



## Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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### Sports News

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#### Outstanding Officials Recognized at Banquet

Twelve officials were recognized for their outstanding service in each of a dozen different sports at the KHSAA Officials Division Recognition Awards Banquet on Sunday, April 19, at the KHSAA office in Lexington.

A total of 33 officials were nominated for the awards, which celebrate the outstanding officials from baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, fast pitch softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track and field/cross country, volleyball and wrestling.

The Supervisor of the Year Award was renamed in honor of Larry Boucher, an assistant commissioner and head of the officials division for the KHSAA from 1991-2008. The winner of this year's award was Jerry Kimmel from Beechmont, an official and assigning secretary with more than four decades of service to high school sports in the Commonwealth.

A listing of the winners for each sport, as well as their hometown, includes:

Baseball – Will Begley (Danville)  
Basketball – Craig Henson (Benton)  
Football – Robert Staggs (Pikeville)  
Golf – Tennyne Ohr (Irvine)  
Soccer – Mark Baker (Fort Thomas)  
Softball – Penny Henley (Louisville)  
Swimming & Diving – Doug Kirm (Owensboro)  
Tennis – Judy Brown (Lexington)  
Track & Field/Cross Country – Craig Hopkins (Owensboro)  
Volleyball – Sara Palazzo (Lakeside Park)  
Wrestling – Mark Shumate (Floyds Knob, IN)  
Larry Boucher Supervisor of the Year Award – Jerry Kimmel (Beechmont)

#### TICKETS REMAIN FOR DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME BANQUET

A limited number of tickets are available for the 2009 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame banquet, scheduled for Saturday, April 25 in the Bluegrass Ballroom at the Lexington Center. Tickets may be purchased for \$50 each. The Class of 2009 Hall of Fame class consists of Pat Doyle, Nate Dusing, Betty Dwyer, Robin Harmon Newsome, Mark Higgs, Joe Kroh, Frank LeMaster, Marty O'Toole, John Pelphrey, Jeff Perkins, Ken Shields and Bob Tripure. For more information about the banquet or to order tickets, please contact Butch Cope, Assistant Commissioner at the KHSAA at [bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org) or 859-299-5472.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

April 25 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet, Lexington  
April 26 Forcht Group of Kentucky/KHSAA Sportsmanship Winners Banquet, Lexington  
May 21-23 Boys' and Girls' State Tennis Tournament, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Center and Sayre Athletic Complex, Lexington  
May 22-23 Boys' and Girls' State Track Meet at the University of Louisville, Louisville  
June 5-6 State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro

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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.