

# **KSU Athletics Board**

## **Policy 1: Scheduling of Athletic Competitions During Final Exam Periods.**

**1.1** Athletic competitions will *not* be scheduled during final exam periods. The final exam period is defined as beginning one day prior to the first day of scheduled final exams through the last day of final exams. The published dates posted by the Registrar's Office will be used to determine the final exam period. Additionally, the two calendar days prior to the beginning of this scheduling blackout period may be used only for the scheduling of home contests. The calendar date following the blackout period may be used for a home contest or used as a travel day. Travel on the last day of finals is permitted, provided departure is no sooner than one-hour after the scheduled end of the last exam of the last student to finish final exams. It is permissible to send a player, or players, by separate transportation to allow the majority of the travel squad to leave for an event, provided departure for such a player, or players, is no sooner than one-hour after the scheduled end of the last exam taken by the last student.

**1.2** In the event the published final exam period is changed by the Registrar's Office after athletic competitions have been scheduled, the head coach, working with the AD will seek to resolve the conflict in line with this policy. A request for an exception may be made to the Executive Committee of the Athletic Board (ECAB).

**1.3** Exceptions may be granted by the ECAB when conference competitions are required on a Saturday and/or Sunday during the blackout period to comply with prior agreements with the athletic conference. Additionally, the ECAB will consider requests for exceptions for participation in Conference and/or NCAA National pre and/or post-season play.

**1.4** In the event an exception should be requested, it will be incumbent upon the sport team's head coach and/or AD to make a request to the Chair of the ECAB for a special meeting to consider the request. The request should be accompanied with an academic impact analysis addressing number of student-athletes and exams impacted by the scheduling of such contest, a list of at-risk and high-risk students on the team with individual GPA's, as well as special efforts that will be taken to provide student-athletes with study/tutoring opportunities during the travel period required for the competition.

## **Policy 2: Commencement/Graduation Ceremony Blackout Period.**

**2.1** Athletic competitions will not be scheduled during the commencement period published by the Registrar's Office. Every effort will be made to schedule home contests mandated by the Conference and/or the NCAA at times that will *not* interfere with the graduation process.

**2.2** In the event that a team or individual athlete must travel for a major contest beyond our scheduling control such as Conference, NCAA or NIT competition, every reasonable effort should be made to return graduating student-athletes to campus for their respective commencement exercise.

## **Policy 3: Overnight, Mid-Week Competitions:**

**3.1** While mid-week non-conference competition is necessary to complete schedules, any competition requiring an overnight stay must consider missed class days and the added missed class days total for that semester. Conference schedules often require a mid-week overnight stay; those missed class days must be considered in scheduling mid-week missed class competition.

**3.2** Those scheduling overnight and mid-week competitions should bear in mind that no athlete shall miss more than 20% of scheduled class meetings for competition in any one semester. Any number beyond that stated above must be approved by the ECAB.