation be paid to the Kansas State High School Activities Association for each contest to be televised; and that the total sum be submitted with this agreement. It is understood the airing time of the telecast **shall not conflict with other scheduled KSHSAA-sponsored athletic events within the viewing area.** Payment must be submitted to the KSHSAA within 30 days of the event. The desired time of delay, with correlative sum, is listed below:

\$75—72-hour delay

\$100—48-hour delay

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\$200—24-hour delay

\$500—for playback following the last game of the event session

\$2,000—for live broadcast, per contest

2. After approval by the KSHSAA, the televising company shall contact the host school at least 24 hours prior to the game or event.
3. That four (4) 30-second announcements provided by the Kansas State High School Activities Association be read during the telecast of each contest.
4. That the televising stations give advance publicity to the actual live event for a minimum of three days preceding the event and that the advance publicity contain information about contestants, contest dates, times, sites and all ticket prices.
5. That no individual or organization be permitted to sponsor any part of the telecast for the purpose of advertising any product that is contrary to the principles of good athletic training, such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, etc.
6. That no individual or organization be permitted to sponsor any part of the telecast for the purpose of advertising for a political candidate or political party.
7. That a list of all sponsors of all televising stations be submitted to the KSHSAA, PO Box 495, Topeka, KS 66601, for approval before the telecast.
8. That the company provide competent and professional announcers and telecasters and that no dramatization shall be made of any unsportsmanlike conduct, incidents or displays on the part of the participants or fans.
9. That the televising company shall provide the KSHSAA with documentation of how many homes this rebroadcast is reaching.
10. That the Kansas State High School Activities Association reserves the right to discontinue this agreement at any time in the event any of these stipulations are violated or any aspect of the company's televising is considered to be in poor taste or incompatible with the educational objectives of the Association.
11. That the televising company provides a copy of the broadcast to the KSHSAA for archive use.

## Live Video Over Internet

The named company desires to produce live video over the internet **using a maximum of one camera** for the stated event listed below, sponsored by the Kansas State High School Activities Association, Inc. (KSHSAA). The named company understands rights to live video are granted by the KSHSAA with the following stipulations:

1. **After approval by the KSHSAA**, the company shall contact the host site manager at least 24 hours prior to event.
2. That agreed compensation be paid to the KSHSAA for each contest; and that the total sum be submitted with this agreement.
  - No Charge - Member schools, Sub-State only. **State tournament games are not permitted.**  
**Exception: Preferred Partner Program**
  - \$200/contest - All others
3. That four (4) 30-second announcements provided by the KSHSAA (see website) be read during the telecast of each contest.
4. That the televising company give advance publicity to an actual live event for a minimum of three days preceding the event; and that the advance publicity contain information on contestants, contest date, contest time, contest site and all ticket prices.
5. That no individual or organization be permitted to sponsor any part of the broadcast for the purpose of advertising alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, e-cigarettes, performance enhancing products, gambling, etc., that is contrary to the principles of educationally-based activities.
6. That no individual or organization be permitted to sponsor any part of the telecast for the purpose of advertising for a political candidate or political party.
7. That a list of all sponsors of the event/contest on each televising station be submitted to the KSHSAA, Box 495, Topeka, KS 66601-0495 for approval before the telecast.

8. That the televising company provide competent and professional announcers and telecasters; and that no dramatization shall be made of any unsportsmanlike conduct, incidents or displays on the part of the participants or fans.
9. That the televising company shall provide the KSHSAA with documentation on the number of homes reached by the specified rebroadcast.
10. That the KSHSAA reserves the right to discontinue this agreement at any time in the event any of these stipulations are violated or any aspect of the company's televising is considered to be in poor taste or incompatible with the educational objectives of the Association.
11. That the webstreaming company provide a copy of the broadcast to the KSHSAA for archive use.

## **Television—Live Broadcast-Regular Season**

In games that will be televised live during the regular season, member schools may agree to provide one 60-second television timeout per quarter. If a TV station has received approval to do a "live" broadcast of a game, both schools must agree to allow for "media" timeouts. If agreed to, the following procedure will be used:

- Coaches will have the regular allotment of time-outs during the contest (three full 60-second timeouts and two 30-second timeouts)
- Media will be allowed one additional timeout each quarter. This timeout will be taken at the first stoppage of the clock after the four-minute mark of each quarter.
- The time between quarters will remain the same of one minute.
- Halftime will be 10 minutes unless extended due to the school having a special halftime event. It will not be longer than 15 minutes.

## **Member School Webcasting Postseason Contests**

By KSHSAA Executive Board adoption the home team will now determine one school to be the webcast provider for the contest.

It has been a long-standing policy that member schools may elect to webcast their postseason game at no charge for a rights fee. These are meant to be educational in nature for students who have interest in the broadcast realm. The no charge option for member schools is still available, however now it will only be granted to either the host or the visiting school.

- The host school has first right of refusal to webcast the game. If they elect to webcast the contest, then no other school may do so. If the host school turns down the opportunity, then the visiting school may webcast the contest - all at no charge as in previous years.
- For competitions that involve multiple games, if the host school chooses to webcast the entire tournament, they may, and no other schools will webcast. Otherwise, it will be handled on a per contest basis.

Each school should coordinate who will broadcast, if any, then fill out the proper form and send in to the KSHSAA, attention: Jeremy Holaday, [jholaday@kshsaa.org](mailto:jholaday@kshsaa.org).

# POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

## Bands and Artificial Noisemakers

Pep bands will be permitted at SUB-STATE tournaments if seating is not a challenge and provided they pay the regular student admission prices. The tournament manager may appoint an "official pep band" for each night of the tournament and that band (up to 25) may be admitted without charge the night of their performance. If more than 25 members are used, those in addition to the 25 must pay the regular student admission price.

At the STATE tournament, pep bands, not to exceed 50 members plus two directors, are to be admitted free to each session during which their school participates. If bands or other groups are used for halftime entertainment or accompaniment, no more than **50** members of such an accompanying group can be admitted without charge.

Bands are not to play (including the beating of drums), and artificial noisemakers (including megaphones, cow bells, thundersticks, airhorns, sirens, etc.) are not to be used while the game is in progress! They may play or be used during charged timeouts or intermissions only. Band directors should meet prior to the contest to work out a schedule so they are not competing for performance. (Please see *KSHSAA Music Manual*.) By policy of the KSHSAA Executive Board, use of fireworks, cannons, air concussion cannons, hand held explosives and other devices are not permitted at all KSHSAA postseason athletic events. Member schools have the authority to determine if they permit such devices at their regular season events.

Tournament management has the option to advise participating schools that only the host school band will be performing.

Electronic band music will not be allowed at the state basketball tournament.

## Banners and Signs

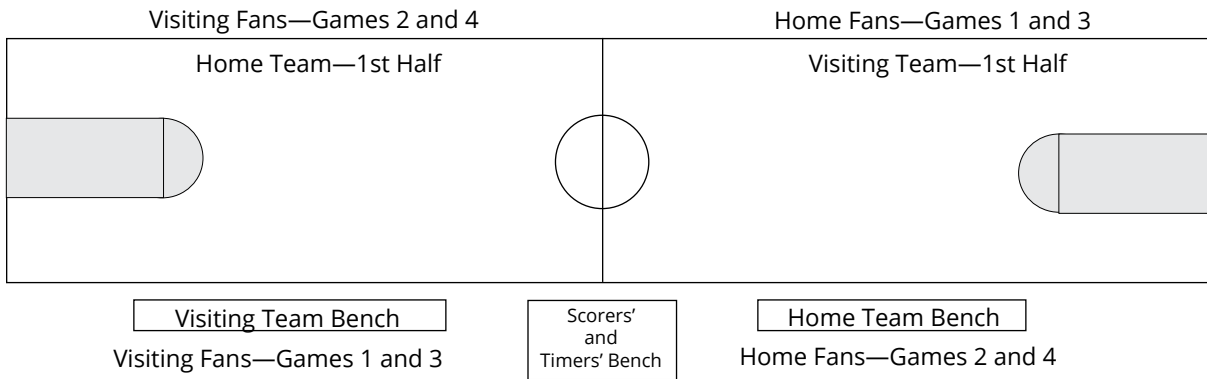
Banners and signs will be permitted at KSHSAA-sponsored tournaments, provided they are not personal, negative, un-sportsmanlike or vulgar. Signs must be attached or fastened to the facility only with approval of the tournament manager; or, if held by one person, they will be permitted in the stands as long as they meet the above criteria. Signs may not exceed 4' x 12'. Parades with signs or banners will not be permitted. Helium filled balloons or confetti will not be allowed at any site. Flags on poles are not permitted in the stands or to be paraded around the court.

## Basket, Bench and Fan Seating Assignments

There shall be no choice of basket at the beginning of any tournament game (*per Basketball Rule 4-5-2*).

1. The team on the top of the official bracket shall be the home team and wear white uniforms.
2. The team on the lower part of the official bracket shall be the visiting team and wear dark-colored uniforms.
3. The home team shall warm up to the left (facing the floor) and that shall be their basket the first half.
4. The visiting team shall warm up to the right (facing the floor) and that shall be their basket the first half.
5. The home team shall be assigned the bench to the right (facing the floor) of the scorers' table.
6. The visiting team shall be assigned the bench to the left (facing the floor) of the scorers' table.
7. The illustration on the following page details fan seating for sub-state tournaments.

Managers are encouraged to plan the seating of spectators so one school's crowd is behind their bench area and the other is placed diagonally across the court. Signs should be used to designate seating areas. NOTE: When crowded conditions exist, it may be necessary to request spectators change sections/seats after a game is over. In such situations, administrators from visiting schools are requested to assist game administration. Exceptions to bench/team placement approved only by the KSHSAA.



## Bench Occupants

During a contest, the player bench may be occupied by the eligible substitutes, coach, assistant coach(es), faculty representative, bona fide team managers, bona fide team statisticians and scorekeeper, bona fide team trainer or physician, and any disqualified players unless they have been instructed to remove themselves from the player bench. **Only 12 players may be in uniform during postseason competition.**

## Bleachers and Overcrowding of Gymnasiums

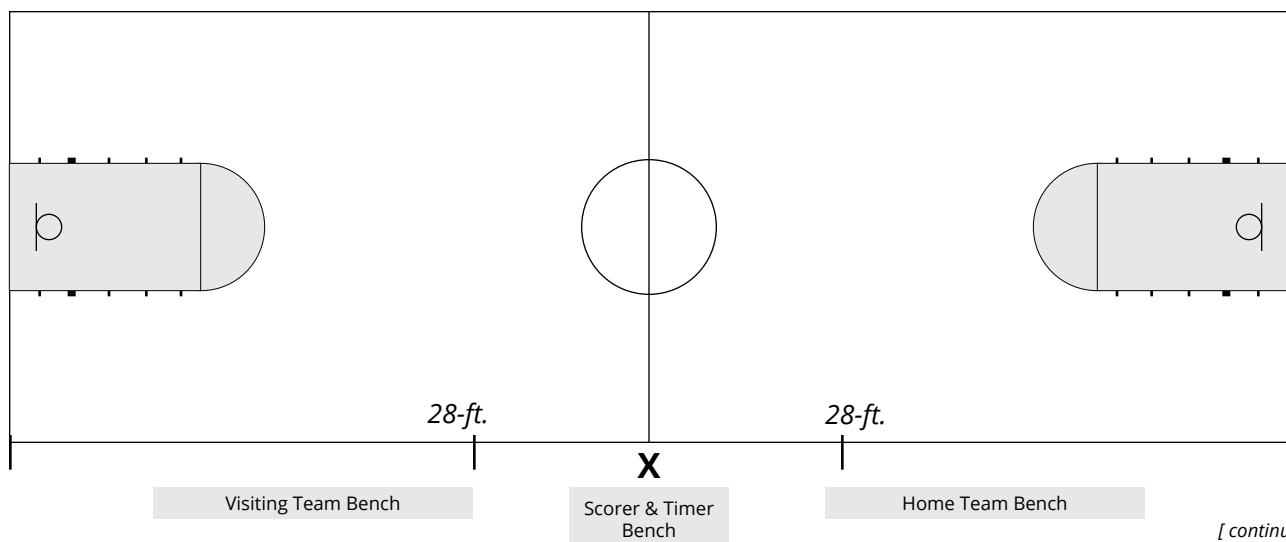
Attention is called to the importance of checking bleachers against overcrowding. Administrators from each participating school need to assist the host school with the crowds. Managers are urged to ascertain that bleachers in the facility being used are in good condition and well-supported. Every effort should be made to see that no concentrated swaying movement of fans is permitted. Check stands before each session. Above all, do not overcrowd and do not permit crowding in the exits and aisles. There are to be no chairs placed on or inside the out-of-bounds boundary line.

## Court Markings

A properly marked court should include the 28-foot coaching box. It should also include an "X" marking the spot for substitutes to report.

**NFHS RULE 1-17:** An "X" 12 inches long by 2 inches wide shall be placed on the floor out of bounds directly in front of the official scorer, to help substitutes with the proper location to report.

## Coaching Box and Bench Decorum



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The KSHSAA Executive Board has approved use of the optional 28-foot coaching box. **Appropriate conduct by coaches and consistent enforcement by officials is expected.**

The optional 28-foot coaching box is to be marked 28 feet from the end line with another mark at the end of the line. Markings should be 2 inches wide and 3 feet long off the court. Coaches may not be closer to the mid-court line than the 28-foot mark and at no time should they be on the court.

During play, the head coach may stand within the 28-foot coaching box. By rule interpretation, coaches are not:

- to kneel/squat in front of the bench;
- to wander toward center court past the 28-foot line;
- to verbally, or with physical animation, react negatively to plays and/or calls;
- shall not be on the playing court at any time.

When a coach is not in compliance with the guidelines and interpretation, the stipulated penalty should be consistently assessed. Once a coach receives a "technical foul," 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**, 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* located on the KSHSAA Central Hub. This form can also be located on the KSHSAA Officials portion of the website.

*Principals and athletic directors are requested to meet with all coaches to ensure a clear understanding of expectations, and report to the KSHSAA officials who do not enforce the coaching box rule.*

## Cheerleaders' Location During Games

It is the responsibility of principals and coaches to warn cheerleaders to stay off the playing court during games. Cheerleaders on the floor impede the progress of teams and may result in serious injury to players, officials or cheerleaders. If cheerleaders stand in the playing area during timeouts or between quarters, they must clear the court before play is resumed. The pass list admits ten (10) cheerleaders. More than ten (10) will be allowed to cheer using the guidelines above; however, additional cheerleaders will need to purchase a ticket to be admitted. Mascots and non-cheerleaders must stay off the playing floor at all times. **EXCEPTION:** The official school mascot may be on the floor in front of their fans during timeouts. The mascot may not participate in stunts. During '30-second' timeouts, **STAY OFF THE FLOOR!** Only authorized cheerleaders are permitted on the floor. Spirit participants must not stand behind the free throw line extended during a basketball game. **NOTE:** NO run-throughs are to be permitted on the floor; only cheerleaders/dance teams may form tunnels for players to enter the court or be introduced.

**NOTE:** Sub-state games follow the same guidelines as state with no more than ten on the floor during games.

## Dressing Rooms

Teams will be assigned dressing rooms by the tournament manager. In all tournaments, there will be both girls and boys teams participating which will necessitate the use of additional dressing rooms and special arrangements for adequate use of existing shower facilities. It may be necessary for managers to assign teams to dress in classrooms or other areas of a building and to work out a time schedule for use of showers. Teams should understand that ideal conditions may not be available, but through cooperative efforts and careful scheduling, problems can be minimized or resolved. *A coach or faculty supervisor should be with the team in the dressing room at all times.*

## Dunking, Hanging on Rim

Players may not dunk the ball at any time during warm-ups, regardless of whether or not the officials are present. It is the responsibility of coaches and game administration to ensure this does not occur. This includes halftime warm-ups of the preceding game. Players shall not grasp the baskets at any time during the game except to prevent injury; dunk or stuff, or attempt to dunk or stuff a dead ball. (*NFHS Rule 10-4-3*)

KSHSAA Executive Board policy states: Officials observing dunking during a warm-up period (including halftime of the proceeding game) should report the team violating and the number of the player violating to the score table. This may be the officials waiting for the next game, or the officials from the game in progress. The officials who have jurisdiction over the game will administer a bench technical to the violating team prior to the game starting.

If a glass or backboard is broken due to dunking or grasping a ring during warm-up, the responsible school shall be liable for the cost of replacing the board.

## Forfeiture Policy

If a regular season game (including invitational tournaments) is not played due to a team/school not having enough players to field a legal team, and both schools agree that a make-up date cannot be determined, the game will count as a forfeit and a win in postseason seeding for the team who was willing and able to play. The game would count as a loss for postseason seeding for the team lacking players. The forfeiting team will be responsible for paying any official fees if the officials cannot be reassigned/ cannot makeup the game. After a school starts the season with a team but is unable to finish the season due to lack of players, all games scheduled will count as a forfeit win unless the school losing a contest can find another opponent. The school with a discontinued team must notify the KSHSAA that they are no longer participating and the KSHSAA will make updates to the win/loss record form. If a team forfeits and marginal points are used as seeding criteria, the maximum marginal points allowed will be awarded (+/-15).

## Games Not Played

Games not played because of weather or other unforeseen circumstances do not count as a win or a loss for either team when seeding postseason tournaments. Reasonable efforts should be made between school administrators to reschedule all contests, but if schools are unable to reschedule the game it does not count as a forfeit win or loss and will be recorded as "no game played". When determining seeding for postseason tournaments the number of wins is divided by the number of games played to determine the winning percentage. This policy applies to both regular season and invitational tournament games. If a tournament is played and a team does not participate due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, the tournament manager will advance a team in the bracket but neither the team advanced nor the team going to the back side of the bracket will count the game as a win or loss. It simply counts as no game played. Only when the originally scheduled opponent agrees that no reschedule is possible, a school may seek a different opponent to complete the schedule.

## Halftime Entertainment at Sub-State Tournaments

Only the host school's dance/spirit squad may perform at sub-state tournaments. These performances must be at the halftime of the last game of the day. They may be admitted without charge up to 15 persons. If the group exceeds 15, those in addition must pay the regular admission.

1. No extended halftime is permitted. (Senior/parent nights, recognition of other school teams are not permitted at halftime of postseason contests.)
2. If the host school does not wish to have their dance/spirit squad perform, the visiting school may request permission through the manager. Visiting school groups will not be admitted free.
3. No outside groups (e.g. bidy basketball, gymnastics clubs, junior high drill teams) are permitted to perform.

## Introduction of Teams

**Prior to tournament games, the starters and head coaches should be introduced according to the following procedures:**

- Introduce starter from visiting team, then introduce starter from home team.
- As introduced, starters run to center circle and remain until the next player from opposing team is introduced.
- Players shake hands at center circle, then move to respective free throw lines.
- After shaking hands with the opposing players, may shake hands with officials or the opposing coach and move to their respective free throw line.
- Players are not to leave the floor to 'slap hands' with spectators or throw items (balls, t-shirts, etc.) into the stands during introductions.
- Continue procedure until all starters have been introduced.
- Two head coaches introduced.
- National Anthem played (first game only).

**NOTE:** All introductions should be made immediately prior to start of contest. When introductions are concluded, and the National Anthem played, both teams return to coaches in front of their bench and be ready for the game to start.

Preceding introductions for the championship game for each tournament, the announcer should make the following comments:

*"This tournament and championship game is sponsored by the member senior high schools in Kansas, through the Kansas State High School Activities Association. The tournament winner will be honored as a 2026 (sub-state, state) Class \_\_\_ champion. The winner will advance to the state championship to be played next week."*

## Loss of Coaching Box Reports, Unusual Situations

The **Officials Report of Unusual Situations** is required for any ejection, coach or player. Within 24 hours of the event, the form should be submitted online. When submitted, a copy will be sent to the athletic director of both schools involved and the KSHSAA staff person responsible for that sport. In situations where league commissioners also wish to be informed, it is permissible to provide them a copy.

In addition to the above report, any time a head coach loses the use of the optional 28-foot coaching box, officials are also required to submit this information to the KSHSAA. Information from the **Loss of Coaching Box Privilege** form is recorded. The form may be submitted online by officials by going to the KSHSAA Central Hub. The results are reported to the Executive Board for review and consideration as to whether or not the optional coaching box should be continued in Kansas.

Because of the emphasis on coaches and officials complying with interpretations relative to the optional coaching box, *it is suggested principals and athletic directors meet with all coaches to ensure clarity of expectations.* During contests at which principals/athletic directors are responsible for game administration, should situations arise where either coaches or officials are not complying with established guidelines, information should be forwarded to the attention of the KSHSAA.

School administrators and coaches who have concerns relevant to an official are to submit a **School Report on Officials**. This form is found online in the administrative Yearly Letter Forms (Form S) and is sent electronically to the officials involved and the KSHSAA sport administrator. This form should be used to report incorrect rules interpretations or unprofessional behavior by an official at any time during the season. It is also recommended that these reports be used to recognize and report positive situations and to pay tribute to outstanding sportsmanship and professional behavior.

**Middle School Seasons** - The opening day of practice for middle school basketball is determined by the school. The season starts for a student their first day of practice. The season ends on the last scheduled day of competition for the school team. Prior to a student participating in practice they must have a completed physical on file with the school. A student must also complete concussion education each year before starting practice. Once a student becomes a member of the school team, they can not play or practice on a non-school team until their team membership has ended.

**Middle School Non-School Team Exception** - In April 2015, the KSHSAA Board of Directors voted to provide an exception for 7th and 8th grade players in regards to non-school team participation outside the season of sport. From October 26, 2025 (SCW #17) through March 1, 2026 (Sunday of SCW #35) there are no restrictions on the number of players that may participate together on a non-school team. While a member of the school team a player may not play or practice with a non-school team. The school coach may not coach their potential players outside the season of sport. The school team may not extend their season by continuing to play as the school team after the school season is complete.

## Nets

The host school should not allow the nets to be cut down by players or fans. Participating schools are to have faculty supervisors assist in enforcing this rule. The state tournament manager may remove the nets from both baskets at the conclusion of the final championship contest and make them available to the girls championship team and boys championship team, provided they are willing to pay \$10 per net to the host school as an assessment for net replacement.

## Officials

Neither a member school nor an approved school shall take any action to prevent an athletic official from officiating a contest because of the official's race, sex, religion or national origin. Neither shall a member school or an approved school participate in a contest for which an athletic official has been excluded from officiating because of the official's race, sex, religion or national origin.

Managers shall provide a private room which the officials may occupy during the course of the tournament. This room should be available to them as a dressing room and a lounging room between games or between halves of a game. Post the **No Admittance** signs (**Form O**) located with the online forms accessed by the school administration.

**Do not allow anyone else to enter this room other than the manager or official KSHSAA representative.** Assign security personnel to ensure compliance! The host school's cooperation will ensure a better officiated tournament, the officials will appreciate it, and potential problems will be eliminated. Officials should be informed where they are to enter and where they should dress. Arrangements are to be made for someone to meet them when they arrive and to accompany them to their vehicles when ready to leave.

## Player Equipment

The *NFHS Basketball Rules Book* in **Rule 3-5-1 NOTE** allows each state association to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, heighten risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.

**Artificial Limb, Cochlear Implants or Other Special Device:** Players wearing an artificial limb, cochlear implants, helmet or other special device must have a letter of permission from the KSHSAA. When seeking permission, please submit a picture and description of the device so a determination as to the safety and/or adequate padding of the device can be made.

**Insulin Pumps and Hearing Aids:** Individuals with insulin pumps and hearing aids are allowed to participate in competition without a special letter of approval. Each piece of equipment should be securely attached to the person. If there are loose wires, the wires should be taped down to help eliminate any possibility of getting tangled with another player or caught up on equipment.

**Attire:** Players' uniforms that vary from the traditional attire worn by teammates (i.e., head covering, long pants, skirt, etc. – worn for religious beliefs) must have a letter from the KSHSAA.

Schools seeking special permission from the KSHSAA are asked to do so in a timely manner. The coach should present the letter to the officials at the pregame conference.

### Arm and Leg Sleeves – NFHS Rule 3-5-3

Arm sleeves, knee sleeves, lower leg sleeves, compression shorts and tights are permissible:

- Anything worn on the arm and/or leg is a sleeve, except a knee brace, and shall meet the color restrictions.
- The sleeves/tights and compression shorts shall be black, white, beige or the predominant color of the jersey, and the same color sleeves/tights shall be worn by teammates, if worn.
- All sleeves/tights and compression shorts shall be the same solid color and shall be the same color as any headband or wristband worn.
- Must meet the logo requirements in *NFHS Rule 3-6*.

### Wristbands and Headwear – NFHS Rule 3-5-4

- Headbands and wristbands shall be white, black, beige or the predominant color of the jersey and shall be the same color for each item and all participants. They shall be the same color as any sleeve/tights worn. See *NFHS Rule 3-6* for logo requirements.

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- b. A headband is any item that goes around the entire head. It must be a circular design without extensions. If worn, only one headband is permitted; it must be worn on the forehead/crown; it must be nonabrasive and unadorned; and it must be no more than three (3) inches wide.
- c. If worn, only one wristband is permitted on each wrist, each must be worn on the arm below the elbow, each must be moisture absorbing, nonabrasive and unadorned, and each must be a maximum of four inches wide.
- d. Hair Control Devices: Rubber, cloth or elastic bands may be used to control hair. Hard items including but not limited to beads, barrettes and bobby pins, are prohibited. Feather hair extensions are prohibited. Hair control devices are not required to meet color restrictions.
- e. Head decorations and head wear, except those specified above are prohibited. Headbands may not have knots with ties that hang from the knot.

#### **Undershirts - NFHS Rule 3-5-6**

Undershirts for the away team shall be a single solid color similar to the torso of the jersey or black and shall be hemmed and not have frayed or ragged edges. If the undershirt has sleeves, they must be the same length. Only one visible logo is permitted on an undershirt. See *NFHS Rule 3-6* for logo requirements. All teammates wearing undershirts must wear the same solid color.

**Socks** - Socks are not part of the uniform and may be whatever color the coach permits.

**Illegal Equipment** - These items are illegal - rubber bracelets, rubber bands on wrists or ankles, hemp bracelets, shoes with blinking lights, hair beads, logo/trademarks that exceed 2¼ inches, ribbons in the hair, hard barrettes, bobby pins, any jewelry, earrings, plastic studs, string through piercings.

## **Practice Balls and Practice Sessions**

Unless notified differently, the home team will furnish practice balls for both teams. Qualifying teams and their individual players will not be permitted to practice on tournament courts prior to the start of the tournament. At sub-state sites, the host school may hold normal basketball practice. Second-game teams may warm up during the halftime of the first game.

## **Public Address Announcer Responsibilities**

Public address announcers play an important role in interscholastic contests, and the KSHSAA encourages schools to train announcers to properly announce contests. Announcers are to provide information accurately and without bias. Announcements that can be made include: player who scored, player charged with foul, player attempting free throw, team granted a timeout and length of timeout, player entering game, number of fouls on a player, number of team fouls. Announcers should introduce teams in a professional, unbiased way. While announcers may provide information about the number of fouls a player has, the coach has the responsibility to ensure the information is accurate.

## **Rosters for Postseason**

Each school must submit a list of 12 eligible players with the tournament manager. NO MORE THAN 12 PLAYERS MAY BE IN UNIFORM. Only those 12 players listed below may be used, unless sickness or some other emergency makes it necessary to replace a player. In case one of the original 12 players is ill, an alternate may replace the player for the rest of the tournament. Managers must be informed of any changes and the reasons for them. The personnel may be changed from one tournament to another (sub-state to state), but no more than 12 different contestants may be suited up for any one tournament. No more than 12 players may warm-up. No more than 12 players may sit on the bench.

## **Run-throughs/Tunnels**

No run-throughs/tunnels are permitted on the floor. Only authorized cheerleaders are permitted on the floor and may have a run-through or tunnel for the players as they are being introduced. All spectators must be off the playing court. Any spectators lined up outside of the court may only be on the half of the court where their team is being introduced. All non-cheerleaders must stay off the playing court at all times. During postseason contests, fans may not line the outside of the court and players shall not go into the stands. Players/cheerleaders shall not throw items into the crowd.

## Running Clock Option

The KSHSAA Executive Board approved for grades 7-12 the use of the Running Clock Option by league adoption or by agreement of school principals or athletic directors in advance of the contest. The running clock may be used in the third and/or fourth quarter when a 30-point differential is reached. Beginning with the start of the third or 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 such as timeouts and injuries. The running clock will be used during KSHSAA postseason sub-state tournaments starting in the fourth quarter. It will not be used during state tournament games. Running clock policies differ from league to league in the regular season. The running clock can be utilized in the fourth quarter even if it is not used in the third quarter as long as both school administrations agree.

## Scorers and Timers

Managers are to assign a competent scorer and a timer along with a public address announcer. If the officials should need help in determining just where the ball was at the end of the period, the timer can clarify it immediately. It is recommended schools not have a starter's pistol for use by timers. Rather, per *NFHS Rule 1-14*, "A red light behind each backboard or an LED light on each backboard is permitted to signal that time has expired for a quarter or extra period. In facilities without a red light behind or an LED light on each backboard, the audible timer's signal shall indicate that time has expired." When convenient for schools, it is recommended schools consider the addition of this automatic light.

One scorebook should be used. The host school will be expected to provide a scorebook. (*KSHSAA will provide a scorebook for each state site.*)

- The official scorebook is to remain at the table throughout the contest, including intermission.
- Players should be listed in numerical order in the scorebook.
- Do not sound the buzzer until substitute properly reports.
- There are to be no outsiders at the scorers' and timers' table.

By NFHS Rule: It is required that the official scorer wear a black and white striped garment and that his or her location be clearly marked. A striped shirt, vest or jacket which would be conspicuous to substitutes reporting at the table should serve the purpose of this provision. An "X" 12 inches long and 2 inches wide shall be placed on the floor out of bounds directly in front of the official scorer to help substitutes with the proper location.

The scorer should be provided with an adequate bonus signal which the officials can see at first glance. A sign indicating the 5th team foul in a quarter must be available, either on the scoreboard or at the bench.

Efficiency will be expected at the official table, and ideal conditions must prevail in order to live up to such expectations. As tournament manager, careful preparation will ensure officials at the table desirable, adequate and pleasant working conditions. Nothing should be at the official table which might distract the scorer and timer (e.g., radio, TV).

Visiting teams may have someone keep an unofficial book as a non-official scorer. If a discrepancy arises, it is the non-official scorer's responsibility to compare to the official book. It is the official scorer's responsibility to notify the referee immediately.

## Solicitations and Sales, Charitable Contributions

With the assembly of people at tournaments, managers will be confronted with requests pertaining to donations and contributions to the various organizations which rely on this system of financing their programs. The passing of hats, receptacles, etc., inside the gymnasium at any KSHSAA-sponsored tournament for the purpose of contributions should not be permitted. There shall be no sale of any items on the premises other than normal food concessions and programs, unless approved in advance by the manager and the KSHSAA. Sub-state predetermined sites may choose to sell t-shirts. Per agreement with the KSHSAA, t-shirts will be available from Western Associates at all STATE tournament sites.

## Spectator Conduct

Each administrator and coach whose school participates in a tournament is charged with the important role of teaching and modeling the highest principles and standards of general behavior. The school administration should never overlook any opportunity to remind and emphasize tactfully the need and value of proper respect for the opponents with regard to their organized cheering activities, decisions of the game officials, and the importance of desirable and proper conduct both at home and away.

1. Tournament management should not allow nets or other items to be taken as souvenirs.
2. Do not permit the use of confetti.
3. Artificial noisemakers are not to be used; and bands, including drums, are not to play while the game is in progress.
4. Cheerleader megaphones are not to be pounded on the floor.
5. **Rule 52** prohibits victory celebrations on the playing surface at the conclusion of a contest for the following reasons:
  - a. Allows the participants and coaches of the teams to shake hands at the end of the contest.
  - b. Ensures safety of the participants.
  - c. Avoids confrontation between exuberant fans and downhearted players and fans of the school which was defeated.
  - d. Allows award to be presented within a reasonable period of time.
  - e. Protects the time schedule of subsequent contests played on the same floor.
  - f. Protects the playing surface. Public address announcers are to give a reason for requesting cheerleaders and fans to remain off the playing surface at the end of a contest.

## Sporting Behavior

The KSHSAA Executive Board adopted the recommendations of the NFHS and will require all member schools to comply with the following provisions:

1. Teams entering the gymnasium to warm up shall not run through the opposing team or under the basket where opponents are warming up. Teams shall enter and run the court on their half of the court only. Coaches, ADs and school principals are responsible to ensure teams stay on their half of the court. If teams violate the provisions of this rule, after visiting with the administration of the school which violated, a report is to be filed with the KSHSAA.
2. No center court team gathering, celebration, huddle activities shall be permitted, either at the conclusion of a warm-up period and/or prior to, during or following introductions of team members. Teams choosing to have such gatherings shall do so in the area of the free throw circle and lane directly in front of their team bench.
3. Penalty: While game officials may penalize such unsportsmanlike acts, coaches and school administrators from both competing schools are expected to review expectations to ensure compliance. Game administration should be alert for any individual or team who might choose to violate this adopted procedure.
4. Game officials "shall assess either an individual technical foul or a team technical foul when #2 occurs."

## Sub-State Homecourt Advantage

The last couple of years have produced questions about what is appropriate and not appropriate when it comes to homecourt advantage in sub-state games.

1. In classes 4A-6A, higher seeds have earned the right to host and have a homecourt advantage. To clarify expectations, the starting lineups 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 as long as the starting line-up alternates. 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.

2. 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 schools bands want to play, and there is room in the facility as determined by the tournament manager, both bands may enter, and play, with likely fewer than 50 students in each. The tournament manager 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. The nets may not be cut down by either team in sub-state final.

## Shot Clock

For the 2025-2026 season, the shot clock is required to host a post-season game in classes 4A-6A. If the higher seed doesn't have a shot clock installed and operational according to NFHS rules, the higher seed loses the ability to host a game. The game will be played at the lower seed. If neither team has a shot clock, it is the responsibility of the higher seed to find a facility to play in. For the 2026-2027 season, the shot clock is required to host a postseason game in classes 2A and 3A. For the 2027-2028 season, all varsity games in the regular season and postseason in all classes shall have a shot clock.

## Team Warm-Up

Teams are entitled to a minimum of 20 minutes warm-up prior to each game. This does not apply to an afternoon shoot-around by the host school. An afternoon shootaround is within the first 60 minutes of the final bell of the day and must end two hours prior to tipoff. Teams may not practice prior to 40 minutes before the opening game in any session. Second-game teams may warm up during the halftime of the first game. No game is to begin before the scheduled starting time or before a team has had its minimum warm-up time. This period shall start with the ending of the previous game. **Players are not to grasp the basket or dunk the basketball during warm-up.** It is the responsibility of the coach and school administration to ensure this does not occur.

Teams entering the gym to warm up shall not run through the opposing team or under the basket where opponents are warming up. Teams shall enter and run the court on their half of the court only.

If during the pregame or halftime warm-up period one team leaves the floor, the other team may not use the whole court. They may only warm up on their half of the court.

Visiting teams may arrange a warm-up/walk through at a facility on their way to the game as long as it is not on campus of where the game will be played.

## Tournament Basketball

The KSHSAA has an agreement which will provide each sub-state final site and all state sites an NFHS authenticated *Spalding TF-1000 Legacy* game ball. First round and second round host schools in 1A, 2A, 3A shall also have available a *TF-1000 Legacy* boys and girls game ball with the NFHS marking. First round host schools in 4A, 5A, 6A shall also have available a *TF-1000 Legacy* boys and girls game ball with the NFHS marking.

## Towels

Schools should be notified prior to the contest if towels will be provided for showering and for the bench. The host school should provide towels for the officials and have towels available at the score table for court cleanup.

## Traveling School Information

Please complete and mail, fax or email **Form TRA** to your postseason event manager two days prior to the event. Form TRA can be found by the school administrator with the online *Entry Forms*.

In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by the KSHSAA and the tournament site manager as soon as possible regarding an altered schedule or postponement.

## Trophies and/or Plaques

Trophies or plaques will be mailed to managers directly from the manufacturer. They should be received at least one week prior to the tournaments. Check them immediately and notify the KSHSAA of any breakage, defects or errors in engraving.

Per Executive Board Policy

- The first two teams in Class 2A, 3A sub-state tournaments will receive plaques.
- Only the first-place team in Classes 1A DII, 1A DI, 4A, 5A, 6A sub-state tournaments will receive a plaque.
- The first three teams in each state tournament will receive trophies.
- The players of the top four teams in all state tournaments will receive medals.
- Awards for consolation games will be presented immediately following the contest. Coaches and squad members of all teams shall remain for the awards presentation for their games.

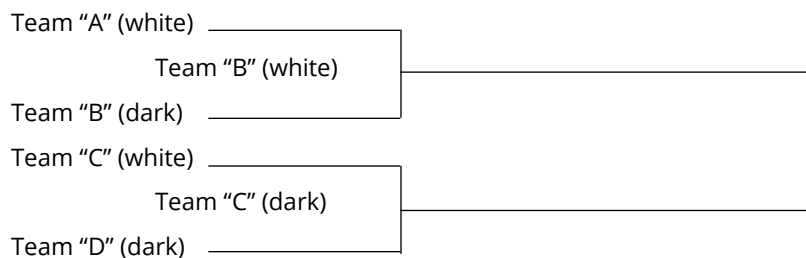
The trophy presentation should be made by a person from the host community. The public address announcer should read the details and have someone else make the actual presentation.

## Uniforms — White and Dark Jerseys (Home - Visiting Teams)

The *NFHS Basketball Rules Book* outlines legal uniforms for varsity teams. Review *NFHS Rule 3-4* when ordering uniforms. The torso of the team jersey shall be white for the home team and a contrasting dark color for the visiting team. The dark torso color for the visiting team shall be the darker color of the school's color scheme or black.

In KSHSAA tournament games, the team on the top line of any bracket in the pairings will wear white uniforms, and those on the lower line of any bracket will wear dark-colored uniforms. Remember, it is possible that a team will be required to wear white uniforms in one game and dark-colored uniforms in a subsequent game.

Those wearing the white uniforms will be considered the **home** team and those wearing the dark-colored uniforms will be considered the **visiting** team. The following illustrates how a team may be required to wear different colored uniforms in the same tournament. Home jerseys **MUST** be white for varsity level teams. Sub-varsity level teams may continue to wear light-colored jerseys during their games.



## Video

A member school may **NOT** record/video any school's activity contest in which they are not a participant without written permission from the involved school principals in advance of the contest. Schools may video their own contests.

# TICKETS & ADMISSIONS FOR POSTSEASON

## Postseason Ticket Protocol

*\*Update: KSHSAA will no longer be supplying paper ticket rolls to postseason hosts.*

**When hosting a KSHSAA postseason event, there are three options for ticketing:**

**OPTION #1 (PREFERRED):** Use the GoFan digital ticketing system. If you already use GoFan, use your own account to create the event and ticket options. If you are new to GoFan, set up an account at <https://hq.gofan.co/login>.

- When creating the event, be sure to use the correct ticket prices provided by the KSHSAA.
- Setup the event as event-based payment (not calendar-based).
- DO NOT include the service fee as part of the ticket price.
- Fans will show their tickets at the gate on their personal mobile device.
- A walk-up credit card purchase option (Box Office option) is available for GoFan schools.

Contact GoFan for more details.

- Details on how to use the GoFan platform can be found at <https://get.gofan.co/digital-ticketing-guide>.

**OPTION #2 (PREFERRED):** Use the GoFan digital ticketing system as described above and provide a cash purchase option. Cash purchases should be handled in the same manner as your regular season events. You will need to keep an exact count of all adult tickets and student tickets sold (keep separate counts) to report to the KSHSAA. If you choose to use paper tickets, plan to use your own. **\*The KSHSAA no longer supplies paper tickets to hosts.**

**OPTION #3:** Sell paper tickets in the same manner as your regular season events. You will need to keep an exact count of all adult tickets and student tickets sold (keep separate counts) to report to the KSHSAA. If you choose to use paper tickets, plan to use your own. **\*The KSHSAA no longer supplies paper tickets to hosts.**

**GoFan is the only digital ticket system that may be used for KSHSAA postseason events.**

After the event, complete your post-event ticket and financial reports within 10 days.

- Login at [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org) > Administration > Postseason Host
- Be prepared with the number of adult and student tickets sold (use GoFan reports and gate counts), the officials' information including round-trip mileage, and your local tax rate.

Each game night will have a ticket report.

## Postseason Ticket Prices

Managers should display a sign at each ticket window conspicuously showing the prices of admission.

Sub-State admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for K-12. Pre-K age children admitted free.

For the state tournaments, there will be no pass-out tickets. If the same school has two games between their boys and girls semifinals or if fans MUST leave the facility, those wishing to leave should have their hands stamped for re-admission.

General admission for state tournaments is \$10 for adults and K-12. Pre-K age children admitted free.

*Some state tournament sites have additional facility or parking fees added to KSHSAA established ticket prices. The KSHSAA generates no revenue from these added fees.*

## Complimentary Admission

1. News Media; 2. Host high school Board of Education members and spouses; 3. KSHSAA Complimentary Lifetime Passes; 4. KSHSAA Annual Complimentary Passes (*issued to KSHSAA Board of Directors and Appeal Board members*); 5. Area Supervisors of Officials; 6. League Commissioners; 7. Complimentary Passes (*issued to KSHSAA Sportsmanship Committee*); 8. Athletic Trainers; 9. See Sections 06 and 10 for policy on admitting halftime entertainment.

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Tournament managers should adhere to all regulations pertaining to complimentary admissions. It would be unfair and defeat the purpose of the program if at some tournament sites persons were to be admitted without charge when they do not qualify for such admission. Administrators can save embarrassment and eliminate the managers' problems by reviewing the following information and discussing it with their coaches, faculty members, drivers and playing squads. Spouses and children of administrators/coaches are not to be listed on the pass gate list. While family of administrators/coaches sacrifice a tremendous amount of time, the intent of the pass gate list is to allow school employees who are working to be admitted free. Bus drivers are listed on the pass gate form. Coaches Association passes are not to be honored.

**MEDIA:** Members of the media with KSHSAA media credentials will be admitted free and given a complimentary program. School media are admitted free if listed on the pass gate list and have KSHSAA School Media credentials.

When your school is host, members of your board of education and their spouses may be admitted free. Likewise, the working crew necessary to sell and collect tickets and supervise and direct tournament activities is to be admitted free.

The KSHSAA feels every administrator is aware of various problems in sponsoring a tournament and why it is necessary all managers adhere to specific limitations in honoring requests for complimentary tickets. This phase of the tournament program is very important. Assign a competent adult (not a student) the responsibility of working the pass gate.

## **Contestant, Coach and Administration Admission**

The superintendent, principal, athletic director, and head coach are admitted free. Assistant coaches who have met the health and safety coaching education requirements will also auto-populate on the Girls and Boys State Basketball Tournament Squad List, Pass Gate Information and Photo forms and gain free admission. It is possible to have assistant coaches admitted for free that will not have room to sit on the team bench. If there is not room on the team bench, assistant coaches are encouraged to sit in a section behind their team's bench. There are additional fields for other school/team personnel such as student section supervisors, a team manager, bus driver, etc. that will be manually entered into the Girls and Boys State Basketball Tournament Squad List, Pass Gate Information and Photo form to gain free admission.

The coaches and players from the same school 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 participating schools should make certain the names of their bona fide varsity cheerleaders (maximum of 10) are properly submitted. They may be admitted free, when in uniform, only to those sessions in which their team plays. The authorized list from each school will serve as a checklist for each session. (*See admission policy for host school pep band in Section 06.*)

# POSTSEASON TOURNAMENTS

## Game Scores Reporting

All schools are required to enter their game schedules for varsity teams on the KSHSAA website. Coaches and/or administrators must also enter the final score for each contest when completed. Reporting scores will maintain an updated record as region seeding managers begin the seeding for sub-state. All regular season games must be reported by February 18 for Classes 1A DI and 1A DII, February 21 for classes 2A and 3A and February 28 for classes 4A, 5A and 6A. Additional instructions will be emailed to coaches and administrators. School are expected to update score through all sub-state tournaments.

## Officials

All postseason basketball games will be paid by KSHSAA in ArbiterPay. Officials mileage will be included. Host schools do not need to pay officials.

- The KSHSAA will assign officials for all postseason tournaments.
  - Officials will be assigned to games according to geography, when possible. It may be necessary to assign officials who do not meet all the criteria ordinarily followed.
  - Officials will not be assigned until seeding is complete.
  - Selected officials may be assigned to officiate two games in one night.
  - Selected officials may officiate at different tournaments on different nights.
- Managers must contact the assigned officials to notify them of the time schedule, obtain their confirmation, etc.
- Whenever possible, the KSHSAA will assign recommended officials, however, some may not be available or may be assigned elsewhere.
- Sub-state officials are paid through ArbiterPay by the KSHSAA.

## Postseason Inclement Weather

When inclement weather causes postseason games to be postponed, a difficult situation arises about 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 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) on the same day, competitive equity and impacting only one gender since boys and girls postseasons are concurrent.

## Programs

Host schools are to furnish programs for their sub-state tournaments. Programs should be sold for a reasonable price, with profits being retained by the host site. Program contents should include complete team rosters and information similar to that found on roster sheets sent to managers by each team.

## Squad List and Team Photograph

**Sub-State** - Boys and girls teams must submit a photograph (if requested) and squad list (Sub-State Squad List, Pass Gate Information Form for girls and boys) to the sub-state first round host/seeding manager and pre-determined site to which they have been assigned, if your school is still playing. Teams advancing to the second round should be ready to send photo/roster to the second round host.

**1A DI & 1A DII** - Submit by February 19

**2A & 3A** - Submit by February 23.

**4A, 5A, & 6A** - Submit by Thursday, February 26.

**State** - All schools still participating in sub-state tournaments on Wednesday, March 4 are to submit a state tournament squad list for girls an/or boys to the KSHSAA. This will generate the squad list for the program and the pass gate information for the state sites. Pass gate information may be updated until noon central time on Monday, March 9 by logging in and updating information. A sharp team photo (with jersey numbers showing) will be uploaded to the state pass gate or the state tournament program. Pictures must be high quality. The information that has been submitted at noon central time on Monday, March 9 will be sent to the state managers to be used at the pass gate.

## Streaming

Streaming is permitted in sub-state tournaments. Contact Jeremy Holaday, [jholaday@kshsaa.org](mailto:jholaday@kshsaa.org) with questions.

## Ticketing and Admission

*\*See Section 07 for ticket information.*

# CLASS 1A DI AND 1A DII REGION SEEDING

**Region assignments will be posted on the KSHSAA website in early December.**

Seeding for girls and boys Classes 1A DI and 1A DII Sub-State Tournaments will be completed on Wednesday, February 18 at 10 a.m. The Girls and Boys Basketball schedules and score reporting forms must be completed and are due to the region manager by February 18. Each school is responsible for making sure the region seeding manager has updated records.

## Seeding Criteria

1. Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine this winning percentage, divide the number of games won by the number of games played. (Only varsity competitions will count.) The team with the highest winning percentage will be the #1 seed. The team with the second highest winning percentage will be the #2 seed and so on. Byes in regular season games/tournaments (including league tournament) ARE NOT to be counted.
2. If two teams have an identical winning percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the better seed.
  - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other an identical number of times, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - c. If they have not played each other, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - d. If the tie in (c) still remains, then a coin toss will determine the team receiving the better seed. (Use a person from your community as a witness.)
3. If three teams or more have an identical winning percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If one team has defeated all the others with an identical winning percentage a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed. See examples in step 3 on pages 47 and 48. There are no marginal points in 1A.
  - b. If one or more of the teams has won more games, that team or group of teams are seeded better than the team(s) that have won less games.
  - c. If 3 (a) and (b) cannot break the tie, the manager will draw by lot for the top seed, then the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken by using procedures in (2) if two teams remain tied or (3) if three or more remain tied. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the 'tied' teams into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the best seed.
4. 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.

## Brackets

Brackets will be listed on [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org).

## **CLASS 1A DI & 1A DII SUB-STATE TOURNAMENT & REGION FORMAT**

The number of participating schools will be divided evenly by four. Teams will be placed in four geographical regions and seeded in sub-state tournament brackets by seed, 1-4-5-8-9-12-13-16 and 2-3-6-7-10-11-14-15. The winner of each sub-state tournament advances to the state tournament. If a region has less than 16 teams, the top seeds in the region will have a bye in the quarterfinals.

### **February 23, 24, 28, March 2, 6, 7, 2026**

Game time for quarterfinal games is 6 p.m. The only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or emergency.

#### **Quarterfinals - Monday, February 23 (1A Boys) AND Tuesday, February 24 (1A Girls)**

Single contests (6 p.m.) will be played at the site of the highest seeded team. The pairings will be made as follows:

Team 16 at Team 1; Team 12 at Team 5

Team 15 at Team 2; Team 11 at Team 6

Team 14 at Team 3; Team 10 at Team 7

Team 13 at Team 4; Team 9 at Team 8

**Note for February 23 and February 24:** *In the event that School A plays School B with boys on Monday and girls on Tuesday and if both schools agree, they may play both games on the same night at the same site as a doubleheader. The first game's tip off time is 6 p.m. The date will be February 23. The site will be determined by adding the girls seed number and the boys seed number. The school with the lowest combined seed total would be the host. If seeds are tied, use combined wins. If no agreement can be reached, the contests will be played as scheduled above.*

- Example: School A's girls seed is 2 and the boys seed is 9, making a total of 11. School B's girls seed is 15 and boys seed is 8, making a total of 23. School A would host the doubleheader.
- In the event their combined seed totals are identical, the school with the most wins (combined boys and girls) will host.
- Example: School A's combined seed is 14, school B's combined seed is 14. To break the tie, add girls' and boys' wins. School A boys had 10 wins and the girls 12, for a total of 22. School B boys had 9 wins and the girls 12, for a total of 21 wins. School A would host the doubleheader. If a tie still remains, the region seeding manager will flip a coin to determine the host.
- If the court of the higher seeded team does not meet minimum requirements, i.e. a minimum of eighteen (18) inches from the three point arc to the sideline, the contest may be played at either the lower seeded team's site or a site mutually agreed on by school principals from the two involved schools. This change in location must be approved by the KSHSAA.
- Quarterfinal games may be played in gyms with restraining lines as long as other minimum requirements are met. Gyms with restraining lines may not be used in semifinal or final games.
- If weather makes it impossible to play February 23 or 24, every effort needs to be made to play on February 25.

## Semifinals

***\*The only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or an emergency.***

***\*There is no minimum seating restrictions in the semifinals.***

### Saturday, February 28, 2026

Class 1A Boys - Single game played at higher seed, game time is 2 p.m.

*\*If weather makes it impossible to play February 28, every effort needs to be made to play March 1.*

### Monday, March 2, 2026

Class 1A Girls - Single game played at higher seed. Game time is 6 p.m.

***Note for February 28 and March 2:*** In the event that School A plays School B with boys on Saturday and girls on Monday and if both schools agree, they may play both games on the same night at the same site as a doubleheader. The first game's tip off time is 2 p.m. The date will be February 28. The site will be determined by adding the girls seed number and the boys seed number. The school with the lowest combined seed total would be the host. If seeds are tied, use combined wins. If no agreement can be reached, the contests will be played as scheduled above. See previous page for examples.

## Finals (No third place games will be played)

***\*Two games at predetermined site; teams with higher combined mileage play first.***

***\*The only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or an emergency.***

### Friday, March 6, 2026

Class 1A Boys - Game times are 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 7, 2026

Class 1A Girls - Game times are 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## CLASS 2A AND 3A SUB-STATE SEEDING

**Region Assignments will be posted on the KSHSAA website in early December.**

Seeding for girls and boys Class 2A and 3A Sub-State Tournaments will be completed on Saturday, February 21 at 10 a.m. The Girls and/or Boys schedules and score reporting forms must be completed online and is due to the region seeding manager by February 21. Each school is responsible for making sure the region seeding manager has updated records.

### Seeding Criteria

1. Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine this winning percentage, divide the number of games won by the number of games played. (Only varsity competitions will count.) The team with the highest winning percentage will be the #1 seed. The team with the second highest winning percentage will be the #2 seed and so on. Byes in regular season games/tournaments (including league tournament) ARE NOT to be counted.
2. If two teams have an identical winning percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the better seed.
  - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other an identical number of times, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - c. If they have not played each other, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - d. If the tie in (c) still remains, then a coin toss will determine the team receiving the better seed. (Use a person from your community as a witness.)
3. If three or more teams have an identical percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If one team has defeated all the others with an identical winning percentage a larger number of times, it will receive the better seed. See examples in step 3 on pages 47 and 48. There are no marginal points in 2A and 3A.
  - b. If one or more of the teams has won more games, that team or group of teams are seeded better than the teams(s) that have won less games.
  - c. If 3 (a) and (b) cannot break the tie, the manager will draw by lot for the top seed, then the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken by using procedures in (2) if two teams remain tied or (3) if three or more remain tied. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams 'tied' into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the best seed.
4. 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.

### Brackets

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## **CLASS 2A & 3A SUB-STATE TOURNAMENT AND REGION FORMAT**

The number of participating schools will be divided by four. Teams will be placed in four geographic regions and seeded in sub-state tournament brackets by seed, 1-4-5-8-9-12-13-16 and 2-3-6-7-10-11-14-15. The winner of each sub-state tournament advances to the state tournament. If a region has more than 16 teams, only the top 16 appear in the bracket. Co-ops may make this possible. If there is a 17th team in a region, that team is not in a bracket.

Quarterfinal contests requiring the visiting team to travel 150 miles or more may be played at a neutral site which is approximately midway between the participating schools. The visiting school would be responsible for making the request and for finding a site which would be agreed to by their opponent. (It shall be the visiting school's responsibility to make arrangements to administer and/or underwrite the cost within the allowable 33% of the gate receipts.) If no mutual agreement can be reached, the KSHSAA should be involved. The contest may be played at the predetermined site. If the predetermined site is unable to administer the contest, it shall be the responsibility of the visiting school to administer and underwrite the costs within the allowable 33% of the gate receipts. If the quarterfinal contests cannot be played on Thursday or Friday at the predetermined site, it shall be played on Saturday.

### **February 26, 27, March 3, 4, 6, 7**

Game time for quarterfinal games is 6 p.m. The only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or an emergency.

#### **Quarterfinals -**

#### **Thursday, February 26 (2A Girls & 3A Boys) AND Friday, February 27 (2A Boys & 3A Girls)**

Single contests (6 p.m.) will be played at the site of the highest seeded team. The pairings will be made as follows:

Team 16 at Team 1; Team 12 at Team 5

Team 15 at Team 2; Team 11 at Team 6

Team 14 at Team 3; Team 10 at Team 7

Team 13 at Team 4; Team 9 at Team 8

**Note for February 26 and February 27:** *In the event that School A plays School B with boys (girls) on Thursday and girls (boys) on Friday, if both schools agree, they may play both games on the same night at the same site as a doubleheader. The first games tip off time is 6 p.m. The date will be February 26. The site will be determined by adding the girls seed number and the boys seed number. The school with the lowest combined seed total would be the host. If no agreement can be reached, the contests will be played as scheduled above.*

- Example: School A's girls seed is 2 and the boys seed is 9, making a total of 11. School B's girls seed is 15 and boys seed is 8, making a total of 23. School A would host the doubleheader.
- In the event their combined seed totals are identical, the school with the most wins (combined boys and girls) will host.
- Example: School A's combined seed is 14, school B's combined seed 14. To break the tie, add girls' and boys' wins. School A boys had 10 wins and the girls 12, for a total of 22. School B boys had 9 wins and the girls 12, for a total of 21 wins. School A would host the doubleheader. If a tie still remains, the region seeding manager will flip a coin to determine the host.
- If the court of the higher seeded team does not meet minimum requirements, i.e. a minimum of eighteen (18) inches from the three point arc to the sideline, the contest may be played at either the lower seeded team's site or a site mutually agreed on by school principals from the two involved schools. This change in location must be approved by the KSHSAA.
- Gyms with restraining lines may not host 2A and 3A postseason basketball games.
- If weather makes it impossible to play February 26 or 27, every effort needs to be made to play on February 28 or March 1.

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## Semifinals

*\*The only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or an emergency.*

### **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 - Class 2A Girls & Class 3A Boys**

Single game played at higher seed. Game time is 6 p.m.

### **Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - Class 2A Boys & Class 3A Girls**

Single game played at higher seed. Game time is 6 p.m.

**Note for March 3 and 4:** *In the event that School A plays School B with boys (girls) on Tuesday and girls (boys) on Wednesday, if both schools agree, they may play both games on the same night at the same site as a doubleheader. The first games tip off time is 6 p.m. The date will be March 3. The site will be determined by adding the girls seed number and the boys seed number. The school with the lowest combined seed total would be the host. If seeds are tied, use combined wins. If no agreement can be reached, the contests will be played as scheduled above. See previous page for examples.*

## Finals

*\*Two games at predetermined site; teams with higher combined mileage play first.*

*\*The only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or an emergency.*

### **Friday, March 6, 2026 - Class 2A Girls & Class 3A Boys**

Game time are 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, March 7, 2026 - Class 2A Boys & Class 3A Girls**

Game times are 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

# CLASS 4A, 5A AND 6A SUB-STATE SEEDING

**Assignments will be posted on the KSHSAA website in early December.**

Seeding for girls and boys Class 4A, 5A and 6A sub-state tournaments will be completed on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10 a.m. The schedule and scores form for boys and girls must be completed and is due to the seeding manager on February 28. Each school is responsible for making sure the region seeding manager has updated records.

## Seeding Criteria

1. Seeding shall be based strictly on percentage of wins and losses. To determine the winning percentage, divide the number of games won by the number of games played. (Only varsity competitions will count.) The team with the highest winning percentage will be the #1 seed. The team with the second highest winning percentage will be the #2 seed and so on. Byes in regular season games/tournaments (including league tournament) ARE NOT to be counted.
2. If two teams have an identical winning percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If the teams played each other, the one defeating the other a larger number of times will receive the better seed.
  - b. If they have played each other and each has defeated the other an identical number of times, the team with the most wins will receive the better seed.
  - c. A fifteen (15) marginal point tiebreaker procedure will be used to determine seeds when there are two teams still tied after criterion (a) and (b) are not able to break the tie. The team with the largest marginal point average will be the better seed.
    - i. Marginal points are the point differences in the final game score. The maximum and minimum numbers of marginal points is plus or minus fifteen (15) points in any game.
    - ii. The average marginal points for each team (total marginal points divided by the number of games played) will award the better seed to the team with the greatest marginal points.

*Example: If Team A wins a game 60-40 and losses its next game 50-49, the marginal points for Team A is +7. If Team B wins a game 71-61 and losses its next game 75-73, the marginal points for Team B is +4*
  - d. If the tie in (c) still remains, then, a coin flip will determine the team receiving the better seed. (Use a person from your community as a witness.)

3. If three or more teams have an identical winning percentage, the tie will be broken as follows:
  - a. If one team has defeated all the others with an identical winning percentage a larger number of times, it will receive the higher seed. All teams involved in the tie do not need to have played each other to break the tie. If there are two teams left refer to criteria #2.

*Example 1: Team A and B are both 11-11, Team C and D are 10-10. Team C went 1-0 against Team A, 1-0 against Team B and 1-0 against Team D. Team A didn't play Team B or Team D. Team B didn't play Team D. Team C is the best seed of these four teams. (Repeat step 3a without Team C.) If there are two teams left go to criteria #2.*

*Example 2: Team A and B are both 11-11, Team C and D are both 10-10. Team C went 1-0 against Team A, 1-0 against Team B and 1-1 against Team D. Team C did not defeat all the others a larger number of times. This is still a 4-way tie. Move to step (b).*

- b. If one or more of the teams has won more games, that team or group of teams are seeded better than the teams(s) that have won less games.

*Example 1: If four teams have a winning percentage of .500 with two of them having 11 wins and two having 10 wins, the teams with 10 wins are assigned the worst seeds. Go to criteria 2 to determine seeds 3 and 4. The teams with 11 wins are assigned the best two seeds. Go to criteria 2 to determine seeds 1 and 2.*

*Example 2: If four teams have a winning percentage of .500 with three of them having 11 wins and the fourth having 10 wins, the team with 10 wins is assigned the worst seeds of the four. Return to criteria #3 a. with the three remaining teams.*

*Example 3: Team A, B, C and D are all 12-10. Team A is 1-1 against Team B, 1-1 against Team C but did not play Team D. Team B is 1-1 against Team A and 1-1 against Team C but did not play Team D. Team C is 1-1 against Team A, 1-1 against Team B and 2-0 against Team D. Team D did not play Team A or Team B and is 0-2 against Team C. Team C is the top seed of the group because it has defeated all the others with the same winning percentage a greater number of times and the tie breaking process will start back over with criteria 3 (a) for Teams A, B and D.*

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- c. A fifteen (15) marginal point tiebreaker procedure will be used to determine seeds when there are two or more teams still tied after criteria #3 a and b.

*Example: Teams A, B, C and D are tied with a 11-11 record. 3 (a) and 3 (b) can't break the tie. The team with the largest marginal points will be awarded the best seed and the tie breaking process will start back over with criteria 3 (a) with the remaining three teams.*

- i. Marginal points are the point differences in the final game score. The maximum and minimum number of marginal points is plus or minus fifteen (15) points in any game.
  - ii. The average marginal points for each team (total marginal points divided by the number of games played) will award the higher seed to the team with the greatest marginal points.
  - d. If there are still multiple schools tied, the manager will draw by lot for top seed, then the tie between the remaining teams shall be broken by using procedures above. The procedure for draw by lot is to put the names of the teams tied into a hat and draw. The first one drawn will receive the best seed. Then refer to criterion #2 and #3 to break additional ties.
4. 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.

## Brackets

Brackets will be listed on [www.kshsaa.org](http://www.kshsaa.org). In the first round, if the same two schools are playing each other in both girls and boys, a double header may be played if both schools agree. The date will be March 3, at the school with the best combined seed.

- Example: School A's girls seed is 2 and the boys seed is 9, making a total of 11. School B's girls seed is 15 and boys seed is 8, making a total of 23. School A would host the doubleheader.
- In the event their combined seed totals are identical, the school with the most wins (combined boys and girls) will host.
- Example: School A's combined seed is 14, school B's combined seed 14. To break the tie, add girls' and boys' wins. School A boys had 10 wins and the girls 12, for a total of 22. School B boys had 9 wins and the girls 12, for a total of 21 wins. School A would host the doubleheader. If a tie still remains, the manager will flip a coin to determine the host.

## 4A TOURNAMENT FORMAT

**Seeding managers will be listed on the KSHSAA website when sub-state assignments are released.**

1. Class 4A schools will be split evenly. The seeding manager will be responsible for seeding teams #1 through #18. The top 16 seeds will be placed into four sub-states of four teams each for boys and girls. The seeding will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Schools seeded #1, #2, #3, #4 in each sub-state grouping (and each gender) must arrange to pick up the plaque for the winning team and one basketball.
2. The #17 and #18 seeds may choose to play each other on Monday, March 2 if both schools agree. The game will be played at the higher seeded team. Participating schools are responsible for game time, paying officials and all game management responsibilities. The KSHSAA will not provide tickets. All proceeds are the responsibility of the host school. The #17 and #18 seeds can play a team from another class if the other team does not want to play or does not exist.
3. Schools seeded #1 through #16 will submit roster and pass gate information to the host school on Monday, March 2 for semifinal games.
4. Semifinal games in each of the eight sub-state tournaments will be played at the site of the higher seeded team according to the approved format.
5. Final games will be played at the higher seeded team of the two finalists.
6. The boys/girls postseason roster from schools playing may receive complementary admission to their school's girls/boys game provided they arrive as a team with their head or assistant coach. The pass gate list must be provided in advance to the host site. The pass gate must contain no more than 12 players. If no pass list is provided or only a few boys/girls on the postseason roster arrive to watch their school's other gender without the head or assistant coach, they must pay admission. Note: Only the postseason roster is eligible for complementary admission.
7. Once the tournament is seeded the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website.
8. Officials will be assigned by the KSHSAA after seeding is completed.
9. All schools continue to update the girls and boys schedules and scores forms throughout sub-state to help in seeding the state tournament.

***\*For all games, the only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or emergency.***

### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

GIRLS games at higher seeded team beginning at 6 p.m.

Tournament A	Tournament B	Tournament C	Tournament D
#16 @ #1	#15 @ #2	#14 @ #3	#13 @ #4
#9 @ #8	#10 @ #7	#11 @ #6	#12 @ #5

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

BOYS games at higher seeded team beginning at 6 p.m.

Tournament A	Tournament B	Tournament C	Tournament D
#16 @ #1	#15 @ #2	#14 @ #3	#13 @ #4
#9 @ #8	#10 @ #7	#11 @ #6	#12 @ #5

### Final Games

Final games will be at the higher seeded team of the two finalists. If a lower seed defeats the #1, #2, #3, #4 seeded team, that school is responsible to get the plaque and game ball to the highest seeded host school of that tournament.

**Final GIRLS games** will be played on Friday, March 6, 2026 at the higher seeded team with a game time of 6 p.m. unless a change is approved by the KSHSAA.

**Final BOYS games** will be played on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at the higher seeded team with a game time of 5 p.m. unless a change is approved by the KSHSAA.

## 5A TOURNAMENT FORMAT

**Seeding managers will be listed on the KSHSAA website when sub-state assignments are released.**

1. Class 5A schools will be split evenly. The seeding manager will be responsible for seeding teams #1 through #18. The top 16 seeds will be placed into four sub-states of four teams each for boys and girls. The seeding will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Schools seeded #1, #2, #3, #4 in each sub-state grouping (and each gender) must arrange to pick up the plaque for the winning team and one basketball.
2. The #17 and #18 seeds may choose to play each other on Monday, March 2 if both schools agree. The game will be played at the higher seeded team. Participating schools are responsible for game time, paying officials and all game management responsibilities. The KSHSAA will not provide tickets. All proceeds are the responsibility of the host school. The #17 and #18 seeds can play a team from another class if the other team does not want to play or does not exist.
3. Schools seeded #1 through #16 will submit roster and pass gate information to the host school on Monday, March 2 for semifinal games.
4. Semifinal games in each of the eight sub-state tournaments will be played at the site of the higher seeded team according to the approved format.
5. Final games will be played at the higher seeded team of the two finalists.
6. The boys/girls postseason roster from schools playing may receive complementary admission to their school's girls/boys game provided they arrive as a team with their head or assistant coach. The pass gate list must be provided in advance to the host site. The passgate must contain no more than 12 players. If no pass list is provided or only a few boys/girls on the postseason roster arrive to watch their school's other gender without the head or assistant coach, they must pay admission. Note: Only the postseason roster is eligible for complementary admission.
7. Once the tournament is seeded, the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website.
8. Officials will be assigned by the KSHSAA after seeding is completed.
9. All schools continue to update the Girls and Boys Basketball schedules and reporting forms throughout sub-state to help in seeding the state tournament.

***\*For all games, the only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or emergency.***

### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

BOYS games at higher seeded team beginning at 6 p.m.

Tournament A	Tournament B	Tournament C	Tournament D
#16 @ #1	#15 @ #2	#14 @ #3	#13 @ #4
#9 @ #8	#10 @ #7	#11 @ #6	#12 @ #5

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

GIRLS games at higher seeded team beginning at 6 p.m.

Tournament A	Tournament B	Tournament C	Tournament D
#16 @ #1	#15 @ #2	#14 @ #3	#13 @ #4
#9 @ #8	#10 @ #7	#11 @ #6	#12 @ #5

### Final Games

Final games will be at the higher seeded team of the two finalists. If a lower seed defeats the #1, #2, #3, #4 seeded team, that school is responsible to get the plaque to the highest seeded host school of that tournament.

**Final BOYS games** will be played on Friday, March 6, at the higher seeded team with a game time of 6 p.m. unless a change is approved by the KSHSAA.

**Final GIRLS games** will be played on Saturday, March 7, at the higher seeded team with a game time of 5 p.m. unless a change is approved by the KSHSAA.

# 6A TOURNAMENT FORMAT

**Seeding managers will be listed on the KSHSAA website when sub-state assignments are released.**

1. Class 6A schools will be split evenly. The seeding manager will be responsible for seeding teams #1 through #18. The top 16 seeds will be placed into four sub-states of four teams each for boys and girls. The seeding will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026. Schools seeded #1, #2, #3, #4 in each sub-state grouping (and each gender) must arrange to pick up the plaque for winning team and one basketball.
2. The #17 and #18 seeds may choose to play each other on Monday, March 2 if both schools agree. The game will be played at the higher seeded team. Participating schools are responsible for game time, paying officials and all game management responsibilities. The KSHSAA will not provide tickets. All proceeds are the responsibility of the host school. The #17 and #18 seeds can play a team from another class if the other team does not want to play or does not exist.
3. Schools seeded #1 through #16 will submit roster and pass gate information to the host school on Monday, March 2 for semifinal games.
4. Semifinal games in each of the eight sub-state tournaments will be played at the site of the higher seeded team according to the approved format.
5. Final games will be played at the higher seeded team of the two finalists.
6. The boys/girls postseason roster from schools playing may receive complementary admission to their school's girls/boys game provided they arrive as a team with their head or assistant coach. The pass gate list must be provided in advance to the host site. The pass gate must contain no more than 12 players. If no pass list is provided or only a few boys/girls on the postseason roster arrive to watch their school's other gender without the head or assistant coach, they must pay admission. Note: Only the postseason roster is eligible for complementary admission.
7. Once the tournament is seeded, the bracket will be placed on the KSHSAA website.
8. Officials will be assigned by the KSHSAA after seeding is completed.
9. All schools continue to update the Girls and Boys Basketball schedules and score reporting forms throughout sub-state to help in seeding the state tournament.

***\*For all games, the only way an earlier game time will be considered is for weather or emergency.***

## Tuesday, March 3

GIRLS games at higher seeded team beginning at 6 p.m.

Tournament A	Tournament B	Tournament C	Tournament D
#16 @ #1	#15 @ #2	#14 @ #3	#13 @ #4
#9 @ #8	#10 @ #7	#11 @ #6	#12 @ #5

## Wednesday, March 4

BOYS games at higher seeded team beginning at 6 p.m.

Tournament A	Tournament B	Tournament C	Tournament D
#16 @ #1	#15 @ #2	#14 @ #3	#13 @ #4
#9 @ #8	#10 @ #7	#11 @ #6	#12 @ #5

## Final Games

Final games will be at the higher seeded team of the two finalists. If a lower seed defeats the #1, #2, #3, #4 seeded team, that school is responsible to get the and plaque to the highest seeded host school of that tournament.

**Final GIRLS games** will be played on Friday, March 6, at the higher seeded team with a game time of 6 p.m. unless a change is approved by the KSHSAA.

**Final BOYS games** will be played on Saturday, March 7, at the higher seeded team with a game time of 5 p.m. unless a change is approved by the KSHSAA.

# REPORTING RESULTS FOR SUB-STATE

## Reporting Results

Region seeding tournament managers must verify **updated overall record** with winning team. Be sure to include games played in your tournament and any byes in postseason tournaments in final records. Report the winner of the sub-state championship game, score of the game and **winner's updated final record** by calling the KSHSAA or emailing [kdoperalski@kshsaa.org](mailto:kdoperalski@kshsaa.org) immediately after each sub-state championship game.

## Officials Payment Information

1. The KSHSAA is paying all postseason basketball officials via ArbiterPay.
2. If a forfeiture is involved, the responsible school shall pay the officials.

## Distribution of Sub-State Receipts

After sales tax, sub-state gate receipts will be distributed as follows:

1. Sub-state first and second round host sites will receive 33% of net receipts (gate receipts minus sales tax) plus all concessions and program sales.
2. Sub-state final sites will receive 33% of net receipts (gate receipts minus sales tax) plus all concessions and program sales.
3. The balance shall be sent to the KSHSAA and will be used as follows:
  - a. Plaques, trophies and medals
  - b. Underwrite losses of other tournament sites
  - c. To operate non self-supporting activities
  - d. Contribute to the overall operating costs of the Association

## Tournament Manager Reports

Information about completing the KSHSAA financial forms can be found by logging in as a school administrator. Hover over the Administrator tab and click the Financial FAQ tab.

Regular Financial Report

Ticket Sales Report

## Tournament Schedules

The 2026 state tournament format is different than it has been in decades with the goal of enhancing the atmosphere/experience for everyone involved in all arounds of the tournament. In October 2023, at the regional administrator meetings, each class supported the concept of combining classes at the state basketball tournament. The hosts also supported this idea. The majority of the hosts didn't feel they could adequately and appropriately host eight games for four days in a row by hosting quarterfinals for both genders of multiple classes. The format below developed from there.

The quarterfinal round will be played at United Wireless Arena in Dodge City, Tony's Pizza Events Center in Salina, Mabee Center at Kansas Wesleyan University, Koch Arena at Wichita State University, Garvey Center at Friends University, White Auditorium in Emporia and the Kansas City Kansas Community College Fieldhouse. The 28 quarterfinal games on Tuesday, March 10 and the 28 quarterfinal games on Wednesday, March 11 will be assigned by the KSHSAA office based on proximity to the higher seed. If the distance between the lower seed and the appropriate site is greater than 250 miles the game will be played at a centrally located site. There will be no more than five games played in a day at any quarterfinal site.

*Example: Shawnee Mission North is the higher seed playing Wichita East and the game is scheduled to be played at KCKCC. The distance between Wichita and KCKCC is not greater than 250 miles, so the game can be played at KCKCC. Shawnee Mission North is the higher seed playing Liberal. The distance between Liberal and KCKCC is greater than 250 miles so that game will be scheduled at a central location.*

It is possible the distance from the lower seed to the selected site is less than the distance from the higher seed to the selected site.

*Example: Lawrence High is the higher seed playing KC-Wyandotte and the game is scheduled to play at KCKCC.*

State tournament pairings for the sub-state winners of Friday, March 6 will be posted to kshsaa.org in the morning of Saturday, March 7. Game information such as time and location will be posted later on Saturday. State tournament pairings for the sub-state winners of Saturday, March 7 will be posted in the morning of Sunday, March 8. Game information such as time and location will be posted later on Sunday. In both cases there will be a few hours with the pairings without the other game information. This is to ensure all of the information for all 28 state quarterfinal games on both days are correct prior to posting. There may be some questions in that time frame of when and where the quarterfinal games will be played. During this time, the KSHSAA staff is verifying all information for all quarterfinal games prior to posting.

Due to the variances in records of state qualifying teams and since their geographic locations are not known ahead of time, no automatic formula is used in setting game times. Another factor in determining game times is looking to see how many schools qualified a boys team and a girls team. Furthermore, assigning officials is another factor. Seeding for the tournament will follow the same procedure used in the sub-state tournaments. The schedule shall be as follows unless otherwise announced by the KSHSAA: (Note: Classes playing girls and boys quarterfinals will be reversed each year.)

### Tuesday, March 10 - Quarterfinals

Boys Classes 1A DII, 1A DI, 3A, 5A & Girls Classes 2A, 4A, 6A

### Wednesday, March 11 - Quarterfinals

Girls Classes 1A DII, 1A DI, 3A, 5A & Boys Classes 2A, 4A, 6A

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### Thursday, March 12 - Semifinals

	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
Wichita-Koch Arena	6A Girls	6A Girls	5A Boys	5A Boys
Hutchinson Sports Arena	4A Girls	4A Girls	3A Boys	3A Boys
Emporia-White Auditorium	2A Girls	2A Girls	1ADII Boys	1ADII Boys
Dodge City-United Wireless Arena			1ADI Boys	1ADI Boys

### Friday, March 13, 2026 - Consolation Games and Semifinals

	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Wichita-Koch Arena	6A Girls (3rd)	5A Boys (3rd)	5A Girls	5A Girls	6A Boys	6A Boys
Hutchinson Sports Arena	4A Girls (3rd)	3A Boys (3rd)	3A Girls	3A Girls	4A Boys	4A Boys
Emporia-White Auditorium	2A Girls (3rd)	1ADII Boys (3rd)	1ADII Girls	1ADII Girls	2A Boys	2A Boys
Dodge City-United Wireless Arena				1ADI Boys (3rd)	1ADI Girls	1ADI Girls

### Saturday, March 14, 2026 - Consolation Games and Finals

	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Wichita-Koch Arena	5A Girls (3rd)	6A Boys (3rd)	6A Girls	5A Boys	5A Girls	6A Boys
Hutchinson Sports Arena	3A Girls (3rd)	4A Boys (3rd)	4A Girls	3A Boys	3A Girls	4A Boys
Emporia-White Auditorium	1ADII Girls (3rd)	2A Boys (3rd)	2A Girls	1ADII Boys	1ADII Girls	2A Boys
Dodge City-United Wireless Arena				1ADI Girls (3rd)	1ADI Boys	1ADI Girls

The state championship game times are based on a girls-boys-girls-boys pattern, with the Thursday semifinal winners playing before the Friday semifinal winners.

## Semifinal and Final Sites and Managers

**Class 1A DI** - Dodge City-United Wireless Arena;

4100 W Comanche St.; Dodge City 67801

Justin Briggs and Shawn Steiner Managers; Phone: 620-471-2811; [briggs.justin@usd443.org](mailto:briggs.justin@usd443.org); [steiner.shawn@usd443.org](mailto:steiner.shawn@usd443.org)

**Classes 2A and 1A DII** - Emporia-White Auditorium;

313 W 4th; Emporia, KS 66801

Amanda Gutierrez, Manager, Phone: 620-340-6300, [agutierrez@emporiarec.org](mailto:agutierrez@emporiarec.org)

**Classes 4A and 3A** - Hutchinson Community College-Sports Arena;

1300 N Plum; Hutchinson, KS 67501

Josh Gooch, Manager; Phone: 620-728-8105; [goochj@hutchcc.edu](mailto:goochj@hutchcc.edu)

**Classes 6A and 5A** - Wichita State University-Koch Arena;

1845 Fairmount; Wichita, KS 67214

Chris Asmussen, Manager; Phone: 316-973-4476; [casmussen@usd259.com](mailto:casmussen@usd259.com)

## Artificial Noisemakers/Flags/Tunnels

Artificial noisemakers (including megaphones, cow bells, thunder-sticks, air horns, sirens, beating of drums etc.) are not permitted while the game is in progress. They may be used during charged timeouts or intermissions only. By KSHSAA Executive Board policy, use of fireworks, cannons, air concussion cannons, hand held explosives and other devices are not permitted at KSHSAA postseason events. Parading of flags is not permitted. Flags attached to a pole may not be waved in the crowd.

Fans are not permitted to make tunnels onto the court, or be lined up outside of the court during introductions.

## Bands, Cheerleaders and Faculty Supervisor

Bona fide varsity cheerleaders (maximum of 10) and one faculty supervisor will be admitted to only those sessions in which their team plays. Cheerleaders must be in uniform and appear at the contest entrance with a faculty representative. The principal of participating schools shall submit cheerleading and sponsor names on the state tournament squad list and pass gate information online. Names of the cheerleaders and their faculty supervisor must be listed on this form if they are to be admitted free.

See more in Section 06.

## Halftime Entertainment

When dance/spirit squads are used for halftime entertainment, they shall be admitted free. If bands or other groups are used for accompaniment, no more than 50 members of such an accompanying group can be admitted without charge. Dance/spirit squads will be allowed to perform only at the halftime of the last game played on each of the four nights of the state tournament.

A maximum of two dance/spirit squads will be allowed to perform at the halftime of the last game; this may necessitate extending the halftime. Performance time limit per team is five minutes, which includes getting on and off the court. The tournament manager will advise both participating schools of such schedule change. Communications from the high school principal or athletic director requesting a performance shall be sent on or after January 1 preceding the state tournament. Direct requests to Megan Hagaman, [mhagaman@kshsaa.org](mailto:mhagaman@kshsaa.org).

Emails will be accepted until noon on Friday preceding the state basketball tournament week; however, dance/spirit squads will be considered, regardless of their school having qualified a team for the state tournament.

Any one dance/spirit squad shall be limited to "one appearance" at the state tournament. *(This procedure will allow proper notification to all concerned, including the tournament manager, after performing schools have been identified.)*

## National Anthem

School performances of the National Anthem are welcomed at the KSHSAA State Basketball Tournaments. On or after January 1 preceding the tournament, the high school principal should send an email requesting the opportunity to perform. Vocal ensembles should be music festival ready and will be considered and assigned, regardless of their school's team qualifying for the tournament. Letters of request will be accepted until noon on Friday preceding state basketball tournament week. Direct requests to Megan Hagaman, [mhagaman@kshsaa.org](mailto:mhagaman@kshsaa.org). Only bands of participating teams will be permitted to play if requested by tournament management.

The National Anthem will be performed before the first game at each site on each of the first four (4) days. Performance times not assigned by the KSHSAA will be scheduled by tournament management during the state basketball tournament week. On Saturday, the performances will be at the first 3rd place game, and prior to the first championship game.

# Introductions

## Quarterfinal Games

At each first-round game at the state tournament all players (players and starters) and coaches are introduced. Teams are to line up on the free throw line facing center court. The head coach is nearest the bench followed by starters, non-starters, team managers and assistant coaches (furthest from team bench). Non-starters, team managers, assistant coaches will step forward when their name is called. Starters will be introduced in alternating fashion and proceed to the center circle to shake hands with the opponent. When head coaches are introduced they will shake hands in front of the score table. A form will be emailed to administrators of schools winning their sub-state tournament on which they are to list those to be introduced. This form is to be given to the tournament manager on-site or the PA Announcer.

## Semifinal Games/Third Place

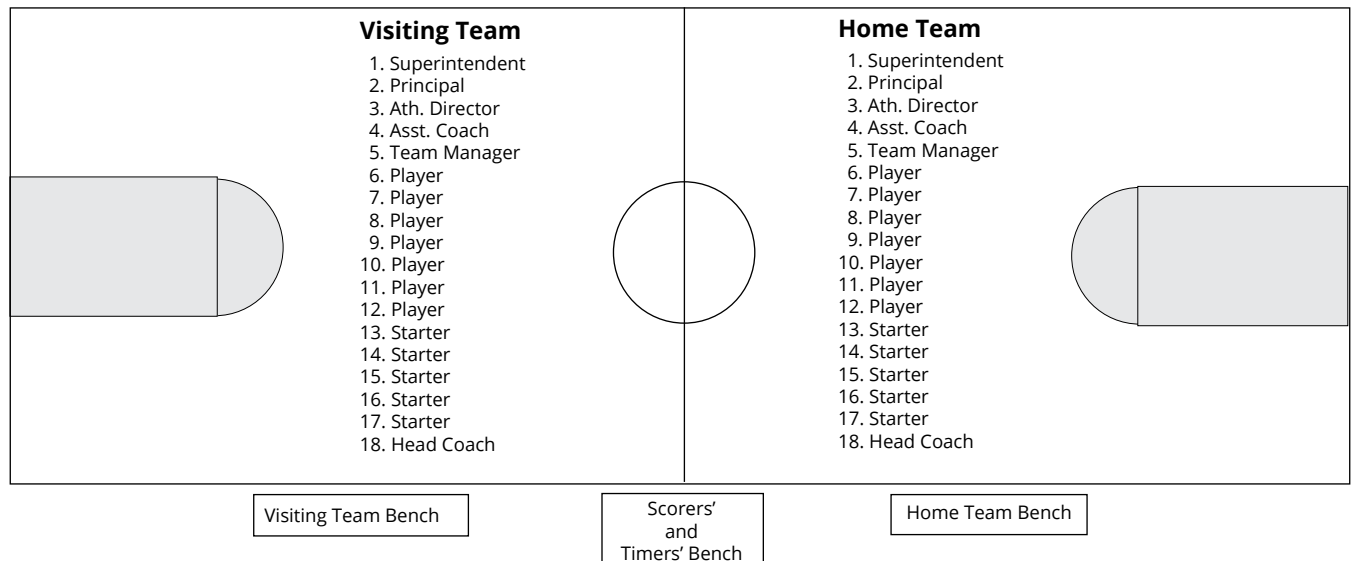
The starting line-up and head coaches will be introduced for semifinal games and third-place games.

## State Championship Game

Prior to the state championship game in each class, the visiting and home teams shall line up on their respective free throw line extended facing the center of the floor in the following order: superintendent, principal, athletic director, assistant coaches, team managers, non-starters, starters and head coach. Once teams are lined up the National Anthem is to be played, if it is the first state championship game of the day.

Each participating school will be provided a separate form by the tournament manager on which they are to provide the requested information.

The visiting school representatives, other than the starters and head coach, shall be introduced first by having each individual step one stride forward and remain there, followed by the same procedure on behalf of the home team. The starters are then alternately introduced, moving to the center circle and shaking hands. Players wishing to shake hands with the opposing coach or officials must do so after shaking hands with the opponent. Players will then return to their position along the free throw line with the rest of the team. Following the introduction of the five starting players, the head coaches will be introduced and shake hands at mid-court and then return to their benches.



**NOTE: Both teams are expected to be on the floor. An awards ceremony for officials may occur at some/all sites.**

## Media Passes

Media members will be administered media credentials for state events in August of the current school year. The credential will be good for admittance to all state events so long as the media member submits attendance in the "SITE NOTIFICATION" tab to a specific state location by the deadline provided on each media member's login page at [kshsaa.org](http://kshsaa.org) > *media* > *login*>*site notification*. Each media member must adhere to policies and regulations stated on the back of each credential or credential will be revoked. KSHSAA media credentials are for postseason state events only. Schools may accept them during the regular season should they choose to do so. Contact Jeremy Holaday in the KSHSAA office with any questions.

## School Media Passes

Media passes issued annually to schools may only be used by students and/or teachers. The intent is to promote student journalism/photography education and training and provide involvement opportunities for students.

For KSHSAA postseason contests, students/teachers must be included on their school's KSHSAA pass gate list as school media and possess a KSHSAA school media pass for free admittance.

## Officials Recognition Program

At each state basketball tournament, just prior to the introduction of teams and coaches of the last championship game, a special ceremony will be held recognizing officials who have been registered with the KSHSAA for 20, 30, 40 or 50 years.

Once teams, coaches, administrators and managers are in position, the officials being recognized will be led to the mid-court area. A brief introduction will precede the awarding of plaques by a KSHSAA staff member.

Both teams' players, coaches and administrators will be expected to be on their respective free throw lines during this award presentation.

After all plaques have been presented, the public address announcer will begin with the introductions of the visiting team administrators and proceed through all introductions.

## Officials

State tournament officials will be assigned and paid by the KSHSAA. Game fee is \$110 per game. Mileage is paid at 46 cent per mile. Officials are provided a \$25 a day per diem.

Tournament managers are to assign adult chaperons to act as hosts for the officials. These people shall escort the officials to the court, back and forth at halftime, to the dressing room after the contest, and to their cars when leaving the facility.

## Pass Gate

Any basketball coach listed in the KSHSAA directory who has met all KSHSAA coaching requirements will be included on the state tournament pass gate list if their team qualified. If a coach is not listed on the state tournament pass gate list, they will pay admission.

## Practice at State Sites

Teams may not practice at the site of their state tournament games unless every team has the option, it is organized by the host site and approved by the KSHSAA.

## Programs

The KSHSAA will provide all programs for state tournaments. Each official will receive one complimentary program. Each team will receive two complimentary programs. Program price is \$4.00.

## Presentation of State Awards

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place teams. Individual medals will be presented to the 12 players and the head coach of first, second, third and fourth place teams. If a team needs to order additional medals, a school administrator may place an order by contacting the KSHSAA at [kshsaa@kshsaa.org](mailto:kshsaa@kshsaa.org). Please indicate the number of medals needed and the KSHSAA will send an authorization letter so additional medals can be purchased. Awards for the third and fourth place teams will be presented immediately following each consolation contest, and the awards for first and second will be made following each championship contest.

Immediately following each contest, the floor will be cleared and the teams will assemble in front of their respective benches. A community tournament committee representative or a person designated by the manager will make the presentations at center court. In some situations, when a KSHSAA Executive Board member is present, the manager may have them involved in the awards ceremony. Each team's cheerleaders will assist the presenter while their team is receiving its awards.

The announcer will read each team member's name, the player will then come to the middle of the floor, receive their medal, and go to the free throw line in front of their bench. After the head coach's name is called to receive the medal, the appropriate trophy will be presented.

The lower place team will receive their awards first each time, and the teams will remain at the free throw line until all awards have been presented to both teams.

## Public Address Announcer

Be familiar with the format to be used for introduction of teams and awards presentations.

Remind spectators to stay off playing floor prior to and after each contest. Ask each school's administration to assist.

Announcements (**written or impromptu**) are to be made in a positive, not negative or disrespectful manner.

Make announcements regarding citizenship/sportsmanship (*see the following examples*):

- Interscholastic activities are an integral part of a student's education. There is no place in an educational environment for poor sportsmanship.
- Interscholastic basketball teaches citizenship and sportsmanship. Please do your part by being a good sport.
- We ask all fans to display positive reinforcement for your team. Sportsmanship is practicing the Golden Rule.
- Good citizenship and good sportsmanship are contagious. Let's start an epidemic.
- The KSHSAA or \_\_\_\_\_ High School wishes to remind you that the ideal of sportsmanship is to be practiced and adhered to throughout the contest.
- The KSHSAA or \_\_\_\_\_ High School appreciates your support of interscholastic activities and its principal objective. You are reminded this is an educational event and the practice of good sportsmanship is encouraged by all.
- We would ask all in attendance to practice good sportsmanship and citizenship throughout the tournament. Support your team in a positive manner, don't be negative.
- Please keep in mind winning is for a day—sportsmanship/citizenship is for a lifetime.
- High school activities are an extension of the classroom and there is no place in the educational environment for poor sportsmanship. Accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. We are all here for the same purpose—to win a state championship. Only one team will win but we can all be winners by practicing good sportsmanship and citizenship. Sportsmanship/citizenship is nothing more than treating others as we like to be treated. Be the best you can be, whether a player, coach or fan. Be a good sport!
- Good sportsmanship/citizenship is conduct which imposes self-control involving honest rivalry, courteous relations and gracious acceptance of the results. Be a good sport!
- Sportsmanship is good citizenship in action! "You" make the difference. Continued efforts toward the development and improvement of good sportsmanship are necessary. The Kansas State High School Activities Association encourages you to make sportsmanship a primary concern and to maintain the educational perspective of interscholastic activities. Remember — Sportsmanship is winning, even if you lose the game.
- Your ticket to this basketball tournament is a privilege, a privilege to watch youngsters learn on the playing court. A lesson taught to players is one spectators can follow as well — Good Sportsmanship! Unruly behavior is unacceptable in the classroom, and athletics are a classroom. Remember, sportsmanship provides the human touch. The Kansas State High School Activities Association encourages you to make sportsmanship the primary concern.

- Role models are more important than ever in today's society. You can serve as a role model for others the next time by displaying good sportsmanship at this tournament. It's the kind of positive values portrayed by good sportsmanship that everyone appreciates. Good sports are winners! The Kansas State High School Activities Association encourages you to make sportsmanship a primary concern.
- High school activities are only a part of education, but they are an essential part in developing our future leaders. Considering that activities use only one percent of a school budget, they are the best bargain in education.
- Ethics, integrity and respect are values important in our daily lives. All of these important values are learned by participation in interscholastic activity programs. Citizenship/Sportsmanship is one of the strongest educational lessons and lifetime values taught by interscholastic activities. It makes sense to exhibit good citizenship.

## Team Warm-Up

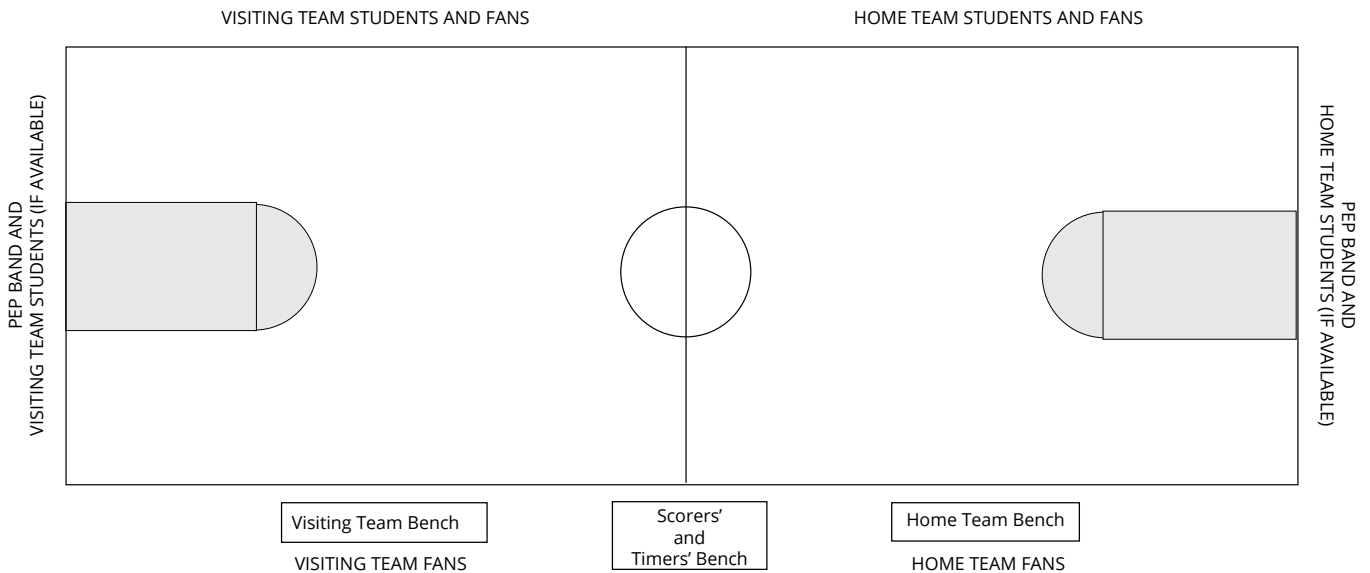
Basketballs are permitted on the court 40 minutes before the first game of each day. Teams may be on the court stretching and running but no balls are permitted until 40 minutes before tip off of the first game each day. There will be a minimum of 20 minutes of warm-up between games. Games will not start before the scheduled starting time. Teams may shoot at halftime of the previous game. Players are not to grasp the basket or dunk the basketball during warm-up. It is the responsibility of the coach and school administration to ensure this does not occur. If observed by officials, a technical foul(s) will be assessed.

Teams entering the gym to warm up shall not run through the opposing team or under the basket where opponents are warming up. Teams shall enter and run the court on their half of the court only. During the pregame or halftime warm-up period if one team leaves the floor the other team may not use the whole court. Teams warm up on their half of the court only.

## Tickets and Admissions

See Section 07 for all information pertaining to ticket prices, complimentary tickets and distribution procedures.

## Fan Seating At State Tournament Sites



# POSTSEASON BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CHECKLIST

## *for the Region Seeding Manager (4A-6A) & Pre-Determined Site Host (1A-3A)*

- Pre-determined site host (1A-3A) and seeding manager (4A-6A) check arrival of and inspect plaques - these are shipped to predetermined site in 1A-3A. Ensure they arrive.
- Pre-determined site host (1A-3A) and seeding manager (4A-6A) check arrival of, inspect, and arrange for break-in of game balls. Have an extra game ball available.
- Tournament Pairings and Seeding Manager Procedure and Responsibilities
  - Make sub-state pairings. The girls and boys schedules and score reporting forms are to be completed online and reported to managers
  - Notify schools when brackets are posted
  - Submit bracket online per directions provided

If all games in region are complete and seeding can be finalized, please submit as early as possible when complete
- Pre-determined site host arrange for personnel to assist in administering the tournament
  - Appoint a scorer, timer, PA announcer and shot clock operator (4A-6A only)
    - Provide instructions for scorer and timer
    - Provide one scorebook
    - Provide black and white striped garment for official scorer
    - Ensure clock, bonus signal and alternating possession device are operating properly
    - Ensure all floor markings are correct and clearly observable
  - Assign ticket sellers, ticket takers, crowd supervisors
  - Assign a host or hostess to the officials and to each team, with assistance of administration of where games will be played
  - Arrange for playing of the National Anthem
  - Assign security personnel to each end of the court after finals to prevent players or fans from cutting nets
- Information to participating schools (including bad weather contact information)
  - Obtain home/cell phone numbers for principals, athletic directors and head coaches
  - Provisions for reserved parking for team and student section buses
  - Notify each school of the policy regarding team admittance and pass gate modifications
  - Pass gate procedure for cheerleaders, cheerleader sponsor, adult student supervisors, principal, AD, superintendents
  - Basket and bench assignments (per manual policy)
  - Jersey colors (remind that it's possible to need both white and dark) - top team on bracket wears white
  - Team warm-up procedure, practice balls, towels, care of valuables, leaving of equipment
  - Fan seating and student section areas
    - Assign locations. Crisscross or assign to opposite sides of the court

- Do not locate any student sections behind an opponent's bench
- Post signs to reserve areas for participating schools' followers
- Cheerleader location during games including a reminder to remain off floor during play
- Officials—assigned by game by the KSHSAA
  - Notify officials regarding starting times. Advise them about reserved parking
  - Provide private and secured dressing facilities
  - Arrange for security and/or adult supervisors to meet and accompany officials
- Reporting Results
  - Report girls and boys sub-state results to KSHSAA immediately following each final game (See Section 09 for details)
  - Post score to bracket on KSHSAA site
  - Email [kdoperski@kshsaa.org](mailto:kdoperski@kshsaa.org) with the final score after you have published the final score on KSHSAA's website
- Accounting—Submit, within five (5) working days, the following to the KSHSAA, via the KSHSAA website
  - Financial Report
  - Ticket Sales Report
  - Each site hosting a game will have a report to fill out and submit through the KSHSAA website. Make sure all sites, all rounds complete this form within 5 days and send the check shortly after.





