



# Commissioner's Notes

November 2006

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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Thanks to all of you for attending our Regional Administrators Workshops held in Lexington and at locations throughout the state. We had excellent attendance and hopefully provided some helpful information on Association regulations, special programs and technology operations. The question and answer sessions were very productive for our staff and we appreciated the opportunity to have dialogue with each of you.

The Annual Meeting has come and gone and the Board of Control continues to discuss the impact of the proposals on the Association and the rules implementation process. The Kentucky Board of Education will review the Board of Control recommendations on the proposals at their February meeting.

November is the month to be mindful and thankful for all of the blessings and opportunities we have in this country. In November we have the privilege of going to the polls to elect our local, state and national government officials. We also get to celebrate one of the best family holidays on the calendar, Thanksgiving. Family brings to mind those who are close to each of us personally and it also brings to mind the family we have in Kentucky that extends from state border to border. Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches and Teachers are all part of the KHSAA family. Officials, event workers, managers, vendors and corporate partners are also a part of an extended network of people, who truly enjoy being a part of the high school sports community. We all work together on a common goal and that is to provide the best athletic participation opportunities we can for the student athletes in our schools. Speaking for the staff and Board of Control of the Association, we feel lucky and thankful to have this opportunity to work in conjunction with each of you on a regular basis.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

## TITLE IX – PRIME TIME PLAY

Over the past weeks, the KHSAA Title IX audit team has been assisting member schools in identifying issues related to Title IX and the scheduling of prime time/prime date basketball contests. Over the next few days the KHSAA will be auditing 2006-07 basketball schedules to ensure all schools are compliant with the requirement to schedule at least 40% of their girls' home basketball games during prime dates (Friday night, Saturday or Sunday). Non-compliant schools will be notified.

For any schools penalized due to non-compliance, there is an appeals process for those schools that fall short of the requirement. Any appeals will be heard by the Title IX Committee of the Board of Control at its December meeting.

To help determine if your school meets the requirement, you will need to make a single calculation. Divide the number of girls' home prime date games played, by the total number of home games for your girls. If that percentage of girls' home prime date games played is equal to or greater than 40.00% then the school complies with this initiative. For example, if your girls' team is playing five home games on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday during the season and you have 10 total girls' home games during the season, then your girls' prime date percentage would be 50.00% (5 prime date home games divided by 10 total home games). Using this example your school would be in compliance.

If you need assistance in trying to prevent problems with your schools' prime time compliance, please feel free to contact the KHSAA office.

## ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

If you plan to go to the NFHS National Athletic Director's Conference in Anaheim, you can still register by going online to [www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org).

The KHSADA Board of Directors met at the Clarion in Louisville on Monday, Nov. 6. President Jeff Edwards welcomed new Board Member, Joe Ruddell, representing the 11<sup>th</sup> Region.

Mark your calendars now. The State AD Conference is May 9 – 11 at the Clarion in Louisville. LTP courses will be taught on May 8, 9 & 11 and we will offer the Middle School Athletic Administration course for the first time in Kentucky.

## KHSAA CONTEST OPPONENTS, IN AND OUT OF STATE

As the holiday tournament season approaches, 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 that eight schools are involved.

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](mailto:mmitchell@khsaa.org).

## 2006 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

*Please note the original date has been changed.*

12/13 Lexington @ KHSAA Make Up Clinic  
(\$75 Fine) (1:30 p.m.)

### SWIMMING & DIVING

11/14 Lexington @ KHSAA Make Up Clinic  
(\$75 Fine) (1:30 p.m.)

## REPORTING OF SCORES AND SCHEDULE ENTRY

We ask that member school personnel review your baseball, basketball (boys and girls), and softball 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.

Please remember to call in the scores of contests to the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard immediately following each contest. The number is **1-800-715-8388** and is toll free.

While it is a Board policy that the membership cooperate with the data collection on the scoreboard or be subject to penalty, it has been proven by the membership time and again that they desire to voluntarily cooperate with this project.

## KHSAA EVENT TICKET ORDERS

Football ticket order forms have been mailed electronically to the schools and will be available through the Association office until November 18.

Ticket order forms for member schools and the general public to purchase tickets to the 2007 Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' and National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments have been mailed to the membership. Please respond by the deadline to ensure priority location.

## KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Nov. 11	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Ky. Horse Park, Lexington
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 9-10	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium
Feb. 15-17	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 14-17	Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 21-24	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 19	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Sportsplex, Hebron, KY
May 24-26	Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 1-2	Boys' & Girls' Track	TBA
June 8-9	Fast Pitch Softball	Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
June 13-16	Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington