

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA SWEET 16® SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In addition to its title sponsorship of the Boys' State Basketball Tournament, National City Bank will be awarding 32 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each. One boy and one girl from each of the 16 basketball regions will receive the honor. Scholarships are open to all athletes (not restricted to basketball). Winners will be recognized at both State Tournaments in March.

The application form is posted on the KHSAA website with the return deadline of March 1.

NATIONAL CITY TROPHY TOUR

Another element of National City's sponsorship is a tour of the State Championship trophy that will be awarded in March. The tour kicked off at the Hazard Invitational in early January and will continue throughout the state with stops at National City branches as well as high school basketball contests. The trophy and scholarship applications are the special features of the display.

Following is a listing of the trophy tour (as of 1/12/04):

Jan. 2 – Hazard Invitational; Jan. 6 – London (South Laurel vs. Monticello); Jan. 7 – London (400 S. Main St. Branch); Jan. 8 – Corbin (25E Cumberland Gap Branch); Jan. 9 – Hindman (WYMT Classic); Jan. 12 – Danville (Lincoln Co. at Danville); Jan. 13 – Danville (S. Fourth St. Branch); Jan. 14 – Bardstown (Bardstown Kroger); Jan. 15 – Bardstown (Nelson Co. at Bardstown); Jan. 16 – Louisville (Louisville Invitational Tournament); Jan. 19-20 – Louisville (Main Branch Tower); Jan. 20 – Louisville (DeSales at St. Xavier); Jan. 21 – Louisville (Rockford Lane Branch); Jan. 22 – Louisville (Pleasure Ridge Branch); Jan. 23 – Bowling Green (Main Branch); Jan. 23 – Bowling Green (Warren East at Warren Central); Jan. 24 & 26 – Bowling Green (Scottsville Road Branch); Jan. 28 – Versailles (Lexington Road Branch); Jan. 30 – Lexington (Harrodsburg Road Branch); Feb. 1 – Lexington (The Stadium Entertainment Complex); Feb. 2 – Lexington (Fayette Mall Branch); Feb. 3 – Lexington (Henry Clay at Lafayette); Feb. 4-5 – Lexington (E. Main St. Main Branch); Feb. 6 – Lexington (KHSAA Draw Show at WKYT); Feb. 6 – Lexington (Bryan Station at Paul Dunbar); Feb. 10 – Owensboro (W. Third St. Branch); Feb. 12-13 – Owensboro (Frederica St. Branch); Feb. 17 – Mayfield (Paducah Tilghman at Mayfield); Feb. 20 – Hopkinsville (Logan Co. at Hopkinsville); Feb. 20-26 – Louisville (Branches to be determined).

Additional dates and sites will be confirmed and added. Please check out the KHSAA website (Basketball Page) for tour updates.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY

The third annual KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership Conference is set for this Wednesday, Jan. 14 at The Stadium Entertainment/Meeting Complex in Lexington. A group of approximately 300 students from across the state is registered to attend the one day conference.

Group session topics will include presentations on Getting Involved in Special Programs/Being a Positive Role Model, Healthy Lifestyles & Leadership, Teamwork and Attitude, Respect and Sportsmanship.

Kirk Disrude of Maine West High School in Des Plaines, Ill., and Stephen Bargatze of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association are the featured speakers. The program is set to begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

ANNUAL DELEGATE MEETING THURSDAY

The KHSAA Annual Meeting of member school delegates is slated for Thursday, Jan. 15 in the Patterson Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. Delegates will start the day with various professional development and information seminars, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Eighteen proposals will be reviewed and voted on by member school delegates. An open "round table" discussion by the authors of the proposals, KHSAA Staff and Board and the voting delegates will be held beginning at 11:15 a.m. (ET). The voting session of the meeting will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Voting by the membership is the first step in the amendment process. Proposals require two-thirds of the voting delegates in attendance for passage. Proposals that receive the two-thirds vote are then reviewed by the Board of Control and then forwarded on to the Department of Education for review.

To view the meeting agenda and or the proposals, log on to the KHSAA website and choose either of the links below.

Annual Meeting Proposals

<http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/annualmeetingproposals2004.pdf>

Annual Meeting Agenda

<http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/delegateassemblyorder2004.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact the KHSAA Office.

KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING SET

The annual January meeting of the Board of Control will be held Friday, Jan. 16 at the Association office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

BASKETBALL STATS RANKINGS

Statewide boys' and girls' basketball stats rankings begin this week. Schools have until noon on Thursday (and each Thursday thereafter) to submit information. Leaders will be posted on the KHSAA website Thursday evening of each week.

BASKETBALL NOTES

(As submitted by member schools)

Zack Mefford of Williamstown scored his 1,000th career point back in December against Henry County. On the year, Mefford has helped the Demons to an 8-4 mark, averaging 23.3 points-per-game.

Brandon Ratliff of East Ridge nailed seven three pointers in a 70-62 loss to Clay County in the WYMT Classic last week at Knott County Central. On the year, Ratliff has connected on 46 of 94 three point attempts.

Brandon Embry of LaRue County became only the ninth player in school history to surpass the 1,000 career points mark in the Nelson County Tournament back in December.

Brian Kirk of Augusta scored a career-high 55 points back on Dec. 12 against Carroll County.

Rick Kissinger of West Carter scored 15 points in the final minute of a 58-55 come-from-behind win over rival East Carter last Friday night. After scoring 17 points in the opening half of the game, Kissinger helped West Carter erase an eight point deficit with the scoring exhibition. Three days earlier against Lewis County, his trio of three pointers in the final minute helped send the game to overtime in an 84-83 double overtime win.

Rachel Howard has set an Owensboro Catholic girls' school record for career games played. Through 15 games this season, Howard has seen action in 127 games in her career for the Lady Aces.

Caldwell County connected on 33 of 45 free throws in a win over Olive Branch, Miss. back in December in the Dragon Fire Invitational in Collierville, Tenn.

THE NEXT REGULAR RELEASE WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004.