

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

APRIL, 2004

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



It's a great time of the year and the high school spring sports season is in high gear. The KHSAA office is a busy place with our staff beginning to work on the 2004-2005 KHSAA Event Calendar. As we begin to review next years calendar we are reminded that in scheduling competitive events we must be sensitive to the preservation of the instructional time within the school day. Staff will be reviewing post season tournament sites and dates with a reminder to our tournament managers to make every effort to schedule on days and times that have minimal impact on instructional time. Scheduling events after school or on weekends is the most desirable practice whenever possible.

Also, athletic school personnel are reminded that KHSAA Bylaw 25, Section 1, addresses regular season contests: *No school time may be lost for travel to or from, or participation in, any regular season interscholastic athletic contest.* We are clearly obligated as an education based organization to follow these important guidelines regarding the loss of instructional time for regular season contests during the school day.

Enjoy your springtime activities. I hope to see you at our spring, post season championships.

RECENT BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION

During the April 13, 2004 Board of Control meeting, the Board acted on two items that may impact your athletic programs and the scheduling of contests. The Association would like for you to know of these actions in an expedited manner.

I. OPPONENT DEFINITIONS WITHIN BYLAW 25

The staff and Board of Control received inquiries from school personnel requesting clarification on non-school entities playing KHSAA schools in regular season contests. The Board directed the staff through legal counsel to review and eliminate interpretation BL25-9 for 2004-2005 and beyond and issue a revised interpretation.

For the 2004-2005 school year, the Commissioner will clarify the current interpretations to reflect that KHSAA member schools cannot engage in regular season contests against non-school opponents. This prohibition will apply to non-school opponents based in and outside

of Kentucky. Further, the Commissioner will define a school as an entity recognized by the Kentucky Department of Education (or corresponding Department of Education for out-of-state entities) as an institution whose primary purpose is the education of high school aged students.

The Commissioner anticipates that the following provisions will remain unchanged:

- KHSAA member schools may engage in scrimmages against non-school opponents provided they are counted against the scrimmage limit.
- KHSAA member schools may engage in scrimmages and regular season contests against schools in Kentucky which are not eligible for membership in the KHSAA;
- KHSAA member schools may engage in scrimmages and regular season contests against schools not in Kentucky, provided that the National Federation of State High School Associations sanctioning policy is strictly adhered to and that the out-of-state school is either: (1) a member of the athletic/activities association of that state; (2) not a member of its state's athletic/activities association, but agrees to play under the rules of its state's athletic/activities association; or (3) a school that, due to the formation of that particular state's athletic/activities association, chose not to join or is ineligible to join;
- KHSAA member schools may engage in scrimmages and regular season contests against foreign (non-United States) teams, provided that the event is sanctioned within the policies and procedures of the National Federation of State High School Associations, and in accordance with Bylaw 23, Section 2; and

Please contact the Commissioner's office if you have any questions regarding any Bylaw 25 interpretations, need clarification on contract issues, or if you have entered into a contract for a regular season contest with a non-school opponent.

II. REVISION IN THREE TEAM DISTRICT BRACKETING

The Board of Control dealt with the issue of the tournament format of a three-team district tournament. For many years, the staff and Board of Control have sought to eliminate three-team districts in the sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball. The current three-team district format allows for one team to lose its first post season contest, and then eventually win a state title simply was not viewed as being competitively fair when compared to any other district format where the first game losers end the season with that loss. While this consideration maybe a

component of the ongoing basketball alignment review, it has a significant impact on all sports, not strictly basketball.

The Board voted to approve a change in the tournament format for all three-team districts in these five sports. The change is effective with the 2004-05 school year for baseball and softball, and the 2005-2006 school year for soccer, volleyball and basketball. This change requires each team in those few three-team districts to play each of the other district members twice during the year, and the resulting district standings will determine the district seeding. Though one team in those districts will be able to secure a berth in the next round by virtue of this seeded position, they will have had to play four games to earn that position, rather than the current system where potentially a first game loser could come back and win a later round in the tournament. Please note that the delay in the three sports that will go into effect in 2005-06 is only to allow schools an opportunity to fulfill existing district contracts. The teams in those three-team districts in those sports may choose to use the new format for 2004-05, provided there is unanimous agreement among the teams.

Sports specific questions regarding these changes can be addressed to-

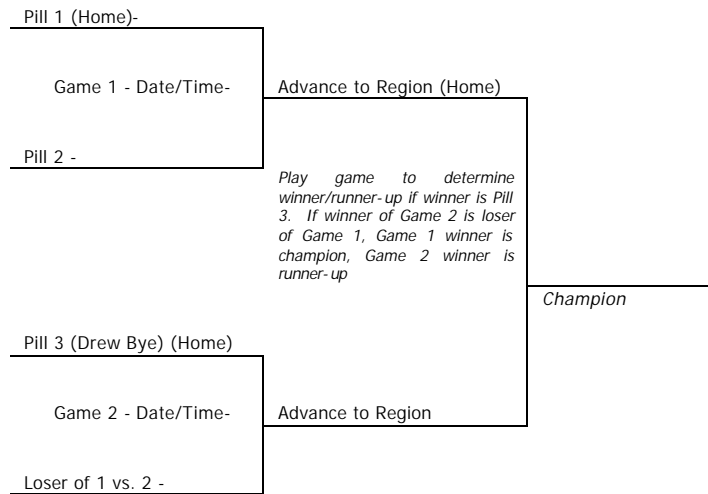
- Baseball – Julian Tackett or Larry Boucher
- Basketball – Larry Boucher or Julian Tackett
- Soccer – Roland Williams or Larry Boucher
- Softball – Roland Williams or Larry Boucher
- Volleyball – Larry Boucher or Roland Williams

Below is the complete text of the change in the three team district bracketing as presented to the Board of Control –

Current wording from Handbook

- In a district having three teams, a blind draw shall be conducted with all three teams. The team drawing the bye will play the loser of the game between the two other teams. If the loser of the first game defeats the team having the bye, the tournament is over, and the winner of that game and the first game would advance to the regional tournament, with the winner of the first game going as the district champion and the other as the runner-up. If the team having the bye defeats the loser of the first game, the two winning teams would then play to determine the district champion and runner-up.
- The district champion and the runner-up of each tournament shall advance to the regional tournament.

Current bracket (cannot be seeded by rule)–

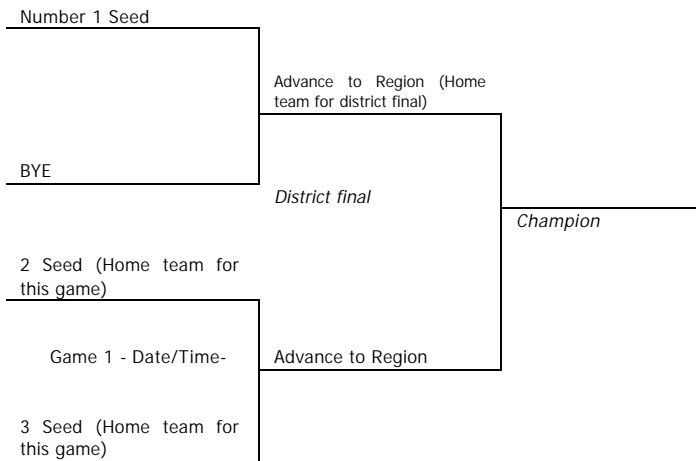


ADOPTED REVISION

- All teams in all team sports which are placed in three-team districts are placed due to a lack of schools in the geographic proximity. Due to this fact and to eliminate the additional burden of travel for all schools by arbitrarily moving a school or more than one school to alleviate the situation, these teams in those few remaining three team districts would have the following postseason advancement plan within the district –
- Each team in a three-team district is required to play the other two teams in the district in two contests each year, at mutually agreed sites.
- These games will produce a uniform means of ranking the teams by seed within these districts.
- The team with the highest seed (one seed) receives a bye in the district tournament, and advances to the championship game.
- The remaining two teams would play in the first round of the district tournament with the loser of that game being eliminated.
- In the case of a two-way tie for the district winning position, the winner in the second game played between the tied district opponents would have the higher finishing position.
- In the case of a three-way tie for the district winning position, the tie would be resolved in the following manner. If any of the tie-breakers results in one of the teams being ahead of the other two, the tie is broken. If any of the tie-breakers result in two teams remaining ahead of the third, then the two-way tie breaker shall be used to determine the winner between those two.
- The tie-breaking mechanisms (in order) shall be:
 - If the tie remains between all three teams, the record in the second game played against all district opponents involved in the tie.

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- If the tie remains between all three teams, then the total points allowed in all seeded games shall be the next tie-breaker.
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- If the tie is still unbreakable, then a blind draw among the three teams shall break the tie.
- Additional tie-breaking mechanisms could be added, and would be uniform for all three-team districts.

The revised bracket would be



OPEN GYM CLARIFICATION

It is permissible for students to be involved in KHSAA activities of a school's open gymnasium program during the "school year, out-of-season" period under the following conditions:

- The gym is open for free play for all individuals and all activities
- Schools do not designate sport specific times
- Coaching or instruction is not provided
- School employees present shall restrict their duties to supervision of the facility only
- Open gym shall be voluntary. No coach or school representative may directly or by implication direct a student to attend open gym as a condition for team membership or restrict the level of team participation within the high school program. Attendance should not be recorded nor monitored in any other form.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The KHSADA will host a Summer Leadership Institute at General Butler State Park July 18 - 20. You may enroll in as many as 3 LTP courses at that time.

If you are interested in attending, contact Faye B. Thornton, CMAA, KHSADA Leadership Training Coordinator at fthornto@bourbon.k12.ky.us

If you have not yet joined the KHSADA, contact Mitchell Irvin, CAA at mirvin@oldham.k12.ky.us

At the KHSADA State Conference this week, Phil Rison, CAA, was installed as the new KHSADA President and Jeff Edwards, CAA, is President-Elect.

Watch next month for the announcement of the KHSADA Athletic Director of the Year, Coach of the Year; Male and Female Athletes of the Year and Distinguished Service Award winners.

BA, FP, SP TEAM PHOTOS

This is a reminder that team photos in the sports of baseball, slow pitch softball and fast pitch softball are due to the Association by May 3. Failure to submit the photo may result in a fine as permitted by KHSAA Bylaw 33. You may e-mail the photo provided it has been scanned at a minimum DPI of 300. The file should be sent as an attachment and saved with a file extension of .jpg, .gif, or .tif. You may also go to the "Members Only" page on the KHSAA website and use the "Upload Photo" feature. For further assistance contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA.

2003-04 KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS CALENDAR

Date(s)	Sport	Site	City
May 21-22	Slow Pitch	RiverShore	Hebron
May 27-29	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing Ctr.	Lexington
June 4-5	Track	UK Shively Track	Lexington
June 11-12	Fast Pitch	Jack Fisher Park	Owensboro
June 16-19	Baseball	Applebee's Park	Lexington

SCHOOL UPDATES

Please remember to keep your school information current on the KHSAA website. To make scheduling, coaching or other administrative changes to your school directory via the KHSAA web site (www.khsaa.org) use the "Member Schools Only" link and your passcode. You can update your school's information at any time.

GAME GUY/GAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

This is a reminder to member schools that nominations for the 2003-04 Game Guy/Gal Award winners are due to the KHSAA office, Attn: Butch Cope, by May 3. Honorees will be published in the Year-End Athlete magazine.

SPORTSMANSHIP HONOREES

Congratulations to the following who were selected as school sportsmanship recognition award winners for 2003-2004. Each are eligible for regional recognition as well as the overall statewide honor. Regional winners will be announced next month and honored at the 2004 Awards Banquet scheduled for May 18 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. The statewide winners, one boy and one girl, will be announced at that time and each receive a \$2,500 scholarship from First Corbin Financial.

Region 1: Mari Anne Merrick, Graves Co, Joshua Clapp, Graves Co., Jacklyn Ward, Hickman Co., Ashley Montgomery, Lone Oak, Seth Thomas, Lone Oak, Elizabeth Tucker, Mayfield, Jacob Shelton, Mayfield, Lauren Clemson, Murray

Region 2: Jenna Fultz, Caldwell Co., Zack Bloodworth, Caldwell Co., Leslie Hamby, Dawson Springs, Trevor Young, Dawson Springs, Christie McCrum, Fort Campbell, Martha Ridley, Henderson Co., Heather Palmer, Livingston Central, Steve Ramage, Livingston Central, Ashley Hood, Trigg Co., Evan Roberts ,Trigg Co.

Region 3: Emily Harpe, Apollo, Obbie Todd, Apollo, Brenda Howard, Daviess Co., Shaina Green, Grayson Co., Robert Skaggs, Grayson Co., Joseph Logsdon, McLean Co., Duston Bailey, McLean Co., Megan Whitaker, Muhlenberg North, Jacob Fortney, Muhlenberg North, Allison Martin, Muhlenberg South, Elizabeth Mauzy, Owensboro, Clay Durham, Owensboro, Sarah Harboe, Owensboro Catholic, Natalie Clark, Trinity (Whitesville), Jameson Mattingly, Trinity (Whitesville)

Region 4: Morgan Shipley, Allen Co. Scottsville, Taryn Durham, Glasgow, Aubrey Crow, Glasgow, Rendi Shoulders, Logan Co., Derek Roberts, Logan Co., Marci Turner, Monroe Co., Jeremy Myatt, Monroe Co., Brittany Noe, Russellville, Damien Terry , Russellville, Rosa Groves , Todd Co. Central.

Region 5: Amber Lowe, Hart Co., Gilbert Rogers , Hart Co., Charlie Hornback, Larue Co., Sarah Sheeran, Meade Co., Nicholas Hardesty, Meade Co., Heather Lemieux, Nelson Co., James Medley, Nelson Co., Brittany Mattingly, Marion Co., Jordon Reinle, Washington Co.

Region 6: Charles Beams, Butler, Lindsey Mills, Beth Haven, Mallory Wright , Holy Cross (Louisville), Jeffrey Wachtel, Holy Cross (Louisville), Jaymie Barker, Presentation, Jessica Mayo, Valley, Paul Bocchieri, Valley

Region 7: Ashley Current , Christian Acad.-Louis., Katherine Livesay, Ballard, Michelle Pollock, DuPont Manual, Miranda Apel, Eastern, Eric Lindsey, Eastern, Whitney Spear, Fern Creek, Chad Clark, Fern Creek, Matthew Stanley, Male, Madonna Schueller, Sacred

Heart, Katie Deely, Seneca, Michael Raidt, Trinity (Louisville).

Region 8: Kelli Neurhor, Anderson Co., Joseph Craft, Anderson Co., Bobbi Abercrombie, Carroll Co., Megan Reader, North Bullitt, Robert Cope, North Bullitt, Stefanie Brock, Oldham Co., Brandon Quinlan, Oldham Co., Joey Snow, Owen Co., Jessica Decker, Shelby Co., Kelly Greiner, Trimble Co., Micah Teague, Trimble Co., Alicia Lawrence, Williamstown.

Region 9: Brian Sullivan, Beechwood, Julie Moran, Calvary Christian, Matthew Mollozzi, Calvary Christian, Sarah Brennan, Dayton, Felicia Dunn, Lloyd Memorial, Nicholas Bird, Lloyd Memorial, Jessica Abanese , Notre Dame, Valerie Forsyth, Scott, Holly Hirt, Villa Madonna.

Region 10: Jason Hargett, Augusta, Michael Cannon, Bracken Co., Casey Berryman, Estill Co.

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Region 11: J.W. Brown, Franklin Co., Laura Hufnagle, Bryan Station, Al Isaac-Lowry, Henry Clay, Joshua Wright, Henry Clay, Abigail Greer, Lexington Christian, Kyle Littrell, Lexington Christian, Lindsey Brendure, Madison Central, Evan King, Madison Central, Genna Vescio, Model, Sarah Davis, Paul Dunbar, Sekoe White, Paul Dunbar, Caitlynn Taylor, Woodford Co., Zach Wilder, Woodford Co.

Region 12: Ashleigh Gray, Burgin, Sean William Bottoms, Burgin, Beth Patterson, Casey Co., Andrew Allen, Casey Co., Mickie Brunton, KY School for the Deaf, Natasha Camenisch, Lincoln Co., Courtney Watts, Mercer Co., Tim Dailey , Mercer Co., Meg Phillips, Monticello, Marie-Josee Page', North Laurel, Ben Corry, North Laurel, Sarah Morgan, Pulaski Co., Lacey Skaggs, Russell Co., Robert Megargel, Somerset, Whitney Brainard, Pulaski Southwestern, Kristopher Braun, Pulaski Southwestern, Bradley Bell, Wayne Co., Katie Irvine , Somerset

Region 13: Ashley Bolden, Bell Co., Trey Harbin, Bell Co., Carmen Hacker, Clay Co., Jeremy Bowling, Clay Co., Lauren Clontz, Rockcastle Co., Devon Russell, Rockcastle Co., Bethany Walden, Williamsburg, Megan Travis, Oneida Baptist, Senaye Mengista, Oneida Baptist

Region 14: Megan Riddell, Hazard, Jon Housley, Hazard, Candrea Bingham, Jackson Co., Jonathan Terrill, Wolfe Co.

Region 15: Jessica Isaac, Allen Central, Paul Francis, Allen Central, Heather Rutherford, Belfry, Kurtis Kedrick, Belfry, Brandon Ratliff, East Ridge

Region 16: Megan Conley, Ashland Blazer, Meghan Stull, Bath Co., Joseph Wright , Bath Co., Jill Thompson, Boyd Co., Ryan Meenach, Boyd Co., Ashleigh Flannery, Elliott Co., Lashea Preston, Fairview, Zak Musick, Fairview, Heather Dear, Lewis Co., Jenna Ratliff , Menifee Co., Sarah Henderson, Morgan Co., Emily Van Horn, Rose Hill