

# Kansas State High School ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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MEMBER OF NATIONAL FEDERATION OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

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November 3, 1941

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Director of Physical Education  
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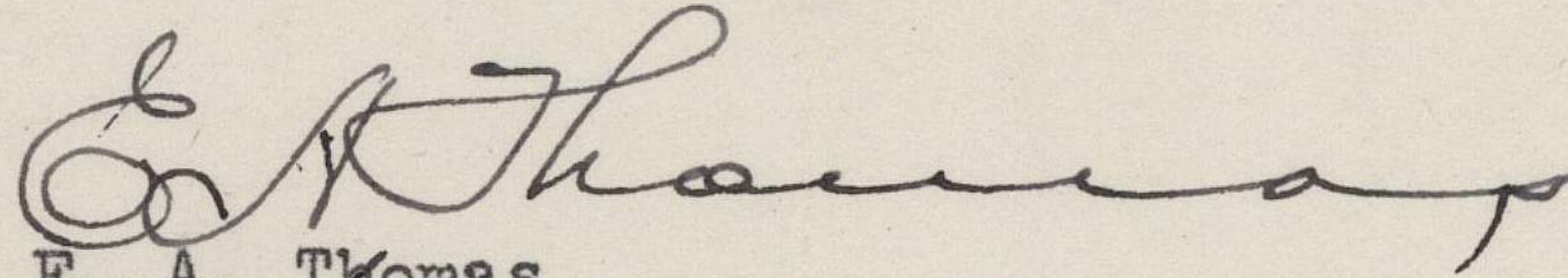
Dear Doctor Allen:

I received your letter in regard to sports participation  
of our member high schools last year.

We had a total membership of 674 senior high schools last  
year with the following participation in the various sports:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>No. Schools</u>	<u>No. Pupils</u>
Football	334	10,528
Six-Man Football	89	1,401
Basketball	666	14,112
Track	482	8,465
Tennis	178	999
Baseball	300	4,476
Wrestling	20	380
Golf	54	333
Softball	19	306
Swimming	7	88

Very cordially yours,

  
E. A. Thomas  
Commissioner

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Dear Doctor Allen:

When I was compiling the statistics you wanted on sports participation today I was not certain whether you also wanted the individual names of schools for the major sports. I have checked off on our membership list the sports played in the various schools, basketball being omitted because all schools play basketball with the exception of the seven listed. The total number of individual pupils participating in all sports last year was 21,289. I am also enclosing a summary of former years in case you wish to compare this year's results.

Ernie Vanek is certainly making a big hit here in the short time he has been on the job. Everyone speaks most highly of him and I'm sure he's off to a good start. He and Mary can hardly hold themselves until your first game and from what Ernie says the boys appear to be capable of developing into one of your better clubs in that long line of championship teams. Hope to get down for some of the games!

Very cordially yours,

*Delmar Curry*  
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# NINE SPORTS PARTICIPATION RECORDS BROKEN

A continuation of the upward trend in sports participation among the member schools of the Association is shown in a summary of athletic participation for the 1939-1940 school year. More than 21,000 boys took part in the ten approved sports during the year, representing an increase of approximately 400 over the previous high established in 1938-1939.

Altogether nine new records were established as old marks were broken in football, basketball, track, tennis, wrestling, golf, and softball in addition to the total number.

With 73 schools reporting six-man football teams, the number of schools playing football jumped to 391, an increase of 24 over the preceding year and the highest number participating in the gridiron sport since 1931-32. There were 318 eleven-man football schools with 10,631 boys competing, while the 73 six-man schools had 1,127 boys reporting. The combined total of 11,758 was the largest number of individual football participants since

records have been kept and was a hike of more than 700 over last year.

Although four less schools played basketball, the number of pupils continued to climb and reached 13,937, another record, and an increase of approximately 350 over the former mark. Track turned in a double record as eight new schools took up the spring sport for a total of 490, and a record-smashing total of 8,815 boys turned out for the cinder competition. The number of tennis schools dropped off slightly, but more boys than ever before participated.

Wrestling increased both in the number of schools and in the number of grapplers as 346 boys took part as representatives of 19 schools. The total of 50 schools having golf teams tied the number in 1935-36 and also in 1937-38, but the individual total of 278 was an all-time high. Twenty schools playing softball had 358 players, another record.

Year	Football		6-man Football		Basketball		Track		Tennis		Baseball		Wrestling		Golf		Softball		Swimming		Totals	
	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys	Schools	Boys
1928-29	398				629		431		190		199		11		20				2		645	13,417
1929-30	392				638		456		218		186		21		41				3		660	13,641
1930-31	419				646		455		238		281		19		26				3		665	15,128
1931-32	399				635		462		233		278		26		47				3		654	15,730
1932-33	388				631		443		236		320		25		39				3		646	15,876
1933-34	372				644		432		232		319		18		45				3		656	16,765
1934-35	348	8,914			648	11,324	413	5,921	219	999	324	4,464	14	215	35	176			5	61	661	17,193
1935-36	347	9,376			634	11,778	437	6,358	215	929	336	4,840	19	232	50	200	8	127	4	63	655	18,123
1936-37	339	9,579			644	12,181	433	7,035	183	970	321	4,862	16	271	49	206	6	76	4	79	658	18,736
1937-38	330	9,764			661	12,843	462	7,743	195	1,022	311	5,073	16	274	50	207	13	182	5	106	668	19,521
1938-39	367	11,027			664	13,571	482	8,671	207	1,129	316	5,034	18	302	47	260	23	357	6	131	668	20,924
1939-40	318	10,631	73	1,127	660	13,937	490	8,815	196	1,134	298	4,625	19	346	50	278	20	358	6	109	667	21,343



— FOOTBALL (BOTH 6-MAN AND 11-MAN)

X TRACK

— BASEBALL

All schools play basketball except Barclay, Fellsburg, Greeley, Treece, Wesleyan Academy (Miltonvale), Wilburton Woodruff.

OF K. S. H. S. A. A.—1941

## K. S. H. S. A. A. MEMBERSHIP, 1941

674 Senior High Schools

X Abbyville	X Benton	X Clay Center	X Edwardsville
X Abilene	X Bern	X Clayton	X Effingham
— Ada	— Berryton	X Clearwater	X El Dorado
X Adams	— Beverly	Cleburne	Elgin
— Admire	X Bird City	X Clements	— Elk City
X Agenda	— Bison	X Clifton	X Elk Falls
— Agra	Blaine	Climax	X Elkhart
X Alden	X Bloom	X Clyde	X Ellinwood
— Alexander	X Blue Mound	X Coats	X Ellis
— Allen	X Blue Rapids	X Cockerill	X Ellsworth
X Alma	X Bluff City	(Mulberry)	X Elmdale
— Almena	— Bogue	— Codell	Elsmore
X Altamont	X Bonner Springs	X Coffeyville	Elwood
— Alta Vista	X Brewster	X Colby	Emmett
X Alton	X Bronson	X Coldwater	— Emporia
X Altoona	— Brookville	X College High	X Englewood
— Americus	X Brownell	(Pittsburg)	Ensign
X Andale	— Brownville	Collyer	X Enterprise
— Andover	(Brewster)	— Colony	— Erie
X Anthony	X Bucklin	X Columbus	X Esbon
— Antrim (St. John)	X Bucyrus	X Concordia	— Eskridge
Appanoose	X Buffalo	X Conway Springs	X Eudora
(Pomona)	X Buhler	Coolidge	X Eureka
X Arcadia	— Bunker Hill	— Copeland	Everest
X Argentine (K.C.)	X Burden	X Corning	— Fairview
X Argonia	— Burdett	X Cottonwood Falls	X Fall River
X Arkansas City	X Burdick	X Council Grove	Falun
— Arlington	X Burlingame	X Courtland	Fellsburg
X Arma	X Burlington	Covert	— Florence
— Arnold	X Burns	Coyville	X Flush (St. George)
— Asherville	X Burr Oak	X Cuba	— Fontana
— Ashland	X Burrton	X Cullison	— Ford
X Assaria	X Bushong	— Culver	X Formoso
X Atchison	— Bushton	X Cunningham	— Fort Scott
— Athens (Glen Elder)	X Byers	Damar	— Fostoria
X Athol	X Caldwell	X Deerfield	— Fowler
— Atlanta	— Cambridge	— Delavan	X Frankfort
X Attica	X Caney	X Delia	X Fredonia
X Atwood	X Canton	X Delphos	X Frontenac
— Auburn	— Capitol Catholie	Denison	Fulton
X Augusta	(Topeka)	Dennis	— Galena
X Axtell	— Carbondale	— Densmore	X Galesburg
X Baldwin	X Cassoday	Denton	— Galva
X Bancroft	— Castleton	— Derby	X Garden City
Barclay	X Cathedral (Wichita)	DeSoto	— Garden Plain
— Barnard	— Cawker City	X Dexter	X Gardner
X Barnes	X Cedar	— Dighton	X Garfield
— Basehor	X Cedar Point	— Dodge City	X Garnett
— Bavaria	— Cedar Vale	X Doniphan	X Garrison
X Baxter Springs	X Centerview	— Dorrance	— Gaylord
X Bazine	X Centralia	X Douglass	Gem
X Beattie	X Chanute	— Dover	X Geneseo
X Beeler	X Chapman	X Downs	— Geuda Springs
X Belle Plaine	X Chase	— Dresden	X Girard
X Belleville	X Chautauqua	— Dunlap	— Glasco
— Belmont	X Cheney	X Durham	— Glendale
X Beloit	X Cherokee	— Dwight	(Brookville)
— Belpre	— Cherryvale	X Easton	X Glen Elder
X Bendena	— Chetopa	X Edgerton	— Goddard
X Benedict	X Cimarron	— Edmond	X Goessel
— Bennington	— Circleville	X Edna	— Goff
X Bentley	X Claflin	X Edson	X Goodland



<del>-</del> X Gove	<del>-</del> X Jarbalo	<del>-</del> X Lyndon	<del>-</del> Nickerson
<del>-</del> X Grainfield	<del>-</del> X Jennings	<del>-</del> X Lyons	<del>-</del> Norcatur
<del>-</del> X Great Bend	<del>-</del> X Jetmore	<del>-</del> X McCracken	<del>-</del> Northbranch
<del>-</del> X Greeley	<del>-</del> X Jewell City	<del>-</del> X McCune	<del>-</del> Norton
<del>-</del> X Green	<del>-</del> X Johnson	<del>-</del> X McDonald	<del>-</del> Nortonville
<del>-</del> X Greenleaf	<del>-</del> X Junction City	<del>-</del> X McLouth	<del>-</del> Norway
<del>-</del> X Greensburg	<del>-</del> X Kackley	<del>-</del> X McPherson	<del>-</del> Norwich
<del>-</del> X Grenola	<del>-</del> X Kanopolis	<del>-</del> X Macksville	<del>-</del> Oakley
<del>-</del> X Gridley	<del>-</del> X Kanorado	<del>-</del> X Madison	<del>-</del> Oberlin
<del>-</del> X Grinnell	<del>-</del> X Keats	<del>-</del> X Mahaska	<del>-</del> Offerle
<del>-</del> X Gypsum	<del>-</del> X Kendall	<del>-</del> X Maize	<del>-</del> Oketo
<del>-</del> X Haddam	<del>-</del> X Kensington	<del>-</del> X Manhattan	<del>-</del> Olathe
<del>-</del> X Halstead	<del>-</del> X Kincaid	<del>-</del> X Mankato	<del>-</del> Olivet
<del>-</del> X Hamilton	<del>-</del> X Kingman	<del>-</del> X Manning	<del>-</del> Olsburg
<del>-</del> X Hamlin	<del>-</del> X Kingsdown	<del>-</del> X Manter	<del>-</del> Onaga
<del>-</del> X Hanover	<del>-</del> X Kinsley	<del>-</del> X Maple Hill	<del>-</del> Oneida
<del>-</del> X Hanston	<del>-</del> X Kiowa	<del>-</del> X Marion	<del>-</del> Oread Training
<del>-</del> X Hardtner	<del>-</del> X Kipp	<del>-</del> X Marquette	<del>-</del> (Lawrence)
<del>-</del> X Harlan	<del>-</del> X Kirwin	<del>-</del> X Marysville	<del>-</del> Osage City
<del>-</del> X Harper	<del>-</del> X Kismet	<del>-</del> X Matfield Green	<del>-</del> Osawatomie
<del>-</del> X Hartford	<del>-</del> X LaCrosse	<del>-</del> X Maur Hill	<del>-</del> Osborne
<del>-</del> X Harveyville	<del>-</del> X LaCygne	<del>-</del> X (Atchison)	<del>-</del> Oskaloosa
<del>-</del> X Havana	<del>-</del> X Lafontaine	<del>-</del> X Mayetta	<del>-</del> Oswego
<del>-</del> X Haven	<del>-</del> X LaHarpe	<del>-</del> X Meade	<del>-</del> Otis
<del>-</del> X Havensville	<del>-</del> X Lake City	<del>-</del> X Medicine Lodge	<del>-</del> Ottawa
<del>-</del> X Haviland	<del>-</del> X Lakin	<del>-</del> X Melvern	<del>-</del> Overbrook
<del>-</del> X Hays	<del>-</del> X Lamont	<del>-</del> X Menlo	<del>-</del> Oxford
<del>-</del> X Hazelton	<del>-</del> X Lane	<del>-</del> X Meriden	<del>-</del> Ozawkie
<del>-</del> X Healy	<del>-</del> X Langdon	<del>-</del> X Michigan Valley	<del>-</del> Page City
<del>-</del> X Hepler	<del>-</del> X Lansing	<del>-</del> X Milan	<del>-</del> Palco
<del>-</del> X Herington	<del>-</del> X Larned	<del>-</del> X Mildred	<del>-</del> Paola
<del>-</del> X Herndon	<del>-</del> X Latham	<del>-</del> X Milford	<del>-</del> Paradise
<del>-</del> X Hiawatha	<del>-</del> X Lawrence	<del>-</del> X Miller	<del>-</del> Park
<del>-</del> X Highland	<del>-</del> X Leavenworth	<del>-</del> X Milton	<del>-</del> Parker
<del>-</del> X Highland Park	<del>-</del> X Lebanon	<del>-</del> X Miltonvale	<del>-</del> Parkerville
<del>-</del> X (Topeka)	<del>-</del> X Lebo	<del>-</del> X Minneapolis	<del>-</del> Parsons
<del>-</del> X Hill City	<del>-</del> X Lecompton	<del>-</del> X Minneola	<del>-</del> Partridge
<del>-</del> X Hillsboro	<del>-</del> X Lehigh	<del>-</del> X Moline	<del>-</del> Pawnee Rock
<del>-</del> X Hoisington	<del>-</del> X Lenora	<del>-</del> X Montezuma	<del>-</del> Paxico
<del>-</del> X Holcomb	<del>-</del> X Leon	<del>-</del> X Montrose	<del>-</del> Peabody
<del>-</del> X Hollenberg	<del>-</del> X Leona	<del>-</del> X Monument	<del>-</del> Penalosa
<del>-</del> X Holton	<del>-</del> X Leonardville	<del>-</del> X Moran	<del>-</del> Perry
<del>-</del> X Holyrood	<del>-</del> X Leoti	<del>-</del> X Morehead	<del>-</del> Peru
<del>-</del> X Hope	<del>-</del> X LeRoy	<del>-</del> X Morganville	<del>-</del> Phillipsburg
<del>-</del> X Horton	<del>-</del> X Levant	<del>-</del> X Morland	<del>-</del> Piedmont
<del>-</del> X Howard	<del>-</del> X Lewis	<del>-</del> X Morrill	<del>-</del> Pierceville
<del>-</del> X Hoxie	<del>-</del> X Liberal	<del>-</del> X Morrowville	<del>-</del> Piper
<del>-</del> X Hoyt	<del>-</del> X Liberty	<del>-</del> X Moscow	<del>-</del> Pittsburg
<del>-</del> X Hudson	<del>-</del> X Lillis	<del>-</del> X Mound City	<del>-</del> Plains
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<del>-</del> X Huron	<del>-</del> X Linn	<del>-</del> X Mulberry	<del>-</del> Pomona
<del>-</del> X Hutchinson	<del>-</del> X Linwood	<del>-</del> X Mullinville	<del>-</del> Portis
<del>-</del> X Immaculata	<del>-</del> X Little River	<del>-</del> X Mulvane	<del>-</del> Potter
<del>-</del> X (Leavenworth)	<del>-</del> X Logan	<del>-</del> X Munden	<del>-</del> Potwin
<del>-</del> X Immaculate Concep-	<del>-</del> X Lone Elm	<del>-</del> X Narka	<del>-</del> Powhattan
<del>-</del> X tion (St. Marys)	<del>-</del> X Longford	<del>-</del> X Nashville	<del>-</del> Prairie View
<del>-</del> X Independence	<del>-</del> X Long Island	<del>-</del> X Natoma	<del>-</del> Pratt
<del>-</del> X Ingalls	<del>-</del> X Longton	<del>-</del> X Neal	<del>-</del> Prescott
<del>-</del> X Inman	<del>-</del> X Lorraine	<del>-</del> X Neodesha	<del>-</del> Preston
<del>-</del> X Iola	<del>-</del> X Lost Springs	<del>-</del> X Neosho Falls	<del>-</del> Pretty Prairie
<del>-</del> X Ionia	<del>-</del> X Louisburg	<del>-</del> X Neosho Rapids	<del>-</del> Princeton
<del>-</del> X Irving	<del>-</del> X Lovewell	<del>-</del> X Ness City	<del>-</del> Protection
<del>-</del> X Isabel	<del>-</del> X Lucas	<del>-</del> X Netawaka	<del>-</del> Quenemo
<del>-</del> X Jamestown	<del>-</del> X Luray	<del>-</del> X Newton	<del>-</del> Quincy



X Quinter	X St. Paul	Stockdale	X Ward (K.C.)
- Radium	X Sabetha	- Stockton	- Washburn
X Ramona	Sacred Heart	Strawn	(Topeka)
X Randall	(Salina)	Strong City	Washington
- Randolph	X Saffordville	X Sublette	X Washington Rural
- Ransom	- Salina	Summerfield	(Bethel)
- Rantoul	- Satanta	Sumner (K.C.)	Waterville
X Raymond	Savonburg	Sun City	Wathena
- Reading	X Sawyer	- Sylvan Grove	- Waverly
- Reece	X Scandia	Sylvia	Wayside
X Republic	- Schoenchen	Syracuse	X Webber
- Reserve	X Scott City	Talmage	Webster
X Rexford	- Scottsville	Tampa	- Weir
- Richfield	Scranton	Tescott	Welda
- Richmond	X Seaman (Topeka)	Thayer	Wellington
- Riley	- Sedan	Tonganoxie	X Wellsville
- Riverton	X Sedgwick	Tonovay (Eureka)	Weskan
- Robinson	Selden	Topeka	Wesleyan Academy
X Rock Creek	- Seneca	Toronto	(Miltonvale)
- Rolla	X Severance	Towanda	- West Mineral
X Roosevelt	Severy	Treece	Westmoreland
(Emporia)	Shallow Water	Tribune	X Westphalia
- Rosalia	Sharon	Trousdale	- Wetmore
X Rosedale (K.C.)	X Sharon Springs	Troy	Wheaton
- Rose Hill	X Shawnee Mission	Turner	White City
- Rossville	(Merriam)	Turon	White Cloud
- Roxbury	- Silver Lake	Tyro	Whitewater
- Rozel	X Simpson	Udall	Whiting
X Ruleton	- Smith Center	Ulysses	- Wichita East
X Russell	Smolan	Uniontown	X Wichita North
- Russell Springs	Soldier	Utica	Wilburton
X St. Francis	X Solomon	Valley Center	- Williamsburg
St. Francis	X South Haven	Valley Falls	Willis
(St. Paul)	Sparks	Vermillion	Wilmore
X St. George	- Spearville	Vernon	Wilsey
- St. John	Speed	Vesper	- Wilson
St. John's College	Spivey	Vilas	Winchester
(Winfield)	X Spring Hill	Vinland	Windom
- St. John's Military	Spring Twp.	Viola	Winfield
School (Salina)	(Anthony)	Virgil	Winona
X St. Joseph's Mil.	Stafford	Wakeeney	Woodbine
(Hays)	Stanley	Wakefield	Woodston
- St. Marys	Stark	Waldo	- Wyandotte (K.C.)
St. Marys	X State School for the	Wallace	- Yates Center
(Pittsburg)	Deaf (Olathe)	Walnut	Zenda
Sts. Peter and Paul	Sterling	Walton	- Zook (Larned)
(Seneca)	Stilwell	Wamego	

## 70 Junior High Schools

Abilene	East (Parsons)	Horton	Olathe
Antrim (St. John)	East Topeka	Independence	Oswego
Argentine (K.C.)	El Dorado	Ingalls	Plains
Arkansas City	Elk City	Irving (Garnett)	Rolla
Atchison	Elk Falls	Junction City	Roosevelt
Atlanta	Ellis	Kingsdown	(Coffeyville)
Bloom	Emporia	Kinsley	Roosevelt
Boswell (Topeka)	Ensign	Kismet	(Topeka)
Bucklin	Erie	Lawrence	Rosedale (K.C.)
Cedar Vale	Fort Scott	Leavenworth	Royster (Chanute)
Central (K.C.)	Fredonia	Liberal	St. John
Cherryvale	Garden City	McPherson	Salina
Cimarron	Goodland	Meade	Stafford
Copeland	Great Bend	Montezuma	Sublette
Crane (Topeka)	Hiawatha	Neodesha	Valley Falls
Cullison	Hoisington	Newton	West (Parsons)
Curtis (Topeka)	Holliday (Topeka)	Northeast (K.C.)	Winfield
Dodge City	Holton	Northwest (K.C.)	Wyandotte (K.C.)



# CONSTITUTION

*of the*

## KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

### ARTICLE I

#### Name

This organization shall be known as the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

### ARTICLE II

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Association is to approve, promote, develop and direct activities and contests among its member schools in Athletics, Music, Forensics and Debate, Typing, Scholarship and any other activities which the membership may desire to sponsor. This purpose is to be attained through a plan of unification in the administration of these activities and contests without destroying the identity of any individual activity.

### ARTICLE III

#### Membership

Section 1. Any public accredited high school in the state of Kansas may become a member of this Association by its principal—the term “principal” as used throughout shall be construed to mean the executive officer of the high school—subscribing to the rules of the Association, and by the payment of the annual dues for each member as hereinafter provided. The term “high school” shall be interpreted to include the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

NOTE: Either the principal or superintendent may be the official representative, according to the policy of the individual school.

Sec. 2. Any approved junior high school may become a member of this Association by its principal subscribing to the rules of the Association, and by the payment of the annual dues as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. In schools not maintaining approved Junior High Schools, teams may be organized from the seventh, eighth and ninth grades, or any division of those grades, and enrolled in this Association, for athletic purposes only, as Junior High Schools. Schools enrolling in this Association under the provisions of this section shall be subject to the Junior High School regulations.

Sec. 4. A private school of secondary rank may apply to the Board of Control for admission and, upon payment of dues and the fulfillment of the requirements designated by the Board of Control, shall be admitted to membership.

Sec. 5. Each school in joining the Association expressly agrees not to contest with schools which are under suspension from the Association by the Board of Control, under the powers given in Article 6, Section 1, or with schools of other states which are similarly suspended from the associations of



November 4, 1941

Mr. Delmar Curry  
Kansas State High School Activities Ass.  
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Topeka, Kansas

Dear Delmar,

Thank you and E. A. for your kindness in giving me the information that I desired. This is a very fulsome bit of information and I thank you both for it. I am always interested in the participation in high school activities and I like to keep up on my facts and figures.

I am pleased indeed that Ernie Vanek is making a hit in Topeka. He's a fine chap and will go a long way.

I'm afraid that they're a little too optimistic over our basketball prospects, because every one of the Big Six outfits are expecting a great team. We have a lot of sophomores and they will be good before their competition is finished if the war does not come, but as usual we'll give the opposition an argument and arguments, you know, always draw crowds.

With all good wishes I am

Sincerely yours,

FCA/pg

Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



December 11, 1941.

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner,  
Kansas State High School Activities Association,  
409 National Reserve Building,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear E. A.:

This will confirm our telephonic  
conversation that we should do something of our  
own here in Kansas regarding the Naismith Memorial.  
I think what you suggested is exactly what I had  
in mind.

Sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I received your letter and have written to Astle and Uhrlaub regarding your game at Bethel. I wrote to Quigley about it some time ago and learned that he could not take it. I intended to be down at Lawrence last week and see you but didn't get there. I am glad to have your letter and I think these boys can work the game all right.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

E. A. Thomas,  
Commissioner.

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*What do you think of trying to get our high schools and college to put on games for the benefit of the memorial at Springfield, Mass.?  
How about something of our own here in Kansas?  
E.A.*



Nov. 1, 1941

Mr. E. A. Thomas  
Commissioner Kansas State High School Activities Association  
Room 409 National Reserve Building  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear E. A.,

Each year I get from you a list of the teams who are members of the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Will you kindly send me the number of football, track, baseball, and basketball teams. If you do not have their names please send me your last report.

Sincerely,

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Director of Physical Education and Recreation  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach



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October 24, 1941

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Varsity Basketball Coach,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc:

I received your letter in regard to the officials for your game at Bethel and I shall get in touch with Otto Unruh at once. I shall let you know as soon as I receive definite information from him.

Very cordially yours,

E. A. Thomas,  
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April 11, 1942.

Mr. E. A. Thomas,  
Kansas High School Activities Association,  
National Reserve Building,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear "Tommy":

Confirming our conversation of Thursday when you were in my office, I am for the new streamlined backboard, and always will be. I am of the opinion they are a great improvement over the old style backboard.

It was a pleasure to have a visit with you.

Very sincerely yours,

FCA:AH

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.



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Dear Doc:

I understand the boys had quite a time at the New Orleans basketball committee meeting.

I don't know too much about what happened leading up to the adoption of the new-type backboard. If our high schools in Kansas were victims of any plot or plan, we were innocent victims. I hope I have not stated our case incorrectly in the enclosed article scheduled to appear in the next issue of our Journal.

Why don't they make up their minds before putting a rule into the guide?

Best wishes,  
E. A. Thomas

Am I correct in my assumption of what happened before the adoption of the new backboard?

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### The Basketball Critics

We understand that the members of the national basketball rules committee, composed largely of college and university men, took a lambasting at their recent annual meeting from a small group of 30 or 40 members of the college basketball coaches' association and were told that they should rule out the molded basketball and the new fan-shaped backboards. Furthermore, we understand that a majority of the committee "took water" and tried to crawl out from under the responsibility for making the new-type basketball and backboards official. We are told that these coaches tried to place the blame upon a small group of midwestern high school men and made a number of the committee members believe that they could not afford to accept anything from the high schools, that until such time as the college basketball coaches should make formal recommendations they should not vote any changes.

Since we were not in on the preliminaries to the change in the backboards we cannot speak with any authority. We were informed, however, by the committee that the research division of the rules making body supervised tests and experiments authorized by the committee and that following the report of this committee, which was headed by Dr. F. C. Allen of the University of Kansas, the change to the new boards was authorized and recommended. At the annual meeting of the joint committee in 1941 it voted not only to make the new boards official but put into the guide the statement that, "in all new construction and in replacements the official board (the new one) should be installed." The vote on this change in the rules was 14 to 1—and there are only four high school representatives on the committee.

In this Missouri Valley area not only have the high schools changed to the new-type board but also the colleges and universities. In fact, we do not know of a single college in this section that does not have the new boards installed. Were our Missouri Valley college and university coaches influenced by a small group of high school coaches, or did they make the change upon the recommendation of the national committee, just as our high schools did? Did they think they were to be misled by a group of uninformed rules makers who did not know their own minds or those of their constituents?

The popularity of the new boards among those who have used them is attested by the overwhelming vote of 5 to 1 by hundreds of college and high school coaches throughout the country. Our Kansas coaches are almost unanimous for them, as they are for the molded basketball and we doubt if there will be any going back. In fact, we fear for the safety of anyone who would suggest such a thing.

We are not so much concerned just now with the merits of the molded ball or the new backboard, but we are concerned with the advisability of our high school associations being submitted to the domination of a rules making body that does not know "where it has been, where it is now, or where it is going."



April 15, 1942

Mr. E. A. Thomas, Commissioner,  
Kansas High School Athletic Association,  
National Reserve Building,  
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear E. A.:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th instant. I doubt whether people should be so entirely non-vocal at times. There are so many "yes" men in America today that when we do have some people who stand up and speak their thoughts I believe we get further in the long run.

We run into a lot of opposition, of course, but fellows like Porter are worth a lot more than some of these politicians who are always trying to fix things by the diplomatic rule.

I am sending you a copy of a letter I wrote to George Ekdahl of Highland Park, Illinois, and you can see that I have recommended the fan-shaped backboard, and will continue to do so to all high school and college administrators regardless of what other people may say.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,  
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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April 13, 1942

Dr. Forrest C. Allen,  
Director of Physical Education,  
University of Kansas,  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Doc":

I was in Chicago over the week end and had another talk with Mr. Porter in regard to the action of the basketball rules committee. I also sent a copy of my editorial to George Edwards and have a fine letter from him this morning.

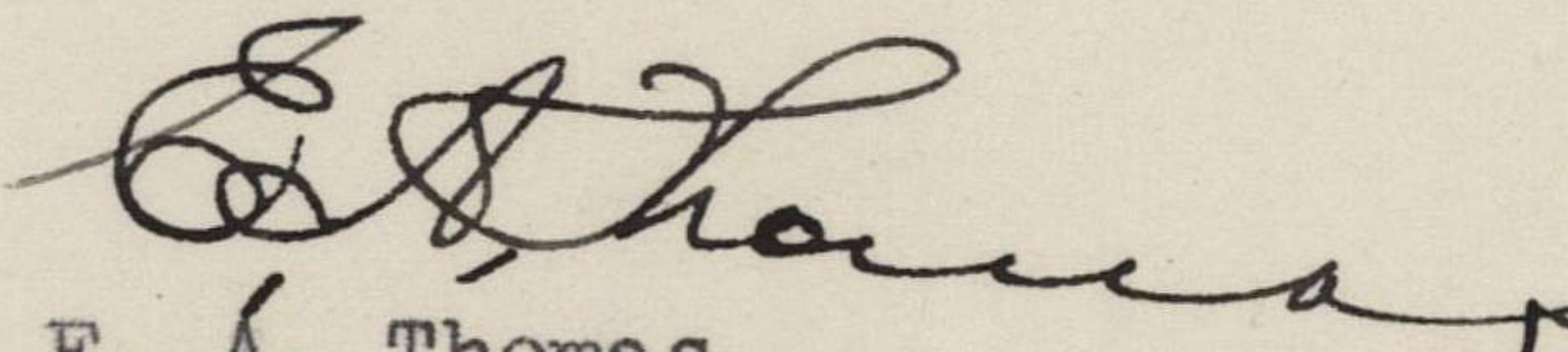
George Edwards does not think the situation is so serious as Mr. Porter seems to think it is. George believes that if we will just be patient and not try to force the issue so fast the transition to the new type of backboard will come in time. Of course, you and I understand that Mr. Porter is quite persistent in advancing his ideas and I was a little bit afraid that perhaps he was endeavoring to force the issue a little too fast at first. While George is very loyal to the streamlined board I think he is cognizant of the true situation and it is quite a relief to me to receive his reassuring letter. He seems to think that with both boards and both types of basketballs approved we shall have to be content until after the war is over. He is also very anxious that nothing be done to disturb the relationship between the high schools and the colleges. Unlike Mr. Porter he does not believe the college and university men are anxious to break away. This is good news to us, of course, and it will be of assistance to us in planning our affairs for the future. The first opportunity I have I shall drop in and talk to you about it. In the meantime I think our best procedure is to say very little about it. Perhaps I have said too much in my article and I shall not comment on it further unless something comes up in the meantime.

With best wishes, I am

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