

KHSAA

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

NOVEMBER 16, 1998

PLEASE COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO YOUR ATHLETIC COACHES AND STAFF

DELEGATE ANNUAL MEETING

This reminder that the KHSAA Delegate Annual Meeting is Wed., Jan. 13, at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington. The deadline for proposals to be presented to the Delegate Assembly is Dec. 1 (to KHSAA Office). Correspondence with the request for the name of each member school's delegate will be forthcoming.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS FOR STATE TOURNAMENTS

This reminder that schools advancing to state tournament play are asked to request credentials PRIOR to the event. A letter from the school principal (on school letterhead) is required including the name(s) of the individual(s). Each school is limited to three (3) credentials. This includes yearbook, newspaper, journalism class personnel or video yearbook personnel. Students or other representatives showing up at the gate will not be issued media credentials.

BASKETBALL TICKET ORDER FORMS

Ticket order forms for the 1999 KHSAA Girls' and Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments have been mailed to member school principals and superintendents. If you have not received your form, or need to request another, please contact our office immediately. The superintendent's signature is not necessary on the school order form.

TESTING DATES

Following are testing dates for the SAT and ACT as published in the *1998-99 NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete*. These dates are also published in the 1998-99 KHSAA school memorandum calendar.

SAT TESTING DATES

Dec. 5; Jan. 23; March 20; May 1; June 5.

ACT TESTING DATES

Dec. 12; Feb. 6; April 10; June 12.

DECEMBER RULES CLINIC SCHEDULE

(Times local to site)

Dec. 2 - TR at St. Xavier HS, Louisville, 7 p.m.
Dec. 7 - TR at Paducah Tilghman HS, Paducah, 7p.m.
Dec. 8 - TR at Owensboro HS, Owensboro, 7 p.m.
Dec. 9 - BK Make-Up (\$50 Fee) at KHSAA, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 - WR Make-Up (\$50 Fee) at KHSAA, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 - TR at Bowling Green HS, Bowling Green, 7 p.m.
Dec. 16 - BK Make-Up (\$50 Fee) at KHSAA, Lexington, 1:30 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING POSTSEASON REMINDER

Due to the fact that the University of Kentucky will serve host to the 1999 SEC Swimming & Diving Championships, the dates for the 1999 KHSAA postseason swim meets are as follows:

Regional Swim Meets - Feb. 12-13, 1999
State Swim Meet - Feb. 26-27, 1999

BASKETBALL TEAM PHOTOS DUE FEB. 1

Beginning this school year, each school is responsible for forwarding to the KHSAA office a team photograph of their boys' and girls' basketball teams with a legible photo identification (front row, LtoR) regardless if you feel a particular team's chances of making the state tournament are slim or your superstitions. The photo must be an original photo as faxed copies, Xerox copies of photos, newspaper copies and laser printer copies are not acceptable.

Schools may want to make sure that additional prints of the photo are available for district and regional managers for use in those programs. Due to the timeliness of producing the state program on the heel of regionals, the KHSAA can not "wait" until a particular round is finished prior to receiving its copy of the photograph.

The deadline for submitting your boys' and girls' basketball team photos is Feb. 1, 1999. 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.

DRUG TESTING SEMINAR

Several schools have contacted the KHSAA requesting drug testing information. The KHSAA has been notified of a free seminar "School Athletic Drug Testing & Education Conference" Feb. 8, 1999, in Lexington given by The Lab, Inc. For more information please contact Mr. Gregory Hobbs, Ph.D., The Lab, Inc., at (502)327-0985.

TITLE IX SEMINARS

The KHSAA, in conjunction with the Kentucky School Board Association and the Kentucky Department of Education, recently conducted workshops in Bowling Green and Lexington regarding Title IX compliance guidelines for interscholastic athletics.

State regulations now mandate that KHSAA member schools be in compliance with Title IX as a condition of membership. Copies of Title IX guidelines and other resource materials will be available to member schools following review by the Board of Control at its November meeting.

LOSS OF SCHOOL TIME FOR CONTESTS

A reminder of Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons - Sec. 1. Loss of School Time. No school time may be lost for travel to or from, or participation in, any regular season interscholastic athletic contest.

Q/A - What is the Associations' enforcement position on missed school time? At the request of the Kentucky Board of Education,

the KHSAA annually solicits certification from school administrators that these provisions have not been violated.

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 Meetings" act. District, regional and state tournament draws should be conducted with an "open meeting" format. Also, always inform your local media with meeting information and send a copy of your bracket and if applicable, seeding information to the KHSAA.

BYLAW 3 - AGE RULE NOW STATE LAW

A student who becomes nineteen (19) years old before August 1 shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletic competition. A student who becomes nineteen (19) on or after August 1 shall remain eligible for the entire school year. The Board of Control and the Commissioner may not adopt administrative procedures which allow for waiver of this rule under any condition.

Q/A - May rulings related to Bylaw 3 be appealed? No. Bylaw 3 as approved by the Kentucky Board of Education expressly prohibits appeals concerning this bylaw. *In addition, with the adoption of HB215 from the 1998 Legislative Session, the Kentucky General Assembly has placed this provision in KRS 156.070 in the form of state law.*

STATE FAST PITCH SOFTBALL DATE CHANGE

Please note that the date for the 1999 KHSAA State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Panther Creek in Owensboro has changed. The 1999 event will now be played June 11-12. The event date is listed as June 10-11 on KHSAA Calendars and was changed after recent additional consultation with the host site.

DISQUALIFICATION REMINDER

Schools are reminded that contained in this year's form packet mailed in May was a new KHSAA Form GE9 to request the reinstatement of a disqualified player. It is no longer necessary to call the office to request the reinstatement if this form is properly completed unless it is a repeat or multiple game offender, or the official indicates additional investigation is necessary. Complete instructions are contained on the form.

SPRING SPORTS POSTSEASON

Several calls have been made to the office regarding Spring Sports Championships, most notably the Baseball/Fast Pitch Softball district tournaments.

As is listed on the 1998-99 KHSAA school calendars and in the new Handbooks, district baseball and fast pitch softball tournaments are scheduled to begin May 24. This is a week later than in the past. The change was made in March due to the Memorial Day holiday and facility availability at state venues.

The State Tennis Championships will be held June 3-5 and the State Track & Field Meet will be June 4-5. The State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament will be June 11-12 and the State Baseball Finals will be June 17-18.

BASKETBALL POSTSEASON SITES

The KHSAA staff published in the October/November issue of *the Athlete*, the listing of site selection plans in basketball regions according to what had been submitted by previous regional managers. Please remember that these (region) site selections constitute only a request, and the Commissioner will make the final decision.

SPECIAL NOTE TO MEMBER SCHOOLS CONCERNING WORKING CLASSIFICATION OF REGISTERED OFFICIALS

Officials registered with the KHSAA are not employees of the KHSAA or member school when serving as an official and have no insurance or other benefits consistent with employment. Each official by registering requests the KHSAA to submit the proper membership fee to the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association (NFIOA) for membership. Schools should treat these individuals as they do all sub contracted work with other independent contractors, and should not treat them as employees for the purpose of social security and other taxes, and should carefully track to make certain proper forms are issued when a 1099 is due to a particular official. It is solely the official's responsibility to report the income earned from officiating and ensure that proper tax liabilities are paid, not the member school or school system.

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 that will be used in KHSAA postseason play.

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 and 3 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 and 3 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 and/or III 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.

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.

1998-99 KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT CALENDAR

- 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 11-12 - State Fast Pitch Softball, Panther Creek Park, Owensboro
- June 17-18 - State Baseball, UK Cliff Hagan Stadium, Lexington

1998-99 KHSAA HANDBOOK CHANGES

Please note the following changes in your KHSAA Handbook (received after **10/14/98**):

FLOYD CO BOARD OF EDUCATION

Address: 183 N Arnold Avenue

MORGAN COUNTY

Phone: 606/743-8002

Fax: 606/743-8050

ALLEN COUNTY-SCOTTSVILLE

Principal: Kirby Hall

OPEN DATES (As of Nov. 16, 1998)

FOOTBALL 1999

AUG. 27

Highland, IL - Brad Hyre (618)654-7131. Member of IHSA with an enrollment of 914.

SEPT. 3

Cathedral Indianapolis, IN - Jim Williams (317)542-1481, ext. 327.

SEPT. 10

Cincinnati Oak Hills, OH - Richard Haucke (513)922-2373

Roncalli Indianapolis, IN - Frank Sergi (317)788-4094. Enrollment is 895.

SEPT. 11

Cincinnati Oak Hills, OH - Richard Haucke (513)922-2373

SEPT. 17

Cincinnati St. Xavier, OH - Steve Rasso (513)761-781

SEPT. 24

Cincinnati Country Day, OH - Jim Wright (513)561-7298

Cincinnati Oak Hills, OH - Richard Haucke (513)922-2373

Canton McKinley, OH - Lynn Watler (330)438-2721

SEPT. 25

Cincinnati St. Xavier, OH - Steve Rasso (513)761-781

Cincinnati Oak Hills, OH - Richard Haucke (513)922-2373

OCT. 2

Cincinnati Country Day, OH - Jim Wright (513)561-7298

OCT. 8

Cincinnati Oak Hills, OH - Richard Haucke (513)922-2373

OCT. 9

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OCT. 15

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OCT 16

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OCT 22

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OCT. 23

Cincinnati Oak Hills, OH - Richard Haucke (513)922-2373

FOOTBALL 1999 MISCELLANEOUS

Evansville Harrison, IN - Dennis Bays (812)477-3428 - Any Date. Enrollment of 1550.

FOOTBALL 1999

The KHSAA is looking for football schools that would like to move their pre-season scrimmage to the Louisville area on Friday night, Aug. 13, or Saturday night, Aug. 14, in conjunction with an officials camp; or to the Lexington area on Friday night, Aug. 6, or Saturday night, Aug. 7, in conjunction with an officials camp. Interested coaches should contact Julian Tackett at the KHSAA.

FOOTBALL 2000

Cincinnati Country Day, OH - Jim Wright (513)561-7298
Evansville Harrison, IN - Dennis Bays (812)477-3428. Enrollment of 1550.

BASKETBALL 1998-99

Boys

Monticello - is looking for a game on Dec. 29, or a tournament (Dec. 28-30). Contact Tom Pyles at (606)348-5316 (work) or (606)348-0130 (home).

McCreary Central - needs games on Jan. 22, Jan. 29 and Feb. 9. Contact Roscoe Denney at (606)376-5051.

Pulaski Southwestern - is looking for a game on Dec. 29, or a tournament (dates of Dec. 28-30). Contact Darry Burkett at (606)678-9000 (school) or (606)678-5546 (home).

Warren East - needs games on Feb. 16 and Feb. 19. Contact Tommy Compton at (502)781-1277.

Breathitt County - needs one home game. Contact Jim Rose (606)666-7511.

Casey County - needs games. Anyone interested may contact Jim Ellison (606)787-7877 or (606)787-6804.

Iroquois - is looking for a tournament Dec. 18-23. Call Charlie Daniel or Jimmy Just at (502)485-8693.

Cumberland - has an opening in an eight-team Christmas Tournament and two regular season open dates. In the tournament, each team is guaranteed at least three games. The dates for the tournament are Dec. 28-30. Contact Roger Morris at (606)589-4625.

Scott, TN - is looking for a preseason basketball tournament (before Dec. 1) and also a Christmas Tournament. Scott High is located on I-75, just past the Kentucky state line. Please contact Brad Rice or Bill Hall at (423)663-2801 or e-mail (rice_b@scottcounty.net).

Girls

Pocahontas, AR Thanksgiving Classic - is looking for teams for tournament scheduled Nov. 27-28. Contact the girls' basketball coach at (870)892-4573.

Central Hardin - needs games on Dec. 10 and Jan. 28. Contact Kenny Lane at (502)737-6800.

Marshall County - is looking for teams to participate in a Christmas Tournament Dec. 28-30. Contact Doc Sanders (502)527-1455.

Frankfort - needs teams for a tournament Dec. 22-23. Contact Frank Miklavcic at (502)875-8655.

Cumberland - needs two games. Contact Charles Schubert at (606)589-4625.

BASEBALL 1999

Spencer County - is looking for a game on Sat., May 1. Contact Kirby Smith (502)477-3222.

Brebeuf Jesuit Indianapolis, IN - is looking for two or three games on March 30 and or 31. Please call Brian Brase (317)876-4734.

FAST PITCH SOFTBALL 1999

LaRue County - is looking for games on March 30 or 31 and May 11 or 12. Contact Peter DiStefano (502)358-2210

Hopkins County Central - is interested in playing in a fast pitch softball tournament in Central or Eastern Kentucky. Please contact Coach Huff at (502)825-6133 ext. 1124/1113.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cincinnati Oak Hills, OH has the following open dates for the 1999-2000 school year. Boys' Basketball - 16 contests, Girls' Basketball - 16 contests, Girls' Volleyball - 12 contests, Boys' Soccer - 10 contests, Girls' Soccer - 10 contests. Contact Richard Haucke at (513)922-2373.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

(As of Nov. 16, 1998)

SOMERSET - is taking applications for the position of Head Soccer Coach. Contact Tom Floyd at (606)678-4721.

LOUISVILLE COLLEGIATE - is seeking to fill the positions of Head Baseball Coach and Assistant Swimming Coach. Those interested should contact Wendy Martin, Athletic Director, Louisville Collegiate School, 2427 Glenmary Ave., Louisville, KY, 40204 or by email (wendy_martin@loucol.com).

FRANKFORT - is taking applications for the position of Head Baseball Coach. Contact the Frankfort Board of Education for application at (502)875-8661, or write to them at 321 Steele St. Frankfort, KY, 40601.