

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FEBRUARY 16, 2004

REGION WRESTLING TOURNAMENTS - SITES

Wrestling Regional Tournaments are set for this weekend, Feb. 20-21. Following are the regional tournament sites. Contact the host site for a schedule of events.

Region 1 – at Fort Campbell; Region 2 – at Central Hardin; Region 3 – at Fairdale; Region 4 – at Trinity (Louisville); Region 5 – at Jeffersontown; Region 6 – at Campbell County; Region 7 – at Bryan Station; Region 8 – at Wayne County.

The 2004 State Wrestling Championships are scheduled for Feb. 26-28 at the Farnham Dudgeon Arena in Frankfort. State Bracket Entries will be posted on the KHSAA website Tuesday, Feb. 24.

STATE SWIM MEET ENTRIES

Entries for next week's KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships will be posted on the Association website on Wednesday, Feb. 18. Log on to www.khsaa.org/swimming for complete State Swim Meet information.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA BOYS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups for the 2004 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball tournament scheduled for March 17-20 at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The complete bracket is also posted at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

Rupp Arena, Lexington • All Times Eastern & Local to Site
Wednesday, March 17

Region 10 vs. Region 12, 12 p.m.; Region 7 vs. Region 2, 1:30 p.m.
Region 5 vs. Region 15, 6:30 p.m.; Region 11 vs. Region 8, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 18

Region 1 vs. Region 9, 12 p.m.; Region 6 vs. Region 13, 1:30 p.m.
Region 14 vs. Region 16, 6:30 p.m.; Region 4 vs. Region 3, 8 p.m.

HOUCHENS/KHSAA GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Following are the first round region vs. region match-ups for the 2004 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball tournament scheduled for March 24-27 at E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green. The complete bracket is posted at www.khsaa.org/basketball.

E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green • All Times Central & Local to Site
Wednesday, March 24

Region 8 vs. Region 6, 12 p.m.; Region 12 vs. Region 9, 1:30 p.m.
Region 11 vs. Region 14, 6:30 p.m.; Region 5 vs. Region 10, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 25

Region 13 vs. Region 2, 12 p.m.; Region 15 vs. Region 16, 1:30 p.m.
Region 1 vs. Region 7, 6:30 p.m.; Region 3 vs. Region 4, 8 p.m.

STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TICKETS

Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office by calling (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org or through ticketmaster.com.

At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale through the KHSAA. Ticket sales will continue through the KHSAA until Feb. 26. After that time, tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com.

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.

DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Tickets to the 17th Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet are now on sale through the KHSAA office. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 for a table of 10. This year's Banquet is set for Tuesday, March 16 and will be held in the Bluegrass Grand Ballroom at the Lexington Center (Next to Rupp Arena). A social hour will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. (ET). The banquet begins at 6:30 p.m.

Following is a listing of this year's inductees: Brown Badgett, Ron Cain, Ancie Casey, Otis Dinning, Marty Donlon, Kim Hawkins, Alvis Johnson, Kenneth Dale Moore, Ben Pumphrey, Kim Mays Rose, Evan Settle, Billy B. Smith, Eugene Washington, Jim Watkins and The Dawahare Family.

To purchase tickets, contact Butch Cope or Ken Tippett at the KHSAA at (859)299-5472.

BASKETBALL NOTES

(As submitted by member schools)

St. Patrick will honor retiring boys' basketball coach Lex Turner Friday, Feb. 20 in its last regular season home game against Paris. Turner is retiring after 28 years of coaching. For more information on the honors ceremony, contact Assistant Coach Chris Davis at St. Patrick.

Mason County's Chris Lofton scored 42 points in an 84-72 win over George Rogers Clark last Friday. In an 87-79 win over Lafayette on Saturday, Royals coach Kelly Wells moved into second place on the all-time wins list at Mason County with 161. He trails Allen Feldhaus who won 325 games.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA SWEET 16® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

There is still time remaining for senior student athletes to apply for one of the National City Sweet 16® scholarships. In addition to its title sponsorship of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, National City Bank will be awarding 32 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. One boy and one girl from each of the 16 basketball regions will receive the honor. Scholarships are open to all athletes (not restricted to basketball). Winners will be recognized at both State Tournaments in March.

The application form is posted on the KHSAA website with the return deadline of March 1.

NATIONAL CITY TROPHY TOUR

Another element of National City's sponsorship is a tour of the State Championship trophy that will be awarded in March. The tour kicked off at the Hazard Invitational in early January and will continue throughout the state with stops at National City branches as well as high school basketball contests. The trophy and scholarship applications are the special features of the display.

Following is a listing of the trophy tour (as of 2/16/04):

Feb. 17 – Mayfield (Paducah Tilghman at Mayfield); Feb. 20 – Hopkinsville (Logan Co. at Hopkinsville); Feb. 20-26 – Louisville (Branches to be determined).

Additional dates and sites will be confirmed and added. Please check out the KHSAA website (Basketball Page) for tour updates.

THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2004.