



Commissioner's Notes

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A monthly newsletter from Commissioner Julian Tackett, Kentucky High School Athletic Association,
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BYLAW 5 REINSTATEMENT REMINDER

Member schools are reminded about a provision of Bylaw 5 that allows for a one-time reinstatement of academic eligibility at the end of a semester, or trimester, if final credits are recorded on the transcript at those intervals and not simply a reporting of grades. A student who fell short on the first day of school may be reinstated to eligibility on the first day of the next semester if, during the semester ineligible, they get fifteen (15) percent of their graduation credit requirements during the first semester if the school is on a semester system. A student who fell short on the first day of school may be reinstated to eligibility on the first day of the next trimester if, during the trimester ineligible, they get ten (10) percent of their graduation credit requirements during the first trimester if the school is on a trimester system. Keep in mind that the number of credits required always must be rounded up to the next half credit when making the decision. A complete table is listed on page 12 of the Handbook. This reinstatement can be made effective for the first date of the next semester (or trimester) only if that number of credits is recorded to the transcript.

For example, if a student attends a school where 28 is the graduation requirement, and entering their third year, they had 11 credits to start the year, they would have been ineligible on the first date of school as the required number of credits for that student was 12.6. However, if that student is able to receive 4.2 credits (likely 4.5 since most school systems do not award tenths of units) during the first semester, they could restore eligibility on the first day of the second semester. A majority of the time, this 15% exceeds the number of credits available during a normal semester and can only be obtained by participating in such programs as credit recovery, e-campus and other options.

As another example, that same student attends a school where 28 is the graduation requirement with 11 on the transcript on the first day (missing the 12.6 requirement) and the school is on a trimester system. That person can be restored if they pass 2.8 during the first semester (likely 3.0 due to the tenths of a credit). Again, this may be higher than the normal course load at a school and may required participation in such programs as credit recovery, e-campus or other options.

There is no formal action to be taken by the KHSAA or required form for schools to submit upon reinstatement. The administration should document the reinstatement in the permanent record of the student in the event the action is ever challenged.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

PNC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ONLINE

Applications for the 2011 PNC/KHSAA Sweet 16® are now



available on the KHSAA website. In addition to its sponsorship of the KHSAA Boys Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament, PNC awards 32 one-time \$1,000 scholarships to one boy and one girl from each of the state's 16 regions. The scholarship is open to any senior student-athletes who participated in any KHSAA sanctioned sport (including cheer). Scholarships will be based on excellence in three areas - academic achievement, leadership and school and community service.

For an application, please visit the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/bk148.pdf>.

The application process will remain open until Feb. 14, 2011.

BOARD OF CONTROL ADOPTS BOWLING FOR 2011-12

Bowling will become a KHSAA sanctioned winter sport in the 2011-12 school year, complete with a state championship tournament for both boys and girls, the KHSAA Board of Control approved at its regular October meeting.

The current school year will allow a period of observation by KHSAA staff of a non-sanctioned championship already held for schools that sponsor the sport, with full implementation of a KHSAA state championship the following year. More than 60 KHSAA member schools already offer the sport.

Bowling is the first varsity sport sanctioned by the KHSAA since fast pitch softball was added in 1995.

RULES CLINICS UPDATE

Rules clinics for basketball, swimming & diving, and wrestling have been posted on the KHSAA web site and are now open without fee. The clinics will remain open until Nov. 14. Starting

on Monday, Nov. 15, clinics may be viewed with a fine through Jan. 31, 2011.

The cheer makeup clinic remains open with a fine on the KHSAA web site through Nov. 30.

SPORT UPDATES

Basketball

Coaches have until this Sunday, November 14, at midnight to take the mandatory online basketball clinic for free. There will be a minimum \$100 late fee for those who fail to complete the course before Sunday.

Cross Country

The state cross country meet will take place at the Kentucky Horse Park on Saturday, Nov. 13, with Class A races beginning at 9:15 a.m. A reminder to schools, there will be a course walk through time on Friday, Nov. 12 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For teams who are in need of room reservations for their cross country participants, coaches, and fans, we encourage you to call our host hotel The Hilton Garden Inn Georgetown at 502-863-0099 for reservations.

Football

Member schools were again emailed the ticket order information for the Football Finals on November 9. Please respond by sending the forms in by November 19 to guarantee priority seating. If you need another form, go to www.khsaa.org/football/forms.html

Golf

The golf season was concluded the first week of October with a very successful girls' and boys' state championship event. Green County won the team championship for the girls with Emma Talley from Caldwell County taking the individual title. On the boys' side Lexington Christian won the team title while Akash Mirchandani from DuPont Manual won the the individual title.

Soccer

Two new state champions were crowned last weekend the State Soccer Championships in Georgetown. St. Henry District High School took home the girls championship while Henry Clay won the boys as a record crowd of 2,776 attended the finals. This year's tournament marked the final year with Toyota Stadium under the current contract. Per Board of Control policy with all event venues, bids will be accepted for next years site with Board approval at a meeting later later this school year.

Softball

We will be returning to Owensboro, Kentucky on June 10-11 for the Fastpitch State Championships at Jack Fisher Park. While there has not been any significant rule changes, the Association is considering expanding the tournamnet from a two day format to three days to reduce the number of games that will be played in a single day.

Swimming and Diving

Due to a conflict with the University of Louisville hosting the Big East Swimming and Diving Championships this year, the KHSAA Swimming and Diving State Championships have be moved from Feb. 11-12, 2011, to February 24-26, 2011. The Board of Control has voted to expand the number of participants in each event form 24 to 32 and we will begin the Diving preliminaries on Thursday rather than Friday. However, no additional school time will be missed as a result of this change.

Volleyball

Assumption High School defeated Mercy, 2-0, before over 2,000 fans at Bellarmine University in Louisville on Oct. 30 as the 2010 volleyball season came to a close. Congratulations to the 16 State Tournament teams and all others teams on a great year. The Commissioner has advised schools to schedule for the 2011 season using the current 20 contest (3 tournaments) format as we await final approval of the 35 count that was passed at the Annual Meeting. Once finalized, we will communicate with the schools as soon as possible.

Wrestling

This is the last week for the Free online clinic for coaches. The first day of clinics with a fine is Monday, Nov. 15. The first day of the season is Monday, Nov. 22.

Remaining 2010-11 KHSAA Championship Dates

Nov. 13	Boys' and Girls' Cross Country	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 3-4	Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl	Houchens-L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green
Feb. 17-19	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center
Feb. 25-26	Pannell Swim Shop/ KHSAA Swimming & Diving	Wright Natatorium, Louisville
March 9-12	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 16-19	PNC/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK & Sayre Complex, Lexington
May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Track and Field	Frazier Park, Louisville
June 10-11	Softball	Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 13-18	Forcht Bank/ KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 13 KHSAA State Cross Country Championships, Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
- Dec. 3-4 KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, Houchens-Smith Stadium, Bowling Green
- Dec. 7 KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington

Thanks for all of your continued support and best wishes.

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