



COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

AUGUST, 2002

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



"Making a Difference" is the current theme for the KHSAA as we approach the 2002-2003 school year. The year began with the NFHS Student Leadership Conference held in July in Indianapolis where 12 student leaders from Kentucky and KHSAA Staff participated with students from other states, Canada, and Israel. We all worked together to emphasize the values of citizenship, sportsmanship, healthy lifestyles and community service.

Our staff is excited about the coming school year. We look forward to the possibilities that await each of us to partner together in a positive fashion. It is through extracurricular activities that we have great potential to enhance the educational experience of student athletes in Kentucky.

Here's hoping we are all off to the start of a great school year. If the staff can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact us at any time.

S.I.D. COPE PROMOTED

Commissioner DeVries announced the promotion of Sports Information Director Butch Cope to Director of Promotions and Media Relations.

Cope, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, joined the Association in 1995 as Sports Information Director. He will continue to serve in that capacity with added duties that will include supervision of fulfillment of corporate partner agreements and special programs as well as managing the day-to-day efforts of the KHSAA's marketing partner, iHigh, Incorporated.

Cope will continue to handle the KHSAA Student Leadership Conference as well as coordinating the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame program, KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Program and the Academic All-State Program. He will also coordinate in-house marketing and public relations efforts.

MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM REMINDER

Medical Symposium attendance has been posted on the KHSAA website. Principals and/or Athletic Directors are reminded to check the 2002-2003 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. This type of self-reporting allows the Association to institute standard penalties for non-compliance against the school and ensure that the school and the Association are both upholding their obligation to comply with this critical requirement.

WILLIAMS NAMED ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Bardstown High School Athletic Director Roland Williams has been hired as an Assistant Commissioner with the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries announced. Williams fills the vacancy created with the naming of DeVries, formerly Executive Assistant Commissioner, to the Commissioner's position.



Williams comes to the Association with over 29 years of experience in high school athletics, the last 12 as Athletic Director at Bardstown. He has previously served on the KHSAA Board of Control, including serving as president 2000-01; worked with the Kentucky Coaches Education Program, the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association, the Fifth Region Coaches Association and other professional organizations.

In addition to his administration experience in athletics, Williams has coached, officiated and participated in a variety of sports at the interscholastic level. He also served as Fast Pitch Softball coach until his resignation from Bardstown.

"Roland brings a great deal of experience to our staff," DeVries said. "We get a great deal of input from our member schools and he will provide additional insight from the school-administrators' perspective."

Williams has managed numerous athletic events including KHSAA postseason district, region and semi-state level competition. The Milwaukee, Wisconsin-native holds degrees from Morehead State University and Western Kentucky University.

"I'm very excited about the challenges this new opportunity will bring," Williams said. "I look forward to working for the KHSAA and the member schools of the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

Following an initial transition period, Williams will be the primary contact for soccer, fast and slow pitch softball and swimming, along with coaching education and medical symposium requirement.

Williams is married to the former Rita Franklin of Ashland. They have two children, RaShawn, a sophomore at the University of Louisville, and Monika, a senior at Morehead State University.

Williams assumed his duties on July 29.

FALL CHAMPIONSHIP REVISION BEGINNING 2003-04

Over the past several years, there have been many instances when KHSAA State Championship events in the fall have been held on the same weekend. At the request of many school administrators, and in order to best meet the needs of the student athletes, coaches, administrators and parents, a slight revision has been made in championship scheduling to prevent this overlap of championship events.

The State Soccer Championship will continue to be played the first Saturday in November in order to balance weather concerns for the participants and the facility. Beginning 2003-04 the State Cross Country meet will be held the weekend prior to the State Soccer Championship. This will mean the regular season will begin one week earlier than the traditional starting date.

The beginning practice date for fall sports will remain July 15.

Also beginning with the 2003-04 year, the Volleyball State Championship will be held the weekend after the Soccer State Championship. This means the regular season will begin one week later than the usual starting date.

A complete list of corresponding dates for all sports will be printed and distributed in the 2002-03 KHSAA Handbook and posted on the website (www.khsaa.org).

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETINGS

The Board of Control will have a special meeting to consider June and July appeals August 26, 2002.

The next regular meeting will be September 26-27. Both meetings will be at the KHSAA office in Lexington. An agenda is available by calling the Association.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Schools were sent information regarding school updates for the 2002-2003 KHSAA Handbook. Information can be changed via the KHSAA web site (www.khsaa.org) at any time during the school year. There is a "Member Schools Only" link and using your passcode, you can update your school's information. It is advised that Athletic Directors perform this task to prevent duplication. School information used in the 2002-2003 Handbook reflects updates received by the KHSAA by Aug. 7.

If information regarding your school in the 2002-2003 KHSAA Handbook is incorrect or outdated, the school information was not updated prior to Aug. 7. However, you can update the site year-round which will keep the KHSAA's database up-to-date.

If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472.

BK SCHEDULING FOR FUTURE SEASONS

The Board of Control has recently begun a statewide review of the alignment of basketball schools. No determinations have been made at this time relative to the movement of schools within the alignment. It is anticipated this project will take a minimum of one year to complete, perhaps even longer. The alignment of schools in basketball also affects several other sports that attempt to mirror the regional boundaries.

Due to this project, it is strongly suggested that schools delay any long range scheduling until the study can be completed. While the Board and Staff hope for minimal disruption, the results of this project will certainly have an impact on member schools, scheduling of games and other items such as seeding plans and site rotation.

It is anticipated that many districts will be able to continue existing plans and rotations. Schools are strongly encouraged to resolve these issues at the local level. In most cases the existing seeding plans will continue to remain in place unless altered by a majority vote of the schools involved.

Further details will be distributed as they become available.

CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK ALIGNMENT

The Board of Control has adopted the Cross Country and track alignment for a four year term, including the school year's 2002-03 through 2005-06.

The approved alignment is posted on the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org)

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please remember school membership dues for the 2002-03 school year are due to the Association office by Sept. 1, 2002.

SEASON REMINDER TRACK AND TENNIS

Schools are reminded that due to the fact the spring sports season begins, by rule, the Monday following the Girls' Basketball Championship, and with existing policies preventing State Championship competition on Memorial Day weekend, the regular season for tennis and outdoor track will be one week shorter during the 2002-03 school year.

Post season play will begin in tennis, the 2002-03 year only, during corresponding week 45 and outdoor track week 46.

Member school Athletic Directors should make certain your coaches are aware of this previously distributed schedule revision.

HEAT ILLNESS PREVENTION

The Kentucky Medical Association has completed work in conjunction with the KHSAA on an informational component and recommendations regarding heat illness prevention. All schools should carefully review the material and recommendations, which are published at <http://www.khsaa.org/medical/heat>.

Please remember these guidelines are not only intended for football, but all KHSAA sports.

ELIGIBILITY POSTERS

The KHSAA annually produces an eligibility poster concerning the various rules of the Association. This poster is available, should you want, in an 8 1/2 by 11 format if you wish to publish in your game program as several member schools have done. For more information please contact the KHSAA office.

Posters for the 2002-03 year will be mailed to member school principals and athletic directors by the end of August.

NEW ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR'S WORKSHOP

Enclosed you will find registration information concerning the New Athletic Administrator's Workshop scheduled for August 21 at the KHSAA office in Lexington. Please call the Association office with any questions.

SANCTIONS

This is a reminder regarding the policy of 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 \$75.00. 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. A sanction form is not required 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. If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Sallee at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email psallee@khsaa.org.

FOOTBALL ALIGNMENT

The Board of Control will consider the football alignment for the years 2003-2006 at its August special meeting. Final decision to be made at the September meeting.

Schools should delay scheduling games until the alignment is adopted.

BASEBALL UMPIRES FEE INCREASE

The base game fee for baseball umpires, due to length of game, has been approved by the Board of Control. A double header fee will increase the first game to \$42.50 and \$37.50 for the second game. All Regional Policy Board additional fees beyond the base fee will be the same for baseball and softball umpires, with the difference between softball and baseball officials' fees not to exceed \$5.00.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP ATTENDEES

Twelve student delegates from Kentucky attended the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) 2002: *Making A Difference* Student Leadership Conference held July 11-14 in Indianapolis, Ind. The Kentucky students were among a total of 523 who attended the conference, with representatives from 26 states, Canada and Israel.

While in Indianapolis, the group focused on building positive values, respect, sportsmanship, team roles and healthy lifestyles. In addition, the group performed community service on behalf of the Indianapolis Parks & Recreation Department.

These students will serve this coming year on a student advisory committee that will plan and facilitate the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's HYPE Student Leadership Conference in Lexington in January. The following students represented Kentucky at the conference:

Students: Kyle Bibb (Western Hills), Deanna Stephens (Greenup County), Michelle Collins (North Laurel), Mary Ratliff (Montgomery County), Curtis Hartin-Freeman (Western), Peterson Grimes (Western), Brian Grieb (Atherton), Ryan Miller (Tates Creek), Chris Garrett (Tates Creek), Megan Powell (Pendleton County), Steffany Sholar (Christian County), Jasmine Fogle (Marion County).

Advisors: Commissioner Brigid DeVries, Butch Cope, Marilyn Mitchell and Marcus Fischer of the KHSAA and Faye Thornton of Franklin County.



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TO: Member School Superintendents
 Member School Principals
 Member School Athletic Directors

FR: Brigid DeVries, Commissioner

RE: Second Annual KHSAA New Athletic Administrators Workshop
 "Athletics: Assisting and Supporting the Education Process"

In an effort to assist our member schools, the KHSAA is again sponsoring a new athletic administrators workshop on August 21, 2002. The primary target audience is those athletic administrators or others involved in the responsibilities for interscholastic athletics who have been hired in the last couple of years, and who may not have had the opportunity to have their questions answered or policies explained. We have planned this particular seminar as a means of making sure that all of our school administrators are on the "same page" as we start the new school year, and to give attendees a chance to clarify any issue that may be unclear at this point.

Tentative topics to be covered include:

- Student eligibility and verification including academic, age, enrollment and transfer rules and the KHSAA Due Process Procedure;
- KHSAA Forms and Communication and use of the KHSAA web site;
- Title IX and KDE Regulations;
- KHSAA programs and projects to benefit the membership;
- Dealing with sports officials from an administrator's perspective;
- Risk Management and Liability Issues in Athletics including pre-season meetings; and
- Professional Development for Athletic Administrators.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. ET at the KHSAA offices in Lexington and we plan on completing by 3:00 p.m. For complete directions to the KHSAA offices, see the KHSAA web site at <http://www.khsaa.org/contact.htm>, or contact the office at 859-299-5472. If you or other representatives of your school are going to attend, please complete the form below and mail/fax back to the KHSAA on or before August 16, 2002 so that enough copies can be made of any information to be distributed and lunch (which will be provided) plans can be arranged. Please feel free to contact the office should you have any questions.

KHSAA NEW ADMINISTRATOR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

School: _____

Person (s) Attending and Position in School: _____

To better help prepare for the meeting, you may have encountered questions you needed answered or discussed. Please list three items, in priority order, to be addressed at the workshop if time permits:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

 Signature of Individual submitting this form

 Date