



Commissioner's Notes

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Hello everyone! The KHSAA Annual Meeting has come and gone. We had an excellent turnout for this important meeting and great discussion on the proposals submitted by the Board of Control and the membership. These approved proposals will begin to work their way through the regulatory review process which includes final approval by

LRC and ARRS. This year's Annual Meeting Workshops also included important topics that are very timely such as: Current Trends in Sports Medicine, heat related issues and MRSA; Compliance; and the two new innovative programs sponsored by the KHSAA, the STAR Sportsmanship Program and Schedule Star. These excellent programs are currently in place for our member school personnel to utilize.

In addition, I am pleased to offer congratulations to school personnel at the following 43 schools, who were recognized at this year's Annual Meeting for excellence in sportsmanship. These schools promoted good sportsmanship and distinguished themselves during the 2007-08 school year. Not one member of their teams or coaching staff was ejected from any contest during the entire school year. In a time in our society where there appears to be an erosion in the values of teamwork, fair play, citizenship and sportsmanship, these schools are to be commended for encouraging their school community to walk the walk in this area.

Congratulations to: Augusta, Ballard Memorial, Barbourville, Bracken County, Breckinridge County, Calloway County, Calvary Christian, Christian Fellowship, Clinton County, Corbin, Cordia, Cornerstone Christian, Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Crittenden County, Danville, East Ridge, Elliott County, Frederick Fraize, Fulton City, Gallatin County, Green County, Harlan, Heritage, Jackson County, Kentucky School f/t Blind, Kentucky School f/t Deaf, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Mercer County, Morgan County, Newport Central Catholic, Oneida Baptist Institute, Pineville, Red Bird, Rockcastle County, Sayre, South Floyd, Trimble County, Walden, West Carter, Whitefield Academy, Whitley County.

I hope to see many of you in Bowling Green at the Leachman-Buick-Pontiac-GMC KHSAA Girls' and Boys' Golf Championships this week!

NOVEMBER PRINCIPAL'S MEETING OPEN TO KASSP MEMBERS ONLY

In conjunction with the KASSP Fall Conference, one of the remaining required Principal's workshops is being held on November 6 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington at 9:00 a.m. This meeting is open to KASSP members only. To join contact Don Turner at: 859-236-7230 or www.kassp.net.

In addition to the KASSP meeting, there is one make up meeting on 11/8 at the KHSAA Office, (\$75 Fine), at 1:30 p.m.

SCHOOLS REMINDED OF DISQUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

Member schools are reminded of the procedure in the event that an athlete is removed from a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct.

1) The contest official is to report the disqualification online via the KHSAA web site within 24 hours of the contest. Upon reporting, an email will be automatically generated to the member school Principal and Athletic Director. Contained in that email is a link to the disqualification, and the report.

2) When that link is clicked, it will show an opportunity for the member school to request reinstatement. In general, this is a simple statement such as "This school requests reinstatement of John Doe following the mandatory minimum suspension". If the ejection is for an act so egregious as to require investigation and further suspension, this is an opportunity for the school to further respond.

3) Once the school request has been received, KHSAA staff will reinstate the athlete and/or coach. The KHSAA WILL NOT reinstate the athlete and/or coach until the member school has requested such reinstatement via the web site.

4) Per KHSAA Bylaw 16, there is no appeal of an officials' judgement call. KHSAA staff will intercede and work with the member school and officials when an erroneous number has been reported, or data is incomplete, or clearly erroneous as confirmed by the official, but Bylaw 16 binds the Association staff in terms of reinstatement prior to the minimum suspension.

If you have any questions about this procedure, please contact Marsha Day who handles the day to day mechanics of the procedure, or any of the Assistant Commissioners if you have policy or Bylaw questions.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ENTRY

Member school personnel are reminded to review your basketball schedules to make sure any game updates have been added. Schedules are to be entered on the KHSAA website through the "Member School Only" link. Revisions should be made no later than Oct. 15.

KHSAA CONTEST OPPONENTS, IN AND OUT OF STATE

As fall and winter are being scheduled, please note the criteria for out of state teams and tournaments:

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. IN STATE TEAMS

All regular season games against in-state opponents must be against schools that also belong to the KHSAA. Students from non-member schools in Kentucky may not, under any circumstances, compete against KHSAA member school students in the contests defined within Bylaw 25.

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. OUT OF STATE TEAMS FROM CONTIGUOUS STATES

All regular season games played against out of state opponents must be played against schools that are members of that state's association. The KHSAA office can assist in determining the status of those teams.

A sanction form is not required if all participating schools are from Indiana, Illinois or Ohio, unless a NFHS sanction applies. Please note, however, that Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out-of-state event.

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. NON CONTIGUOUS OR OTHERS THAT REQUIRE NFHS SANCTION

KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the NFHS sanction form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$100.00 if the contests includes any of the following criteria:

- The event involves two or more schools and is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community (e.g., a university, theme park, athletic shoe/apparel company);
- Non-bordering state events if five or more states are involved;
- Non-bordering state events if more than eight schools are involved; or
- Any event involving two or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. (The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico).

The sanction fee should be made payable to the National Federation and sent to the KHSAA with the appropriate form. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Federation Office.

When Kentucky member schools are participating in out-of-state contests, the host school from out-of-state is responsible for completing the sanction form through the applicable state association and the KHSAA member is responsible for ensuring this process is complete.

The NFHS has been receiving an unusual amount of sanction applications directly from the event coordinators. When applications are submitted to the NFHS instead of through their respective state association it causes a back

log of delay. **PLEASE remember to send all sanctions to the KHSAA for processing.**

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email mmitchell@khsaa.org.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

The Fall Board of Directors' meeting of the KHSADA will be on Monday, November 3. If you have issues or concerns that you would like brought before the Board, please contact your regional director or e-mail agenda items to gale.travis@hopkins.kyschools.us.

On Sunday, November 2 from 2 - 6 p.m. the KHSADA will offer two Leadership Training Program courses - 504: Athletic Administration - Legal Issues I (Risk Management) and 502: Athletic Administration - Strategies, Methods & Techniques. Both courses are required for certification as a Certified Athletic Administrator. If you would like to learn more about certification visit www.niaaa.org and click on the certification link. To register for a class (cost is \$80), contact faye.thornton@pendleton.kyschools.us.

The National Conference of Athletic Directors will be held this year in San Diego, CA December 13 - 16. You can register online at www.nfhs.org.

Congratulations to Kentucky's newest Certified Athletic Administrators: Christy Coulter - Zoneton Middle School and Mark Rogers - Bullitt Central High School. Kentucky's newest RAA's are: Dave Zuberer - DuPont Manual High School, Jordon White - Henderson Co. High School and Debbie Beichler - Atherton High School.

TITLE IX WORKSHOP DATES

The KHSAA has set Thursday November 20, 2008 and Wednesday December 3, 2008 as the dates for the Title IX Workshops for the 2008-2009 school year. November workshop will take place at Madisonville Community College from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The December workshop will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL PASSWORD AND NEED TO UPDATE EMAIL ADDRESSES

The KHSAA continually requests that the email addresses be updated for all member schools. This is vital as the password and security system has been implemented, which uses the email address as the login for the member schools.

Principals, Athletic Directors and Superintendents have one level of security, coaches have a different level, and the other "data entry" individuals can also be issued passwords for such things as roster and stat entry.

The use of this type of security allows the Association to be more comfortable in posting sensitive data and allows for the different levels of users to have different levels of access. If you

have questions about your password or the procedure, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA offices.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULING

Bylaw 25 addresses the method of counting basketball games against the limit. In summary, here is the rule.

Each team may count a maximum of two tournaments as one game each in a "shortcut fashion" (where each and every game doesn't have to be counted against the limit of games) provided that a school plays no more than four games in any one tournament;

Each game in any tournament beyond the limit of four games shall be counted against the limit of games;

The total game limit (including two tournament shortcuts) is 23 games. This could be 21 single games and two "shortcut" tournaments (where neither tournament has a team playing more than four games), 22 single games and one shortcut tournament (where a team doesn't play more than four in that tournament) or it could be 23 single games;

There is no limit to the number of tournaments that can be entered by a team, but only two may be counted in a "shortcut" fashion, all other contests must be counted game for game.

Please feel free to contact the office if you have other questions.

2008-2009 WINTER RULES CLINICS

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). Officials who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contest. Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest.

BASKETBALL

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)
 10/13 Bowling Green, Greenwood HS
 10/14 Eddyville, Lyon County HS
 10/15 Shepherdsville, Bullitt Central HS
 10/16 Paris, Bourbon County HS
 10/20 Newport HS
 10/21 Hazard, Perry Co. Central HS
 10/22 London, South Laurel HS
 11/12 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-up (\$75 Fine)

SWIMMING & DIVING

11/10 Lexington, KHSAA Office,
 Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)
 10/14 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine)

REPORTING OF SCORES TO SCOREBOARD

Remember to call in scores to the Scoreboard, 1-800-453-6882 at the completion of contests. Scoreboards are maintained in the fall sports of Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer and Football. If you have results from any fall sport, superlative performance or other note of news, you may submit that via e-mail to bcope@khsaa.org for inclusion in the KHSAA weekly news release.

2008-2009 KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct. 6-8	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Girls' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 9-11	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Boys' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Girls' Volleyball	Bellarmine Knights Hall, Louisville
Nov. 5-6, 8	Boys' & Girls' Soccer	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 15	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Ky. Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 12-13	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 13-14	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville
Feb. 19-21	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 11-14	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 18-21	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 21-23	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
May 22-23	Boys' & Girls' Track	U of L Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville
June 5-6	Fast Pitch Softball	Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 11-13	Forcht Bank/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington