

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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2005-06 SPORTS SEASON UNDERWAY

Golf started the 2005-06 KHSAA sports season, beginning play back on Aug. 1. Volleyball joins the action today, Aug. 8, with Cross Country and Soccer to begin on Aug. 15. Football kicks off its season with Week #1 set for Aug. 19.

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS WORKSHOP

For the fifth consecutive year, KHSAA staff will be conducting an Athletic Administrators Workshop. The program is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 12 at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. The workshop will help introduce programs and procedures for those who have entered an athletic administrator role within the last year. The event begins at 10 a.m. (ET).

HYPE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The annual HYPE/KHSAA Student Leadership Conference is set for Wed., Aug. 31, at the Lexington Convention Center. This marks the fifth year the Association has provided the free conference for student-athletes to learn teamwork exercises, sportsmanship initiatives and discuss current issues. Over 400 student-athletes and advisors are expected to attend.

Former Louisville Iroquois and WNBA star Kym Hampton will be the conference opening speaker. Kym was a member of the New York Liberty of the WNBA. She currently lives in Brooklyn where she teaches and is a professional model and singer. Hampton was inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame in March.

Harvey Alston will be the closing speaker. Alston returns to the event having spoken at the first two KHSAA Conferences. He is a former successful coach and teacher in Ohio and currently is one of the more popular high-energy motivational speakers.

2005-06 PUBLICATIONS

The 2005-06 KHSAA EventsCalendar is now available for purchase. The calendar includes sports specific important dates as well as Board of Control and Advisory Committee meetings and other KHSAA related information. Calendars are \$8 each by mail or \$6 if purchased at the KHSAA office. Orders can be made by contacting Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office or purchased online through the KHSAA website.

Orders are now being taken for 2005-06 KHSAA Handbooks. Those may also be ordered online or by contacting Ms. Mitchell. Handbooks are \$15 each by mail or \$10 if purchased in person for the bound printed version. The three-ring binder insert version will again be available by mail for \$20 or \$30 for the binder and insert. In-person, the insert is \$15 or \$25 for the binder and insert. Handbooks, as in the past, will be mailed the first full week of September.

The Athlete magazine, the quarterly publication of the Association, is available for a one-year subscription price of \$15. The subscription includes the popular "Year-End" championship results issue. The 2004-05 Year-End results issue will be available in late August.

SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL AND FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Schedules for boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball and football have been posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA scoreboard. Member schools are reminded to make sure all games have been entered through the "Member School Only" link on the KHSAA website.

STATE VOLLEYBALL HEADED TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

The 2005 KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament is headed back to the Northern Kentucky area. This year's State Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 28-29 at will be played at Regents Hall on the campus of Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights. NKU served host to the event in 1983 and again in 1992.

Ryle High School and Gray Middle School in Union was the Northern Kentucky area home of the event in 1994, 1996 and 1998-2002. Frankfort Convention Complex hosted the 2003 and 2004 State Tournaments.

VOLLEYBALL ADDS USE OF LIBERO

Beginning with the 2005 playing season as adopted by National Federation rules, the KHSAA will recognize the use of the libero (lee bah ro). The libero is intended to be a player who specializes in defense and serve reception and can replace any back row player except the current server. Entry into the match is not considered one of the allowable substitutions, but its entry must be tracked. In addition, the libero wears a jersey that is in contrast to the other players on the court. The libero cannot attack, serve, block or attempt to block.

SOCCER "MERCY" RULE

Beginning with the 2005 season, the KHSAA has approved a "Mercy" rule for use in soccer. At its July 12 meeting, the Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association clarified the Soccer Mercy Rule that it approved at its November 2004 meeting. The Soccer Mercy Rule now reads as follows:

If one team has a 10 goal lead at the end of the first half or at any point in the second half, the match will be terminated. This rule will also be observed in post-season play.

STATE FOOTBALL FINALS SCHEDULE

The schedule of games for the 2005 KHSAA State Football Finals, set to be played at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium Dec. 2-3, has been confirmed. The format will be a single night game on Friday, followed by a triple-header on Saturday. The Class AAAA Championship will kick off at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Saturday's schedule begins with the Class AAA game at 11:30 a.m., followed by the Class AA game at 3:30 p.m. The Class A game will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

This will not be the first time the state finals has had a triple-header day format. Most recently in 1995, the Class A, AA and AAA were played on Friday, followed by the AAAA game on Saturday. Throughout the years until the late 90s, three games were played on Friday with the fourth on Saturday.

KHSAA State Football Finals
Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Friday, Dec. 2
Class AAAA Championship at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3
Class AAA Championship at 11:30 a.m.
Class AA Championship at 3:30 p.m.
Class A Championship at 7:30 p.m.

KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will hold a special meeting to review appeals on Monday, Aug. 22 at the Association office in Lexington. The next regularly-scheduled Board meeting is set for Sept. 15-16, also at the Association office in Lexington. For an agenda for either meeting, contact the KHSAA.

NEXT RELEASE

The next regular release will be posted on August 15, 2005.