



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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Sports Safety Work Group Final Report Garners Praise from Education Committee

Members of the Interim Joint Committee on Education praised members of the Sports Safety Work Group for its thorough report and expedient implementation of the Sports Safety Course during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee on Monday in Frankfort.

More than 8,150 coaches have completed the Sports Safety Course as of Nov. 9. In response to House Bill 383, which was signed into law by Gov. Steve Beshear on March 25, the seven-module course was developed with the assistance of the Kentucky Medical Association in little more than eight weeks and became available on July 2. At least one coach who has completed the course must be present at every practice or competition during the 2009-10 school year; in 2010-11, successful completion of the course becomes a requirement for all high school coaches, and a condition prior to the hiring of new coaches.

As defined by the legislation, the course content will be updated at least every 30 months. The online nature of the course will make curriculum updates easier, according to KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries. "We tried to build it for the future," DeVries told the Committee.

The course has also gained national attention for its content and accessibility. Dr. James "Pete" Bowles, who helped design the curriculum, said the program is unique. "Kentucky is viewed as a leader in this area," Bowles told the committee. "This is the only course that's online in the entire country."

The Sports Safety Work Group, a 22-member panel was comprised of medical professionals, certified athletic trainers, educators and coaches stipulated in the language of House Bill 383, and met seven times over the course of five months. The SSWG examined every aspect of sports safety as it related to student-athletes at Kentucky's secondary schools. The final report, a 765-page document, included all of the material reviewed by the group, highlighted by eight SSWG recommendations in an effort to further strengthen sports safety and risk minimization for Kentucky's student-athletes.

"Special thanks are in order to all individuals who contributed to the final SSWG report," DeVries said. "The SSWG was an example of a great collaborative effort."

STATE CROSS COUNTRY THIS WEEKEND

The 2009 KHSAA State Cross Country Championships are scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Action begins with the Girls' Class A race at 9:30 and concludes with the Boys' Class 3A race at 2:15 p.m.

Gates open at 8 a.m. for fans. General admission tickets will be priced at \$7 each with those six and under admitted free of charge. Fans should use the main Horse Park entrance and follow the signs. Parking will be in lots on Walt Robertson Road near the new arena on the grounds of the Horse Park. A golf cart shuttle will be provided for those that need assistance to the race area.

Following is the race schedule:

Girls' Class 1A – 9:30 a.m.

Boys' Class 1A – 10:15a.m. (awards for Class 1A at the conclusion of the boys' race)

Girls' Class 2A – 11:30 a.m.



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Boys' Class 2A – 12:15 p.m. (awards for Class 2A at the conclusion of the boys' race)

Girls' Class 3A – 1:30 p.m.

Boys' Class 3A – 2:15 p.m. (awards for Class 3A at the conclusion of the boys' race)

Entries and Results

www.khsaa.org/cross_country/state.html

KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP MEDIA CREDENTIAL REQUEST FORMS NOW ONLINE

In an effort to make things more convenient for media members, the KHSAA has implemented a slight change in its credentialing process. Instead of mailing a hard copy of the credential request forms to each media outlet as was done in the past, credential forms have now been posted to the KHSAA website in both Microsoft Word and PDF formats.

Please download the form, fill it out and either fax or email it back to Marilyn Mitchell at (859) 293-5999 or mmitchell@khsaa.org. Currently the Fall Sports Championship and Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl (football) are available while the Winter Sports, Basketball, and Spring Sports will be posted soon. All outlets wishing to cover a KHSAA championship event **must submit a form**.

The forms may be accessed by the following link to the KHSAA website

<http://www.khsaa.org/forms/sportsinformation.html>

FOLLOW KHSAA NEWS THROUGH TWITTER

Fans and media are now able to follow the latest happenings of any KHSAA sponsored sport they choose, thanks to Twitter. The KHSAA has established accounts for each sport offered by the Association that will deliver the latest news and tournament information. Media members may also follow the Association through a special account set up to deliver news and releases directly to the media (www.twitter.com/khsaanews). This account is not open to the public. The following are KHSAA Twitter account names set up for the public to follow:

www.twitter.com/khsaaevents

www.twitter.com/khsaascoreboard

www.twitter.com/khsaabaseball

www.twitter.com/khsaabasketball

www.twitter.com/khsaaxcountry

www.twitter.com/khsaafotball

www.twitter.com/khsaagolf

www.twitter.com/khsaasoccer

www.twitter.com/khsaasoftball

www.twitter.com/khsaaswimming

www.twitter.com/khsaatennis

www.twitter.com/khsaatrack

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November 14

November 16

December 4-5

KHSAA State Cross Country Meet, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington

KHSAA Regular Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington

Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green