



Commissioner's Notes

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DISQUALIFICATION REMINDER

One question that has arisen several times this fall deals with late or unreported disqualifications. For that reason, we point you to Case BL-11-4 in the Handbook which says:

Whether or not an ejection is reported in a timely manner (including ejections which occur during out of state contests), the KHSAA member school is obligated to impose the minimum suspension penalty for the ejection per Case BL-11-7 or Case BL-11-8. Administrators should contact the Association office with any questions.

Member school representatives are reminded about the penalties for ejection from contests. The complete text covering almost every possible scenario is on the KHSAA web site at <http://www.khsaa.org/schools/dqpolicy.pdf>.

Also, we are frequently asked about appealing ejections. Bylaw 16 as passed by the member schools clearly states that there is no appeal of a judgement call by the officials. Like nearly every state in the country, the KHSAA schools have long felt that it is not practical or feasible to have an appeal procedure given the hundreds of contests that occur each day, and the frequency at which those events are held.

FREE SAT/ACT TEST PREP PROGRAMS

The NFHS and eKnowledge LLC, a leading provider of educational material, are partnering on a program to provide free SAT and ACT test prep programs to NFHS members, students, parents, educators, coaches and administrators across America. In 2005, eKnowledge formed Sponsorship Alliance Partnerships with caring athletes from the National Football League and Major League Baseball, as well as more than 30 corporations, foundations and not-for-profit organizations. With the support of its sponsorship alliance, eKnowledge will donate \$200 SAT and ACT College Test Prep programs to member schools and students in your state.

The donated PowerPrep™ Programs contain 170 video lessons, hundreds of practice questions with detailed explanations, 18 quizzes and more than 40 hours of class work. The details of the program, including how to order online or by phone are being handled by Lori Caputo, director/sponsorship Alliance Programs at eKnowledge. A flyer is attached that details this great opportunity. The NFHS is pleased to help make this valuable resource available to you, your member schools and the high school students we serve.

An attachment at the end of this document details registration procedures.



RULES CLINICS UPDATE

Rules clinics for basketball, swimming & diving, and wrestling have been posted on the KHSAA web site and are now open without fee. The clinics will remain open until Nov. 14. Starting on Monday, Nov. 15, clinics may be viewed with a fine through Jan. 31, 2011.

The cheer makeup clinic remains open with a fine on the KHSAA web site through Nov. 30.

KHSAA SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NFHS SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

At this time, the NFHS is looking toward the 2011 National High School Spirit of Sport Award, and would like to ask individual schools to nominate a candidate for this award. The nomination form contains instructions on how to submit a nomination, asks for information regarding the individual submitting the nomination and the nominee himself/herself, and for the nominating individual to describe the nominee's involvement in high school, along with the nominee's actions or accomplishments that deem him or her worthy of the National High School Spirit of Sport Award.

Additional support materials are welcome, but not required. A color photograph of all nominees is requested. Every nominee, whether they are selected or not selected as a section or national award recipient, will receive a certificate co-signed by NFHS Executive Director Bob Gardner and the chairperson of the National High School Spirit of Sport Selection Committee. In that manner, everyone receives some sort of tangible recognition for simply being nominated.

If your school desires to nominate someone, do so by completing the form and sending it to the KHSAA. Those will be filtered through the Association and then a single worthy candidate will be forwarded to the NFHS. The deadline for returning the completed nomination is January 1, 2011. An eight-member national committee will then select the award recipients.

For your information, this nomination form is a Word template that can be completed by tabbing through the document and filling in the blanks. Once you have completed the form, you could submit it by:

1) Saving and closing the nomination form and e-mailing it back to the KHSAA (send to jtackett@khsaa.org); or

2) Saving and closing the nomination form, running off a hard copy and mailing it to the office. Due to legibility issues, the form should not be faxed.

If you have support materials, you could attach them electronically or include them with your nomination form in the mailing method.

The NFHS believes that this program is an excellent means of recognizing deserving individuals who truly embody the "spirit of sport" in our nation's high schools. As such, we would greatly welcome and encourage your involvement.

The form and information is on the KHSAA web site at <http://www.khsaa.org/forms/2011spiritofsportform.pdf>.

SPORT UPDATES

Baseball

Please continue to check the KHSAA web site as Baseball Manufacturers of composite bats are approved by the NFHS. Go to Baseball, General Information and then click NFHS approved composite bat list.

Cheer

A reminder that all cheer coaches are required to complete the KHSAA Online Rules Clinic to be eligible to coach your team in the postseason. We are currently in the \$100 make-up window through Oct. 31. Beginning Nov. 1 until Nov. 30, the fine will be \$300.

Cross Country

The regional managers information will be posted online this week. Heat index forms were due to the KHSAA office by Monday, October 11. If you have not done so, please submit these forms immediately.

Football

The Board of Control is scheduled to consider the 2011 through 2014 Football Alignment for final adoption at its Oct. 18 meeting. Member schools are reminded that comments or concerns about the alignment must be addressed in writing by Oct. 14, and those submitting comments or suggestions in writing by that date will be permitted (should they so desire) to appear and discuss the issue before the Board of Control at the 10:30 a.m. Executive Committee meeting. Member schools are also reminded that any contract signed prior to Oct. 18 for 2011 through 2014 games are at risk of being voided in the event that alignment adjustments are made by the Board of Control and such adjustments require teams to be placed in differing districts than the original draft.

Golf

The Leachman Buick, GMC/KHSAA State Golf Championships

wrapped up on Saturday following a week of wonderful weather. Green County repeated as girls champion, while Caldwell County's Emma Talley won the individual title by nine shots. In the boys' tournament, Lexington Christian won the team championship while DuPont Manual's Akash Mirchandani took home the individual title.

The KHSAA, Leachman and the Bowling Green Country Club announced a 10-year extension, meaning the boys' and girls' golf tournaments will remain in Bowling Green through the 2020 event.

Soccer

District play began this week for both boys and girls, with regional play slated for next week. The girls' subsectional and sectional rounds will take place on Oct. 25 and 27, respectively. The same rounds for the boys will take place on Oct. 26 and 28. The KHSAA State Soccer Championships will be played Toyota Stadium in Georgetown on Nov. 3-4 and 6.

Softball

The KHSAA and the city of Owensboro have reached an agreement to keep the state softball tournament at Jack Fisher Park through 2014.

Volleyball

District Volleyball Tournaments are underway this week as the postseason begins en route to the State Tournament Oct. 29-30 at Knights Hall on the campus of Bellarmine University in Louisville. We will again be having a "pink out" for breast cancer awareness. Officials and staff will be in pink and our state championship teams will warm-up in pink and toss out commemorative pink mini volleyballs.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHEDULING OPPONENTS

As events are being scheduled, please note the criteria for out of state teams and tournaments and required sanctions:

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. IN STATE TEAMS

All regular season games against in-state opponents must be against schools that also belong to the KHSAA. Students from non-member schools in Kentucky may not, under any circumstances, compete against KHSAA member school students in the contests defined within Bylaw 25.

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. OUT OF STATE TEAMS FROM CONTIGUOUS STATES

All regular season games played against out of state opponents must be played against schools that are members of that state's association in Baseball, Basketball, Fastpitch Softball, Soccer, Football and Volleyball. The KHSAA office can assist in determining the status of those teams.

Though not required by KHSAA sanction paperwork is required for some contests against schools from Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia.

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. NON CONTIGUOUS OR OTHERS THAT REQUIRE NFHS SANCTION

KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the online NFHS sanction form and include the processing fee if the contests includes any of the following criteria:

- The event involves two or more schools and is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community (e.g., a university, theme park, athletic shoe/

apparel company);

- Non-bordering state events if five or more are involved;
- Non-bordering state events if more than eight schools are involved; or
- Any event involving two or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. (The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico).

The sanction process is completed online via the NFHS web site. The processing fee scale is: 60 days prior to NFHS office, \$200, 15-59 days prior, \$200 + \$100 late fee, \$300, less than 15 days prior \$200 + \$300 late fee + \$100 no list fee, \$600.

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 through the applicable state association and the KHSAA member is responsible for ensuring this process is complete.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email mmitchell@khsaa.org.

Feb. 17-19	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center
Feb. 25-26	Pannell Swim Shop/ KHSAA Swimming & Diving	Wright Natatorium, Louisville
March 9-12	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 16-19	PNC/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK & Sayre Complex, Lexington
May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Track and Field	Frazier Park, Louisville
June 10-11	Softball	Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 13-18	Forcht Bank/ KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

Remaining 2010-11 KHSAA Championship Dates

Oct. 29-30	Girls' Volleyball	Bellarmine University, Louisville
Nov. 3-4, 6	Boys' and Girls' Soccer	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 13	Boys' and Girls' Cross Country	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 3-4	Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl	Houchens-L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 18 KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
- Oct. 29-30 KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament
Bellarmine University, Louisville
- Nov. 3-4, 6 KHSAA State Soccer Championships,
Toyota Stadium, Georgetown

Thanks for all of your continued support and best wishes.

Julian Tackett

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The software may be ordered online or by telephone.

To order online: www.eKnowledge.com/NFHS

To order by telephone: 951-256-4076, reference NFHS

- “The PowerPrep program maximized my son’s preparation and let him achieve the score he needed to accept a Division I baseball scholarship at USC.” **Mike Krukow, All-Star Pitcher—Giants, Cubs, Phillies, 5 Emmy Award Winner Broadcaster, SF Giants**
- My oldest daughter used this program and is now attending University of South Florida with a \$60,000 scholarship to help pay for her education. Now, I am ordering it for our youngest daughter. *Thank You, Patricia*
- Great product. My son has a reading disability and needed to raise his SAT scores in order to gain NCAA eligibility. Your program helped him do that, and he is now playing lacrosse in college. *Thank you. Andrea*
- After just 3 short weeks of actual use, my daughter’s scores improved from 680 to close to 1200. That’s almost an 80% improvement. **T. Smith**

PREPARE FOR FALL SAT AND ACT COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS NOW!

2010 SAT Test Dates:	October 9	November 6	December 4
2010 ACT Test Dates:	September 11	October 23	December 11

*****SAT/ACT TIP***** Make sure you understand the directions before you take the test. You won't waste time or energy on anything but the questions themselves. **The SAT and ACT PowerPrep™** DVDs include more than 11 hours of video instruction and 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions, practice tests and graphic teaching illustrations are indexed for easy use.

There is a nominal charge of \$13.84 per standard program for the cost of materials, processing, distribution and customer service. eKnowledge does not profit from this venture.

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