

# Special KHSAA Full Board of Control Meeting

August 20, 2020 at 10:30 AM

Virtual Meeting – Zoom

## Attendance Taken at 10:30 AM:

Present Board Members: Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Mike Clines, Larry Coldiron, Mark Evans, Pete Galloway, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Taylora Schlosser, Kirby Smith, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman. Advisory Board Members: Reed Adkins, Donna Bumps, Alvin Garrison, Jeff Saylor.

Kentucky Department of Education: Liaison David Couch, Acting Commissioner Kevin Brown.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Dan White and Marilyn Mitchell.

Attachments can be found at the following link: <https://bit.ly/3jiQtRz>

**Call to Order-** President Billings convened the August 20, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Control.

## Announcement from General Counsel Regarding Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as National and Commonwealth declared states of emergency, and Governor Beshear's Executive Orders regarding social distancing, this meeting is being held via video conferencing and broadcast over the internet. This is pursuant to Senate Bill 150 (as signed by the Governor on March 30, 2020), Attorney General Opinion 20-05 (issued March 18, 2020), and in accordance with KRS 61.826 as well as 61.840, because it is not feasible to offer a primary physical location for the meeting which the general public can attend. The record should also reflect that the viewing of the meeting is available to all KHSAA member schools, media outlets, as well as the general public.

**Roll Call of Members-** Roll of the Membership was taken with all members present.

## Consider Fall Season Scheduling Calendar Options

Commissioner Tackett stated that without doubt, we are at the confluence of two health crises. A relentless virus, and the psychological state of students. Further, "There is absolutely no doubt this is going to be the most unusual year we've been through."

At its July meeting, the Board of Control revised its calendar to start high school sports the week of Monday, September 7. At that time, the Board agreed to review the data and current events on August 20 in case adjustment was necessary.

At the request of the members of the Board, the Commissioner and staff pulled together options for starting the sports year with a variety of scenarios:

- Option 1 would show the details of the Board's previously approved schedule. Absent affirmative action to the contrary, this option would be utilized.
- Option 2 would allow for the movement of these dates to the week of September 28 in alignment with the recommendations from the Governor and Public Health for the start of in person instruction.

- Option 3 would move specific sports to September 28, while leaving low touch sports as well as specific Moderate Risk sports on the earlier dates.
- Other options exist in the event of a complete school shutdown or elevated public health emergency where fall play is eliminated or heavily curtailed.

**Motion Failed:** To consider Option 2, which would allow for the movement of the start dates to the week of September 28 in alignment with the Governor and Public Health dates failed (3-15) with a motion by Jerry Wyman and a second by Marlon Miller. Bonnie Barnes No, Debbie Beichler No, Darrell Billings No, Mike Clines No, Larry Coldiron No, Mark Evans No, Pete Galloway No, Scott Hawkins No, Greg Howard No, Trent Lovett No, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown No, Taylora Schlosser No, Kirby Smith No, Russell Thompson No, Matt Wilhoite No, Jerry Wyman Yes.

**Motion Failed:** To pass Option 3 which would move specific sports (Football, Soccer, Volleyball) to September 28, while leaving Cross Country, Field Hockey on the earlier dates failed (5-13) with a motion by Matt Wilhoite and a second by Debbie Beichler. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings No, Mike Clines No, Larry Coldiron No, Mark Evans No, Pete Galloway No, Scott Hawkins No, Greg Howard No, Trent Lovett No, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore No, Kim Parker-Brown No, Taylora Schlosser No, Kirby Smith No, Russell Thompson No, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

### **Consider Any other Covid-19 Pandemic Related Item**

#### **Approve Board Resolution**

Following Review of Item 2, the Board was requested to address any potential delay in the fall sports season.

**Motion Passed:** That the Board proceed with its July approved start of September 7 for the allowance of interscholastic competition, resolve that in the event of a statewide shutdown of education or statewide shutdown of interscholastic competition by the Legislative or Executive Branch (including the Department for Public Health), that the Commissioner be empowered to coordinate the calling of a special meeting of the Board to give final review to any plans for fall sports going forward. This would include providing any and all known options for the Board to consider passed (16-2) with a motion by Kirby Smith and a second by Larry Coldiron. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller No, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman No.

#### **Authorize Staff to Submit Competition Plans to KDE and KDPH, Including Competition Limitations for Individual Sports**

Regardless of what schedule would be adopted, KHSAA would be required to submit a plan to KDPH and KDE for review in compliance with current Governor's orders. As such, once dates are set, things can be finalized. Most items and details being drafted are already included in a variety of documents for the return to school from KDE, KDPH, the NFHS SMAC and Kentucky SMAC and similar organizations, so nothing revolutionary should be expected. Ideally this document should be submitted not later than August 26 if the Board is able to reach consensus on dates.

The guidance will contain both requirements and recommendations. It is simply not possible to place all sports and all activities under the same microscope. And this is exacerbated by the differences

in our schools, facilities and geographic areas. We also will be able to glean information from other states with earlier starts including their successes and failures.

The KHSAA and its schools should expect:

- Attendance restrictions, though initial proposal will include a planned gradual phasing in of options. These restrictions will undoubtedly define essential attendees, recommended attendees and non-essential attendees. Additionally, guidance will necessarily address ancillary groups such as bands and cheer squads;
- Seating configuration requirements;
- Squad and sideline limits (for team sports);
- Entry limits for individual sports (i.e. starting the season with limits in Cross Country such as a limit per race with wave/staggered starts and a maximum course length required increasing through the different stages of the season to allow for larger meets as the season goes on and procedures are refined);
- Consultation and mutual agreement between schools, school districts and local/regional health departments;
- Masks will be expected of all persons not actually competing at the time or officiating at that moment;
- Guidance on concessions which likely will be highly congruent with restaurant guidance and include pre-packaged items only;
- Plan could likely include references to the state mapping available.

**Motion Passed:** Authorize the Commissioner to submit competition plans to KDE and KDPH, and request approval, including competition limitations for individual sports passed unanimously with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Bonnie Barnes. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

### **Set dates for 2020-21 Dance and Competitive Cheer Championships**

Due to the likely hesitancy of member schools to use indoor facilities until more is known about the pandemic, staff has reviewed the options for the KHSAA Competitive Cheer and Dance championships. This review does not include sideline cheer which is largely unregulated and is not to involve stunting and mounts.

In order to conduct regionals in both, contact and agreement must happen between the KHSAA and UCA as well as KHSAA and UDA and these competitions take several weekends.

As such, it appears the better option is to allow the focus on KHSAA permitted offerings to remain in the fall, and shift the Cheer and Dance events to a later time in the school year. Staff consulted with both UCA and UDA and developed an appropriate window for conducting the regional events. These dates closely coordinate with the former dates of the Cheer competition prior to adoption by the KHSAA.

**Motion Passed:** Approve Dance and Cheer division declarations shall be submitted on or before Monday, November 9. The Cheer Regionals would be set for the weekends of January 16 and January 23. The Dance Regionals would be set for the weekend of February 13, allowing both Cheer and Dance flexibility in the case of weather or other postponement passed unanimously with a motion by Pete Galloway and a second by Kim Parker-Brown. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes,

Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

### **Report of KMA Sports Medicine Committee**

KMA Sports Medicine provided a Return to Play document to attempt to safely return athletes to fall high school sports.

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the KMA Sports Medicine report including grid return to play algorithms and forms passed unanimously with a motion by Mike Clines and a second by Pete Galloway. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

### **Review/Report of Known Data, NCAA Fall Recruiting Calendar (Bylaw 9)**

At its meeting on August 12, the NCAA Management Council took action related to the men's basketball recruiting calendar as follows:

- Temporary Recruiting Dead Period. The Council adopted emergency legislation to extend the temporary recruiting dead period (as defined in NCAA Bylaw 13.02.5.5) in all sports through September 30, 2020.
- In Division I, the period is dead. In Division II, they are in a contact period. As such, no waiver of Bylaw 9 is necessary in the preseason.

The membership has been clear in the past as to the preservation of this rule. As preseason recruiting is effectively non-existent, attendance at special events is not permitted. Any waiver of this provision under the guise of recruiting (i.e. videotaped events, etc.) would also open up the period to regular and routine play in outside competition with non-KHSAA certified coaches.

Member schools should be reminded that a procedure to change the rule for the future may be submitted by any member school at any time.

**Motion Passed:** Accept this report passed unanimously with a motion by Lucy Moore and a second by Greg Howard. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

**Motion Passed:** To move for this year only, to allow for boys and girls basketball players to attend legitimate recruiting events between the first day of school and October 14 but not allow school vs. school play passed unanimously with a motion by Russell Thompson and a second by Mark Evans. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

### **Insurance Budget Request**

Authorization for revisions in the budget to permit a specific Covid-19 related insurance purchase for this unusual time.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the expenditure to permit specific insurance purchases passed unanimously with a motion by Pete Galloway and a second by Kim Parker-Brown. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

**Adjourn**

**Motion Passed:** To adjourn the August 20, 2020 Special Board Meeting passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Kim Parker-Brown. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

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Darrell Billings, President

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Julian Tackett, Commissioner

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