

# KHSAA

## COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

### AUGUST 14, 1998

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#### RECENT/UPCOMING MAILINGS TO SCHOOLS

The KHSAA Football Master Schedule and Records Book, along with the statistical reporting form, rules clinic information and rules poster was recently mailed to each football coach. The 1998-99 KHSAA school memorandum calendars have also been mailed. In keeping with the last two years, Handbooks will be mailed Sept. 1. The first issue of the Athlete magazine will be mailed the first week of September.

#### NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be Sept. 24-25, at the KHSAA office in Lexington. An agenda of that meeting will be available at a later date.

#### KHSAA ELIGIBILITY POSTERS

Copies of a "Protect Your Athletic Eligibility Poster" will be mailed to the schools in September. This poster briefly answers some of the more frequent questions dealing with eligibility and the KHSAA asks that schools place these posters in high traffic areas of your school to be seen by your student athletes.

#### SCHOOL DUES DEADLINE

This reminder that Association dues for the 1998-99 school year are payable by Sept. 1.

#### 1998-99 PUBLICATIONS

If you have not ordered your KHSAA publications for the 1998-99 school year a form has been included in this mailing. Costs for the publications remain the same. Printed, bound Handbooks are \$10. Three-ring binder Handbook refills are \$15. Three-ring binder Handbooks are \$25. Desk or wall calendars are \$8 and a one-year subscription to the Athlete magazine is \$15. All costs include postage/handling.

#### UPCOMING TITLE IX SEMINARS

The KHSAA, along with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky School Boards Association will be sponsoring two workshops discussing and dealing with compliance with the federal law known as Title IX. Registration is \$50 and is non-refundable. School and district administrators, board members and board attorneys are eligible to receive up to five (5) hours of leadership credit for participation in the conference. The two seminar dates and sites are:

Tues., Sept. 8 - University Plaza & Convention Center, Bowling Green (8:30-3:30 p.m.).

Wed., Sept. 9 - Harley Hotel, Lexington (8:30-3:30p.m.).

For more information, contact:

Tricia Kerr, Title IX Consultant and Conference Coordinator, KDE, (502)564-3678; Dara Bass, KSBA, (800)372-2962 ex. 220; Brigid DeVries, KHSAA, (606)299-5472. You may register electronically at [www.ksba.org](http://www.ksba.org).

#### FALL SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS DUE OCT. 1

Beginning this year, each school is responsible for forwarding to the KHSAA office a team photograph (must be an original – faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, laser printer copies are not acceptable) with identification regardless if you feel a particular team's chances of making the state tournament are slim or your superstitions. Also, please make more than one copy as district or regional tournament managers may also request a photograph. Due to the timeliness of producing the various programs, the KHSAA cannot "wait" until a particular round is finished prior to receiving its copy of the photograph.

The first deadline for photos for the sports of VOLLEYBALL, BOYS' SOCCER, GIRLS' SOCCER and FOOTBALL is OCT. 1. Failure to submit the photos WILL result in a fine assessed to the school.

This policy was adopted to aid our office in receiving and compiling the information prior to any district or regional tournament beginning.

#### OPEN MEETINGS REMINDER

This reminder to all district and regional tournament managers and others conducting KHSAA-related meetings. The Kentucky Attorney General recently ruled that any and all meetings conducted by the KHSAA fall under the "Open Records" clause. District, regional and state tournament draws should be conducted with an "open meeting" format. Also, please always inform your local media with meeting information.

#### TRANSPORTING TEAMS CLARIFICATION

Legislation passed during the 1998 session has now taken effect which has an impact on coaches in Kentucky. Please note the following changes in interpretations to KHSAA rules which will be published this year.

Q/A -1 Is the restriction on transportation of a student by the principal, coach or faculty a KHSAA regulation or state law? This bylaw is patterned and adopted after KRS 161.185 which states "Boards of education shall require a principal, coach, member of the faculty or a member of the administrative staff to accompany students on all school-sponsored or school-endorsed trips." Effective July 15, 1998, the legislature changed the provisions to give those individuals employed as Level II or III coaches the same authority as their faculty counterparts if approved by the local Board of Education.

Q/A 2 - Can a nonteaching paraprofessional accompany a team and/or drive the bus or van? Yes, that person can serve as the person to accompany the team in accordance with KRS 161.185 as amended by the Legislature effective July 15, 1998. It should be noted that this in no way removed or revised the requirements for the driver of the bus / van as that individual must continue to meet other state requirements.

#### **COACHING QUALIFICATIONS CLARIFICATION**

Another important change has occurred as it relates to coaching. The same bill (HB215) that passed concerning paraprofessional transportation also impacts coaching qualifications. In addition to the present KHSAA requirements, it is also necessary that a coach (head or assistant), at any level (grades 9-12) meet the following -

(1) Shall be 21 years of age, shall not be a violent offender or convicted of a sex crime as defined by KRS 17.165 which is classified as a felony, and shall submit to a criminal record check under KRS 160.380.

(2) A person holding a provisional or standard teaching certificate or having completed sixty-four semester hours of college credit from an accredited college or university as documented by an official transcript.

(3) Level 2 coaches shall have completed all requirements for the Kentucky Coaches Education Program as detailed in Section 1(d) of this bylaw prior to being hired and prior to beginning coaching duties.

(4) Prior to assuming duties, Level 2 coaches shall successfully complete training provided by the local school district. The training shall include, but not be limited to, information on the physical and emotional development of students of the age with whom the Level II coach will be working, the district's and school's discipline policies, procedures for dealing with discipline problems, and safety and first aid training. Follow up training shall be provided annually.

#### **1999-2002 DRAFT FOOTBALL ALIGNMENT**

Schools are reminded that the draft alignment of schools for the 1999-2002 football realignment has been distributed. Comments (in writing) must be submitted to the KHSAA offices by August 31. You may also carbon or copy your Board of Control member but make certain that your comments are sent to the KHSAA offices for compilation.

#### **USE OF KHSAA REGISTERED OFFICIALS**

The use of KHSAA registered officials is required for all freshman, JV and varsity contests. Assigning Secretaries, when making assignments are required to assign registered officials. However, should you employ your own officials for freshman or JV (Varsity are required to be assigned by Assigning Secretaries) games, you must insure that these officials are registered. Do not depend on the uniform patch to assume officials are KHSAA registered as the officials are no longer required to wear a patch. Each registered official has a registration card that identifies whether or not they are properly registered. This is the verification you should rely on and not the uniform patch.

#### **MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM DATE CHANGE**

In the May Commissioner's Notes, a medical symposium was listed as being scheduled for Oct. 3, in Richmond. Please note that the date has changed to Sept. 26. This is a make-up (\$100 fee plus registration) and is being given by Dr. Mary L. Ireland, M.D. Lee Ann Clark of Dr. Ireland's office, has mailed out a letter and registration forms to every coach, principal and athletic director in the state. The information is self-explanatory, but should you need to speak with her she may be contacted at (606)268-0268. Registration will not be accepted from coaches hired before the last day of school year 1997-98.

#### **NEW FEDERATION SANCTIONING FORM**

Beginning with the 1999-2000 school year, the National Federation sanctioning process will be utilizing a new form. New forms will be mailed to member schools when they are available. There will be a nominal processing charge payable to the National Federation.

#### **HOSTING A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

The KHSAA Staff and Board of Control continues to be excited about the interest across the state in hosting a state championship event. Proposals are now being accepted for hosting the 1999 Slow Pitch Softball, 1999 Baseball and the 1999 Soccer Tournaments. The Board of Control will consider proposals for the 1999 State Soccer Tournament at its September meeting. Anyone interested in hosting the event should submit a written proposal to Larry Boucher, Assistant Commissioner, prior to Sept. 10 for consideration. Those interested in hosting the Slow Pitch Softball Tournament should also contact Mr. Boucher. Those interested in the 1999, 2000 and 2001 State Baseball Tournaments should contact Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner, also at the KHSAA (606)299-5472.

#### **COACHING EDUCATION CLASSES**

Aug. 15 - Kentucky School f/t Deaf, Danville, Paul Smiley (606)239-7017

Aug. 22 - Carroll Co. HS, Carrollton, Randy Mefford (502)732-7075 or 0504

Aug. 29 - Warren Central HS, Bowling Green, Joe Hood (502)842-7302

Aug. 31 - Marshall County HS, Draffenville, Jim Shelton (502)527-1455 or 1453

#### **AUG.-SEPT. RULES CLINIC SCHEDULE**

Aug. 18 - FB at Male HS, Louisville, 7 p.m.

Aug. 18 - GF at KHSAA Office, Lexington, 7 p.m.

Aug. 19 - FB at Newport HS\*, Newport, 7 p.m.

Aug. 19 - VB at Daviess Co. HS, Owensboro, 6 p.m.

Aug. 20 - FB at Paul Dunbar HS, Lexington, 7 p.m.

Aug. 20 - GF at Owensboro HS, Owensboro, 7 p.m.

Aug. 22 - FB at Hopkinsville HS (with camp), 10 a.m.

Aug. 27 - GF at Board of Education Bldg., Dayton, 7 p.m.

Sept. 8 - VB (Make-Up \$50 Fee) at KHSAA Office, Lexington, 7 p.m.

Sept. 9 - SO (Make-Up \$50 Fee) at KHSAA Office, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 14 - SW at Scott HS, Covington, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 15 - SW at St. Xavier HS, Louisville, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 16 - SO (Make-Up \$50 Fee) at KHSAA Office, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.

Sept. 23 - SW at UK Aquatic Center, Lexington, 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 30 - FB (Make-Up \$50 Fee) at KHSAA Office, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.

\* - indicates a change in site from previously published lists in the officials' brochure and the KHSAA calendars.

#### **STOUT - DEVRIES NAMED TO FEDERATION COMMITTEES**

Commissioner Stout and Executive Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries have been appointed to National Federation Committees. Mr. Stout will chair the Hall of Fame Committee and Ms. DeVries will chair the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee.

#### **FOOTBALL STATS REPORTING**

This year's football stats reporting form was mailed out to football coaches on Aug. 5, along with a copy of the Football Master Schedule and Records Book. The KHSAA will begin compiling stats on Thurs., Sept. 3, and continue weekly throughout regular season. Deadline for submitting a report is noon on Thursday of each week. Schools are asked to submit a final season report (including postseason games) following their elimination from the playoffs. The stats will be released to the Associated Press and will be available on the KHSAA website ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) under sports specific information.

#### **HY-TEK TRACK/CROSS COUNTRY SOFTWARE SEMINAR**

The Kentucky Track & Cross Country Coaches Association and the Kentucky High School Athletic Association have been working together to simplify the transfer of results from the regionals in preparation for the state meet. To that effect, the goal very shortly will be to have everyone use Hy-Tek at the regional track and cross country meets in order to improve the speed and correctness of results to the state meet. Over the last few years we have found the Hy-Tek program to be the most efficient and widely-used program across the country. It can be adapted for different situations and the technology experts at Hy-Tek have worked with us to make improvements to the program itself. In today's technological age, the demand for results is enormous. Using the Hy-Tek program can handle all demands simply and improve the public exposure of your program even if you do not host a regional meet.

The clinic will consist of the following:

- 1 - Why use the Hy-Tek program?
- 2 - Entry of pre-meet data
- 3 - Entry of race day data
- 4 - Race/meet day operations including downloading from Sprint 8
- 5 - Results-various formats
- 6 - Backup & Restoring of Data
- 7 - Emailing results/data
- 8 - Cost of the program and discounts & technology assistance available.

If you have someone who enjoys computers, handling data, etc. bring them. With the beginning of cross country season upon us, you can speed the output of results and virtually be printing results of the last race minutes after the last finisher crosses

the line. In track meets, the program prints a running team score after each event entered if desired.

Cost for the seminar is \$10.00 per person or \$25 per school which will include handouts, refreshments, etc. Make check payable to Frank Miklavcic. Deadline is August 26. A late fee of \$15 per person will be charged for late applicants.

Mail check and name(s) of attendee(s) to : Frank Miklavcic, 321 Ewing St., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Contact Mr. Miklavcic at 502-875-2904 (home) 502-875-8655 (fax) school.

#### **MOLTEN LEATHER BASKETBALL TO BE USED**

Some sporting goods vendors have called to say that Molten is now making a composite cover basketball with the same identifiers (B7L-W for boys and B6L-W for girls) as the leather cover ball they have provided in the past. A telephone call to Molten has reassured us that the leather ball is still available. The leather ball is the one you should be using during the 1998-99 season.

#### **HOST/USA COLLEGIATE TO REPRESENT KHSAA**

At its annual July meeting, the Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association voted in concept to approve Host Communications, Inc./USA Collegiate to serve as a marketing/promotions representative for the KHSAA.

With the partnership, HCI/USA will assist the KHSAA in securing corporate sponsorships, marketing and promoting of all state championship events and will produce and distribute a high school sports television program.

While final contract negotiations are ongoing, KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout is excited about the partnership.

"We are extremely excited about this partnership as it will provide us the opportunity to increase awareness for our state championships and other programs in all sports," Stout said. "Host/USA has a long-standing reputation of being able to provide expertise and assistance in sports marketing and will allow the KHSAA and its programs to be marketed not only statewide but nationally."

In addition to the KHSAA, HCI/USA now represents the Florida High School Athletics Association, the North Carolina High School Athletics Association, the University Interscholastic League (Texas) and the National Federation of State High School Associations. HCI/USA has represented the NCAA for over 24 years and also represents major conferences and universities throughout the country.

#### **1998-99 KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT CALENDAR**

- Oct. 5-7 - Girls' State Golf, Midland Trail Golf Course, Louisville
- Oct. 7-9 - Boys' State Golf, Seneca Golf Course, Louisville
- Oct. 30-31 - Girls' State Volleyball, Ryle High School, Union
- Nov. 4-5&7 - Boys' & Girls' Soccer, Marshall County High School, Draffenville.
- Nov. 7 - State Cross Country, Ky. Horse Park, Lexington
- Dec. 4-5 - State Football Finals, Ky. Fair & Expo Center (Cardinal Stadium), Louisville)

- Feb. 19-20 - State Wrestling, Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center, Frankfort
- Feb. 26-27 - State Swimming & Diving, UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington
- March 10-13 - Boys' State Basketball, Rupp Arena, Lexington
- March 17-20 - Girls' State Basketball, E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
- May 14-15 - State Slow Pitch Softball, Site is TBA
- June 3-5 - Boys' & Girls' State Tennis, UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
- June 4-5 - State Track & Field, UK Shively Track, Lexington
- June 10-11 - State Fast Pitch Softball, Panther Creek Park, Owensboro
- June 17-18 - State Baseball, Site is TBA

Corey Lucas (Southern); Jessica Geary and Keith Kleinjan (Spencer Co.); Jessica McLendow and Mike Wells (Todd Co. Central); Evelyn Archie and Bobby Weinberg (Waggener); Melissa Riddle and Jason West (Wayne Co.); Kandi Brown and Patrick Flannery (West Carter); Sandar Nichen and Jason James (Wolfe Co.).

Coaches:

Eddie Whitaker (Bell Co.); Mike Swauger (Bellevue); John High (Breathitt Co.); Mike White (Clay Co.); Jamie Couch (Cordia); Daniel Tieman (Covington Catholic); Kindred (Montgomery Co.); Rencz Kuchowicz (North Hardin); Glenn Spalding (Nelson Co.); Greg Decker (Ohio Co.); Brian Washington (Paris); Tom Miller (Riverside Christian); Hildred Fisher (Southern); Melanie Wise (Spencer Co.); Joe Lyons (Waggener); Tim Bell (Wayne Co.); Kari Jo Edwards (Webster Co.).

**NFHS/NBA/WNBA SPORTSMANSHIP HONOREES**

Congratulations to the following student-athletes and coaches who have been recognized by the National Federation, the NBA and WNBA for their participation in the sportsmanship program:

Student-Athletes:

Kara Jackson and Michael Gambrel (Bell Co.); Amy Cox and Lenny Kiefer (Bellevue); Kyle Moore (Breathitt Co.); Jill Day and Dustin Grubb (Clay Co.); Charity Lucas and Josh Hurt (Cordia); Michael Johannemann (Covington Catholic); Erin England and Ben Gosnell (Ryle); Beth Vice and Cornell King (Montgomery County); Sarah Cosby and Sammy Keith (Muhlenberg South); Robin Garner and Dontaie Smith (North Hardin); Amanda Rogers and Matthew Summers (Nelson Co.); Renee Ashburn and Matthew Paxton (Ohio Co.); Marily Oliver and Evan Ezell (Paris); Elizabeth Stacy and Andy Keck (Riverside Christian); Allison Foor and Matt Stinnett (Russell); Barbara O'Quinn and