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# CONSTITUTUION

## ARTICLE I

### *NAME*

The name of this organization shall be  
KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
(K.C.S.A.A.).

## ARTICLE II

### *OBJECTIVE*

A. 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.

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

2. NOTE: Parenthetical words are added.

B. Competition will be provided for boys basketball and for girls volleyball.

### ARTICLE III

#### *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 IV

#### *REPRESENTATION*

A. There will be a pre-season meeting of the association each year in which schedules, dates, tournaments, rules, etc. will be determined.

B. The annual meeting will be designated by the Commissioner.

### ARTICLE V

#### *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 present at an officially called meeting of the membership for adoption.

## ARTICLE VI

### *MEMBERSHIP*

A. This association shall be composed of Christian Schools and/or Christian Home School Associations in the state of Kentucky, who are willing to comply with the provisions of K.C.S.A.A.

#### 1. Definitions

a. 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.

b. A Christian Home School Association is a Christian institution that is organized with a governing document and operates under a written statement of faith. A Christian Home School Associations provides or oversees the academic instruction of students primarily in a home school setting. It must have a formal membership process entirely separate from athletics. It must have an administrator with the authority to verify the academic progress of each participant.

c. A satellite of a Christian School is a student from another Christian School or a Christian Home School 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 VII

### *APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP*

A. Application for membership in K.C.S.A.A. may be made by the administrator of a Christian School or Christian Home School 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 K.C.S.A.A.'s constitution and by-laws.

C. All applications must be submitted by the applying school before the annual pre-season meeting to the Commissioner.

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 Home-schooled 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 VIII

#### *ANNUAL DUES*

A. The commissioner and board will establish an annual fee per team to cover the championship tournament costs and other conference expenses.

B. Fees not paid by January 1 nullify league participation.

#### ARTICLE IX

## *TOURNAMENTS*

- A. Tournaments and competition awards will be organized and directed by the Commissioner and his delegates.
  
- B. Tournament and competition seeding will be determined by the number of games and the strength of the schedule.
  
- ~~C. Tournament format will be determined by the member schools at the annual pre-season meeting.~~

<i>BY-LAWS</i>
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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. Transfers and roster additions.~~

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 IV-J)

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 K.C.S.A.A. competition.

E. Deleted

## DIVISION II

### *SCHEDULING RESPONSIBILITIES*

A. Member schools in K.C.S.A.A. are required to schedule their own games.

B. A minimum of 14 basketball and eight volleyball contests with other member schools is required.

C. When a member school cannot meet scheduled commitment, the contest must be rescheduled by mutual agreement. Contests not rescheduled will be forfeited by the canceling team.

D. Failure to notify a scheduled team of a cancellation in advance will result in the obligation to assume all incurred expenses such as gym rental, referees, etc.

### DIVISION III

#### *GENERAL GUIDELINES*

A. Any music played at ball games 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).

### DIVISION IV

#### *CHRISTIAN ETHICS*

A. Keep the standards high!

1. Participants are expected to maintain the highest possible level of Christian character.

2. Members are expected to defer to the higher standards preset by the host school.

3. National federation rules apply, including no jewelry, hair-dyes, etc.

4. We must remember that some family members and friends from every team along with some of the referees are lost and deserve a good Christian witness in all that takes place within this organization.

#### B. Female (Athletic Wear).

1. An image of Christian discretion and modesty must be portrayed in the girl's uniforms.

2. Volleyball uniforms for girls are required to have the appearance of a skirt and must be no shorter than the middle of the knee.

3. The bottom of the uniforms must be loose-fitting and not formfitting or flesh revealing above the knee.

4. Box-pleated or gathered culottes are recommended and will be required by many host schools.

5. Uniform tops must be loose fitting, have sleeves and not be low cut in the front, back and under the arms.

6. A dress check will be required before tournament play.

#### C. Cheer Leading.

1. Uniforms must meet volleyball guidelines.

2. Routines should not resemble dance routines or involve flips, stacks, etc. which are revealing above the knees.

D. Male (Athletic Wear).

1. The bottom of the basketball uniforms for the boys is required to be loose-fitting pants or loose-fitting shorts to the middle of knee.

2. Uniform tops must be loose fitting, have sleeves and not be low cut in the front, back and under the arms.

E. Male (Hair standards).

1. Participants must have a standard conservative haircut.
2. No “modern, extreme, worldly, or rock” hair styles are allowed.
3. Hair must be above the ears and off the collar.
4. Sideburns must be no longer than to the middle of the ears.
5. No facial hair is permitted on contestants.
6. Coaches and staff may wear neatly trimmed mustaches or beards.
7. A dress check will be required before tournament play.

F. Coaches.

1. Female coaches must wear skirts, culottes, or dresses that meet the modesty standards for female athletic competition.

2. Male coaches must meet the modesty standards for male athletic competition.

G. Female participants, while on the premises of athletic competition during regular season play and tournament competition, must wear skirts, culottes or dresses that meet the modesty standards for female athletic competition.

H. Male participants, while on the premises of athletic competition during regular season play and tournament competition, must meet the modesty standards for male athletic competition.

I. Personal Behavior.

1. There shall be no obscene language, gestures, or disrespectful conduct by players or coaches during games or at any K.C.S.A.A. function.

2. There shall be no improper physical contact between male/female players and coaches at games or any other K.C.S.A.A. function.

J. Recruiting

1. 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.

a. 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. A school official 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 V

### *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 VI

### *COMPLIANCE*

- A. If the Board of Control rules by a 75% vote that a member school is in noncompliance with K.C.S.A.A. 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 VII

### 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.