

# Commissioner's Notes

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## COMMISSIONER STOUT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) Commissioner Louis Stout announced at a press conference Monday that he will retire after 30-plus years of employment with the organization. His retirement will be effective June 30, 2002.

"I started with this organization in 1971, December 10, 1971," Stout said. "That is why I felt like I should make this announcement on this December 10, 2001 which indicates my 30 years of service to this organization. This day should not be one of sadness as it is a day I have been working for during my career. I have enjoyed working with young people and athletics and academics across the Commonwealth."

Stout was named fifth Commissioner of the KHSAA on July 1, 1994, after serving as Executive Assistant Commissioner for two years and Assistant Commissioner for 21 years. As Commissioner, Stout has been responsible for providing leadership and execution of interscholastic athletics for the Association's 286 member schools and some 50,000 interscholastic athletic participants throughout the state.

Stout, the first African-American in the nation to head a state high school athletic association, was the fifth individual to serve as Commissioner of the Association, following Billy V. Wise (1991-94), Tom Mills (1976-91), Joe Billy Mansfield (1972-76) and Ted Sanford (1947-72).

As Assistant and Executive Assistant Commissioner, Stout handled day-to-day management of the sports of baseball, cross-country, soccer, wrestling and softball. He also conducted rules clinics, recruited workers and officials and managed State Tournament competition in those sports. He also served on numerous national committees for the National Federation of High School Association (NFHS) from rules to governance. Currently he serves on the NFHS Board of Directors for the 2001-02 school year.

Stout is also nationally known, having served as chairman of Kentucky AAU/USA Junior Olympic Basketball from 1982-90 and Commissioner for the Great Lakes Valley Conference from 1979-82. He currently serves nationally as second vice president for AAU.

"There's no magic formula produced by this organization, its Board of Control, staff or Commissioner for success. It has been a joint effort on the part of several hundred people across the Commonwealth. Volunteers have offered their time to help run our programs so that our student athletics may have the best and equal opportunities to participate in interscholastic athletics across the Commonwealth of Kentucky," Stout added.

During his stint as Commissioner, Stout saw growth in girls' sports with the addition of Fast Pitch Softball in 1995 and increased participation in volleyball and soccer.

His vision allowed the addition of the Association's technology presence on the World Wide Web in 1995 with the creation of its website and the formation of the KHSAA's first statewide radio network comprised of approximately 50 stations for the Boys' & Girls' Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournaments beginning in 1998.

In addition, Stout signed a marketing agreement with University Sports America, now iHigh, Inc., a division of Host Communications, to represent and increase the Association's marketing efforts.

Another accomplishment was the formation of a "Middle Schools Program" for the Boys' & Girls' State Basketball Tournaments. Corporate partners have purchased tickets for local area middle school students whom otherwise might never have a chance to witness the Boys' or Girls' State Basketball Tournaments. To date the program has allowed some 12,000 middle school students to witness the "Greatest Show in Hoops".

"This has not been a one-man organization nor will it be a one-man or one-individual organization in the future. It is going to take the same effort from the Board of Control, staff, our member schools and the general public to continue what we have to this point in time which is what I consider the finest interscholastic athletics organization in the United States," Stout concluded.

A Kentucky native, Stout graduated from Cynthiana High School in 1959 where he received first-team All-America and All-State honors in basketball. He earned a scholarship to Regis College in Denver, Colorado, where he played for former University of Kentucky coach Joe B. Hall.

After earning his teaching certificate in 1963, he began his career as teacher and athletic director at Lookout Mountain School for Boys in Golden, Colorado. In 1965, he returned to Lexington as head boys' basketball coach at Dunbar High School, succeeding legendary coach S. T. Roach. In two seasons, he compiled a 37-15 record, including two district titles before the school closed.

In 1967, he became a teacher and assistant coach for Tates Creek High School in Lexington. Following the retirement of boys' basketball coach Dick Jones, Stout was named coach of the Commodores in 1969. In two years at the helm, his teams compiled a 33-14 record, capturing district titles in 1970 and 1971.

He is married to the former Anna Mabson of New Zion and they have one son, Juan, who presently resides in Seattle, Washington.

KHSAA Board of Control president Kathy Johnston stated that the Board would finalize plans for Commissioner Stout's replacement at its Dec. 17 meeting, with a tentative date to announce a new Commissioner at its May, 2002 meeting.

## BASKETBALL STATS

The KHSAA will begin its weekly compilation of statewide basketball stats leaders Thurs., Jan. 10 and weekly thereafter. Stats must be entered through the Association internet site ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) through the "Member Schools Only" link. Each school will be required to utilize its new passcode. Schools may begin entering stats on Mon., Jan. 7, continuing each week throughout the regular season. Stats are due by noon on Tuesday of each week. Following the Girls' State Basketball Tournament, a season ranking (complete with postseason games) will be done April 12.

## WINTER SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS DUE FEB. 1

This is a reminder that each school is responsible for forwarding to the KHSAA office a team photograph and identification for requested sports.

The deadline for winter team photos is Fri., Feb. 1. Pictures are due at that time only for the sports of BOYS' & GIRLS' BASKETBALL.

Failure to submit the photos WILL result in a fine assessed to the school.

Please remember that the photo MUST BE AN ORIGINAL – faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer print-outs ARE NOT acceptable. If you wish to e-mail a scanned photo, you may send it to [bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org). Please make sure the photo is scanned at 300 dpi and is not bitmapped. The file must be saved in a .TIF, .GIF, or .JPG format.

Also, please make sure you have additional copies for any potential use by district and regional tournament managers. Due to the timeliness of producing the various programs, the KHSAA cannot "wait" until a particular round or other vendor is finished with the photo prior to receiving its copy of the photograph.

Future deadlines for other sports will be published in issues of the Commissioner's Notes and the Athlete magazine.

## STUDENT CONFERENCE FULL

Due to overwhelming excitement and enthusiasm from our member schools, registration for the 2002 HYPE Student Leadership Conference scheduled for Wed., Jan. 9 at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington is closed.

The registration deadline was Monday, Dec. 3 and by that time, some 400 students and 70 adults had registered to attend the event.

The conference will be held in conjunction the Annual Delegate Assembly meeting and feature a joint session with guest speaker Harvey Alston.

Also scheduled to speak is Ukari Figs, Former Sweet 16® Girls' State Basketball Tournament "MVP" from Scott County. Ukari went on to be a member of Purdue University's women's basketball NCAA National Championship team and played for the WNBA Champion Los Angeles Sparks this past season.

## REMAINING IN-SEASON CLINIC SCHEDULES

Following is a listing of remaining in-season rules clinics. To view a full listing of clinics in all sports, go to the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org).

### Baseball

(All start at listed time)

- 1/21 London, North Laurel HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 1/27 Benton, Marshall Co. HS, 4:30 p.m.
- 1/28 Bowling Green HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 2/2 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 9 a.m.
- 2/6 Florence, Boone Co. HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 2/10 Elizabethtown HS, 4:30 p.m.
- 2/13 Louisville, Christian Academy-Louisville HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 2/18 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 4/17 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

### Track

(All start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- 1/21 Covington Catholic HS
- 1/22 London, South Laurel HS
- 1/30 Cecilia, Central Hardin HS
- 2/4 Ashland, Boyd County HS
- 3/27 Lexington, KHSAA Office
- 4/23 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office

### SOFTBALL

(All start at 6 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- 1/21 London, North Laurel HS
- 1/27 Benton, Marshall Co. HS, 3 p.m.
- 1/28 Bowling Green HS
- 2/2 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 10:30 a.m.
- 2/6 Florence, Boone Co. HS
- 2/11 Bardstown, Nelson Co. HS
- 2/13 Louisville, Christian Academy-Louisville HS
- 2/18 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS
- 4/9 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.
- 4/16 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

## REMAINING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Date(s)	Event	Site	City
Feb. 14-16	WR	Farnham Dudgeon	Frankfort
Feb. 22-23	SW	UK Aquatic Center	Lexington
March 13-16	Boys' BK	Rupp Arena	Lexington
March 20-23	Girls' BK	WKU Diddle Arena	Bowling Green
May 10-11	SP	TBA	TBA
May 30-June 1	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing	Lexington
May 31-June 1	TR	UK Shively Track	Lexington
June 7-8	FP	Tie-Breaker Park	Hopkinsville
June 13-14	BA	Applebee's Park	Lexington

## NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be Jan, 10-11, 2002 at the Association Office in Lexington. For an agenda to the meeting, contact the KHSAA office.

## TOURNAMENTS SITES

Following is a listing of district and regional basketball tournament sites.

The information is based on what is on file with the KHSAA office as of Dec. 12, 2001.

Please notify Julian Tackett at the KHSAA office by Jan. 4, 2002, with any changes/updates so correspondence can be properly addressed. The KHSAA staff is dependent on previous tournament managers having supplied the Association with accurate rotation information. This is a site listing with the host school, if different, listed in parenthesis. Tournament managers will be posted on the Association website ([www.khsaa.org/basketball](http://www.khsaa.org/basketball)) at a later date.

### District Tournaments - Feb. 25-March 2

- 1 - Fulton City
- 2 - Lone Oak
- 3 - Mayfield
- 4 - Marshall County
- 5 - Crittenden County
- 6 - Henderson County
- 7 - Hopkins County Central
- 8 - Hopkinsville
- 9 - Apollo
- 10 - Muhlenberg North
- 11 - Hancock County
- 12 - McLean County
- 13 - Logan County
- 14 - Warren East
- 15 - Edmonson County
- 16 - Clinton County
- 17 - North Hardin (B)/Central Hardin (G)
- 18 - Caverna
- 19 - Bethlehem
- 20 - Campbellsville
- 21 - Shawnee
- 22 - Western
- 23 - Valley
- 24 - Iroquois
- 25 - Male
- 26 - Atherton
- 27 - Jeffersontown
- 28 - Eastern
- 29 - Bullitt Central
- 30 - Shelby County
- 31 - Gallatin County
- 32 - Scott County
- 33 - Heritage Academy
- 34 - Dixie Heights
- 35 - Covington Catholic (B); Notre Dame (G)
- 36 - Dayton
- 37 - Bourbon County
- 38 - Pendleton County (B); Bracken County (G)
- 39 - St. Patrick
- 40 - Montgomery County
- 41 - Western Hills
- 42 - East Jessamine
- 43 - Lafayette

- 44 - EKU McBrayer Arena
- 45 - Casey County
- 46 - Harrodsburg
- 47 - Site of #1 seed
- 48 - Pulaski County
- 49 - Clay County
- 50 - Lynn Camp
- 51 - Pineville
- 52 - Cawood
- 53 - Whitesburg (B)/Letcher (G)
- 54 - Hazard
- 55 - Knott County Central
- 56 - Lee County
- 57 - Johnson Central
- 58 - Prestonsburg
- 59 - Pike Central
- 60 - Phelps
- 61 - Morgan County
- 62 - West Carter
- 63 - Russell
- 64 - Rose Hill

### Boys' Regional Tournaments - March 4-9

- 1 - Murray State
- 2 - Madisonville-North Hopkins
- 3 - Apollo
- 4 - Western Ky. University
- 5 - Central Hardin
- 6 - Louisville Gardens (Valley Host)
- 7 - Louisville Gardens (Eastern Host)
- 8 - Henry County
- 9 - Conner
- 10 - TBA (District 38)
- 11 - Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center; (Frankfort Host)
- 12 - Russell County
- 13 - TBA (District 49)
- 14 - Perry County Central
- 15 - Pike County Central
- 16 - Morehead State (District 62)

### Girls' Regional Tournaments - March 4-12

- 1 - Murray State
- 2 - Caldwell County
- 3 - Muhlenberg North
- 4 - Barren County
- 5 - Nelson County
- 6 - Louisville Gardens (Valley Host)
- 7 - Louisville Gardens (Eastern Host)
- 8 - Bullitt Central
- 9 - Ryle
- 10 - TBA (District 39)
- 11 - TBA
- 12 - Pulaski County
- 13 - TBA (District 49)
- 14 - Hazard
- 15 - Pike County Central
- 16 - Morehead State (District 62)

## **SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FB SCHEDULING**

Schools are reminded that 2003 is the start of a new classification period. You are therefore STRONGLY encouraged not to schedule any games past the 2002 playing season. Due to the fact that the corresponding dates change next year; the season is scheduled to change in 2003 due to changes in Bylaw 25 (although another amendment is on the Annual Meeting agenda this year); and the start of the classification, it would appear to be counterproductive to be scheduling games past the 2002 season. Thanks for your understanding and schools will be notified when the final resolution of those issues is known. Please also refer to the chart on page 35 (Q/A 3) for converting 2001 play dates to 2002 dates due to the rollover in corresponding dates.

## **BYLAW 25 OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE**

Practice out of season is a violation and the Commissioner's office would like to make all member schools aware that any violation verified will result in penalties being imposed. Member schools should not have to be constantly reminded of Bylaw 25 Limitation of Season. Schools should take all preventative steps to make sure spring sports coaches (baseball, softball, etc.) are not working prior to February 15 with any player who has previously represented the high school at any level (freshman, JV, varsity).