



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

FR: Commissioner Julian Tackett
Asst. Commissioner Michael Barren

RE: 2013-2014 Wrestling Realignment

With the growth of wrestling (more than 15 schools have added in last seven years), many of the regions are taking more than one day to compete. In addition, with the NFHS rules restricted athletes to five bouts in a day (including forfeits), the size of the bracket makes it problematic when they become so large they mandate a second day.

For the last ten or more years, the Association has collected data regarding regional entries. Under the current alignment, the ten-year average number of entries in the regional tournaments is as follows:
Region 1 - 143.8, Region 2 - 115.1, Region 3 - 131.2, Region 4 - 81.6, Region 5 - 97.1, Region 6 - 132.8, Region 7 - 132.2, Region 8 - 122.5

This total of around 956.3 wrestlers entered on average per year, leads to a desire for eight regions with approximately 119.5 wrestlers entered per region. This should allow bracket balancing throughout the state and the duration of the meets to be similar if not the same.

The Jefferson County area has been on a historic decline in terms of participation. The average right now is approximately 103 wrestlers per region entered, although that is skewed by the entries in Region 3 which have been increased in the past few years. If the desire is to balance bracket sizes by balancing the number of teams in each region, then Jefferson County (and one additional adjacent county, either Bullitt or Oldham) should have approximately 240 wrestlers total, and occupy only two regions. This would allow for subdividing the rest of the state as needed. Currently, Bullitt County has approximately 32.4 wrestlers per year entering (BC - 10.2, BE 11.7 and NB 10.5) while Oldham County has approximately 37.4 wrestlers entering per year (OC 13.5, NO 11.4 and SO 12.5)

In working with the Assistant Commissioner responsible for wrestling, the Commissioner has devised an eight-region setup that allows for balance, with some geographic balance as well. The regions would basically be as follows:

- Region 1 - Far West KY
- Region 2 - Owensboro to Elizabethtown area
- Region 3 - Half of Jefferson County plus the Bullitt County Schools
- Region 4 - The balance of Jefferson County
- Region 5 - The northern part of Central Kentucky including the Oldham County Schools
- Region 6 - Northern Kentucky
- Region 7 - The southern part of Central Kentucky, from Lexington and following a path near I-75 and south
- Region 8 - The mountain area of Eastern Kentucky patterning basketball Regions 14, 15 and 16

With this recommended alignment, the balance of the regions is as follows:
Region 1 - 116.5, Region 2 - 122.2, Region 3 - 120.9, Region 4 - 124.9, Region 5 - 116.6, Region 6 - 120.6, Region 7 - 122.5, Region 8 - 122.3

Nothing about this discussion factors in anything about competitive balance, history of success or projected ability. In addition, the breakup in Region 3 and 4 is basically along the basketball alignment boundaries, with three additional schools move simply to balance the numbers.

Commentary and feedback will be accepted from the member schools via a link on the KHSAA web site through January 22, 2013 prior to planned approval of a final alignment by the Board of Control on January 28, 2013. For more information, contact Asst. Commissioner Michael Barren at the KHSAA.



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DRAFT ALIGNMENT OF WRESTLING TEAMS FOR 2013-2014

School (Proposed region, average number of entries, current region)

- REGION 1 (116.5) - Caldwell County (1, 10.2, 1), Calloway County (1, 10.9, 1), Christian County (1, 12.8, 1), Fort Campbell (1, 11.8, 1), Graves County (1, 13.0, 1), Hopkinsville (1, 9.0, 1), Ohio County (1, 9.0, 1), Paducah Tilghman (1, 10.5, 1), Trigg County (1, 9.7, 1), Union County (1, 13.3, 1), University Heights (1, 6.3, 1)
- REGION 2 (122.2) - Apollo (2, 8.1, 1), Barren County (2, 8.5, 2), Central Hardin (2, 13.5, 2), Daviess County (2, 8.2, 1), Fort Knox (2, 9.5, 2), John Hardin (2, 12.9, 2), LaRue County (2, 13.8, 2), Meade County (2, 13.7, 3), Nelson County (2, 10.9, 2), North Hardin (2, 12.1, 2), Owensboro (2, 11.0, 1), Taylor County (2, 0.0, 2), Thomas Nelson (2, 0.0, 2)
- REGION 3 (117.5) - Bullitt Central (3, 10.2, 3), Bullitt East (3, 11.7, 3), DeSales (3, 12.0, 3), Doss (3, 10.5, 3), Fairdale (3, 10.7, 3), Fern Creek (4, 10.2, 5), Holy Cross (Louisville) (3, 5.4, 3), Iroquois (3, 6.6, 3), North Bullitt (3, 10.5, 3), Pleasure Ridge Park (3, 12.7, 3), Southern (3, 12.1, 3), Valley (3, 8.4, 3)
- REGION 4 (128.3) - Atherton (4, 6.9, 4), Central (4, 11.4, 4), DuPont Manual (4, 10.4, 4), Eastern (4, 12.9, 5), Jeffersontown (4, 9.5, 5), Kentucky School f/t Blind (4, 2.4, 4), Male (4, 14.0, 5), Moore (4, 9.7, 4), Seneca (4, 12.8, 4), Shawnee (4, 0.0, 3), St. Xavier (4, 13.9, 4), Trinity (Louisville) (4, 14.0, 4), Western (3, 6.8, 3)
- REGION 5 (116.6) - Anderson County (5, 11.2, 2), Franklin County (5, 11.5, 7), Grant County (5, 12.0, 6), North Oldham (5, 11.4, 5), Oldham County (5, 13.5, 5), Scott County (5, 10.5, 6), South Oldham (5, 12.5, 5), Spencer County (5, 13.0, 5), Western Hills (5, 7.3, 7), Woodford County (5, 13.7, 7)
- REGION 6 (120.6) - Boone County (6, 9.2, 6), Campbell County (6, 13.8, 6), Conner (6, 11.8, 6), Cooper (6, 10.8, 6), Dixie Heights (6, 10.8, 6), Holmes (6, 6.5, 6), Newport (6, 9.3, 6), Ryle (6, 13.5, 6), Scott (6, 11.9, 6), Simon Kenton (6, 12.8, 6), Walton-Verona (6, 10.3, 6)
- REGION 7 (122.5) - Boyle County (7, 13.3, 2), Bryan Station (7, 8.7, 7), Danville (7, 9.3, 2), Henry Clay (7, 12.8, 7), Lafayette (7, 11.5, 7), Madison Central (7, 10.0, 7), Madison Southern (7, 0.0, 7), McCreary Central (7, 10.2, 8), Paul Laurence Dunbar (7, 12.7, 7), Tates Creek (7, 13.0, 7), Wayne County (7, 12.7, 8), Whitley County (7, 8.4, 8)
- REGION 8 (122.3) - Ashland Blazer (8, 10.3, 8), Belfry (8, 9.7, 8), Bourbon County (8, 9.3, 7), Boyd County (8, 0.0, 8), East Ridge (8, 8.0, 8), Harrison County (8, 11.9, 7), Jenkins (8, 3.0, 8), Johnson Central (8, 13.1, 8), Lawrence County (8, 5.9, 8), Letcher County Central (8, 11.5, 8), Montgomery County (8, 9.9, 7), Perry County Central (8, 8.8, 8), Phelps (8, 0.0, 8), Pike County Central (8, 9.0, 8), Sheldon Clark (8, 11.9, 8)



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2012-2013 KHSAA COMPETITION RULES Governing Wrestling

I) Assignment of Schools

A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in wrestling for boys (and those girls that desire to participate), provided that ten (10) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to November 1. The Commissioner shall divide the state into geographic sections with the approval of the Board of Control. Newly added or deleted programs will be handled on a case by case basis by the Commissioner's office.

As of August 15, 2012, the alignment is as follows —

REGION 1 - (WESTERN KENTUCKY) – Apollo, Caldwell County, Calloway County, Christian County, Daviess County, Fort Campbell, Graves County, Henderson County, Hopkinsville, Ohio County, Owensboro, Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Union County, University Heights

REGION 2 - (MID KENTUCKY) – Anderson County, Barren County, Boyle County, Central Hardin, Danville, Fort Knox, John Hardin, LaRue County, Nelson County, North Hardin, Taylor County

REGION 3 - (WEST JEFFERSON) – Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, DeSales, Doss, Fairdale, Holy Cross (Louisville), Iroquois, Meade County, North Bullitt, Pleasure Ridge Park, Shawnee, Southern, Valley, Western

REGION 4 - (CENTRAL JEFFERSON) - Atherton, Central, DuPont Manual, Kentucky School f/t Blind, Moore, Seneca, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville)

REGION 5 - (EAST JEFFERSON) - Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Male, North Oldham, Oldham County, South Oldham

REGION 6 - (NORTHERN KENTUCKY) - Boone County, Campbell County, Conner, Cooper, Dixie Heights, Grant County, Holmes, Newport, Ryle, Scott, Scott County, Simon Kenton, Walton-Verona

REGION 7 - (CENTRAL KENTUCKY) – Bourbon County, Bryan Station, Franklin County, Harrison County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Montgomery County, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Tates Creek, Western Hills, Woodford County

REGION 8 - (EASTERN KENTUCKY) - Ashland Blazer, Belfry, East Ridge, Harlan County, Jenkins, Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Letcher County Central, McCreary Central, Perry County Central, Pike County Central, Prestonsburg, Sheldon Clark, Wayne County, Whitley County