



Commissioner's Notes

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FOOTBALL INSTRUCTION REMINDER

Football coaches and administrators are reminded that this is the time of year when coaches cannot have sports specific contact with the players with the exception of the ten permitted spring practice days. Coaches holding sessions where plays or football specific drills are taught or simulated (even with different sports implements such as tennis balls) are not permitted, and coaches cannot conduct any drill that simulates those done during the practice period or the season. Coaches may be present when athletes are doing non-sports specific things (such as weight training or running), but may not instruct or evaluate, only supervise, and such can only be done on the school campus.

Coaches are also reminded of the restrictions contained in Case Situation 25-30 when individual athletes attend combines, workous, clinics or other skill testing sessions are held. Those restrictions are

- 1) No football specific equipment may be used including but not limited to, playing equipment (shoes, shoulder pads) other than a helmet for protection;
- 2) No sports specific drills can be performed if any football equipment other than the helmet, is worn;
- 3) 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 skill nature and contact is not involved;;
- 4) Participation on the part of the student-athlete cannot be mandatory; and
- 5) There are no restrictions on seniors who have completed their eligibility.

RIHERDS/KHSAA SCOREBOARD NOW ON IPHONE

For nearly 15 years, high school athletics fans in Kentucky have been able to follow the result of their favorite teams through the Rihersds/KHSAA scoreboard website. Now, 21st century fans can get scores on the go through their iPhone thanks to the release of the Rihersds/KHSAA Mobile Scoreboard application.

The app is free to access and download. To get the app, simply go the Apple App Store and type 'KHSAA' in the search bar. To access the link directly, type in <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/khsaa-riherds-com-high-school/id418722085?mt=8>

The app gives the user the option of each of the scoreboard pages offered on the current web site (boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' soccer, volleyball, baseball and softball).

The app also offers customized search capability to view scores by date or team. Users also are given the option of customizing how often the app updates scores, including every minute. More than 1,900 downloads of the app have occurred within the first three weeks of its release.



TITLE IX ONLINE PROJECT FINALIZED

Member schools will be sent electronic notification in the next couple of days about the newest online resource for KHSAA schools. When logged in to the member school page, schools can now take the rough numbers and data gathered for the Title IX project, and submit your annual April 15 reports. This will eliminate redundant data entry and ensure that the calculation errors that were naturally part of the submission do not occur. Please feel free to submit feedback on the project to Commissioner Julian Tackett. If you have specific questions, feel free to contact Darren Bilberry, the primary staff liaison for Title IX, at the offices in Lexington.

DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET INFO

Fourteen former high school coaches, athletes, officials and/or administrators make up the 24th class to be inducted into

the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The induction of the 13 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 394. The class of 2011 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Saturday, April 16, 2011, at the Lexington Center. For tickets, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

The 2011 class includes Leonard F. Carpenter, Kristie Combs, the late Gladys Coomes Thompson, Tim Cooper, Mike Deaton, the late Earl V. Driskell Jr., Beth Wilkerson Hammond, Gary Kidwell, the late Richard "Dick" Morse, Felton Spencer, Joey Stockton, J.R. VanHoose and Larry Vaught.

CONGRATS TO PNC SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the following PNC Scholarship winners who were honored at the PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® Tournament. PNC awards a one time \$1,000 scholarship to one boy and one girl from each region.

The winners were: Region 1 - Jason Straub (Heath) and Sarah Hendley (St. Mary); Region 2 - Taylor Chapman (University Heights) and Natalie Green (Webster County); Region 3 - Cade Snodgrass (Butler County) and Anna Taylor (Apollo); Region 4 - Lovice Pollock (Bowling Green) and Mary Catherine Kirkwood (Bowling Green); Region 5 - Daniel Mudd (Nelson County) and Valerie Whitlock (LaRue County); Region 6 - Jacob Read (Bullitt East) and Shelby Ritchie (Presentation); Region 7 - Ross Micciche (Trinity (Louisville)) and Uadani Butto (Eastern); Region 8 - Michael Banta (South Oldham) and Madison Theiss (Oldham County); Region 9 - Parker Ryle (Conner) and Rebecca Knauss (Lloyd Memorial); Region 10 - Shane Fowler (Harrison County) and Tiara Harris (Mason County); Region 11 - Luke Ambrose (Berea) and Chienenye Nnoromele (Model); Region 12 - Colby Hall (Somerset) and Nicole Coffman (Casey County); Region 13 - Brandon Halcomb (Red Bird) and Erika Burchett (South Laurel); Region 14 - James Morgan Reed (Powell County) and Candace McQueen (Owsley County); Region 15 - Anthony Strother (Belfry) and Courtney Mollett (Johnson Central); Region 16 - Cody Nickell (Elliott County) and Jaime Chapman (Boyd County).

BASEBALL, SOFTBALL SCORES NEED REPORTING

Please remember to call in the scores of all baseball and softball contests to the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard immediately following each contest. The number is 1-800-453-6882 and is toll free.

While it is a Board policy that the membership cooperate with the data collection on the scoreboard or be subject to penalty, it has been proven by the membership time and again that they desire to voluntarily cooperate with this project.

SCHOOLS REMINDED ABOUT SCHEDULING FOR 2011-2012 IN VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL

Member schools are reminded that the limitation of seasons for basketball and volleyball HAS NOT changed at this time. Though the membership has voted to change the counting requirement, the change has not yet completed the regulatory review cycle. Schools should schedule based on the 2010-2011 rule as published. If the change is approved prior to the start of play in 2011-2012, schools will have the flexibility to add games to get to the new limit.

eKNOWLEDGE OFFERS FREE SAT/ACT PREP COURSES FOR SCHOOLS IN NFHS MEMBER STATE ASSOCIATIONS

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and eKnowledge™ – a leading provider of interactive learning products and services – are continuing their partnership to help high school students prepare for college.

eKnowledge is offering SAT and ACT test prep programs – valued at \$200 each – free to students in NFHS member state associations. The SAT and ACT PowerPrep software is provided in a single DVD and includes more than 11 hours of video instruction and 40 hours of student participation time, 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions, practice tests and graphic teaching illustrations. Students select the training they need and can study at their own pace.

The eKnowledge Sponsorship Partners Alliance has more than 70 athletes from the National Football League and Major League Baseball, as well as individuals from corporations, foundations and not-for-profit organizations. With the support of these individuals, eKnowledge is able to offer the \$200 SAT and ACT PowerPrep software to schools in NFHS member state associations.

The SAT and ACT PowerPrep Program can be ordered online at www.eknowledge.com/NFHS or by phone at 951-256-4076 (reference NFHS). Although the \$200 retail fee is waived for NFHS members, individuals will be charged \$17.55 for shipping and handling, support, materials and registration.

SPORT UPDATES

Baseball

We continue to advise all audiences to check the KHSAA website for information on the composite bat rule change and the most up-to-date listing of approved BESR composite bats approved by the National Federation.

Basketball

Both Sweet 16® tournaments were successful and all of the credit goes to the great teams, coaches and fans in attendance. Early reports indicate that the districts and regions were also blessed with good crowds and those proceeds, which unlike other state associations, remain with the local schools, go a long way toward funding other non-revenue producing sports.

Bowling

The survey for schools that plan to implement or continue bowling for the 2011-2012 school year will be out soon. Regulations for the sport will appear in the 2011-2012 KHSAA Handbook. Please continue to check the KHSAA website for bowling information as it becomes available.

Tennis

The Tennis Clinic will be online from 3/4 until 3/31 for makeup only and may be viewed by coaches for the makeup fee (\$100) during this period.

Softball

Teams participating in the 2011 KHSAA State Softball Championships will have a format change from past years. This year the tournament has been expanded to three days, with the first eight games of the tournament taking place on Thursday night beginning at 5 p.m. This will not disrupt any travel plans

since the teams already arrived on Thursday for a pre-tournament mixer at the Owensboro Sportscenter. The two additional rounds on Thursday will allow for greater flexibility with weather delays as well as student-athlete safety.

Swimming & Diving

The 2011 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA State Swimming and Diving Championships were contested at the Ralph Wright Natatorium at the University of Louisville from Feb. 24-26. This was the first year of an expanded format and the meet enjoyed record attendance and participation. The format change allowed the diving preliminaries to take place on Thursday evening and gave those student-athletes their own forum for which to perform. The changes were well-received by coaches, student-athletes and fans alike.

Track and Field

A reminder to schools who have pole vaulters that coaches are required to have pole vaulting coaches certification through the PVSBC (<http://www.pvsbc.com/>). Also a reminder that pole vaulting only meets do not count toward your limitation of meets for the season. The State Championship dates, which were set and announced this past summer, are May 26-28 with one class competing each day. The class order and order of events can be found on the KHSAA website (<http://www.khsaa.org/track/state.html>).

Volleyball

Coaches are continually reminded that the Bylaw change approved by the schools and KHSAA Board is still within the approval process. Athletic Directors and Coaches are advised to continue to schedule for the 2011 season under the current "old" format of 20 contests, of which 3 tournaments can in counted in the shortened manner of one contest. We will communicate to schools immediately when we have final approval and the new Bylaw change goes into effect.

Wrestling

The KHSAA State Wrestling Championships were held Feb. 17-19 at the Frankfort Convention Center. The sport continues to grow as more than 4,200 spectators packed the arena for Saturday's championship. Union County won the team championship this season, while Ryle was the runner-up. Five additional schools sponsored the sport this year, bringing the total to 94.

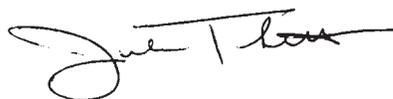
REMAINING 2010-11 KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK & Sayre Complex, Lexington
May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Track and Field	Frazier Park, Louisville
June 10-11	Softball	Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 13-18	Forcht Bank/KHSAA Baseball	Home of the Lexington Legends, Lexington

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 11 KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington
- April 16 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington Center, Lexington
- May 1 Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance Sportsmanship Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington
- May 15 Officials Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington

Thanks for all of your continued support!



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