



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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Sports News

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STATE SWIMMING & DIVING THIS WEEK

The 2008 KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships are scheduled for this Friday and Saturday, Feb. 8-9, at the Ralph Wright Natatorium on the campus of the University of Louisville. Regional results as well as the qualifiers for the State Meet are now posted on the KHSAA website.

The event is divided into four sessions, with general admission tickets priced at \$6 each per session. The Natatorium will be cleared of all spectators between sessions.

Free Parking will be at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Lot J. Enter the stadium through Gate "H" and proceed to the West (Press Box Side) of the stadium. A free shuttle pick up will be staged at the "J" Lot next to Gate 7 of the stadium. Shuttle hours are from 7:30 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday. On Saturday, parking will be available in the structure next to the Natatorium for a fee.

Friday, Feb. 8

Session 1 – Boys' Swimming & Diving Prelims

Tickets on sale – 8:30 a.m.

Doors open – 9 a.m.

Competition begins – 10 a.m.

Session 2 – Girls' Swimming & Diving Prelims

Tickets on sale – 1:30 p.m.

Doors open – 2:30 p.m.

Competition begins – 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Session 3 – Boys' Swimming & Diving Finals

Tickets on sale – 8:30 a.m.

Doors open – 9 a.m.

Competition begins – 10 a.m.

Session 4 – Girls' Swimming & Diving Finals

Tickets on sale – 1:30 p.m.

Doors open – 2:30 p.m.

Competition begins – 3:30 p.m.

Entries are online at www.khsaa.org/swimming/2008.

WRESTLING REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS THIS WEEK

Regional wrestling tournaments are slated for this week in preparation for next week's State Wrestling Championship to be held on Feb. 14-16 at the Frankfort Convention Complex. The top four wrestlers from each of the eight regions in all 14 weight classes will advance to the State Championships.

Regional site information is posted on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org/wrestling. Contact the listed regional manager for the regional tournament date and schedule of events.

DRAWS SET FOR STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

The draw for both the 2008 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' and 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournaments was held last Friday at the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington. Both brackets are now online on the KHSAA website.

NATIONAL CITY TROPHY TOUR

The 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball Trophy Tour is coming to a close. Only two stops remain as the postseason is rapidly approaching.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 22. For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following is a list of the remaining trophy tour stops:

- Feb. 9 Danville at Boyle County
- Feb. 12 Rose Hill vs. Ashland Blazer at Russell High School.

Back for a second year is the website (www.sweet-16.org) created around the Sweet 16®. This site, aimed at reaching the high school market, allows students to post photos, videos, view past scholarship winners, download a scholarship application, check scores and will include student blogs during the Sweet 16®.

BASKETBALL STATS

Weekly basketball stats rankings are posted on the KHSAA website under the basketball sports link. Rankings are compiled weekly each Thursday throughout the remainder of the regular season. A final season ranking (including postseason games) will be conducted on April 15 following the postseason.

Individual school-by-school stats reports are posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard as they are received from member schools.

BASKETBALL TICKETS

Tickets to the 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$116 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$66 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 22. Beginning March 2, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Feb. 8-9 State Swimming & Diving Championships, UofL, Louisville
- Feb. 8-9 Regional Wrestling Tournaments
- Feb. 14-16 State Wrestling Championships, Frankfort Convention Complex
- Feb. 18 KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
- Feb. 25-March 1 District Basketball Tournaments

March 3-8 Regional Girls' Basketball Tournaments
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March 14 KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, Bowling Green
March 12-15 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament, WKU, Bowling Green
March 19-22 National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament, Rupp Arena, Lexington

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About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.