



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches of Football Playing Schools

FR: Commissioner Julian Tackett on behalf of the KHSAA Board of Control

RE: 2011 through 2014 Football Alignment

Throughout this fall, the Board of Control Ad Hoc Committee on Football Alignment has been conducting discussions and working with staff on finalizing a draft alignment of school for the 2011 through 2014 playing seasons. This task was made more challenging by the splitting of two of our larger schools effective with the current year, and with the projected major consolidations occurring in another district in 2012. The Board has authorized me to release a draft of schools divided into districts for play during the 2011 through 2014 seasons.

All of the information relative to the realignment is located at <http://www.khsaa.org/football/realignment/20112014/>, including maps and other related data.

Let me give you a brief summary of the Board's discussions and where things stand as of now. These are to be made final following a comment period by the schools, at the Board's October 18, 2010 meeting in Lexington.

1. **Term of the alignment:** The alignment term will be for 2011-2012 through 2014-2015. The enrollment figures for 2009-2010 and 2008-2009 (average number of boys, grades 9-12 plus special education) were used to place schools in classes. There will be a review of alignments after the first two years with potential adjustments in class based on schools having a 12% or higher change (increase or decrease) in average boys enrollment, and such change placing a school below or above class bounds.
2. **Schools desiring to play-up.** Ten requests to play into a higher class were considered, with three of them being approved. The primary determining factor in approving a request to play up was geography, and equally important conditions for denial of a request to play up was any reference to competitive ability; or a move that would leave the former district with less than four teams or more than six teams.
3. **Other enrollment issues and requests.** One pending request remains unresolved (Edmonson County) with flexibility in the draft built in to handle final KDE resolution.
4. **Scheduling Grid.** The scheduling grid will remain in place as revised (and listed on the realignment web site). Written permission will be required to deviate from the grid.
5. **Scheduling Moratorium.** Contracts signed prior to October 18, 2010 are not to be considered valid. Schools are to hold off scheduling until the final alignment document is approved.
6. **Desired Feedback.** Member schools wishing to file written commentary on the alignment should do so by completing Form FB104 as listed on the KHSAA web site. The form must be received by the close of business on Thursday, October 14 to be considered by the Board of Control. Identified problems should be accompanied by a workable solution.

As always, feel free to contact the office if you have any questions.