

# KSHSAA AND DISTRICT GUIDELINES

## TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT/ATHLETE & PARENT/GUARDIAN

Please note the following rules and regulations that govern high school athletics in Kansas and the Shawnee Mission School District. The following does not represent all of the guidelines; however, they do cover the main features.

### **Scholarship Requirements**

A student must pass at least five (5) new classes the previous semester or the last semester of attendance in order to participate in athletics and cheerleading. Additionally, they must currently be enrolled in, attending, and passing in five (5) new classes during the present semester in order to participate.

High School students dually enrolled in colleges, who have their college hours recorded on their high school transcript, may count a maximum of five hours of college credit as two subjects of unit weight or three hours of college credit as one subject of unit weight.

A student cannot have more than eight semesters of possible eligibility in grades nine through twelve.

### **Age Requirements**

A student who reaches nineteen years of age on or before September 1, will be ineligible for athletics. Any student who reaches nineteen years of age after September 1 will be eligible for the remainder of the school year.

### **Transfer Students**

If you have transferred to this school this academic year, please contact the athletic director to ensure that all required paperwork has been completed.

### **Outside Competition**

An athlete who is a member of an athletic squad cannot participate as a member of an outside team or as an independent competitor in the same sport during the season. Please note that a student becomes a member of a school athletic squad when he or she first participates in a practice session. They cease to be a member of an athletic squad after his or her last contest or when the membership on a squad is terminated.

*Violation of the aforementioned rule could make a student ineligible for the remainder of that athletic season unless he or she is reinstated by the KSHSAA Executive Board.*

## Private Instruction

A student may receive private instruction (not group instruction) in the same sport from non-school employees during the athletic season. A group is defined as two or more individuals or students.

## Rules Governing Individual Sports

Please note that each individual sport has its own specific rules and guidelines. Please ask your coach to gain familiarity with these regulations.

From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, there are limitations on the number of athletes from the same school squad that may practice or participate together on the same outside team. A player is considered to be a part of a certain school athletic team as he/she enters in to a game for any length of time. It is entirely possible, and quite probable, for a player to be a member of two or more squads in the same sport (i.e., if a youngster plays on a junior varsity basketball team but suits up for and enters the last 30 seconds of a varsity contest, they will be considered both a varsity and junior varsity basketball player in the eyes of our state association.)

*Violation of the aforementioned rule could make a student ineligible for the remainder of that athletic season unless he or she is reinstated by the KSHSAA Executive Board.*

**Please sign on the line below if you have carefully read and understand the aforementioned rules and regulations.**

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student/Athlete      Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian      Date