



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEK

The 48th KHSAA State Wrestling Championships will take place Thursday, Feb. 17, through Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Frankfort Convention Center. A total of 448 wrestlers in 14 weight classes ranging from 103 pounds to 285 pounds will compete for state championships. Trinity (Louisville) is the two-time defending team champion.

The event has enjoyed record crowds the past two years as more than 10,000 attended the three-day championships in 2009 and a crowd in excess of 4,500 witnessed last year's final round.

The action begins on Thursday at 4 p.m., with the second session beginning on Friday at 9 a.m. Action continues on Saturday at 9 a.m. with the championships slated to begin not prior to 6:15 p.m.

OFFICIAL PENALIZED FOR SPORTSMANSHIP VIOLATION

Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Julian Tackett has announced that 12th Region basketball official, Kelly Gentry, has been penalized for violations of the Association's conduct expectation following an incident in the days after the ejection of coach Chris Souder of Mercer County during the Mercer County-Lincoln County contest at Lincoln County on Feb. 4.

On Feb. 6, Gentry made comments regarding the ejection on Facebook in an unprofessional manner. Though such posts were later removed, the actions are in violation of Officials Guidebook and professional standards. As a result, the following penalties have been assessed:

- Gentry has been suspended for one week or a total of three contests;
- He must make a written apology to the coach at Mercer County;
- He must make public presentations to the coaches association and the officials association in his area on the subject of negative media relations and improper or inappropriate use of social networking;

The Commissioner issued the ruling following after reports of the Facebook citing and communication with the 12th Region assigning secretary Noel Hargis.

"Social media continues to present new challenges in maintaining sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. Our contest officials were reminded with rule books and licensing material this year that it was inappropriate to use social media in relation to situations during contests, and we expect uniform application of that standard," Tackett said. "It simply isn't appropriate at the high school level."

RIHERDS/KHSAA SCOREBOARD APPLICATION AVAILABLE THROUGH ITUNES

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 web site. 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.

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.

The product is the result of nearly two years of research and development.

"The first time I saw an iPhone I knew I wanted us to write a Scoreboard app for it," said Frank Riherd, who was the lead programmer on the project. "I knew it had to be free to download; free to use."

More mobile applications are currently in development to benefit member schools and fans alike.

"We are moving as quickly as feasible toward the development of other apps and on other platforms, including our member school directory and apps directing fans to the audio and video of our championship contests," said Tackett. "I continue to be very pleased with our progress and congratulate both Frank Riherd, our scoreboard partner and the lead developer and all our staff who have helped with the project that has culminated with this release."

BASKETBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets to the 2011 PNC/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments are 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 \$120 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$70 each.

CREDENTIAL REQUEST FORMS ONLINE

Media credential request forms for the 2011 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA Swimming and Diving Championships, as well as the KHSAA State Wrestling Championships, are available on the KHSAA web site at <http://credentials.khsaa.org>. Credential request forms for the 2011 Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament and 2011 PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament are also available at the same link. If you plan to attend any of these events please go online and fill out the credential request form as soon as possible.

UPCOMING

- Feb. 17-19 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships, Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort
- Feb. 24-26 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA Swimming & Diving Championships,
Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville