



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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COMMISSIONER TACKETT ANNOUNCES NEW STAFF DUTIES

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Assistant Commissioners at the KHSAA will be switching several sports assignments and responsibilities beginning this fall, Commissioner Julian Tackett announced on Monday.

Assistant Commissioner Michael Barren will administer the sports of soccer and tennis in addition to wrestling for the upcoming school year. Barren had previously been the primary contact for cross country and track and field.

Assistant Commissioner Angela Passafiume will now handle cross country and track and field, as well as regular season basketball and officials division supervisor.

Assistant Commissioner Butch Cope will administer the sports of volleyball and baseball, in addition to his duties as corporate partnership liaison, student leadership coordinator, Dawahares Hall of Fame Nominations/Banquet and other recognition programs. Cope was previously responsible for the sports of golf, volleyball and tennis.

Assistant Commissioner Darren Bilberry will continue to be the point of contact for swimming and softball, as well as golf. Bilberry also serves as the KHSAA chief compliance officer and Title IX Project Coordinator.

Tackett, who will continue to administer football and cheer, said the changes were a natural part of the executive staff transition.

"This changing of the guard at the Association allows us to take our excellent administrative team, and place them in positions of strength as it relates to their sports assignments," said Tackett. "With the number of changes in primary assignments, it also ensures that we have multiple people with knowledge of multiple aspects, which will undoubtedly help us serve our member schools and the student-athletes in a better manner."

KHSAA EXTENDS SOFTBALL AGREEMENT

The KHSAA Board of Control also voted at its August meeting to extend its agreement with the city of Owensboro for Jack C. Fisher Park to remain as host of the State Softball Tournament through the 2014 season. The original contract awarded Owensboro the tournament for the 2010 and 2011 seasons, with an option to extend the agreement. The tournament has been held at Jack C. Fisher Park in 1998, 2004-05 and 2008 through the present.

VOLLEYBALL, GOLF SEASONS UNDERWAY

The fall sports season is back in full swing this week with the first date for volleyball matches on Monday, August 9. Golf enters its second week of play while boys' and girls' soccer begins play on Monday, August 16. Football teams may begin play in week zero of the schedule on Friday, August 20, while most teams will begin play the following Friday. Cross Country gets underway the following week on Monday, August 23.

Schedules for volleyball, boys' and girls' soccer as well as football have been posted on the Rihersds/KHSAA Scoreboard. Coaches, athletic directors and media members are encouraged to call every result into the scoreboard at 800-453-6882.

HYPE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE APPROACHING

The 2010 HYPE Student Leadership Conference is scheduled for Monday, August 23, at the Lexington Center.



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The conference is free to students of any KHSAA member school. Schools are responsible for transportation and lodging, if any. Conference registration capacity is open to the first 400 applicants. The one-day training session features three breakout activities on teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership with Patrick George as the keynote speaker.

Last year's one-day workshop attracted more than 450 participants, one of the largest turnouts in the history of the event.

For more information about the HYPE Student Leadership Conference please contact Butch Cope at (859) 299-5472 ext. 231 or bcope@khsaa.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

August 23 HYPE Student Leadership Conference, Lexington Center, Lexington

September 20 KHSAA Annual Meeting of Delegates, Lexington Center, Lexington

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About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 278 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 4,100 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.