

Commissioner's Notes

OCT. 16, 2000

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PROPOSAL DEADLINE

The is a reminder of the December 1 deadline for proposals to be submitted to the KHSAA for presentation at the Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting of member schools in January. Proposals should be addressed to the attention of Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner. Prior to the meeting, proposals submitted will be posted on the KHSAA internet site as well as mailed to the member school's delegate.

NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be Nov. 14-15, at the KHSAA office in Lexington. For an agenda of the meeting, contact the Association office. A specially-called meeting of the Board to review September appeals will be held Wed., Oct. 25, at 5:30 p.m. (ET) at the KHSAA office.

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY DURING BREAKS

This is a reminder regarding academic eligibility with regards to eligibility during school breaks as printed in the 2000-01 KHSAA Handbook.

Bylaw 5 - Sec. 2. Continual Progress During the School Year

On Friday of each grading period, a student shall also be passing (cumulatively for the credit period) in at least four hours of instruction as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation in order to be eligible to participate in athletics during the next seven day period (Saturday through Friday). No special tests or recitations are to be given for the purpose of making the student eligible.

Q/A 4 – How is weekly eligibility determined for students who were not passing at the last Friday grade check of the previous year if school has not started? Until school has begun and a school has checked grades on the first Friday opportunity or until the 20%, 45%, 70% rule can be addressed on the first day of school, any student who was not passing four hours of instruction as of the last valid Friday grade check of the previous school year could not be eligible.

Schools are cautioned to remember the recently revised provisions of KHSAA Bylaw 9 which state that any student not eligible to play in the team's next contest (Except for Bylaw 11, Sportsmanship) is not eligible to practice with the squad.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE(S) NOTICE

Schools are able to interactively update your basketball schedule for boys' and/or girls' to be sure that the scoreboard data base is correct. Please go to the "Member Schools Only" tab of the KHSAA web site to review the schedule that is on file and assist us in providing the most accurate data by making any corrections to your schedule(s). Thanks in advance for your assistance.

MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM ATTENDANCE

Medical Symposium attendance has been posted on the KHSAA website. Schools should check the 1999 and 2000 list to be certain that all coaches are eligible to coach according to the medical symposium requirement. Violations should be self-reported to the KHSAA.

IMPORTANT NOTE - SCHOOL UPDATES

At the last Board of Control meeting, several discussions were held about the failure of many schools to update the data base information on their coaches, administrators, etc. It is imperative that each school go to the KHSAA web site, click on the "Member Schools Only" link, and make sure that the information concerning coaches, Board Appointed Representatives, Administrators and other relevant information about the school is updated. You will need your password which was issued during the 1999-2000 school year, and should you have any questions about the password or using the system, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA (mmitchell@khsaa.org).

BYLAW 27 CLARIFICATION/REMINDER

Schools are reminded that in the basketball and football programs, the head coach at any level (varsity, junior varsity or freshman) in grades 9-12 must be a Level 1 individual (faculty member or three hour administrative employee). Schools may utilize Level 2 coaches as head coaches in sports other than football and basketball. Level 3 non-faculty assistants (if local board policy allows) must be under the constant supervision of a Level 1 or Level 2 coach.

BYLAW 4 REMINDER

Important changes were passed by the member schools to KHSAA Bylaw 4 during the 2000 Annual Meeting and when approved by the Kentucky Board of Education, these changes will be posted on the KHSAA web site.

KHSAA WEB SITE & E-MAIL

It is important to constantly monitor the site for changes and revisions as it is the fastest way to ensure that you have the latest information. The KHSAA is continuing to work on becoming a part of the Department of Education e-mail system which will allow faster and more efficient communication with the member schools of the KHSAA.

KHSAA WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

Marilyn Mitchell has joined the Association and will serve as Administrative Support Specialist-Sports Information, assisting Mr. Cope as well as duties relevant to the KHSAA web site. She comes to the KHSAA following many years of customer service and production related positions with the printing and publishing areas of Host Communications and Host Printing. Marilyn replaces Holly Ratliff who left the KHSAA to assume the duties of Sports Information Director at Georgetown College.

BASKETBALL TICKET ORDER FORMS

Ticket order forms for member schools to purchase tickets to the 2001 KHSAA Girls' and Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments were mailed to member school principals and superintendents on Oct. 12. The superintendent's signature is not necessary on the school order form. General public ticket renewal information will be sent out this week. Ticket information for new orders will be mailed Nov. 2 as well as on-line ticket purchasing opportunities.

TRANSFER FORMS -- BY MAIL ONLY!!

This is an important reminder to schools that transfer forms are accepted by U.S. Mail -- ONLY!!

FAXED TRANSFER FORMS OR TRANSFER FORMS DROPPED OFF AT THE ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Forms faxed or dropped off at the Association office WILL BE RETURNED, only causing a delay in obtaining a ruling.

ASSOCIATION AUDIT AVAILABLE

The 1999-2000 audit of the Association has been compiled by Miller, Mayer, Sullivan and Stevens of Lexington. A copy of the audit is on file at the Association office for your review.

NATIONAL FEDERATION SANCTIONING

This is a reminder regarding the policy adopted by the National Federation for sanctioning out-of state contests. KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the sanction form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$50.00. The fee should be made payable to the National Federation and sent to the KHSAA. 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. The KHSAA does not require a sanction form if all participating schools are from bordering states of Kentucky. Please note, however, that Tennessee and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out of state event.

NATIONAL SOCCER COACH TO SPEAK AT STATE FINALS

Women's National Soccer Team coach Tony DiCicco will be a featured speaker, Sat., Nov. 4, at this year's Girls' & Boys' State Soccer Finals at Georgetown College. Coach DiCicco, having served as just the third head coach in the history of the USA Women's National Team, is the winningest coach in history with an international record of 103-8-8. He coached the team to the 1996 Olympic Gold Medal and the 1999 World Cup Championship and worked as a color commentator for the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Following is the schedule of the day for the engagement. For more information, contact Dr. Rick Underwood at Georgetown College at (502)863-7044.

Sat., Nov. 4

12:00 p.m. – VIP Luncheon

3 p.m. – Public Lecture (College Chapel)

5-6 p.m. – Coaches Clinic (Rawlings Stadium Conference Center)

6 p.m. – Girls' State Championship Game

8 p.m. – Boys' State Championship Game

REMAINING STATE EVENT CALENDAR

Oct. 27-28 - Volleyball - Ryle HS/Gray MS, Union

Nov. 1-2, 4 - Boys' & Girls' Soccer, Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown

Nov. 4 - Cross Country - Ky. Horse Park, Lexington

Nov. 17 - Eight-Man Football Final - Ky. State University, Frankfort

Dec. 1-2 - Football - Ky. Fair & Expo Cardinal Stadium, Louisville

Feb. 16-17 - Wrestling - Farnham-Dudgeon Civic Center, Frankfort

Feb. 23-24 - Swimming & Diving - UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington

March 14-17 - Boys' Basketball - Rupp Arena, Lexington

March 21-24 - Girls' Basketball - WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green

May 11-12 - Slow Pitch Softball - TBA

May 31-June 2 - Boys' & Girls' Tennis - UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington

June 1-2 - Track & Field - UK Shively Track Complex, Lexington

June 8-9 - Fast Pitch Softball - Skyview Park, Jeffersontown

June 14-15 - Baseball - UK Cliff Hagan Stadium, Lexington

COMPETITION - FOUR CONSECUTIVE DAYS

This is a reminder to schools regarding Bylaw 25 - Limitations of Seasons - Four Consecutive Days - as you schedule sports for the upcoming year. This rule does not apply during breaks during the school year.

Bylaw 25 - Sec. 1 (2)

(1) Schedule of Contests on Consecutive Days

Contests shall be scheduled so that there are not four consecutive days of competition on any Monday through Thursday period while school is in session.

Q/A 2 - Does the limit on consecutive day contests extend to non-varsity teams and what is the spirit and intent of Bylaw 25 as it relates to athletes who play on more than one level team (i.e. junior varsity and varsity) in the same sport? A school non-varsity team must also have a day of non competition on Monday through Thursday just as is the case for the varsity team. The intent of the rule is that each athlete shall be guaranteed at least one night (Monday through Thursday) where participation in an interscholastic contest is not required to allow for time to properly attend to academic pursuits and other priorities.

Q/A 3 - What are the restrictions for a coach being involved in the coaching of his/her own players during the school year either before the first legal practice date or after the last date for playing a contest? No. Coaches may not coach the school participants in organized non-school sports competition in that sport during the authorized high school sports season in that sport. Coaching is defined as any time the athletes are participating in that coach's sport in a setting in which skills are taught, refined, practiced or evaluated.

Though specific practice and play dates are in place for each sport, the interpretative season is the academic school year as far as coaching limitations. THIS LIMIT BEGINS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND ENDS ON THE EARLIER OF THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL OR MAY 31. The high school coach or any assistant coach or non faculty assistant may not coach members of the high school team in a league outside of the school's regular sea-

son competition during the school year, regardless of the type of league, as it would be a violation of the rules governing the Limitation of Seasons. **THE COACHES ARE NOT TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THESE GAMES OR CONTESTS IN OUTSIDE LEAGUES IF HELD PRIOR TO MAY 31 OR HELD DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF PRACTICE.**

The Limitation of Seasons, Bylaw 25, affects all sports. This also restricts the coach in any sport from being involved with students in another team from that sport from that school. For example, the girls' coach cannot coach the boys' team in outside competition, or vice-versa.

The provisions of that rule as interpreted, state that following the team's last regular season contest, there shall be no further practice or play as a team or individuals under the supervision of a member of the coaching staff for the remainder of the school year or until after May 31, whichever is earlier, with the exception of practice and play for the KHSAA tournament. The published exception to this restriction is that the team and coaches may continue to practice through elimination from KHSAA sanctioned post-season play.

Provisions of that rule also stipulate a beginning date for practice, which implicitly prohibits practice during the school year prior to that date. Coaches are not to be involved in coaching the team or individual players in an outside league, or in other competition during the academic school year. **TRYOUTS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE PART OF ORGANIZED PRACTICE AND MUST BE HELD DURING THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE PERIOD SPELLED OUT IN BYLAW 25.**

In addition, coaches may not be involved with the school representatives during the approved summer dead period as enumerated in Bylaw 26.

STATE FP SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT HOST PROPOSALS

Proposals from member schools/communities to host future KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments are now being accepted. Proposals to host the 2002, 2003 and 2004 tournaments will be accepted until Nov. 15. Host sites/communities may bid on a single year or more. The Board of Control will review proposals at its January meeting. Should you have specific questions or inquiries about minimum requirements/bid specs, contact Larry Boucher, Asst. Commissioner, at the KHSAA.

RULES CLINICS

Following is a listing of remaining Rules Clinics for wrestling and basketball. For a complete listing of clinics in all sports, log on to the KHSAA Website.

- Oct. 17 - WR - London, North Laurel HS, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 17 - BK - Elizabethtown HS, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 18 - BK - Somerset, Pulaski Co. HS, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - WR - Hebron, Conner HS, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - BK - Louisville, Eastern HS, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 23 - BK - Grayson, East Carter HS, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - WR - Lexington, KHSAA Office, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - BK - Barbourville, Knox Central HS, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 25 - BK - Hazard, Perry Co. Central HS, 7p.m.
- Oct. 26 - WR - Louisville, Trinity HS, 7p.m.
- Oct. 26 - BK - Pikeville, Pike Co. Central HS, 7p.m.
- Oct. 28 - BK - Paris, Bourbon Co. HS, 10 a.m.
- Nov. 16 - BK - Make-Up (\$50 Fine) - Lexington, KHSAA, 1:30 p.m.
- Nov. 29 - BK - Make-Up (\$50 Fine) - Lexington, KHSAA 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6 - WR - Make-Up (\$50 Fine) - Lexington, KHSAA, 3 p.m.

- For a complete listing of clinics in all sports, check out the KHSAA Website at www.khsaa.org.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

This reminder that schools advancing to state tournament play are asked to request credentials PRIOR to the event. A letter from the school principal (on school letterhead) is required including the name(s) of the individual(s). Each school is limited to three (3) credentials. This includes yearbook, newspaper, journalism class personnel or video yearbook personnel. Students or other representatives showing up at the gate will not be issued media credentials.

CHECK YOUR SCHOOL INFORMATION
UPDATE YOUR BASKETBALL SCHEDULES!
MAKE ANY UPDATES ONLINE!
www.khsaa.org
(Click the "Member Schools Only" Link)

Log on to the KHSAA Website and Check Your School Information. You will need to use your previously-issued password. It is imperative that you continually update your information as any changes occur to help us make sure correspondence is properly addressed.