

Commissioner's Notes

October 2005

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



The month of October began in fine fashion with the first State Championships of the year. The Leachman Buick GMC/KHSAA Girls' and Boys' State Golf Tournaments were held in Ledbetter at Drakes Creek Golf Course and The Country Club of Paducah. The Paducah community did a

great job in hosting this event.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2005 at the Lexington Convention Center. The meeting will begin with registration starting at 7:15 a.m., workshops at 8:00 a.m. and the business meeting at 1:30 p.m. The voting session will be at approximately 2:00 p.m. Included with the Commissioner's Notes please find the proposals along with the schedule for the meeting.

As always, I look forward to seeing you in Lexington at the Annual Meeting.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

You should have received your information for the NFHS national conference in Orlando in December. If you have not, please contact kquigley@nfhs.org

The KHSADA will host two LTP courses on Sunday, November 6 from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Louisville prior to the fall board meeting on Monday morning. If you are interested, please contact faye.thornton@bourbon.kyschools.us.

If you have items to be addressed at the fall board meeting, please contact prison@montgomery.k12.ky.us by October 31.

Any interested individuals in the position of Executive Director, Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association, contact (prison@montgomery.k12.ky.us) on or before Oct. 20. Job description and compensation information are available upon request.

NFHS INITIATES PROGRAM TO HELP SCHOOLS AFFECTED BY HURRICANES

High schools interested in helping schools affected by the recent disasters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas can adopt a school with a similar nickname through the Mascot Adoption Program (MAP) initiated by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

Schools across the United States are encouraged to initiate fund-raising efforts, or perhaps use donations from ticket proceeds, to provide funds for schools damaged or destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"As the national organization for high school sports, we have received calls from schools across America wanting to help those affected by these disasters," said Robert F. Kanaby, NFHS Executive Director. "There has been a great outpouring of sympathy and concern, and I expect we will have many schools that will become involved in assisting those schools in the Gulf South that have suffered great losses."

The MAP program will be orchestrated through the NFHS Web site, www.nfhs.org. A list of the schools affected by these disasters has been posted, along with the nicknames of the schools. A total of 130 schools (92 in Louisiana and 38 in Mississippi) are included in the initial list. Schools interested in becoming involved with this fund-raising effort can find a school that has a similar nickname and choose to adopt that school by entering all the necessary information on the Web site.

When the sponsoring school completes its fund-raising activities, the school will send its contribution directly to the disaster-affected school in the Gulf South. "Once a school selects another school to adopt, we encourage the sponsoring school to publicize, within its student body and community, the names of the school and mascot it has adopted," Kanaby said.

"Schools helping schools, student-athletes and activity participants helping their counterparts, this is a great opportunity to help these schools and individuals that are in desperate need and provide a service leadership opportunity to all."

For more information on the Mascot Adoption Program, contact Bob Gardner, chief operating officer, Bruce Howard, Director of Publications and Communications, National Federation of State High School Associations, PO Box 690, Indianapolis, IN 46206; 317-822-5724; (fax) 317-822-5700; (e-mail) bhoward@nfhs.org or John Gillis, 317-972-6900.

KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Oct. 28-29	Girls' Volleyball	Regents Hall NKU, Highland Heights
Nov. 2-3, 5	Boys' & Girls' Soccer	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 12	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Ky. Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 2-3	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 17-18	Swimming	UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington
Feb. 16-18	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 15-18	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
March 22-25	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
May 20	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Sportsplex, Hebron
May 25-27	Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 2-3	Boys' & Girls' Track	UK Shively Track, Lexington
June 9-10	Fast Pitch Softball	Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
June 14-17	Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

2005-06 KHSAA RULES CLINICS

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

BASKETBALL

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

10/13	Grayson, East Carter HS
10/17	Louisville, Male HS
10/18	Bardstown, Nelson Co. HS
10/19	Eastern, Allen Central HS
11/7	Owensboro, Apollo HS
11/8	Eddyville, Lyon Co. HS
11/9	Bowling Green HS
12/14	Make-Up Clinic (\$75 fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

11/15	Make-Up (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.
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WRESTLING

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)	
10/19	Makeup Clinic (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

TRANSFER FORM INFORMATION

October is a busy time of year for processing domestic and non-domestic student eligibility forms, GE06 & GE07 (Transfer Forms) respectively, in the KHSAA office. A revised form GE06 for domestic students is enclosed. We would appreciate your assistance in helping with the transfer process so we can provide you with rulings in a timely manner:

- Review the transfer form and make sure it is completely filled out by the sending and receiving school (incomplete forms will be returned to the receiving school);
- Include an accurate enrollment date (postdated enrollment dates cannot be processed and will be returned to the receiving school);
- Do not use a Post Office Box for either the sending or receiving school address;
- If questions #1-#2 are checked "NO" (student has never played in a varsity contest in any sport), the transfer form does not need to be sent to the KHSAA for processing. It should, however, be kept on file at the school;
- Inform parents that all communications regarding the transfer status should be with the member school (NOT the KHSAA);
- Faxed or hand delivered transfers are not accepted;
- In the case of a change in residence please include documentation of the disposal of the previous residence. Appropriate documents include a bill of sale, sales contracts, purchase agreements. This information will be requested if not automatically included with the form;
- If there has been a change of custody, please include a signed copy of the court ordered documents with the transfer;
- No athletic participation for one school year at the sending school is a new condition for a waiver effective for the 2005-06 school year. The sending school should verify this on the form;
- Allow one week from the date you mail the form to the KHSAA before calling the office to check on the status (school personnel will receive priority);

Your cooperation in this important matter is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning the transfer form(s) please contact Darlene Koszenski (Administrative Assistant to Commissioner Brigid DeVries).