



# SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS



# POSTSEASON INSTRUCTIONS





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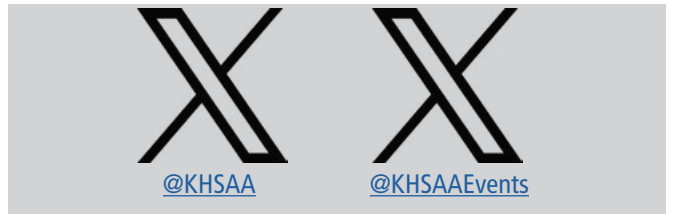
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## ARCHERY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

A separate section of these instructions is common to all postseason championships, which be view by clicking [here](#).

This is critical information that is compiled so as to eliminate redundancy.

In an attempt to help hosts, participants and fans, the Association has created these instructions to inform and guide all in this process.

Sport and sport-activity specific instructions for district and region tournaments will be listed first.

The KHSAA wishes all a great postseason.

## KHSAA CONTACT LIST

The primary contact for archery is Assistant Commissioner Abby Jackson ([ajackson@khsaa.org](mailto:ajackson@khsaa.org)).

If Ms. Jackson is not available, Associate Commissioner Darren Bilberry ([dbilberry@khsaa.org](mailto:dbilberry@khsaa.org)) is the backup contact.

## REFERENCE TO TEAM ALIGNMENT

Teams are aligned into 11 regions.

The current alignment is available on the archery page of the KHSAA [website](#) and included as a link at the end of this section of these instructions.

Only schools on the list of aligned teams are eligible to enter a postseason tournament.

If a team that isn't listed in the alignment desires to enter, contact the KHSAA office prior to accepting the entry.

## ALLOWABLE COMPETITION DATES

The regional archery championship dates are March 9 - April 11.

If you have not already been contacted by the host school, please see the list of Region Managers on the KHSAA [website](#) and linked at the end of this section of these instructions.

The dates and location of your region tournament can be found on the site as well under Regional Managers Listing.

## ENTRY, LANE ASSIGNMENTS

### TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION, ROSTERS AND ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

There is no minimum number of contests needed to be eligible to compete in the postseason.

Registration for both the regional and, if advancing, state championships takes place online at the Online Tournament Registration link, Arrowscores, listed at the end of this section of these instructions.

The team entry shall be entered into the Online Tournament Registration system a minimum of four (4) days before the tournament.

Coaches must ensure through the Athletic Director that the postseason roster is current on the KHSAA 360/ArbiterSports page and should include ALL archers that could potentially participate on their KHSAA Regional and/or State teams.

An athlete must be listed on the KHSAA 360 roster in the event of a permitted substitution on a team as detailed in these instructions.

Teams in the region girls' team tournament:

- Are limited to seven (7) to 12 female (as defined in KRS 156.070 (2)(g)(2)) archers only.

Teams in the region boys'/coed team tournament:

- May include seven (7) to 12 archers who may be male or female.
- Any female entered in the boys'/coed team tournament may not also be entered in the girls' tournament, and shall compete in the boys'/coed event for the remainder of the postseason.

A school entering a team may not enter additional competitors as individuals in the same tournament.

The girls' region individual tournament:



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- Is limited to female (as defined in KRS 156.070 (2)(g)(2)) archers only with no more than six (6) archers from a school.

The boys'/coed region individual tournament:

- May include up to six (6) male competitors from a school, or may include a combination of up to six (6) males and females from the same school.
- Any female entered in the boys'/coed individual tournament may not also be entered in the girls' tournament, and if entered in the boys'/coed division for regionals, shall compete in the boys'/coed event for the remainder of the postseason.

### **FLIGHT AND RANGE ASSIGNMENTS**

Range assignments shall be random, made ahead of time and given out to the coaches before arriving at the regional tournament.

The range assignments shall be final and shall be sent to all schools before the date of the competition and guides teams and fans to know where to go when they arrive at the site.

### **FORMAT OF EVENT**

The KHSAA will sponsor boys'/coed and girls' competition for both teams and individuals.

The team score for the regional tournament shall be the best seven (7) scores from those entered.

Each team entered in the team tournament will shoot one (1) flight (three 10-meter scoring ends and three 15-meter scoring ends).

The top seven (7) scores will be combined to determine the team score.

The winning and runner-up team at each regional competition shall advance to the state competition.

In addition, the top three (3) scorers in both the boys'/coed and girls' divisions that are not advancing with a team, shall advance to the state competition as individuals.

### **SCORING PROTOCOL**

The KHSAA utilizes the NASP scoring protocol.

It is important to teach and practice this process with your archers so they can complete it quickly and accurately, and to make sure that scoring is consistent for all competitions.

A link to the complete scoring protocol is provided at the end of this section of these instructions.

### **TEAM COMPETITION TIEBREAKER FOR ADVANCING**

Tiebreaking shall begin by counting the number of 10s, 9s, 8s, etc., for the top seven (7) archers of each tied team.

The team that has more 10s will be the winner.

If a tie persists, compare the number of 9s, and so on, through the 1s.

If a tie still persists, it shall remain and all tied teams in an advancing position shall qualify for the state competition.

### **INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION TIEBREAKER FOR ADVANCING**

Tiebreaking shall begin by counting the number of 10s, 9s, 8s, etc.

The archer who has more 10s will be the winner.

If a tie persists, compare the number of 9s, and so on, through the 1s.

If a tie still persists, it shall remain and all tied archers in an advancing position shall qualify to the state competition.

### **TIEBREAKING PROTOCOL FOR STANDINGS**

In all sports and sport-activities where tabulated scores are used for placement, once the standings are determined, ties are only broken for first place, and then only if it's specific within the basic rules of competition.

In the event of an unbroken tie, all tied competing teams will receive the same place (including the need for ordering duplicate awards) and the next team/individual will receive the position that would be ranked next after all of the ties.

For example, a team finishing 1st, and three teams tied for 2nd would show in the standings as follows:



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- 1st place, three in 2nd place and the next team in the standings would be in 5th place.

### POINTS OF EMPHASIS

#### WARM-UP TIME

Arrival and warm-up times will be designated by the Region Manager.

#### PROCEDURE FOR GETTING OFFICIALS

It is the discretion of the Region Manager, in consultation with the participating schools, as to the use of an official for the regional tournament.

This person could likely be a NASP liaison who will assist the host school manager with the competition/scoring aspects of the tournament.

If you would like assistance in acquiring an official, please contact Lisa Johnson ([lisa.johnson@ky.gov](mailto:lisa.johnson@ky.gov)).

### POST EVENT

#### REPORTING RESULTS

It is the Region Manager's responsibility to post the standings and results throughout the tournament.

Please refer to the Electronic Procedures for Managers section of these instructions for details on reporting results.

Keep in mind that this information is time sensitive and the information is needed for the state tournament preparations.

#### AWARDS PRESENTATION PROTOCOL

All awards presentations shall be setup to ensure that the individuals are separated by school and the awards are delivered to the school representatives by the presenter.

#### TROPHIES

The KHSAA Board of Control has contracted with Rihards.com of Smiths Grove, Ky., to supply the official KHSAA trophies/awards for the 2025-26 championships.

Your region package, will be was shipped directly to your school from Rihards.com, and should consisted of the following:

- Two (2) region team champion trophies (one (1) per gender)
- Two (2) region team runner-up trophies (one (1) per gender)
- Two (2) champion medals (one (1) per gender)
- Two (2) runner-up medals (one (1) per gender)
- Two (2) each of third and fourth place medals (one (1) per gender for both)

The cost of the trophies is to be paid by the Region Manager on behalf of the tournament.

An invoice will be included with the shipment.

The estimated region cost is \$364.26, not including shipping.

It is a local, region decision regarding any trophies or awards given in addition to those contracted by the KHSAA.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAMS ADVANCING TO STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The winning and runner-up teams at each regional competition advance to the state competition.

Additionally, the top three (3) scorers in both the boys'/coed and girls' divisions, not advancing with a team, shall advance to the state competition as individuals in their respective divisions if such an event is able to be held.

Region results and state qualifiers will be released as soon as all region results are verified through the KHSAA office.

The state championship is scheduled to for April 21 at Central Bank Center in Lexington.

Qualifying teams for the state championships will be able to download instructions to ensure you know the rules and regulations



of the state tournament prior to the event.

### IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Archery Website](#)
- [Current Alignment](#)
- [Registration for Land-Based Tournament](#)
- [Posting a KHSAA Tournament](#)
- [KHSAA School Guide](#)
- [Region Managers Listing](#)
- [Regional Tournament Hosting Criteria](#)



## ELECTRONIC DATA INSTRUCTIONS FOR MANAGERS

### SETTING UP THE ONLINE LISTING

You will need to set up two (2) regional tournaments for your region on arrowscores.com.

- 2026 KHSAA Region ## Boys'/Coed Tournament
- 2026 KHSAA Region ## Girls' Tournament

The events must be listed as local events.

You must limit registration to one (1) team per division.

Team size should be restricted to 7-12 archers.

You can only list a high school division (no elementary, middle or individual).

You will need to determine your flight schedule since you will be conducting two (2) events at the same time.

The recommendation would be to alternate flight times (girls' flight then boys'/coed flight) or to conduct all flights for one (1) gender than conduct all flights for the other.

### MANAGING REGISTRATION

You will need to monitor registration for each event.

- Registration for the girls' tournament is limited to female archers.
- Registration for the boys'/coed tournament is limited to male archers.
- Female archers may be added to the boys'/coed team, but will be scored in the boys'/coed division for all individual awards and advancement.
- As a sanctioned KHSAA event, 7th and 8th graders are eligible to compete in the Regional Tournament.

### TOURNAMENT DAY MANAGEMENT

Be aware that you have two (2) events going at the same time.

If possible, run each tournament on a separate computer.

If that is not possible, make sure the events are separated in different folders.

Substitutions on a qualifying team (but not individual) are allowed on site, but the archer must be listed on the school's KHSAA postseason roster detailed earlier in these instructions.

You can use the team standings by division to determine the winning teams for the events.

Since the girls can advance as individuals from the boys'/coed tournament, you will use "Indiv Standings Overall – All Genders" to determine individual winners from the boys'/coed event.

You can use the Individual Standings Overall from the girls' tournament to determine the girls' individual winners.



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## BASS FISHING REGIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

A separate section of these instructions is common to all postseason championships.

This is critical information that is compiled so as to eliminate redundancy.

Use the links in the table of contents or click [here](#) to navigate to the general information for all events.

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Sport and sport-activity specific instructions for district and region tournaments will be listed first.

The KHSAA wishes all a great postseason.

## KHSAA CONTACT LIST

The primary contact for bass fishing is Assistant Commissioner Joe Angolia ([jangolia@khsaa.org](mailto:jangolia@khsaa.org)).

If Mr. Angolia is not available, Associate Commissioner Darren Bilberry ([dbilberry@khsaa.org](mailto:dbilberry@khsaa.org)) is the backup contact.

## REFERENCE TO TEAM ALIGNMENT

Teams are aligned into four (4) regions.

The current alignment is available on the bass fishing page of the KHSAA website and included as a link at the end of this section of these instructions.

Only schools on the list of aligned teams are eligible to enter a postseason tournament.

If a team that isn't listed in the alignment desires to enter, contact the KHSAA office prior to accepting the entry.

## COMPETITION DATES, SITES AND CHECK-IN

### DATE AND SITE INFORMATION

The date for the four (4) regional bass fishing tournaments is April 25.

Tournament information for each regional site is available on the KHSAA website, and included as links at the end of this section of these instructions.

At this time, the sites are final, but are subject to change based on MLF continued review of sites and consultation with staff following recent weather situations.

### ON-SITE CHECK-IN

Team check-in will be April 24. Region 1 and Region 2 will be between 5:30-7 p.m., Region 3 will be 5-6:30 p.m. and Region 4 will be 5-6 p.m.

Anglers, coaches and captains must attend the check-in meeting.

### CURRENT SITES AND CHECK-IN LOCATIONS

Region 1 - Barkley and Kentucky Lakes, Kuttuwa Harbor Marina, 1709 Lake Barkley Drive, Kuttawa, KY, 42055

Region 2 - Lake Cumberland, Halcomb's Landing, East of Wolf Creek Dam on US 127, Jamestown, KY, 42629

Region 3 - Green River Lake, Green River Lake State Park, 179 Park Office Road, Campbellsville, KY 42718

Region 4 - Herrington Lake, Chimney Rock Marina, 250 Chimney Rock Rd., Harrodsburg, KY 40330

### TAKEOFF AND WEIGH-INS

Participating teams are reminded that takeoff for Regions 1 and 2 is scheduled for 6:30 a.m. and Regions 3 and 4 will takeoff at 7 a.m.

Coed competition will takeoff immediately following the female-only competition takeoff.

Weigh-ins for the female division is slotted for 2:30 p.m. that afternoon for Regions 1 and 2, and at 3 p.m. for Regions 3 and 4.

Weigh-ins for coed Regions 1 and 2 is 2:45 p.m. that afternoon and 3:15 p.m. for Regions 3 and 4.



## CONTEST COMPLETION REMINDER

All regions will be scheduled for at least five (5) hours of fishing and cannot exceed eight (8) hours on the water.

A regional tournament is considered complete if half of the scheduled competition time has been fished in the event of inclement weather or other stoppages.

## REGISTRATION AND ROSTERS

### TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration and regional tournament information are online at the links listed in the Important Links section of these instructions.

To register, you will select the "Regional" as the type of event, and then select the specific region.

When registering, select the "Division" to indicate whether this boat is female-only or coed. There will be a separate registration form for each division.

The link is the same for registering for each of the four regions.

Register using your HIGH SCHOOL NAME, regardless of whether or not your team goes by a different name at non-KHSAA events.

The registration deadline is 5 p.m. CT. on April 20.

Schools can enter up to six (6) boats in coed regional competition and up to four (4) in female-only regional competition.

- Each boat may have up to four (4) contestants from the online roster designated as members of that boat entry, of which only two (2) may be in the boat at one time.

No student may be on more than one (1) boat roster.

### SUBSTITUTIONS/LIMITATIONS

An angler may be substituted on a team for only the boat for which they have been designated.

- Individual entries (four (4) per boat) may be adjusted by the coach prior to the regional entry deadline.
- Substitutes for qualifying boats in the state competition cannot change from what was submitted prior to regional competition.

## FORMAT OF EVENT

### FEMALE DIVISION COMPETITION

- In order for a regional female-only division to occur, there has to be a minimum of one launched female-only division boat on the day of competition.
- For the female-only division a school may enter a maximum of four boats.
- These four shall not count against the limit of six in the coed division.
- All athletes assigned to boats in the female division, including substitutes, must be female as defined in KRS 156.070(2)(g).
- All boats entered in the female-only division are not eligible for the coed division.
- Entries in the coed division can be all male, all female, or a combination of both genders, including all substitutions.
- Substitutes cannot be assigned to boats in both divisions.

### SCORING AND TIES

Each boat is limited to bringing in its best five (5) fish, whose one-day total weight will determine the team tournament results.

Ties at regionals will be broken:

- First, total number of live bass.
- Second, total number of bass.



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- If a tie remains, the big bass will be used to break the tie.
- If the tie still remains, a blind draw will be utilized to determine the final standings.

Individual weight will be recorded for the top fish designated by each boat.

### POINTS OF EMPHASIS

Each participating team will receive a blue ribbon to be placed on their trolling motor as evidence of participation in the tournament.

All participants must wear a coast guard approved life jacket the entire time they are on the water.

Protective eye wear is mandated for all participants in the boat, including the captain.

The speed limit shall be 45 miles per hour.

The minimum length limit for bass is 12 inches unless the state or lake limit is more than 12 inches, in which case the state limit prevails.

Bass presented for weigh-in that fail to measure the minimum length will be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound for each short bass presented.

### PROCEDURE FOR GETTING OFFICIALS

The tournament official will be assigned by Major League Fishing and shall be introduced at the coaches' meeting and will settle any disputes about bass fishing rules and weigh-in procedures.

### POST EVENT

#### REPORTING RESULTS

It is the Tournament Manager's responsibility to report the results immediately upon conclusion of the event for all divisions - coed and female-only. Links for each will be available.

Forms should be filled out electronically as soon as possible following the event and returned via email so the results may easily be posted to the KHSAA website.

Forms filled out by hand will not be accepted.

For the sake of weigh-ins/results, each boat represents a team and not the cumulative weight of all the boats representing the same school.

Results should be posted using the school name versus any club names that may be used by teams during non-KHSAA events.

Managers, please ensure alternate anglers are listed on boats.

Email the results to [bf@khsaa.org](mailto:bf@khsaa.org).

#### TROPHIES

The KHSAA Board of Control has contracted with Rihards.com of Smiths Grove, Ky., to supply the official KHSAA trophies/awards for the 2025-26 tournaments.

You will receive email notification on the shipping, please select the button within that email to confirm receipt.

Upon arrival, open trophy boxes immediately and inspect them. Report any breakage or missing items directly to Rihards at 1-800-274-4373 or email at [khsaa@riherds.com](mailto:khsaa@riherds.com).

It is a local region decision regarding any trophies or awards given in addition to those contracted by the KHSAA.

The cost of the trophies is to be paid for by the Region Manager on behalf of the tournament. An invoice will be included with the trophies.

- The estimated region cost is \$391.96, not including shipping.

Your region package, shipped directly to your school from Rihards.com, should consist of the following:

- Two region champion trophy (per division)
- Two region runner-up trophy (per division)



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- Eight region champion medals (per division)
- Eight region runner-up medals (per division)
- Two largest bass medal (per division)

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEAMS ADVANCING

Region coed division will continue to advance a minimum of 16 boats to the state championship.

The number of qualifying boats from each coed division region is based on a minimum of 16 boats from each region with the remaining 26 boats qualifying based on the ratio of boats entering the water at the regional competition to the number of total boats in all of the regions.

For the female-only division, the number of qualifying boats that advance to the KHSAA State Championship is based on a ratio of female-only boats entering the water at the regional championship to the number of total female-only boats in all the regions.

In order to advance in either division, a boat must catch a minimum of one legal fish.

Once regional entries are complete on the morning of the regional, staff will advise the managers of the number of advancing boats per region so that all competitors are fully aware at the close of the competition.

It may become necessary due to expansion within regions, to revise this advancement formula, including minimums per region, in the future.

### FINANCES

#### TOURNAMENT COSTS

Finances and expenses are handled by the host school within policies adopted by the member schools. As you plan for your event, be mindful of the cost of officials, trophies and medals.

The participating schools shall adopt a plan for distribution of proceeds.

If there is a dispute, contact the Commissioner's office.

### IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS

- [KHSAA Bass Fishing Website](#)
- [Current Alignment of Teams](#)
- [GE56 Bass Fishing Regional Tournament Manager Form](#)
- [Regional Managers Listing](#)
- [Region 1 - Tournament Information](#)
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- [Release of Liability Form](#)
- [State Championship Information](#)



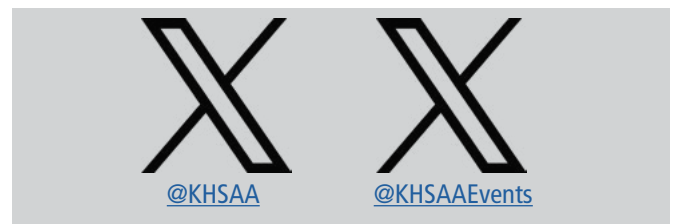
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## GENERAL FOR ALL SPORTS AND SPORT ACTIVITIES

### BRIEF WELCOME

Congratulations and good luck in the upcoming postseason play.

The KHSAA wishes to help guide our district and region managers as well as inform and educate all our postseason participants and fans.

Please read over these detailed instructions carefully as it contains information regarding protocols, dates, weather, venue guidelines, tickets, as well as important forms and links..

### SUPERSEDURE NOTE

The information in these instructions supersedes any information previously distributed.

All involved should review items such as tiebreakers and procedures for competition and consider this document authoritative.

Contact the primary event contact with any additional questions.

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASE / COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Anyone attending or participating in a KHSAA regular season or postseason event should review their symptoms before arriving. Those that are ill or displaying any symptoms of illness should stay home.

Masks/Face coverings for non-competitors and the requirements surrounding these items are a matter of local jurisdiction.

At minimum, any local or specific mask-requiring ordinance should also include a requirement for managers to post signage and make regular announcements.

Each member school and event host is expected to adhere to public health standards regarding isolation and quarantine.

### DUTIES SUMMARY STATEMENT

Refer to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Handbook as well as previously distributed materials from the KHSAA including the coaches rule clinic videos for rules and regulations.

You should familiarize yourself and review these guidelines at your pre-event meetings to ensure understanding from the coaches to aid in the management of a smooth event.

Any required forms for your reports are included as links throughout this document or inside the specific sport or activity section.

### MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

#### HOSTING POSTSEASON

Thank you to our District and Region Managers for taking on the following responsibilities to ensure top-level competition throughout the postseason.

The KHSAA has forms and opportunities for all our member schools to be hosts.

#### DISTRICT MANAGER FORMS

As a District Tournament Manager, there will be various forms to fill out before and after the event. Below is a listing of those forms, which are online as well as linked at the end of this section, with a more detailed guidance on each to follow.

- District Manager Form - GE55
- District Tournament Site Selection Plan - GE57
- District Tournament Financial Report - GE52

#### REGION MANAGER FORMS

As a Region Tournament Manager, there will be various forms to fill out before and after the event. Below is a listing of those forms, which are online as well as linked at the end of this section, with a more detailed guidance on each to follow.

- Region Manager Form - GE56



- Region Tournament Site Selection Plan - GE58
- Region Tournament Site Application Individual & Sport Activities - GE59
- Region Tournament Financial Report Team Sports - GE53
- Region Tournament Financial Report Individual & Sport Activities - GE51

### **INITIAL EVENT MANAGER FORMS - GE55 & GE56**

Both forms detail out manager contact, host location, draw - date, time and site - and the planned date for the start of the event.

District Tournament Managers need to fill out GE55 and once submitted, should any changes arise, the manager should alert the KHSAA staff.

Region Tournament Managers need to fill out GE56 and also alert KHSAA staff of any changes after the form has been submitted.

### **SITE SELECTION FORMS - GE57 & GE58**

Discussion of future district and region sites is encouraged during the pre-tournament meeting with a clear plan on filling out GE57 or GE58.

Both forms set up a four-year proposal of hosts sights.

In selecting future sites, where sport applicable, it is important to ensure venues are compliant with the Minimum Facility Requirements as set by the KHSAA Board of Control for each level of the postseason. Site specific specs are available as links in the sport specific section of these instructions.

In addition, host sites are not precluded from host specifications that were not known prior to the decision of the schools when the site rotation plan was approved.

### **APPLICATION FOR HOSTING FORM - GE59**

For participants of individual or sport activities, if interested in hosting a region championship event, please fill out the GE59 form, which is online and a link at the end of this general section.

In submitting an application, it is important to ensure venues are compliant with the Minimum Facility Requirements as set by the KHSAA Board of Control for each level of the postseason. Site specific specs are available as links in the sport specific section of these instructions.

In addition, host sites are not precluded from host specifications that were not known prior to the decision of the schools when the site rotation plan was approved.

### **COMPETITION COSTS AND FINANCES FORMS - GE52, GE53 & GE51**

Finances and expenses are handled by the host school within policies adopted by the member schools.

At the conclusion of the respective tournaments, District Managers need to fill out and submit GE52, Region Managers of Team Sports use GE53 and Region Managers of an Individual Sport or Sport Activity do the same with GE51.

Schools competing at the competition shall agree, in advance, to all financial provisions for the distribution of proceeds or allocation of loss.

Managers may require an advance payment from each competing school to be prepared for costs in advance of the competition and if such is required, shall fully disclose any plan for return of excess of fees over expenses when reconciling the event.

Revenue, after expenses for workers, judges/officials, trophies, awards and other approved expenses, will be directed back to the host school for distribution per local agreement.

If there is a dispute, contact the Commissioner's office.

### **CONTACT PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

Managers should contact all schools in your district or region to inform them of your competition schedule, ticketing details and other pertinent information.

### **DEVELOPMENT OF INFO DOCUMENT FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Managers should develop an information document for participants, including the schedule of events as set by the KHSAA, any



on-site meeting information, site specifics and directions to the venue.

### **OUTSIDE PROVIDERS/VENDORS**

Managers should contact security and other outside providers/vendors and ensure that all other pre-tournament functions are complete.

### **HOST SITE ADMINISTRATOR**

The KHSAA requires a competition administrator, other than the coach, at the host site, as the coach needs to devote full attention to the team.

### **LIGHTNING/THUNDER POLICY**

The District or Region Manager of any outdoor sports or activities, or indoor sports with non-grounded pools, working with the certified athletic trainer and facility staff, shall monitor and adhere to the KHSAA Board adopted policy in regard to lightning and thunder.

All competitions shall be suspended at the first sound of thunder or sight of lightning and shall be suspended a minimum of 30 minutes following any subsequent sound/sighting.

If it is anticipated that the storm will pass, competition may resume following a 15-minute warm-up period.

The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

### **STOPPAGE/POSTPONEMENT**

It's the duty of the postseason manager, in consultation with the officials, participating teams and the KHSAA, to make decisions regarding resumption or re-scheduling.

In the event of stoppage or postponement, all parties must work together to ensure that all teams, media outlets and schools are properly notified.

For tournaments with brackets and scores reported to the KHSAA scoreboard, the Tournament Manager shall also report the revisions to [brackets@khsaa.org](mailto:brackets@khsaa.org) to ensure the Rihards.com/KHSAA Scoreboard is updated.

While it's imperative that the managers adhere to the scheduled postseason dates, the safety of all parties involved is always the top priority.

Unless approved in consultation with the designated sport contact, all events shall be completed by the last listed available date.

### **TICKETS AND FAN ADMISSION**

For all KHSAA championship play:

- It is recommended to use GoFan digital ticketing, the digital ticketing service of the KHSAA.
- There should be no paper tickets sold at walk-up gate.
- Only the KHSAA issued Commonwealth Card should be honored for admission for one individual plus a guest.
  - Entrance with these cards should be at the pass/team entry gate only, not with ticketed admission.
- A link to GoFan's training page is included as a link at the end of this general section.

## **PRE-COMPETITION MEETING**

### **PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETINGS**

It is recommended that a meeting of all coaches and athletic administrators be held prior to the start of the competition to discuss rules and procedures to help ensure a smooth event.

The use of a virtual meeting is permitted and recommended.

#### **SUGGESTED MEETING AGENDA**

- Call to order
- Designate someone to record minutes
- Discuss any local COVID guidance



- Provide time schedules and ticket links for each competition
- Discuss future sites and remember to submit Form GE57 or GE58 (District or Region Site Selection Plan) as well as GE59 for hosting for impacted sites
- Review KHSAA Handbook and sport rules as necessary
- Discuss team party and participant admission (if fee is being charged)
- Remind coaches that all participants must appear on the online roster and be designated for postseason competition
- Discuss competition expenses (majority vote required if distribution to schools is to be made)
- Detail the security and emergency action plan
- Discuss medical needs/trainers
- PA, official scorer/scoresheets
- Auxiliary Workers: ticketing, programs, concessions, parking
- Facility rules, coaches area and other notes
- Discuss the inclement weather policy and plans
- Review sportsmanship expectations for competitors, coaches and fans

### VENUE LOGISTICS

#### SITE SPECIFICATIONS

Prepare the facility for competition, thinking through all needs of warm-up and such for this sport or activity.

Managers are responsible for securing an individual to perform duties necessary to run the event properly, (ie public address, score sheets, timers, etc.).

Managers in data intensive sports must find qualified individuals to perform those functions including result submission.

Set up of benches or areas for the team specific to the sport or activity.

Internet access is required for the submission of final results to the KHSAA.

Coaches and athletes are reminded to bring their own water bottles as no community dispensers are to be used.

#### ENTERING HOST SITE

Coaches and administrators should be given direct details about how to enter the host site.

This will allow for more organization throughout the competition.

#### SIGNAGE, NOISEMAKERS, BALLOONS AND MUSIC

Signs/banners are permitted at the facility but must be of good taste and sportsmanship.

The signs/banners must be handheld or attached in a manner not to damage the existing structure.

The signs/banner shall not cover any corporate signage or obstruct the view of patrons.

Amplified noisemakers or items that replicate competition management cues are not permitted to include, but not be limited to:

- Indoor
  - o Air horns
  - o Electronic amplifiers
  - o Portable sound systems
  - o Whistles
  - o Game clock horns simulator
- Outdoor
  - o Air horns



- o Whistles
- o Game clock horns simulator

Managers should confiscate items if used with the managers determining if they are returned post championship.

Balloons, which can block the view of other patrons, are NOT PERMITTED at the event. They should be popped or returned to a vehicle, not allowed into the venue.

Only venue provided amplified music is permissible, but only during pre-event, natural and planned breaks/timeouts.

### **ENTRY OF SERVICE ANIMALS**

Service animals are important and valued professionals that serve the needs of owners and must be present at all times.

Because service animals are essential for specific individuals, we wanted to make all attendees aware of the definitions and guidelines in place to make certain service animals present as well as to ensure the well-being of all individuals in attendance at KHSAA championship events.

Service animals are the only animals the general public may bring into the indoor and outdoor facilities of a KHSAA championship.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines a service animal as a dog who has been trained to perform a task directly related to an individual's disability.

Upon entry to a championship, owners of service dogs may be asked questions as recommended by the ADA to ensure the owner access to their service animal.

The training a service animal receives distinguishes it from other animals and there may be questions about the training provided to the animal and service for which it provides.

Emotional support animals, therapy animals, and other pets are not considered service animals and will not be granted entry to KHSAA events.

In Kentucky, misrepresentation of an assistance animal is a violation with a fine up to \$1,000.

The owner will be responsible at all times for the conduct of the service animal.

Thank you for respecting the training and necessity of service dogs and helping us keep all guests safe when visiting a KHSAA championship event.

### **SECURITY**

It is the responsibility of the Tournament Manager to secure adequate police protection and other security precautions as necessary.

While many schools have adequate measures in place regarding safety and security at athletic contests, all members are reminded of the importance of this provision.

The National Federation continues to remind all state associations of the importance of member schools understanding the necessity for adequate security.

Crowd control is important and we ask schools to take every precaution to protect the athletes, fans and general public. The Tournament Manager should ensure the supervision of fans, watching for inappropriate behavior. During sportsmanship announcements, remind fans that foul language and harassment of officials is strictly prohibited.

After the games, have the officials escorted to the locker room and/or parking lot.

While acknowledging the expense of security, it is noted that this shall be an integral part of your planning process and is a KHSAA requirement at postseason contests.

### **EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

Each Tournament Manager is expected to have and maintain an emergency action plan that should be distributed to all teams and incorporated into the public address announcer's script.

Emergency action plans shall be practiced and referred to prior to competition.

Before to the start of a contest, the Tournament Manager should identify themselves and establish a designated area where they can be reached in the event of an emergency.



The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

### MEDICAL PROVISIONS

The host school is responsible for securing medical coverage for the event, including athletic trainers and alerting local ambulance service.

There is no requirement that an ambulance be at the competition site for all play, however, the local administering agency shall be notified in advance and placed "on call" if an ambulance is unable to be on site.

It is strongly recommended that the authorized medical coverage be staffed by individuals who can determine whether or not a suspected concussion has occurred per 160.445(3)(a) and the KHSAA Board of Control policies.

- An athlete demonstrating the signs and symptoms of a concussion will be presumed to have sustained a concussion and withdrawn from competition for the remainder of that day.
- If he/she can be immediately evaluated at the game site by an M.D. (Medical Doctor), D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathy), P.A. (Physician Assistant), ARNP (Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner), ATC (Certified Athletic Trainer); or LAT (Licensed Athletic Trainer) and be determined that a concussion has not been sustained, a coach may return a student-athlete to play, but only with that required evaluation.

Any fees associated with providing medical coverage should be taken from gate receipts prior to any distribution.

Due to the unique skill set of Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainers it is recommended that one of these individuals be present at all practices and contests.

It is also strongly recommended that the member schools utilize only Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainers per the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, and not members of any other vocation making this claim but without this legal designation.

While acknowledging the expense of providing a Certified/Licensed Athletic Trainer, it is nonetheless noted that this shall be an integral part of your contest planning process.

The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

### HEAT ILLNESS PROGRAM

Tournament Managers shall review the Heat Illness Program posted on the KHSAA website and included as a link at the end of this general section.

The manager should be aware of the policies and work in conjunction with the licensed or certified athletic trainer hired to work the event in monitoring the Heat Illness prevention program.

The detailed medical policies are online and a link at the end of this general section.

### PHYSICAL EXAM / PARENT PERMISSION FORM

Schools are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring parental permission to seek medical treatment is authorized for each participant.

- The Principal, Athletic Director or Head Coach can use a copy of KHSAA Form GE04 Permission to Treat Section ([Physical Exam Form](#)) for this purpose.
- The form contains appropriate emergency treatment permission and should be brought for each athlete at the competition, but all involved should fall on FERPA guidelines regarding other health data of the student.

### ROSTERS, SUBSTITUTIONS

#### POSTSEASON ROSTERS

Postseason roster participants must be designated from the freshmen, junior varsity or varsity rosters, which are maintained through the KHSAA member school system throughout the regular season, prior to the postseason deadline.

Schools must log into the Member School System (Arbiter) and designate their postseason roster, which is separate from the regular-season varsity roster.

Only student-athletes appearing on the school's postseason roster as of the first date of postseason are eligible to participate in any round.

No additional student-athletes may be added to the roster following that deadline, including those teams that advance to the



state tournament.

The online, postseason roster may be printed from the KHSAA main website as the valid listing of available student-athletes. This roster information is also used for advance preparations for teams qualifying for state.

### **SUBSTITUTIONS/LIMITATIONS**

Additional competitors over any postseason limits may be entered on the KHSAA postseason roster in case of an injury or other circumstances.

Changes to the postseason roster on the Member School System (Arbiter) must be done prior to the day of postseason competition.

Rosters are closed and no additions are permitted after that time.

### **BYLAW 22 REMINDER**

#### **REQUIREMENT TO ACCOMPANY TEAM MEMBERS**

You are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 22 requires a principal, coach or another approved individual of the school to be present along with any student-athlete who is representing a member school.

### **MEDIA AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

#### **GENERAL MEDIA RIGHTS**

At all levels of competition during postseason play, control of media access and location at those contests is with the KHSAA, and as such, there are necessary policies and restrictions concerning this event and these provisions will be vigorously enforced.

In general, management of the execution of those assignments is assigned to the KHSAA host school's game manager.

The intellectual property, corporate, broadcasting and media rights to all postseason rounds belong exclusively to the KHSAA, including titling agreements and sponsorships.

No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (district, region, section, first round, second round) without agreement between the schools and approval from the KHSAA, including full compliance with NFHS Network restrictions and the KHSAA's participation within that network.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round and state competition, managers shall make allowances for television media to record video of the contests, without play-by-play, at no charge as long as the sole purpose is for newscast highlights.

At all levels of KHSAA sponsored postseason events, including district, regional, first round, second round and state competition, managers are encouraged to make allowances for other media outlets to be admitted to the contests as long as the sole purpose is for reporting of the actions taking place at the contest and promoting the event.

Participating teams in KHSAA events shall be allowed to record the contest, for coaching purposes only, if space is available with such availability at the discretion of the Tournament Manager and may be required to sign a waiver indicating that the KHSAA shall be held blameless for any and all liability to those parties involved in the video recording.

Any video recording must not violate existing, acknowledged, written copyright protection or intellectual property agreements and cannot be broadcast in any form, including internet and social media.

If space is deemed available, the Tournament Manager has the right to designate a specific area for video recording and no video recording will be allowed outside of that area.

The determination of space availability is solely with the Tournament Manager and shall be equitable for all teams.

A freelance/commercial photographer is any person, including a school employee, not representing an established media outlet or a person who will capture images from the event.

#### **GENERAL MEDIA NOTES**

Media access may be limited, especially if there are capacity limits.

Establish a limit on the number of credentialed media members at each event (number of passes per outlet, priority to those who regularly cover, home/visitor split, etc.).



Encourage media members to RSVP in advance of the event so that you can allocate space accordingly and grant access to any media on a "waiting list."

No non-working individual may be in the working press area, including spouses, family members, and others.

Interview opportunities may be limited during the week.

Disseminate as much information online as possible (limit handouts).

Incorporate easily identifiable credentials to ensure only authorized personnel are in restricted areas.

If radio space is limited to the home team, try to facilitate a shared feed of the home team's broadcast if possible.

Interviews should only be conducted if social distancing protocols can be followed.

Be mindful that no agreement can be made exclusive per adopted regulation, which precludes an audio broadcast by the visiting teams.

### **RADIO BROADCASTS**

A broadcast, as used in these instructions, is a non-video, audio only, live or delayed, account, including play-by-play, of any contest.

The participating teams must agree on what, if any, rights fee is to be charged to a radio station broadcast team (radio or online) or outlet (radio or online) broadcasting the event.

This fee is to be included in the gross revenue prior to distribution and is payable to the host school.

### **TELECAST/WEBCAST INCLUDING NFHS NETWORK RESTRICTIONS**

No member school can sign an exclusive agreement for a postseason round (district, region, section, first round, second round) without agreement between the schools and approval from the KHSAA, including full compliance with NFHS Network restrictions and the KHSAA's participation within that network.

The KHSAA is a full member of the NFHS Network and as such, restrictions exist on all postseason levels.

The KHSAA owns the exclusive rights to all postseason contests and requires any broadcast to be made available on the NFHS Network.

A telecast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed, account, including play-by-play, of any contest over the air.

A webcast, as used in these instructions, is a video, live or delayed, account, including play-by-play, of any contest distributed using the internet.

For district and region play, a fee schedule shall be approved annually by the Commissioner for any telecast/webcast and only those outlets paying such fee in advance shall be permitted to originate a telecast or webcast.

The mandated, minimum fee, will be published on the KHSAA website.

For district and region play in all KHSAA sports, a majority vote of the participating schools may set a higher fee than the required minimum and such vote may also recommend to the KHSAA that no broadcast be approved.

The district or regional tournament shall keep all of the proceeds of any fee charged in excess of the minimum fee as part of the receipts.

Any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) shall require the originator to provide a link to the telecast/website not less than 24 hours prior to the origination of the contest, and such link shall permit the Association to add the content to the NFHS Network menu of contests.

Failure of any approved webcast (or telecast simulcast on a website) to provide a link for inclusion on the NFHS Network will result in denial of approval.

Fill out and submit Network Broadcast Form (SI119), linked at the end of this section, to provide all the necessary information for the broadcast.

The KHSAA is the only entity permitted to produce live or delayed video from state championship events including first round, second round, quarterfinal and state rounds, and is the sole authority for approval of any other.

No entity, unless given prior approval by the KHSAA shall be permitted to produce video telecasts or broadcasts, with the exception of approved media outlets solely recording highlights for news use.

No host manager or school may approve live webcast or telecast of a state level contest (including state first rounds), and such requests shall be referred to Media Relations and Publications Director of the KHSAA.

No entity, including media members, may stream live video content during postseason events including the use of social media



products such as Facebook® Live.

For all postseason play, all questions regarding live or delayed broadcast or telecast policies, including requests for approval shall be referred to the Media Relations and Publications Director for approval by the Commissioner.

### **MUSIC COPYRIGHT**

KHSAA schools are reminded to adhere to all music copyright laws.

### **EVENT MERCHANDISE**

If desired by the Tournament Manager, TEAM IP (Official KHSAA Merchandise Vendor) may be contacted about ordering event merchandise to be sold at the tournament.

Contact the KHSAA for more information or indicate accordingly on the District or Regional Manager Information form.

### **IMPORTANT WEBSITE LINKS**

- Region Tournament Financial Report (Archery, Bass Fishing, Bowling, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling) Form, [GE51](#)
- District Tournament Financial Report (Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball) Form, [GE52](#)
- Regional Tournament Financial Report (Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Volleyball) Form, [GE53](#)
- Team Sport District Tournament Manager Form, [GE55](#)
- Team Sport Regional Tournament Manager Form, [GE56](#)
- District Tournament Site Selection Plan Form, [GE57](#)
- Region Tournament Site Selection Plan Form, [GE58](#)
- Application for Hosting (Archery, Bass Fishing, Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Dance, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, and Track and Field), [GE59](#)
- Athletic Participation Form, [GE04](#) (English)
- Athletic Participation Form, [GE04](#) (Spanish)
- [KHSAA/NFHS Network Required Postseason Rights Fee Schedule](#)
- [Media Credential Requests and Guidelines](#)
- [SI119 - Network Broadcast Form](#)
- [GoFan Training Page](#)