



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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ROSE HILL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM RECEIVES PENALTIES

The boys' basketball program at Rose Hill Christian School has been penalized for violations of Bylaws 10 (recruitment), 13 (financial aid), 6 (transfer rule – domestic students), 9 (other eligibility requirements and regulations), 17 (supplying information) and 1 (responsibility for eligibility), the KHSAA Board of Control announced at a special meeting on Monday at the KHSAA Office in Lexington.

Penalties include a suspension of boys' basketball program from post-season play for a period of two years (for the years 2009-10 and 2010-11), a fine of \$6,000 for violations of Bylaws 1, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 17 (\$1,000 for each occurrence), probation for three years (for 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12). In addition, at an appropriate time prior to the start of the 2010-11 school year, Rose Hill shall certify to the Commissioner and Board that the school and all of its personnel are in full compliance with KHSAA Bylaws, rules, and policies through the submission of new policies and procedures that demonstrate institutional control before Rose Hill's membership in the KHSAA is renewed. Prior to each school year starting in 2009-10, the principal and superintendent at Rose Hill must also annually submit financial aid information for approval by the KHSAA staff.

"There is an expectation by the KHSAA Board, staff and membership that each high school through its principal and superintendent have a level of institutional control that ensures compliance with the Association Constitution, Bylaws and polices," said KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries. "The investigation revealed that this was not the case at Rose Hill in this situation."

KHSAA Board of Control President David Weedman stated that the penalties were fair, and allowed student athletes in the boys basketball program the opportunity to continue with regular season participation at Rose Hill. The Board was unanimous in its support, and emphasized that the principal and superintendent develop new policies and procedures at Rose Hill. Weedman stated that the policies must demonstrate a thorough knowledge of all matters related to the athletics program at the school, prior to their membership renewal for the 2010-11 school year.

Contact the school administration at Rose Hill Christian School for further comment.

FIRST YEAR FOR COMMONWEALTH GRIDIRON BOWL IN BOWLING GREEN A SUCCESS

Attendance for the 2009 KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl was up slightly from the 2008 event. Total attendance from the six class championship games totaled 37,339 compared to 34,733 in 2008. The largest attendance occurred in the Class 6A championship game, where 9,962 watched St. Xavier defeat Trinity (Louisville) 34-10.

The Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl was held at Houchens Industries/L.T. Smith Stadium on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green this year after spending the past six seasons at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville and 30 years in Louisville overall.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

January 13

Regular KHSAA Board of Control Meeting – KHSAA Office, Lexington