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KHSAA BOARD UPHOLDS PENALTIES AGAINST PERRY COUNTY CENTRAL AND ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOLS

LEXINGTON – The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association voted at its July meeting to uphold imposition of penalties imposed on Perry County Central High School and St. Francis High School, KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout has announced.

The two schools appeared before the Board to appeal the restitution of legal fees as part of the penalties against the two schools for unsuccessfully challenging Association rules in court.

Perry County Central is responsible for \$3,523.26 in restitution of legal fees exhausted by the Association, while St. Francis is responsible for \$13,375.64.

Also included by Perry County Central was an appeal for its \$1,000 fine, two-year probation for the boys' basketball team, one-year suspension of the boys' basketball program from any preseason scrimmages, contests outside the state of Kentucky and participation in any invitational tournaments.

The Board's vote included for all penalties to be upheld against Perry County Central.

At the 1996 Annual Delegate Meeting, KHSAA member schools voted 155-2 to the addition of requiring restitution of legal fees from members legally challenging Association rules that they had previously agreed to adhere to, with the KHSAA eventually prevailing in court.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association is a non-profit organization, comprised of 285 member schools. Each year, schools voluntarily apply for admission to the Association and agree to abide by the rules as voted on by its membership.

Both schools may appeal the Board's decision pursuant to KRS 13B.140(1) within 30 days.

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For more information, contact the administration at the local school.