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# **Kentucky Christian School Athletic Association**

## **Constitution & Bylaws**

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# CONSTITUTION

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## Article I Name

The name of this organization shall be:

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (KCSAA)

## Article II Objective

The objective of this organization shall be to offer athletic competition in a Christian environment where students will have the opportunity to develop in each area of their life as Jesus did.

“And Jesus increased in wisdom (Academically)  
and stature (Physically),  
and in favour with God (Spiritually)  
and man (Socially).” - - Luke 2:52

*Note: Parenthetical words are added.*

## Article III Statement of Faith

While the KCSAA may have schools and programs with diverse doctrinal positions, there must be agreement about fundamentals of the Christian faith. We ask that members' Statements of Faith align with the KCSAA's statement below:

- A. We believe the Bible, consisting of the Old and New Testament, to be the inspired, infallible Word of God, and is, therefore, the final authority for faith and life.
- B. We believe that there is one living and true God, Creator of all things, holy, infinitely perfect, and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitution and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His continuous intercession for His people, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- D. We believe that the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; and, that He is the Supernatural Agent in regeneration, adding all believers into the body of Christ, and by His indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

- E. We believe all have sinned, and a new birth through Christ is essential for the salvation of lost and sinful man.
- F. We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, they who are saved to the resurrection of life and they who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- G. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- H. We believe in the Genesis account of creation. We believe God is the Creator and through Christ made all things.
- I. We believe that believers should maintain a godly testimony and live in such a way that their lives do not bring reproach upon their Savior. God commands His people to separate from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices, and associations, and to refrain from all immodest and immoderate appearances. We stand against all worldly philosophies that seek to destroy or undermine the truth of Biblical Christianity.
- J. We believe God created humans in His image, intentionally and immutably male and female, each bringing unique and complementary qualities to sexuality and relationships, and that God disapproves of any attempt to alter one's gender by surgery or appearance. Sexuality is a glorious gift from God to be offered back to Him either in marriage between one naturally-born man and one naturally-born woman or in celibacy for undivided devotion to Christ. We believe Christians are called to proclaim the truth and beauty of God's design and that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex.
- K. We believe human beings are created by God in His image. Therefore, every person, from conception to natural death, possesses inherent dignity and immeasurable worth - including preborn children and elderly individuals. Christians are called to defend, protect and value all human life.
- L. We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers, but also toward those who are not believers, those who oppose us, and those who engage in sinful actions. God forbids the stirring up of strife, the taking of revenge, or the threat or use of violence as a means of resolving personal conflict or obtaining personal justice.

### **Authority of the Statement of Faith**

The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of this corporation's faith, doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our Board of Directors is the final interpretive authority on the Bible's meaning and application.

## **Article IV Administration**

- A. The officers of the association shall be a Commissioner and a Board of Control chosen from the body of participating schools.
- B. Board members will be nominated by the Commissioner and approved by a 75% vote of the Board of Control. The Commissioner shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Control. The Board of Control shall consist of at least five members.

## **Article V Representation**

The Commissioner will designate a date each year for a pre-season meeting of the association.

## **Article VI Amendments**

Amendment suggestions may be presented in writing to the Commissioner by administrators of participating member schools and may be recommended by a 75% vote of the Board of Control. Amendments require a 2/3 majority vote of member schools for adoption.

## **Article VII Membership**

- A. This association shall be composed of Christian schools and Christian homeschool associations in Kentucky, along with those from nearby states whose location makes participation practical – all of which must be willing to comply with the provisions of the KCSAA.

### **Definitions**

1. A Christian school is a Christian institution that is organized with a student handbook and/or governing document and operates under a written statement of faith. A Christian school provides or oversees academic instruction primarily in a day school campus setting. It must have a formal enrollment process entirely separate from athletics. It must have an administrator with the authority to verify the academic progress of each participant.

2. A Christian homeschool association is a Christian institution that is organized with a governing document and operates under a written statement of faith. It must have a formal membership process entirely separate from athletics. It must have an administrator with the authority to verify the academic qualifications of each participant.
3. A satellite of a Christian school is a student from another Christian school or a Christian homeschool family that competes with a member Christian school. The administrator of the member Christian school must be granted the authority to verify the academic progress of the student.

B. Membership schools are required to maintain General Liability Insurance.

## **Article VIII**

### **Application for Membership**

- A. Application for membership in the KCSAA may be made by the administrator of a Christian school or Christian homeschool association.
- B. The administrator and coaches of each school shall sign a statement that he/she has read and is in agreement with and will abide by the KCSAA's constitution and bylaws.
- C. All applications must be submitted by the applying school before November 1.
- D. The Commissioner will then present the application to the Board of Control, who will either accept or reject the application, by a 75% majority vote.
- E. Schools requesting membership after November 1 will not be eligible for post-season play.
- F. A written request must be submitted to the Board of Control requesting any mergers of schools or satellite arrangements or for any homeschooled children playing for member schools.
- G. General guidelines for such arrangements include:
  1. A school wishing to combine must be incapable of fielding its own teams.
  2. School combinations will not be permitted after November 1.
  3. Schools should not combine for the sole purpose of producing a superior team.
  4. At least one of the schools in any combination situation may not include in excess of four participants for basketball or five participants for volleyball.

## **Article IX Tournaments**

- A. Tournaments, awards and tournament fees will be organized and directed by the Commissioner and his delegates.
- B. The Commissioner and selected delegates will establish a method for seeding tournaments.

## **BYLAWS**

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### **Division I Player Eligibility**

- A. Age - Students who have not attained their nineteenth birthday before August 1 of the current school year will be eligible.
- B. Academics
  - 1. Administrators must submit a statement of certification verifying academic progress by November 1 for each student.
  - 2. Students age 14 or older must be enrolled as full-time students.
  - 3. Students must be successfully completing four or more core subjects per year.
  - 4. Students participating in their final year must be enrolled in school for at least a half a day attendance for a conventional school or involved in three or more yearly credits for non-conventional schools.
- C. Rosters, transfers and roster additions
  - 1. An athlete must be on the roster of a KCSAA member school or association prior to competing against other KCSAA schools or associations.
  - 2. Roster additions must be submitted to the Commissioner on or before January 7.
  - 3. KCSAA athletes must be released from their previous member school or association in good standing before they may be added to the roster of another KCSAA school or association. A completed transfer form must be submitted to the board before transferring students can be added to any other KCSAA roster.

4. In the event that a student is not released by a school or association the parent or guardian may appeal the transfer decision to the KCSAA board.
5. In considering transfer issues the board will act by these governing principles:
  - a. It is not in the best interest of athletes to change team loyalties.
  - b. It is not in the best interest of schools or associations to encourage transfers for the purpose of competitive advantage.
  - c. Relationships between schools and players can be damaged by questionable and excessive transfers.
  - d. Evidence of recruitment will strongly influence the board to disallow a transfer that is under appeal. (refer to Division II-E)

#### D. Other Restrictions

1. Any player or coach ejected from a gym and reported to the Commissioner within a 48 hour period must be reinstated by the Commissioner before participating in the next game. Any player or coach ejected more than once during a season must be reinstated by the Board of Control.
2. No student may participate that is enrolled in a public school or is playing on another school or club team of the same sport which allows for interscholastic competition during the current KCSAA season.
3. No student who is married, divorced, a parent, or an expectant parent will be eligible to compete in KCSAA competition.

## **Division II General Guidelines**

- A. Any music played at ballgames must be approved by mutual consent of each team involved.
- B. All tobacco, alcohol, and/or any other nonprescription drugs are prohibited on all contest sites by participants (coaches and students).
- C. There shall be no obscene language, gestures, or disrespectful conduct by players or coaches during games or at any KCSAA function.
- D. There shall be no improper physical contact between male/female players and coaches at games or any other KCSAA function.



- E. A student at any grade level shall not be recruited to a member school or member association for the purpose of participating in athletics, including recruitment under the guise of academics.

Definition - Recruiting is defined as an act, on behalf of or for the benefit of, a school or association, which attempts to influence a student to transfer to a member school or member association for the purpose of participating in athletics. School officials utilizing an intermediary including a peer, another school employee, a student, or a parent for the purpose of recruiting a student athlete shall be in noncompliance.

### **Division III Officials**

- A. Member schools are required to use two registered officials for varsity basketball games.
- B. One registered official is required for all varsity volleyball matches.
- C. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in a forfeited contest.

### **Division IV Compliance**

- A. If the Board of Control rules by a 75% vote that a member school is in noncompliance with the KCSAA handbook, that school will be issued a written statement, signed by the Commissioner, detailing areas of noncompliance.
- B. Non-compliant member schools, member associations, or participants will be allowed a reasonable length of time to comply or forfeit their eligibility.

### **Division V Appeals**

- A. Any situation not specifically covered by these guidelines should be submitted in writing to the Board of Control for consideration.
- B. Appeals of the guideline provisions or board decisions must be made in writing by the administration of member schools or associations to the Board of Control.