

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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STATE WRESTLING THIS WEEK

The KHSAA State Wrestling Championships are on tap for this week, Thursday through Saturday, at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena at the Frankfort Convention Complex. A total of 448 wrestlers, 32 wrestlers in 14 weight classes, will hit the mats beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Championship bout matches are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

General admission to the event is \$5 per session. Children six and under will be admitted free. An all-session pass will be available at the gate for \$18.

This is a reminder for fans that due to security concerns, coolers and large bags will not be permitted to be brought in to Farnham Dudgeon Arena. Smaller bags, such as purses, are subject to search.

STATE WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Thurs., Feb. 20

Gates Open – 9:30 a.m.

Session #1

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. - First Round (224 matches)

4 p.m. – First Round of Consolation Bracket (112 matches) – approximate time as the round will begin immediately upon conclusion of preceding round.

Fri., Feb. 21

Gates Open – 8:30 a.m.

Session #2

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Second Round Championship Bracket (112 matches) followed by Second Round of Consolation Bracket (112 matches).

Session #3

Gates Open – 4 p.m.

4:30 – 11:30 p.m. – Third Round Championship Bracket (56 matches) followed by Third Round of Consolation Bracket (56 matches) followed by Fourth Round of Consolation Bracket (56 matches).

Satur., Feb. 22

Gates Open – 8:30 a.m.

Session #4

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Fourth Round (Semifinals) Championship Bracket (28 matches) followed by Fifth Round of Consolation Bracket (28 matches) and Sixth Round of Consolation Bracket (28 matches).

Session #5

Gates Open – 3 p.m.

3:30 – 6:30 p.m. – Consolation Bracket Finals (7th, 5th, 3rd-place matches – 14 matches per place)

6:30 p.m. – State Championship Opening Ceremonies

7 p.m. – State Championships (14 matches – 1 per weight class)

STATE WRESTLING ENTRIES

Weight class brackets for the 2003 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships will be posted on the KHSAA website Tuesday. To view the brackets, log on to www.khsaa.org/wrestling. Regional results are posted as available. State results will be posted on the site each evening.

STATE WRESTLING PRESS ROW

To contact a member of the KHSAA staff or receive updates, contact the Farnham Dudgeon Arena press row at (502)875-0149.

CONSTRUCTION AROUND FARNHAM DUDGEON ARENA

Those planning on attending the 2003 State Wrestling Championships should be advised of on-going construction surrounding the Frankfort Convention Complex, including Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center. The large parking lot at the back

of the Arena is no longer available with the construction of the transportation building. Parking will be available in the garages adjacent to the Arena, but will be at a premium. Please make plans appropriately.

STATE SWIMMING & DIVING THIS WEEK

The KHSAA Swimming & Diving Championships are also scheduled for this week. The meet is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at the University of Kentucky's Lancaster Aquatic Center in Lexington.

General Admission to the event will be \$6 per day. Children six and under will be admitted free of charge. Doors will open at 7:15 a.m. on Friday, with preliminaries set to begin at 10:15 a.m. On Saturday, doors will open at 8 a.m. with the finals in all events set to begin at 11 a.m.

This is a reminder for fans that due to security concerns, coolers and large bags will not be permitted to be brought in to the Lancaster Aquatic Center. Smaller bags, such as purses, are subject to search. For Lancaster Center food policies and parking information, check out the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/swimming.

STATE SWIMMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Below is a general schedule of events for this weekend's State Swimming & Diving Meet. For a full schedule, log on to the KHSAA website.

Friday, Feb. 21

Doors Open – 7:15 a.m.

Warm-Ups – 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Swimming Preliminaries Begin – 10:15 a.m.

Girls' Diving Prelims & Semifinals – 2:15 p.m.

Boys' Diving Prelims & Semifinals – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Doors Open – 8 a.m.

Warm-Ups – 9:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Finals in All Events – 11:00 a.m.

STATE SWIMMING OUTLOOK

Some top times were recorded at the Regional Swimming & Diving Meets held on Feb. 8. Heading in to the state, several participants met automatic All-American time qualifications.

In the Fifth Region, Paul Dunbar's Brandon Lovell posted a time of 50.76 in the 100-Fly to meet automatic All-America time standards. His time was one of five regional records that were broken during the meet (Stan Buncher of Lexington Christian 4:43.17 in 500-Free; Elizabeth Nuckols of Henry Clay with 495.70 points in girls' diving; Kevin Teague, last year's State champion, of Paul Dunbar with 563.45 points in boys' diving).

The Fourth Region had two swimmers meet automatic All-America time standards. Jason Vadney and Chris Seitz achieved the honors. Vadney went 1:42.18 in the 200-Free while Seitz went 46.23 in the 100-Free. A total of nine performances met automatic All-American standards in the Region 2 Meet, including Sacred Heart's time of 1:48.95 in the 200-Medley Relay. The SHA time is under the State Meet record of 1:49.05 set in 2001 by Paul Dunbar.

STATE SWIMMING & DIVING ENTRIES

Entries for Friday's preliminaries of the 2003 KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Meet are posted on the Association website at www.khsaa.org/swimming. Results will be posted following each event throughout both days.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT DRAWS HELD

The draws for the 2003 Boys' & Girls' State Basketball Tournaments were conducted last Friday at the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington.

Following are first-round match-ups for the tournaments. Complete brackets are posted at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

86th KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament

Wed., March 19

Session 1 – Region 8 Winner vs. Region 14 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 9 Winner vs. Region 10 Winner, 1:30 p.m.

Session 2 – Region 5 Winner vs. Region 2 Winner, 6:30 p.m.; Region 3 Winner vs. Region 13 Winner, 8 p.m.

Thurs., March 20

Session 3 – Region 6 Winner vs. Region 11 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 1 Winner vs. Region 4 Winner, 1:30 p.m.

Session 4 – Region 12 Winner vs. Region 16 Winner, 6:30 p.m.; Region 7 Winner vs. Region 15 Winner, 8 p.m.
Fri., March 21
Quarterfinals at 12, 1:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m.
Sat., March 22
Semifinals at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; State Championship at 8 p.m.

42nd Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament
Wed., March 26

Session 1 – Region 11 Winner vs. Region 14 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 8 Winner vs. Region 6 Winner, 1:30 p.m.
Session 2 – Region 15 Winner vs. Region 10 Winner, 6:30 p.m.; Region 4 Winner vs. Region 16 Winner, 8 p.m.

Thurs., March 27

Session 3 – Region 12 Winner vs. Region 2 Winner, 12 p.m.; Region 1 Winner vs. Region 13 Winner, 1:30 p.m.
Session 4 – Region 3 Winner vs. Region 5 Winner, 6:30 p.m.; Region 7 Winner vs. Region 9 Winner, 8 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Quarterfinals at 12, 1:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Sat., March 29

Semifinals at 10 and 11:30 a.m.; State Championship at 8 p.m.

BASKETBALL NOTES

(Taken from Member School Reports to the KHSAA)

IN GIRLS' ACTION

Trigg County's N'Keshia Coleman recorded a whopping double-double in the Wildcats' 56-51 win over Dawson Springs last week. Coleman scored 23 points and pulled down 23 rebounds in the contest. Her 23 rebounds were just four shy of the school record.

Aaron Richmond of Warren Central scored her 1,000th career point in a 52-49 win over Greenwood last week.

IN BOYS' ACTION

Prince Northington of Trigg County scored a career-high 40 points in a 74-72 overtime win over Lyon County last week. He hit 17 of 21 shots and pulled down seven rebounds.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets sales for both the Boys' & Girls' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office through next Wednesday, Feb. 26. You may order tickets by calling the KHSAA office at (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org. Tickets for the Boys' State Basketball Tournament are \$100 a set in the lower arena (one ticket to each of the 8 sessions) or \$50 a set in the upper arena. At this time, only full tournament books are on sale -- there are no single-session lower arena tickets at this time. There is a \$5 handling charge per ticket order. The Boys' State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 19-22 at Rupp Arena in Lexington.

Tickets for the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament are \$100 a set for sideline seats (one ticket to each of the 8 sessions) or \$50 a set for end zone seats. At this time only full tournament books are available -- there are no single-session tickets available at this time. There is a \$5 handling charge per order. The Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament is scheduled for March 26-29 at Western Kentucky University's Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

POSTSEASON BASKETBALL SITES

Following are postseason district and regional basketball tournament sites for this year. Tournament brackets will be posted on the KHSAA website as they are received.

Boys' & Girls' District Tournament Sites (March 3-8) – As of Feb. 17

(Host school is listed in parenthesis if playing at another site)

1 - Carlisle County; 2 - Reidland; 3 - Ballard Memorial; 4 - Murray; 5 - Livingston Central; 6 - Union County; 7 - Madisonville-North Hopkins; 8 - Christian County; 9 - SportsCenter (Owensboro Catholic); 10 - Muhlenberg South; 11 - Breckinridge County; 12 - Ohio County; 13 - Todd County Central; 14 - Bowling Green; 15 - Glasgow; 16 - Metcalfe County; 17 - Central Hardin (Boys)/Elizabethtown (Girls); 18 - LaRue County; 19 - Nelson County; 20 - Marion County; 21 - Central; 22 - Butler; 23 - Beth Haven; 24 - Southern; 25 - St. Xavier; 26 - Seneca; 27 - Moore; 28 - Waggener; 29 - North Bullitt; 30 - Anderson County; 31 - Gallatin County; 32 - Owen County; 33 - Ryle; 34 - Lloyd Memorial; 35 - Holy Cross (Covington); 36 - Highlands; 37 - Harrison County (Boys)/Paris (Girls); 38 - Silver Grove (Boys)/Campbell Co. (Girls); 39 - Mason County; 40 - Estill County; 41 - Woodford County; 42 - Lexington Catholic; 43 - Lafayette; 44 - ECU McBrayer Arena (Madison Southern); 45 - Danville; 46 -

Mercer County; 47 - Site of #1 Seed; 48 - South Laurel; 49 - Rockcastle County; 50 - Whitley County; 51 - Red Bird; 52 - Cumberland; 53 - Fleming-Neon (Boys)/Jenkins (Girls); 54 - Perry Co. Central (Buckhorn); 55 - Breathitt County; 56 - Owsley County; 57 - Paintsville; 58 - South Floyd; 59 - East Ridge; 60 - Belfry; 61 - Rowan County; 62 - Elliott County; 63 – Russell (Boys)/Fairview (Girls); 64 - Boyd County.

Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament Sites (March 10-15) – As of Feb. 17

(Host school in parenthesis)

1 - Murray State University; 2 - Hopkinsville; 3 - Muhlenberg North (Trinity (Whitesville)); 4 - Barren County; 5 - Hart County; 6 - Louisville Gardens (Butler); 7 - Louisville Gardens (Eastern); 8 - Henry County; 9 - Ryle; 10 - Mason County; 11 - EKV McBrayer Arena (Madison Southern); 12 - Garrard County; 13 - Whitley County; 14 - Powell County; 15 – Johnson Central (Semis & Final); 16 - Morehead State (Semis & Final).

Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament Sites (March 10-18) – As of Feb. 17

1 - Murray State University; 2 - Henderson County; 3 - Butler County (Frederick Fraize); 4 - Western Ky. University (Semis & Final); 5 - North Hardin; 6 - Louisville Gardens (Butler); 7 - Louisville Gardens (Eastern); 8 - South Oldham; 9 - Holmes; 10 - George Rogers Clark; 11 - Berea College (Lexington Catholic); 12 - North Laurel; 13 - Whitley County; 14 - Jenkins; 15 – Johnson Central (Semis & Final); 16 - Morehead State (Semis & Final).

HALL OF FAME BANQUET TICKETS ON SALE

Tickets to the 17th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame induction ceremony and banquet, scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington are now on sale. Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased by calling the KHSAA at (859)299-5472.

HOW TO GET INFO/NOTES IN THE WEEKLY RELEASE

The KHSAA requests assistance from its member schools and media outlets to aid in the compilation and dissemination of notes of interest, coach's association polls and upcoming events in all sports. Information should be forwarded to the KHSAA, attention Butch Cope, by 1 p.m. (ET) on Monday of each week. You may e-mail (bcope@khsaa.org) the information or fax it to the KHSAA at (859)293-5999. Information received will be reviewed and published at the discretion of the Association. The KHSAA strives to publicize all of its sports to the fullest extent and appreciates any and all assistance.

THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE MON., FEB. 24, 2003.