

# KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

## *Commissioner's Notes*

Oct. 15, 1999

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### **NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING**

The next regularly-scheduled Board of Control meeting will be held on Nov. 16-17, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. Contact the KHSAA for a meeting agenda. The Board will hold a special meeting to rule on September appeals on Wed., Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. at the KHSAA Office in Lexington

### **NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE REMINDER**

All schools are reminded that the NCAA has mailed material from the initial eligibility clearinghouse relative to the changes in core content and the need for local level compliance. Make certain that your guidance office has received this important information in the event that one or more of your students chooses to attempt to play sports at the collegiate level.

### **MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION**

The KHSAA web site includes the 1998 and 1999 attendance listings for the Medical Symposium ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org), then click Medical Symposium Information).

Each head coach in all KHSAA sports/activities (including cheer), in order to be eligible to coach in post season, must attend one of these meetings once every two years. New coaches hired after the last day of school for the 1998-99 school year can wait until the summer of 2000 to attend. This rule is strictly enforced through self-enforcement by member schools. After checking your roster of coaches, those deficient in this requirement should be self reported to the Association and appropriate penalty action will be taken.

### **ALL PARTIES SHOULD ATTEND APPEALS HEARINGS**

Again, at the encouragement of the Board of Control and Staff, all parties involved in an appearance before the Hearing Officer should attend the appeal. Attendance is encouraged to allow a school or individual(s) an opportunity to respond to statements made during the hearing.

### **BASEBALL BAT RULE CHANGE DELAYED**

A proposed change to the National Federation's bat rule has been delayed by the Executive Board of the National Federation. The NFHS Board will re-visit the issue at its next meeting set for Oct. 24-25. KHSAA staff will inform member schools when a final change is made, but there will be no change affecting play for the 2000 season.

### **FIRST BASEBALL CONTEST MARCH 27**

A misprint in the 1999-2000 KHSAA Memorandum calendar lists March 21 as the first date for a baseball contest. The correct date is Mon., March 27 (along with fast pitch softball, slow pitch softball and track). District Tournaments are correctly listed as May 22-27, 2000.

### **CHRISTIAN ACADEMY-LOUIS. BK REMAINS IN 26TH**

The KHSAA Board of Control voted at its September meeting to allow Christian Academy-Louisville a one year waiver in moving from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> basketball district alignment. CAL will be a member of the 26<sup>th</sup> basketball for the 1999-2000 season and shall be eligible for postseason play. For the 2000-2001 season and postseason, Christian Academy will move to the 28<sup>th</sup> district. Christian Academy has moved the location of the campus, prompting the change in alignment.

### **COACHING EDUCATION ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

On the KHSAA web site is the current list (through September) of those coaches who have completed all requirements for the coaching education program ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org), then click Coaching Education Information). Districts and schools are reminded that this is a pre-hire requirement, and prior to coaching in the first contest, all coaches must have attended. There is a period of time determined by the testing service to complete both exams. All coaches in a school (Level I or II) and all Level III non faculty assistants, with the exception of those teaching coaches (Level I) who have been on the school system faculty since 1995-96, must attend the course. This particular certification is permanent, so once the requirement has been completed, it is not necessary to be repeated if a coach changes districts.

In analyzing our first four years of this requirement, many coaches have taken the course, and yet failed to complete BOTH of the required examinations. These exams scores can also be checked on the KHSAA web site by using the same coaching education link. If a coach has passed the NFICEP test, but failed to complete the bylaws test, the coach may contact Julian Tackett or Vicky Fields at the KHSAA office for permission to re-take the bylaws test, however there will be a \$20 processing fee which is paid to the NFICEP office. If a coach has failed to pass the NFICEP test within the required time, the course must be taken again, with full payment of the fee required.

The most current information about upcoming course dates is always located on the KHSAA web site (same as above). If you have questions about the testing or past attendance of one or more of your coaches, contact Julian Tackett or Vicky Fields at the KHSAA. Please remember this is a pre-hire requirement with no provision for waiver.

### **SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR STATE EVENTS**

This reminder that schools advancing to state tournament play are asked to request credentials PRIOR to the event. A letter from the school principal (on school letterhead) is required including the name(s) of the individual(s). Each school is limited to three (3) credentials. This includes yearbook, newspaper, journalism class personnel or video yearbook personnel. Students or other representatives showing up at the gate will not be issued media credentials.

### **BASKETBALL TICKET ORDER FORMS**

Ticket order forms for the 2000 KHSAA Girls' and Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments have been mailed to member school principals and superintendents. If you have not received your form, or need to request another, please contact our office immediately. The superintendent's signature is not necessary on the school order form.

### **DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

The KHSAA Board of Control has approved updated policies and procedures regarding nominations for selection into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. A new nomination form along with instructions for nomination is available on the KHSAA Internet site ([www.khsaa.org/halfame/index.html](http://www.khsaa.org/halfame/index.html)). ALL previous nominations are required to submit a new form complete with requested support documentation information. The KHSAA is in the process of notifying those who had nominated individuals or the individuals themselves that a new form is required.

### **TITLE IX VISITS TO BEGIN**

KHSAA staff will begin visiting member schools to help assist them with compliance of Title IX. KHSAA staff will visit 20% of the membership this school year, and visit each member school at least once over the next five years (20% each year).

### **WRESTLING WEIGHT CONTROL REMINDER**

As planning begins for the 1999-2000 wrestling season, coaches are reminded that all athletes MUST weigh in on a certified scale PRIOR to January 15. It is the obligation of the coach in conjunction with the athlete, his/her parents, and his/her doctor to use accepted procedures to determine each wrestler's minimum weight. More information will be mailed to the wrestling schools in October.

### **COUNT FOR BA/SB TOURNAMENTS**

This is a reminder that the amendment to Bylaw 25 passed the Delegate Assembly and was approved by the Board of Control. The increase in the number of baseball/softball tournaments counted in a shortened manner is not in effect for the 1999-2000 (2000 season) school year. Pending State Department of Education approval, the amendment will be in place for the 2000-2001 school year (2001 season). Please make sure your coaches continue to count tournament games using the same procedure as in the past. If you have questions, you may contact Asst. Commissioner Larry Boucher (Softball) or Asst. Commissioner Julian Tackett (Baseball) at the KHSAA (606)299-5472.

### **NO PRACTICE/PLAY PRIOR TO BEING RULED ELIGIBLE**

According to Bylaw 6, Sec. 3 – Period of Ineligibility, Students who are ineligible may not practice or play until ruled eligible by the Commissioner.

*Q/A - May a student who has transferred practice or play with the team prior to being ruled eligible? No. If a participant has transferred, and represented a member or non member school at the varsity level after enrolling in grade nine (9) thereby being subject to the rule, he/she is ineligible under the provisions of Bylaw 6 until the proper administrative channels have been completed including the KHSAA Form 6 being signed by the Commissioner. He/she may not try-out, practice, or participate in games or scrimmages until being ruled eligible, and minimum practice periods (i.e. ten days for football) do not begin accumulating until the ruling is complete. Ineligible persons practicing with the team jeopardize the insurance coverage of all participants and the liability coverages of the school, school system and individual coverages.*

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WEB**

This is a reminder that the KHSAA website ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) continues to expand and contains useful information. Open Job/Dates information, coaching education classes and medical symposium schedules are among the information available.

National Federation Rules Interpretations/Changes are available via the NFHS Website ([www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)). Following are the addresses for rules interpretations.

Swimming & Diving - [www.nfhs.org/rules-swimming.htm](http://www.nfhs.org/rules-swimming.htm)

Wrestling - [www.nfhs.org/rules-wrestling.htm](http://www.nfhs.org/rules-wrestling.htm)

### **CALL IN FOOTBALL GAME SCORES**

This is a reminder that each school is required to call in the final score of its football game each week, continuing throughout the playoffs, to the KHSAA Football Scoreboard at 1(888)366-8706. Home or Away, win or lose, schools are required to call following the completion of the contest. A long-standing sportsmanship agreement that the home team will call isn't always followed, especially when the home team loses.

### **COACHING EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE**

Following is a listing of the upcoming coaches education classes. This list is also available on the KHSAA Website ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)).

Sat., Oct. 30 – Montgomery Co. HS, beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
Contact Phil Rison, (606)497-8765.

Sat., Oct. 30 – Bowling Green HS, beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
Contact Hugh McReynolds, (270)726-7454.

Tues., Nov. 2 – Bardstown HS, beginning at 8:30 a.m.  
Contact Roland Williams, (502)348-1673 or (502)348-1675.

Tues., Nov. 2 – Lafayette HS, beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Karen Vanover (606)381-3477.

Sat., Nov. 13 – Kentucky School f/r Deaf, beginning at 8 a.m.  
Contact Paul Smiley, (606)239-7017 ex. 2600.

### **MOLTEN OFFICIAL BASKETBALL**

Again some confusion has occurred regarding the official basketball of the KHSAA. **Molten remains the official basketball for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for both boys' and girls' basketball (B71-W for boys and B6L-W for girls).** Molten balls are required for district, region and state tournament play. Should you have any questions regarding official balls of the KHSAA, contact Ken Tippet at the Association office. Following is a listing of the official balls by sport.

Soccer - Molten  
Volleyball - Molten  
Football - Wilson  
Boys' & Girls' Basketball - Molten  
Slow Pitch Softball - Wilson  
Tennis - Wilson  
Fast Pitch Softball - Wilson  
Baseball - Wilson

Information regarding the purchase or location of Molten Balls may be obtained by calling Chuck Saul or Tonya at 1-800-722-5124.

### **STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADE CHECK REMINDER**

This clarification involves student-athlete eligibility regarding Bylaw 5 - Minimum Academic Requirement (Page 10, 1999-2000 KHSAA Handbook). Grade checks should reflect the cumulative grade earned by the student at that particular point (each Friday) in the semester or officially recorded grading period. It is not the student-athlete's grade for each particular week. If a student-athlete is ineligible at the end of the grading period (each Friday), the athlete is ineligible until the next grading period when school is in session.

*Q&A - May a student-athlete that was originally ineligible at the grade check period count intersession work to obtain eligible status?* No. Not if school is not in full session. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the next grade check when school is in full session.

### **TRACK & FIELD / TENNIS POSTSEASON SITES**

Anyone interested in hosting regional track and field or tennis championships should send in an application as soon as possible. Regional track and tennis sites will be announced at a later date and available on the KHSAA Website ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)).

### **NATIONAL FEDERATION SANCTIONING**

This reminder that beginning with the upcoming school year (1999-2000) new procedures were adopted by the National Federation for sanctioning out-of-state contests. Schools hosting are to complete the new sanctioning form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$50. The fee should be made payable to the National Federation and sent to the KHSAA. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Office. Schools that are participating in out-of-state contests are required to complete a sanction form, but not required to pay the processing fee. Please call the KHSAA with any questions.

### **FOOTBALL REMINDER OF HALF-TIME**

#### **HALF-TIME LENGTH**

The normal half-time in high school football is 15 minutes. This half-time should be extended to a maximum of 20 minutes only for special ceremonies, such as a once a year homecoming. If the half-time is to be extended, the officials must be notified prior to five minutes before kickoff so that both teams can be notified. Without such notification, half-time shall be 15 minutes.

In addition, some schools are having an extended half each week. If this practice continues, there may be action taken to limit the number of extensions in the future. The spirit and intent of the rule is to allow for ONE extension per year.

It is also permissible, with agreement of both coaches, to cut the half-time intermission to 10 minutes.

#### **HALF-TIME STARTING**

The start of the half-time intermission is recommended to be when both teams leave the field. This is open for interpretation, but officials may start this intermission as soon as the teams begin leaving the team box to go to their half-time gathering location. Officials are not to wait until the field is completely clear unless the teams are unable to leave the field because of events beyond control of the participants. In addition, with a 20 minute half, the clock can be started immediately following the signal of the ball above the head to end the half.

#### **HALF-TIME ENDING**

It is a fifteen yard foul, unsportsmanlike conduct, for either team to not be ready to begin the warm-up period at the conclusion of the scheduled half-time intermission. For example, if 15:00 is listed for the half-time intermission, and the team is not on the field at 0:00, it is an immediate 15 yard foul. If the field is not ready for play at the end of the scheduled half-time intermission, it is a 5 yard foul against the home team. Allowing for additional time at half-time without penalty places officials in a bad situation by allowing athletes to cool down too long, increasing the risk of injury.

#### **STARTING THE THREE MINUTE WARM-UP PERIOD**

After the half-time intermission (scheduled), the clock is to be reset to 3:00 and started immediately for the warm-up period. Do not wait on the teams to return. If they are not there at 0:00 on the half-time, throw the flag, and start the three minutes. The legal obligation is to provide for a warm-up period, not ensure that warm-ups are conducted. It is the coach's liability and concern if they do not utilize the warm-up period.

**UPCOMING CLINICS SCHEDULE**

BK - 10/25 - Grayson, East Carter HS, 7 p.m.  
BK - 10/26 - Louisville, Southern HS, 7 p.m.  
WR - 10/26 - Louisville, Trinity HS, 7 p.m.  
BK - 10/27 - Elizabethtown HS, 7 p.m.  
WR - 10/27 - Madisonville, Madisonville-North Hopkins HS (Brown Badgett Complex), 7 p.m.  
BK - 10/28 - Somerset, Pulaski Co. HS, 7 p.m.  
WR - 10/28 - Hebron, Conner HS, 7 p.m.  
BK - 10/30 - Paris, Bourbon Co. HS, 10 a.m.  
BK - 11/1 - Newport HS, 7 p.m.

**STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SCHEDULE**

Following is the date/time schedule for the 1999 KHSAA State Football Championships. The games will be played Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at the Kentucky Fair & Expo Center's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville. First Round playoff dates/sites for all four classes will be available on the KHSAA Internet site ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) on Mon., Nov. 1.

All Times are Local to Site (ET)

Fri., Dec. 3

Class A Championship - Noon

Class AA Championship - 4 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 4

Class AAA Championship - Noon

Class AAAA Championship - 4 p.m.

**STATE CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE**

Following is the event schedule for the 1999 KHSAA State Cross Country Championships. The championships will be held Sat., Nov. 6, at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. A detailed time schedule, complete with first call, times for inspections and time for final calls, is available on the KHSAA Internet site ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)).

All Times are Local to Site (ET)

Sat., Nov. 6

9:30 a.m. - Class AA Girls

10:30 a.m. - Class AA Boys

11:30 a.m. - Class A Girls

12:30 p.m. - Class A Boys

1:30 p.m. - Class AAA Girls

2:30 p.m. - Class AAA Boys

**1999-2000 HANDBOOK UPDATES**

Following are updates to the 1999-2000 KHSAA Handbook received following the printing deadline. Please make the adjustments to your copy. Information received is as of Sept. 15, 1999. We will continue to publish updates in future issues of the Commissioner's Notes.

**South Laurel**

Phone Number: (606)862-4727

**Calloway County**

Principal - Randy McCallon

**DeSales**

Basketball (Boys) - Tom Crews

**Holy Cross (Covington)**

Softball (FP) - Anne Julian

**Hickman County**

Soccer (Boys) - Deborah Watson

Soccer (Girls) - Deborah Watson

**Jenkins**

Basketball (Boys) - Brian Johnson

**Lee County**

Email Address - [adunahoo@lee.k12.ky.us](mailto:adunahoo@lee.k12.ky.us)

**Nicholas County**

Address - 103 School Drive

Athletic Director - Paul Mullins

Residence Phone - 606-484-9505

School Colors - Royal Blue & White

Basketball (Girls) - Mike Kenney

Cheer (Boys) - Kathy Fryman

Tennis (Boys) - Bobby Storie

Tennis (Girls) - Bobby Storie

**Phelps**

Address - Po Box 925 Rt. 632, Phelps 41553-0925

Athletic Phone - 606-456-3482 \*220

email - [jwilson@se-Tel.com](mailto:jwilson@se-Tel.com)

Athletic Director - Janie Wilson

Res. Phone - 606-456-7114

KHSAA Rep - Janie Wilson

Baseball - Dave Clusky

Basketball (Girls) - James Mercer

Football - Dave Clusky

Golf (Boys) - Open

Golf (Girls) - Open

Softball (FP) - Debbie Stiltner

Volleyball - Janie Wilson

**Providence**

Baseball - Steve Sauer

Basketball (Boys) - Mike Hensley

Basketball (Girls) - Sabrina Smith

Track (Boys) - Laurie Scheer

Track (Girls) - Laurie Scheer

**Washington County**

Supt. Address - 120 Mackville Hl. 40069-1013

**Webster County**

Basketball (Girls) - Alan Vaughn

1999 KHSAA STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT  
 Ryle High School / Gray Middle School  
 Union, Ky.  
 Fri.-Sat., Oct. 29-30, 1999

Tournament Bracket

