



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: APRIL 11, 2011**

### **THRESHOLD FOR NEW SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS REVISED**

The KHSAA Board of Control voted to revise the threshold from 20 percent to 10 percent the participation of schools required for the KHSAA to sponsor a sports championship at its regular meeting on Monday. The Association's triennial survey is being distributed and a new threshold of 10 percent could open the door for the addition of more sports, including archery, lacrosse and bass fishing in the coming years.

"By lowering the number of schools required to sponsor a championship sport we think it might actually encourage more schools to offer a sport and grow that sport at a faster pace than it otherwise might do," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "Any time we can pick up a new group of student-athletes who can compete at the sport they love, while giving them structure and a reason to excel in the classroom with their academic progress monitored, there is really no downside to it."

The Board has already approved bowling as a championship sport for the 2011-12 school year after survey results indicated more than 80 schools plan to offer the sport next year, with another 45 vowing to offer the sport within five years. Bowling, a winter sport, will begin practice on Oct. 15 and will hold regional tournaments the week of March 11-17, 2012, with the state tournament scheduled for March 23-24, 2012.

### **DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET SET FOR APRIL 16**

The 2011 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, at the Bluegrass Ballroom in the Lexington Convention Center. Festivities begin with a social hour and silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the induction ceremonies.

This marks the 24th year the Dawahare family has sponsored the KHSAA Hall of Fame and induction banquet. To date 391 former participants, coaches, officials, administrators, media and contributors have been honored.

The class of 2011 includes: Leonard F. Carpenter, Kristie Combs, Tim Cooper, Mike Deaton, Earl V. Driskell, Jr., Beth Wilkerson Hammond, Gary Kidwell, Richard K. "Dick" Morse, Felton Spencer, Joey Stockton, Gladys Coomes Thompson, J.R. VanHoose and Larry Vaught.

Tickets may be purchased by calling Butch Cope or Marsha Day at the KHSAA at (859)299-5472. Single tickets are \$50 or a table of 10 may be purchased for \$500.

To view additional information on this year's induction class, view the following web link:

<http://www.khsaa.org/hallfame/2011release.pdf>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| April 16 | Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington Center, Lexington  |
| May 1    | Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance Sportsmanship Awards Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington |