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**KHSAA COMMISSIONER URGES POSTPONEMENT OF ALL FRIDAY SPORTING EVENTS**

**LEXINGTON** – Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Louis Stout has announced that it is his recommendation that all athletic events be postponed for Friday, Sept. 14.

“With the President of the United States calling for Friday to be a national day of mourning, it is my recommendation that all athletic events involving KHSAA member schools scheduled for Friday be postponed,” Stout said. “I am not mandating that games be canceled, but since the President of the United States has made this declaration I feel it is appropriate to follow his leadership and show respect to all that have been affected by this week’s events.”

On Wednesday, Commissioner Stout released statements that he was leaving the decision of game and practice cancellations up to the member schools. This was prior to the President’s proclamation.

“It is my hope that our member schools’ administrators, coaches, participants, officials and fans support the President’s message and work together in this time of great tragedy,” Stout said. “I hope they understand the decision and all work together in re-scheduling any contests and remember what is best for all involved.”

The Commissioner did not include Saturday’s events in his recommendation and suggested that possibly football and soccer games and volleyball matches scheduled for Friday could be played Saturday.

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Those schools who do cancel/postpone/re-schedule events, are asked to call the information to the KHSAA Scoreboard at 1-888-366-8706