



COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Diddle Arena in Bowling Green.

"March Madness" is upon us. You know you are a Kentuckian when its' basketball tournament time in the Bluegrass State. Good luck to the schools that still have teams alive in post-season play. Even if your team doesn't make it to the Sweet Sixteen® I hope to see you at our upcoming tournaments at Rupp Arena in Lexington, and at E.A.

Spring sports practice has begun and competition is just around the corner. I think everyone is ready for some warm weather and to be outside without the threat of ice and snow. Enjoy the last of winter and the beginning of the spring sports season.

DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

This is a reminder that nominations for the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame are due Nov. 1. Please assist the staff and Board of Control with nominations of deserving athletes, coaches, administrators, officials and or contributors. Nominations received by the Nov. 1 deadline will be reviewed at the March 2004 screening committee for consideration for the 2005 induction class. The 2003 class was announced last June and will be inducted at the March 18 banquet at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. The 2004 class will be voted on in May and announced at the annual golf outing in June. Nomination forms are posted on the Association website at: <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/ge30.pdf>.

APRIL 15 TITLE IX DEADLINES

This is a reminder that the following forms relative to Title IX reporting MUST be submitted no later than April 15, 2002.

1. Form GE-19 (KHSAA Annual Verification of Title IX Procedures)
2. Forms T-1 through T-4 (Summary Forms for Determining Student Interests and Abilities)
3. Form T-35 (Budget Information)
4. Form T-36 (Budget Information)
5. Form T-41 (Checklist for the Overall Interscholastic Athletics Program)
6. Form T-60 (Updated Corrective Action Plan)
7. Form T-63 (Summary of the Interscholastic Student Interest Survey)

NOTE: Single-sex schools are not required to submit the forms.

These Title IX forms are currently on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org, under the member school link.

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION ON HOME BOUND STUDENTS

Recently, a KHSAA member school sought an eligibility ruling on a student who was on home bound instruction. This student had been placed in home bound due to illness in Compliance with 704 KAR 7: 120. KHSAA rules require that students be a full-time student at a KHSAA member school (or in a defined feeder school under the same local Board of Education) in order to be eligible, so KHSAA rules were not in question.

Upon researching the issue with representatives of the Kentucky Department of Education, an important distinction was reiterated which needs to be shared with the membership. 704 KAR 7:120, Section 2, part (6) states that "Eligibility for home/hospital instruction shall cease if the student works or participates in athletic activities." Schools and school districts should be mindful that a student who practices and/or plays in an athletic contest is no longer able to be in home bound instruction for that particular incident once such participation occurs. For a complete text of this regulation, see <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/704/007/120.htm>.

SEEDING DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

Per KHSAA Basketball Tournament Rules and Regulations, basketball district tournament seeding policies stipulate that if win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of the time of the district meeting and all games used in determining the seeding shall have been played prior to that date. For the purpose of seeding the tournament, seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the date will be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded positions.

The scheduled district tournament meeting date for 2003 baseball and softball is May 18. The scheduled district tournament meeting dates for 2003-04 volleyball meeting is October 5, soccer meeting is October 12, and basketball meeting is Sunday, February 15, 2004.

BOARD OF CONTROL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following who were elected to the KHSAA Board of Control beginning July 2003:

- Region 3-4 Chuck Broughton, Apollo HS
- Region 9-10 Gary Dearborn, Pendleton Co. Schools
- Region 9-16 (female) Paula Goodin, Pineville HS
- Region 1-8 (non-public) Stan Hardin, Holy Cross HS
- Region 9-16 (non-public) Robert Schneider, Newport Central Catholic

REMINDER ABOUT PERMISSABLE GEAR DURING SUMMER FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Case BL25-18- What equipment can be worn and what restrictions are in place for football practice during the summer.

- From the period that begins the day following the last date of school or June 1, whichever is earlier, through June 24, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.
- From June 25 to July 9, no gear may be issued by a school directly to a player from that school, and the full provisions of the dead period (Bylaw 26) must be observed.
- From July 10 to July 14, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.
- Member school players and teams may participate in unlimited non-contact simulations / passing leagues / pass skeleton drills during the period between June 1 and July 14 (exclusive of the dead period as described in Bylaw 26) as play is not regulated in KHSAA sports at this time. However, schools should note that there are no insurance provisions in place at this time.
- From July 15 through the last date prior to full contact practice, a player may wear a helmet and shoulder pads during any football specific drill or practice that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.
- In addition, it was specified that it should be recommended that both the helmet and shoulder pads be worn during the July 15 to first date of contact period in order to acclimate the player to the heat and the changes in body temperature brought on by additional pads and equipment.
- Beginning with the first legal date of contact practice, which varies based on the first legal playing date for the school, all other pads can be worn as defined in Rule 1-5.
- With the exception of the Dead Period, nothing about this interpretation prevents a school from allowing equipment to be issued to students for them to attend individual camps at other sites.
- Any activity in the summer prior to July 15 or any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), renders all insurance provisions null and void and places the member school, its coach and all of its players at risk for litigation and other problems.
- Nothing about any of the interpretations prevents smaller group learning experiences, individual camp attendance (outside of the dead period), team camp

attendance (within the contact window and subject to the scrimmage limitations).

OFFICIALS AWARDS BANQUET

Please remember the Officials Awards banquet will be held Saturday, March 22, at the KHSAA office in Lexington. The banquet is open and free to all KHSAA licensed officials. A social hour will be from 3 to 4 p.m., with the awards program to begin at 4 p.m. For a listing of outstanding official nominees, review the December-January Athlete magazine.

REMAINING RULES 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.

TRACK

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

- 4/2 Lexington, KHSAA Office
- 4/21 Make-Up (\$50 Fine), Lexington, KHSAA Office

BASEBALL

- 4/16 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- 4/9 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

REMAINING 2002-2003 KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT DATES & SITES

March 19-22	Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
March 26-29	Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
May 16-17	Slow Pitch Softball	TBA
May 29-31	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Lexington
May 30-31	Boys' & Girls' Track	UK Shively Track, Lexington
June 13-14	Fast Pitch Softball	Tie-Breaker Park, Hopkinsville
June 18-21	Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be March, 27-28, 2002 at the Holiday Inn in Bowling Green. For an agenda contact the KHSAA office.