



INFORMATION REGARDING KHSAA IN-GAME  
CHEER COMPETITION CONDUCTED BY KAPOS



**Dear Principal and Cheerleader Coach:**

In conjunction with the KHSAA, we are delighted to be facilitating an in-game cheer competition during the St. Elizabeth Healthcare/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen® and the Whitaker Bank/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen®. On behalf of the Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors, I wish to congratulate your school on winning your regional basketball tournament and advancing to the Sweet Sixteen®. We are looking forward to watching your cheer team perform!

The members of KAPOS are convinced that the recognition of cheerleaders during the state tournament has done much to improve the quality of cheerleading and sportsmanship throughout our state. Judging of this in-game competition for these outstanding teams will take place during each of the first-round ball games.

The top four (4) teams and the K-Pep winner will be recognized at halftime of the first game Friday evening with the presentation of awards. On Friday, all cheerleaders should come to this presentation in uniform. If your cheerleaders cannot be present on Friday night, please appoint someone to represent them in the event that your team qualifies to receive an award. It is **VERY** important that your athletic director or principal include information about a cheer representative when they fill out the form BK122 and turn it into the KHSAA, including a phone number where the cheer coach can be reached at any time. If you will be receiving an award on Friday evening, your coach will be contacted prior to that session.

Please pay careful attention to the regulations in the tournament instruction manual regarding cheerleading as there are team limitations and restrictions, whether or not your school is participating in the in-game competition.

In the past we have had some difficulty with teams wanting to use signs and placards. Please assist us in complying with the KHSAA regulation that prohibits signs that obstruct the line of site of any patron. Cheerleaders may use hand-held signs both in their cheer and on sidelines when the ball is **NOT** in play, including time-outs and quarter breaks. Cheerleaders cannot use signs while the ball is in play, which includes during free throws. Your experiences at the state tournament will be exciting and rewarding for you and your fans. Please feel free to ask for our assistance. There will always be a KAPOS representative at the table in the hospitality room.

Please remember that **ALL** cheer teams must follow the National Federation Spirit Rules as explained in the NFHS Spirit Rules Handbook you received from KHSAA. The NFHS Spirit Rules Book is the official rule book for KHSAA and high school cheerleading. If you have questions about any of those rules, please contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA office. The official KAPOS In-Game Judging Sheet and In-Game Technical Judging Sheet are listed on the KAPOS website ([www.kapos.org](http://www.kapos.org)) under the Judging Sheets link on the home page.

If you have any questions or if we can be of any help to you during your stay at the tournament, please let us know!

**CHEERS!**

*Lucy Moore*

Lucy Moore, President