



## Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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### Sports News

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#### **BOARD APPROVES FOOTBALL PLAYOFF/TRACK STATE MEET FORMATS**

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control approved format changes to the state football playoff brackets as well as the State Track & Field Meet at its regular meeting Thursday in Lexington.

For the 2008 season, football bracketing for Classes 1-5 will return to "out of district" cross bracketing beginning with the first round. Previously, the four teams qualifying from within a district would play in the first and second round based on district records. For the 2008 season in Classes 1-5 the bracket will be:

District 1 (1) vs. District 2 (4);  
District 1 (2) vs. District 2 (3);  
District 1 (3) vs. District 2 (2);  
District 1 (4) vs. District 2 (1);

District 3 (1) vs. District 4 (4);  
District 3 (2) vs. District 4 (3);  
District 3 (3) vs. District 4 (2);  
District 3 (4) vs. District 4 (1);

District 5 (1) vs. District 6 (4);  
District 5 (2) vs. District 6 (3);  
District 5 (3) vs. District 6 (2);  
District 5 (4) vs. District 6 (1);

District 7 (1) vs. District 8 (4);  
District 7 (2) vs. District 8 (3);  
District 7 (3) vs. District 8 (2);  
District 7 (4) vs. District 8 (1);

For Class 6A, the Board chose to return to "out of district" cross bracketing beginning in the first round, but to continue with the previously approved schedule that was adopted through a random draw. For Class 6A, the bracket will be:

District 1 (1) vs. District 5 (4);  
District 1 (2) vs. District 5 (3);  
District 1 (3) vs. District 5 (2);  
District 1 (4) vs. District 5 (1);

District 2 (1) vs. District 3 (4);  
District 2 (2) vs. District 3 (3);  
District 2 (3) vs. District 3 (2);  
District 2 (4) vs. District 3 (1);

District 6 (1) vs. District 7 (4);

District 6 (2) vs. District 7 (3);  
District 6 (3) vs. District 7 (2);  
District 6 (4) vs. District 7 (1);

District 4 (1) vs. District 8 (4);  
District 4 (2) vs. District 8 (3);  
District 4 (3) vs. District 8 (2);  
District 4 (4) vs. District 8 (1);

The Board will also begin, per its policy, preparations for a draft alignment for the 2009 and 2010 seasons and will make bracketing decisions for those years at that time.

In Track & Field, the Board approved the Track Advisory Committee's recommendation with regard to the 2009 State Track & Field Meet. Beginning in 2009, the State Meet will consist of only finals competition, eliminating the preliminary round. This move will coincide and match the format previously approved by the Board that regional competition follows a finals only format which is in place for 2008.

### **FORCHT GROUP OF KENTUCKY/KHSAA REGIONAL SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS**

The 2008 Forcht Group of Kentucky/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet is set for Sunday, April 27, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. This marks the 12th year of the program recognizing outstanding sportsmanship.

KHSAA member schools each select one boy and one girl as the local school sportsmanship winner. School winners are then eligible to be selected as the regional winner. From the 32 regional winners, one boy and one girl will be selected as the state winner and receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky. Selection criteria includes: Grade-Point-Average; letters of recommendations; leadership roles/honors; response to case study essay; verification of no game disqualifications.

Each regional winner receives a plaque, a mantle clock from the KHSAA Officials Division and a chair and \$200 book scholarship courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky.

The following individuals are regional winners to be recognized and are eligible for the overall statewide award.

Region 1 – Rachel Adams (Calloway County), Jared McCuiston (Mayfield)  
Region 2 – Mandy Gray (Caldwell County), Spencer Workman (University Heights)  
Region 3 – Jayleigh Gatton (Frederick Fraize), Kevin Buntin (Owensboro Catholic)  
Region 4 – Jerri Beth Gee (Monroe County), Sam Kendrick (Russellville)  
Region 5 – Kristia Worthy (John Hardin), Josh Gumm (Taylor County)  
Region 6 – Anna Roarx (Holy Cross-Louisville), Ryan Vincent (North Bullitt)  
Region 7 – Megan Payne (Jeffersontown), John Hester (DuPont Manual)  
Region 8 – Kelsey Williams (Owen County), Ryan Gallas (North Oldham)  
Region 9 – Ashley Jolly (Lloyd Memorial), Joey Neal (Villa Madonna)  
Region 10 – Dana Figgins (Bracken County), Evan Bennett (George Rogers Clark)  
Region 11 – Kaylyn Pratt (Model), Evan Schroader (Tates Creek)  
Region 12 – Allison Dailey (Mercer County), Thomas Waddle (Somerset)  
Region 13 – Mary Elliott (Pineville), A.J. Jones (Middlesboro)  
Region 14 – Brittany Taulbee (Wolfe County), Tyler Phipps (Wolfe County)  
Region 15 – Tiffany Lemaster (Johnson Central), Josh Staggs (Pikeville)  
Region 16 – Erica Irwin (Ashland Blazer), Seth Harper (Raceland)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

April 27	Forcht Group of Kentucky/KHSAA Sportsmanship Banquet, Embassy Suites, Lexington
May 12-13	KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
May 12-17	Regional Tennis Tournaments
May 19-24	District Baseball and Softball Tournaments
May 19-24	Regional Track Meets
May 22-24	State Tennis Tournaments, Lexington
May 26-31	Regional Baseball and Softball Tournaments
May 30-31	State Track & Field Meet, Owsley Park, Louisville
June 4-6	Semi-State Baseball Series
June 6-7	State Softball Tournament, Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 12-14	Forcht Bank/KHSAA State Baseball Championship
June 16	KHSAA Board of Control Special Meeting, Lexington
June 17	Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Scramble, Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington
June 25-July 9	KHSAA Dead Period

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#### *About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association*

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.