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KHSAA Takes Control of High School Sports

A group of male educators started the Kentucky High School Athletic Association in 1917 to codify basic rules of player eligibility and athletic conduct for high school sports.

Frankfort, Louisville Male, Owensboro, Carrollton, Lexington, Carlisle, Anderson County, Monticello, Somerset, Ashland, Stanford, Paris, LaGrange,

Morganfield, Danville, Clark County, Cynthiana and Covington were the original members. As high school sports became more popular through the 1920s and 1930s, membership grew and, by 1938, more than 600 schools were KHSAA members.

Membership was open only to white schools until 1957. Today KHSAA manages high school athletics that includes 13 sports and 4 sport activities, for the Kentucky Department of Education; licenses and trains more than 4,000 officials; oversees coach education and sport safety programs; and provides catastrophic insurance for tens of thousands of student athletes.

It has a membership of 281 public and private schools.

