
KHSAA

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

APRIL 19, 1999

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NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Control will be held on May 18-19, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. At that time, bids will be reviewed concerning future sites of the 2001-2004 Girls' State Basketball Tournaments.

DEAD PERIOD

This reminder that the Dead Period for this school year is June 20-July 3, as printed in the KHSAA Memorandum Calendar. During this time, students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during the period beginning with the first day of National Federation Corresponding Week 51 (June 20), and going through the last day of National Federation Corresponding Week 52 (July 3). School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during this period.

ACT/SAT TESTING DATES

Following are testing dates for the SAT and ACT as published in the *1998-99 NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete*. These dates are also published in the 1998-99 KHSAA school memorandum calendar.

SAT TESTING DATES

May 1; June 5.

ACT TESTING DATES

June 12.

BASEBALL - SOFTBALL TEAM PHOTOS DUE APRIL 30

All baseball and softball team photos are due to the Association by April 30. Photos should be original prints and include a photo identification (front row: l to r). Schools are required to submit photos if they are competing in postseason play. If a school is not competing in postseason, photos are not required. Please note whether the softball team is slow or fast pitch.

IMPORTANT INFO AVAILABLE ON KHSAA WEBSITE

The listing of Open Jobs-Open Dates is now available through the KHSAA Internet site (www.khsaa.org). This popular site has been improved to allow visitors to submit dates/positions without having to call the KHSAA. Once you submit your information, please allow 2-3 working days for the information to be processed and for the listing to appear on the site. Also on the site is the listing for coaching education classes and the schedule for the medical symposiums.

STATE FAST PITCH SOFTBALL DATE CHANGE

Please note that the date for the 1999 KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Panther Creek in Owensboro has changed. The 1999 event will now be played June 11-12. The event date is listed as June 10-11 on KHSAA Calendars and was

changed after the printing of the calendars and recent additional consultation with the host site.

PRINCIPALS SHOULD HANDLE TRANSFERS-INQUIRIES

After concerns expressed by the Board of Control and the KHSAA Staff, this reminder to all school personnel regarding an athlete expressing a desire to transfer to your school. When anyone is approached concerning the transfer of a student-athlete to your school, the individual must be referred to the principal in accordance with KHSAA Bylaw 10.

Referring the student to the principal can prevent putting coaches/personnel in situations that could infer recruiting and insure that the transfer process is properly handled.

Also, please remember that the KHSAA does not accept transfer forms that are faxed to the office. Faxed transfer forms are often illegible and incomplete, thus slowing down the process.

STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADE CHECK REMINDER

This clarification on student-athlete eligibility with regards to Bylaw 5 - Minimum Academic Requirement. Grade checks should reflect the cumulative grade earned by the student at that particular point (each Friday) in the semester or officially recorded grading period. It is not the student-athlete's grade for each particular week. If a student-athlete is ineligible at the end of the grading period (each Friday), the athlete is ineligible until the next grading period when school is in session.

Q&A - May a student-athlete that was originally ineligible at the grade check period count intersession work to obtain eligible status? No. Not if school is not in full session. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the next grade check when school is in full session.

ALL PARTIES SHOULD ATTEND APPEALS HEARINGS

At the encouragement of the Board of Control and Staff, it is reminded that all parties involved in an appearance before the Hearing Officer are to attend the appeal. This is encouraged to allow a school or individuals a chance to respond to statements made during the hearing.

2000 GIRLS' BK TOURNAMENT HEADED TO RICHMOND

The KHSAA Board of Control voted April 14, 11-1 to name the city of Richmond and Eastern Kentucky University as the host site for the 2000 Girls' State Basketball Tournament. The tournament will be played March 22-25, at McBrayer Arena. The City of Richmond, EKU and McBrayer Arena hosted the event in 1998 and have served as host to the event 12 of 25 times since the Association reinstated girls' basketball in 1975. Frankfort's Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center was also given consideration for hosting the event.

The tournament had previously been awarded to the City of Louisville and The Gardens, but following a date change and a scheduling conflict regarding lodging, the City of Louisville and The Gardens withdrew its bid. The event, originally scheduled for March 8-11, was changed to March 22-25 two years ago to adhere to KHSAA Board Policy of playing the Boys' State Tournament opposite the NCAA Tournament First and Second Rounds. The KHSAA date change was made following a change in dates by the NCAA.

"We continue to be appreciative of the communities across the state interested in hosting our youth and state events," KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout said. "It (the scheduling conflict in

Louisville) was unfortunate, but we hope to enjoy a continued successful relationship with the Louisville community in the future along with our other state championship events. We hope they will be interested in bidding on the event in May," Stout concluded.

"Louisville is certainly disappointed about not hosting the event," said Eastern High School Athletic Director Jim Sexton, the lone dissenting vote, noting that Louisville could have accommodated the original dates.

In May, the Board will entertain bids and award the Girls' State Basketball Tournament for 2001-2004.

FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE-CAMPS CLARIFICATION

Q/A 8 - Do KHSAA scrimmage limits effect the participation of member schools in non contact simulations /passing leagues / pass skeleton drills against other schools during the period beginning July 15 and concluding with the first day of permissible full-contact practice?

Yes, with the following specific exceptions. Member school players and teams may participate in non contact simulations / passing leagues / pass skeleton drills during the period between July 15 and the first permissible day of full contact prior with the following restrictions, allowances and regulations --

- 1-May only wear the helmet of the equipment listed in Rule 1-5 of the National Federation Football Rules;
- 2-May be coached by the high school coach;
- 3-May not participate in this type of competition against members of another school squad on more than four dates during this period;
- 4-Must be completed with all play prior to the first legal day for contact by the varsity team (28 days prior to first regular scheduled contest);
- 5-May not participate with any more than seven (7) players from any one team at a given point in time.

Q/A 9 What are the restrictions and allowances for member school football teams playing in team camps during the pre-season practice period (July 15 to the first day of the regular season)? High school facilities and equipment may be used for summer football team camps at the discretion of the local school district. Football teams may attend/sponsor full contact camps during the period from the first allowable day of full-contact practice through the first legal playing date. All team camps held during this period must meet the following criteria -

- 1-A school may attend/sponsor only one camp during this period;
- 2-Each camp is limited to a maximum of three (3) consecutive days (not including days spent solely on transportation) of drills, skills assessment, competition or exercises which have any number of players from one school against any number of players from another school; or competition between students representing different schools;
- 3-Schools may participate in full scale scrimmaging (more than seven on seven) only on the last day of the camp, and only against schools who have attended the entire camp
- 4-Any properly conducted play between opponents from differing schools shall not count against the pre-season scrimmage limits in any sport.
- 5-Coaches must be paid members of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association to ensure the presence of liability insurance;

6-The school must ensure that each student athlete is properly insured in accordance with Bylaw 28 and eligible according to all KHSAA bylaws and regulations; and

7-The KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance Policy shall not be in effect and each school shall ensure that a policy similar to the KHSAA Catastrophic Policy and with the same policy limits is in place prior to the first day of the camp;

8-Medical staff and E.M.T. shall be notified of the camp and on call during the entire camp.

9-Member schools shall report attendance at these camps to the KHSAA on supplied forms prior to attendance or all competition between schools shall count against scrimmage limits.

Q/A 10 - Are there restrictions on what can be done with football players at combines, camps and skill sessions between the last game of the season and the end of the school year if any member of the high school coaching staff is to be present along with athletes who have eligibility remaining?

Yes. The following restrictions are in place.

- No football specific equipment may be used including but not limited to, playing equipment (helmets, shoes, shoulder pads), balls, goal posts, blocking sleds, blocking dummies.
- No sports specific drills can be performed. For example, group blocking, pass routes, pass throwing and catching, etc.
- The high school coach may be present as long as sports specific drills are not being performed and as long as the activity is of a general fitness nature;
- Participation on the part of the student-athlete cannot be mandatory;
- The activity comes under the "Open Gym/Field" definitions and as such, is not restricted as long as there is not sport specific activity being conducted.
- There are no restrictions on seniors who have used their eligibility.

SPORTSMANSHIP RECOGNITION BANQUET

Regional winners and the boy and girl statewide overall winner in the Wallace's Bookstores/KHSAA Sportsmanship recognition program will be honored at the annual banquet scheduled for May 23 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. For more details on the event, contact Ken Tippett at the KHSAA.

REMAINING BASEBALL RULES CLINIC

(Time local to site)

April 21 - BA - Make-Up (\$50 Fee) at KHSAA, Lexington 1:30 p.m.

REMAINING SOFTBALL RULES CLINICS SCHEDULE

(Times local to site)

April 13 - SB - Make-Up (\$50 Fee) at KHSAA, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.

April 20 - SB - Make-Up (\$50 Fee) at KHSAA, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL TIE-BREAKER RULE INTERPRETATION

For teams agreeing to use the 1998-99 Softball Tie Breaker Procedure (which both coaches have agreed to and the umpire has been notified of in the pregame conference), the procedure should begin with the start of the 8th inning. Irregardless of whether a time limit may have been reached and surpassed prior to reaching the 8th inning in a tied game, the Tie Breaker Procedure should not begin before the beginning of the 8th inning.

REMAINING TRACK RULES CLINIC

(Time local to site)

April 20 - TR - Make-Up (\$50 Fee) KHSAA Office, Lexington, 7 p.m.

REMAINING GOLF RULES CLINICS SCHEDULE

(Coaches Only - Times local to site)

April 21 - GF - Rowan Co. HS, Morehead, 7 p.m.

April 22 - GF - Elizabethtown HS, 7 p.m.

3-PERSON OFFICIATING TO BE USED IN 2000 POSTSEASON

The KHSAA Board of Control has approved and supports 3 person officiating for next year's (2000) boys' and girls' basketball postseason. The Board and staff feel this will improve the level of officiating necessary to remain consistent with the caliber of play. Three-person officiating has been experimented with across the state during this past regular season. Currently, more than 30 states in the nation use three-person officiating in post season play.

TITLE IX COMPLIANCE AND ASSISTANCE

The KHSAA would like to continue to reiterate that it is the responsibility of each member school to remain in compliance with Title IX as it relates to opportunities for females. The KHSAA has mailed to each Principal, Superintendent and Athletic Director a complete self analysis kit to help you determine your schools needs, and suggested plans for remedying any deficiencies. If you have questions, contact the person designated as the Title IX contact in your district, or contact the Commissioner's office.

DISQUALIFICATION REMINDER

Schools are reminded that contained in this year's form packet mailed in May was a new KHSAA Form GE9 to request the reinstatement of a disqualified player. It is no longer necessary to call the office to request the reinstatement if this form is properly completed unless it is a repeat or multiple game offender, or the official indicates additional investigation is necessary. Complete instructions are contained on the form.

SPRING SPORTS POSTSEASON

Several calls have been made to the office regarding Spring Sports Championships, most notably the Baseball/Fast Pitch Softball district tournaments.

As is listed on the 1998-99 KHSAA school calendars and in the Handbook, district baseball and fast pitch softball tournaments are scheduled to begin May 24. This is a week later than in the past. The change was made in March due to the Memorial Day holiday and facility availability at state venues.

Any school or group of schools that desire(s) to hold a postseason tournament earlier than the dates printed should direct a request to the Commissioner's office.

COACHING QUALIFICATIONS REMINDER

This reminder as it relates to coaching. HB215 that passed in 1998 concerning paraprofessional transportation also impacts coaching qualifications. In addition to the present KHSAA requirements, it is also necessary that a coach (head or assistant), at any level (Grades 9-12) meet the following -

- (1) Level 2 and 3 Coaches shall be 21 years of age, shall not be a violent offender or convicted of a sex crime as defined by

KRS 17.165 which is classified as a felony, and shall submit to a criminal record check under KRS 160.380.

- (2) Level 2 Coaches shall be persons holding a provisional or standard teaching certificate or having completed sixty-four (64) semester hours of college credit from an accredited college or university as documented by an official transcript.
- (3) Level 2 and 3 coaches shall have completed all requirements for the Kentucky Coaches Education Program as detailed in Section 1(d) of this bylaw prior to being hired and prior to beginning coaching duties.
- (4) Prior to assuming duties, Level 2 and 3 coaches shall successfully complete training provided by the local school district. The training shall include, but not be limited to, information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with whom the Level 2 and/or Level 3 coach will be working, the district's and the school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow up training shall be provided annually.

FUTURE SWEET 16® STATE TOURNAMENT DATES

Unless the NCAA changes its dates or sites again, the following dates are for the Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournaments for the next several years. KHSAA Board of Control policy states that the boys' tournament is to be played during the NCAA mens' first round week, unless the awarded site for the tournament is unavailable. Sites for the Girls' State Tournament for 2001-2004 will be awarded at the May Board of Control meeting.

	Boys	Girls
1999	3/10-3/13, Lexington	3/17-3/20, Bowling Green
2000	3/15-3/18, Lexington	3/22-3/25, Richmond
2001	3/14-3/17, Lexington	3/21-3/24, TBA
2002	3/13-3/16, Lexington	3/20-3/23, TBA
2003	3/19-3/22, Lexington	3/26-3/29, TBA
2004	3/17-3/20, TBA	3/24-3/27, TBA
2005	3/16-3/19, TBA	3/23-3/26, TBA
2006	3/15-3/18, TBA	3/22-3/25, TBA
2007	3/14-3/17, TBA	3/21-3/24, TBA

1999 VOLLEYBALL SEASON REMINDER

Practice for the 1999 Volleyball season can begin on July 15, 1999. The first playing date for the regular season is Aug. 16. Beginning this year, postseason will include district play. District tournaments will be double-elimination and are scheduled for the week of Oct. 10. Regional Tournaments will also be double-elimination and will be held the week of Oct. 17. The single-elimination State Tournament (regional winner and runner-up advance to State) will be held on Oct. 29-30 at Bellarmine College in Louisville.

1999 KHSAA REMAINING EVENT CALENDAR

- May 14-15 - State Slow Pitch Softball, Rivershore Sports Complex, Hebron
- May 18-19 - KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington (Full Agenda)
- June 3-5 - Boys' & Girls' State Tennis, UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
- June 4-5 - State Track & Field, UK Shively Track, Lexington
- June 11-12 - State Fast Pitch Softball, Panther Creek Park, Owensboro

- June 17-18 - State Baseball, UK Cliff Hagan Stadium, Lexington

BASKETBALL CORRESPONDING DATES

There have been several calls to the KHSAA regarding basketball scheduling for future years. Repeated below is the interpretation table which should be used for scheduling games for the next few years when comparing to 1998-99 playing dates. This has been published prior in the Commissioner's Notes and is repeated as a Q&A under Bylaw 25 in the 1998-99 Handbook. The week labeled "BK*" is the "extra" week, and all other prior dates move forward when comparing to 1998-99.

Q/A - What are the corresponding dates for basketball for the next several seasons? School representatives scheduling basketball contests over the next several seasons can use the following comparative corresponding date chart to determine the applicable playing week of the season.

<i>Basketball</i>	<i>1997-98</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>2000-01</i>	<i>2001-02</i>
<i>Week</i>					
<i>BK *</i>			<i>11/28-12/4</i>	<i>11/26-12/2</i>	<i>11/25-12/1</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>11/30-12/6</i>	<i>11/29-12/5</i>	<i>12/5-12/11</i>	<i>12/3-12/9</i>	<i>12/2-12/8</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>12/7-12/13</i>	<i>12/6-12/12</i>	<i>12/12-12/18</i>	<i>12/10-12/16</i>	<i>12/9-12/15</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>12/14-12/20</i>	<i>12/13-12/19</i>	<i>12/19-12/25</i>	<i>12/17-12/23</i>	<i>12/16-12/22</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>12/21-12/27</i>	<i>12/20-12/26</i>	<i>12/26-1/1</i>	<i>12/24-12/30</i>	<i>12/23-12/29</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>12/28-1/3</i>	<i>12/27-1/2</i>	<i>1/2-1/8</i>	<i>12/31-1/6</i>	<i>12/30-1/5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>1/4-1/10</i>	<i>1/3-1/9</i>	<i>1/9-1/15</i>	<i>1/7-1/13</i>	<i>1/6-1/12</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>1/11-1/17</i>	<i>1/10-1/16</i>	<i>1/16-1/22</i>	<i>1/14-1/20</i>	<i>1/13-1/19</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>1/18-1/24</i>	<i>1/17-1/23</i>	<i>1/23-1/29</i>	<i>1/21-1/27</i>	<i>1/20-1/26</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>1/25-1/31 ("A")</i>	<i>1/24-1/30 ("A")</i>	<i>1/30-2/5 ("A")</i>	<i>1/28-2/3 ("A")</i>	<i>1/27-2/2 ("A")</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>2/1-2/7</i>	<i>1/31-2/6</i>	<i>2/6-2/12</i>	<i>2/4-2/10</i>	<i>2/3-2/9</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>2/8-2/14</i>	<i>2/7-2/13</i>	<i>2/13-2/19</i>	<i>2/11-2/17</i>	<i>2/10-2/16</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>2/15-2/21</i>	<i>2/14-2/20</i>	<i>2/20-2/26</i>	<i>2/18-2/24</i>	<i>2/17-2/23</i>
<i>District</i>	<i>2/22-2/28</i>	<i>2/21-2/27</i>	<i>2/27-3/4</i>	<i>2/25-3/3</i>	<i>2/24-3/2</i>
<i>Region</i>	<i>3/1 - 3/7</i>	<i>2/28-3/6</i>	<i>3/5-3/11</i>	<i>3/4-3/11</i>	<i>3/3-3/9</i>
<i>State 1</i>	<i>3/8-3/14 (G)</i>	<i>3/7-3/13 (B)</i>	<i>3/12-3/18 (B)</i>	<i>3/11-3/17 (B)</i>	<i>3/10-3/16 (B)</i>
<i>State 2</i>	<i>3/15-3/21 (B)</i>	<i>3/14-3/20 (G)</i>	<i>3/19-3/25 (G)</i>	<i>3/18-3/24 (G)</i>	<i>3/17-3/23 (G)</i>

"A" - This is the week of the State portion of the All A Classic Invitational