

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Commissioner's Notes

Sept. 15, 1999

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NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled Board of Control meeting will be held on Sept. 29-30, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. Contact the KHSAA for a meeting agenda.

1999 STATE VB SITE MOVES FROM LOUISVILLE

The site of the 1999 KHSAA Girls' State Volleyball Tournament has changed, Executive Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries has announced. Due to the inability to secure lodging for the event in the Louisville area, the tournament originally scheduled to be played Oct. 29-30 at Bellarmine College, will now be played in Northern Kentucky at Ryle High School and Gray Middle School in Union. The dates for the event remain the same.

After working with Louisville Convention & Visitor's Bureau and other local officials, the KHSAA was not able to secure lodging for the event. The same weekend, the City is slated to host individuals for a Future Farmer's of America convention. The City of Louisville attracted the FFA event for the first time which had previously been held in Kansas City, MO.

The convention is utilizing all lodging within the area, including surrounding areas such as French Lick, IN, Frankfort and Lexington.

"We worked with Convention and Visitor's Bureau and local personnel diligently for some time in hopes of securing lodging for the event before the decision was made to move the tournament," DeVries said. "Due to the magnitude of the FFA event, all lodging is booked. We hope to work with the city again soon as Bellarmine College and the other sites that have hosted the event in the area have supported the event. At the same time, we are thankful to the Northern Kentucky area and Ryle High School and Gray Middle School for hosting the event this year," DeVries concluded.

Louisville has hosted the event seven times in its 20-year existence. Fairdale High School hosted the event in 1986, 1987, and 1993. Seneca High School was the site of the tournament in 1989 and 1991. Bellarmine College has been the most recent Louisville-area home to the event, hosting the 1995 and 1997 tournaments. Ryle High School/Gray Middle School hosted the event last year and in 1994 and 1996.

ALL PARTIES SHOULD ATTEND APPEALS HEARINGS

At the encouragement of the Board of Control and Staff, it is reminded that all parties involved in an appearance before the Hearing Officer are to attend the appeal. This is

encouraged to allow a school or individual(s) an opportunity to respond to statements made during the hearing.

NO PRACTICE/PLAY PRIOR TO BEING RULE ELIGIBLE

According to Bylaw 6, Sec. 3 – Period of Ineligibility, Students who are ineligible may not practice or play until ruled eligible by the Commissioner.

Q/A - May a student who has transferred practice or play with the team prior to being ruled eligible? No. If a participant has transferred, and represented a member or non member school at the varsity level after enrolling in grade nine (9) thereby being subject to the rule, he/she is ineligible under the provisions of Bylaw 6 until the proper administrative channels have been completed including the KHSAA Form 6 being signed by the Commissioner. He/she may not try-out, practice, or participate in games or scrimmages until being ruled eligible, and minimum practice periods (i.e. ten days for football) do not begin accumulating until the ruling is complete. Ineligible persons practicing with the team jeopardize the insurance coverage of all participants and the liability coverages of the school, school system and individual coverages.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE

The KHSAA has been notified that some member schools may be in violation of Bylaw 25, Limitation of Season as it relates to the start of basketball practice.

The Association has received several phone calls regarding schools practicing basketball outside the limitation of season as well as coaches being present for "open gym" activities by the student. Coaches SHALL NOT under ANY circumstances be in attendance while members of the squad are participating in out-of-season play or practice. This includes being present at the home gym as well as community, recreation and other school facilities.

Please note that the first date of practice is Oct. 1 for non-football-playing schools and Oct. 15 for football-playing schools.

This violation of the Bylaw jeopardizes coverage by the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance. The KHSAA will not support or recommend any insurance coverage if an injury occurs while practicing in violation of its bylaws.

Principals are being made aware through this notice, that if it can be verified that your school is in violation of the Bylaw and practicing prior to Oct. 15, the school will be fined, placed on probation or otherwise penalized,

including possible loss of games by the team or coaching staff.

TITLE IX SEMINARS HELD

The KHSAA, along with the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky School Boards Association and the Kentucky Commission on Women completed two workshops addressing compliance with the federal regulations known as Title IX, Sept. 8 and 9, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington.

The KHSAA would like to continue to reiterate that it is the responsibility of each member school to remain in compliance with Title IX as it relates to opportunities for females. If you have questions, contact the person designated as the Title IX contact in your district, or contact the KHSAA office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON WEB

This reminder that the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org) continues to expand to contain useful information. Open Job/Dates information, coaching education classes and medical symposium schedules are among the information available.

In the future, clinic dates/sites and officials information will be expanded as well as interactive updating of school information (schedules/scores/school information changes). All school athletic directors have been mailed a passcode for updating their football schedules. This passcode will be used for future access for updating information.

National Federation Rules Interpretations are available via the NFHS Website (www.nfhs.org). Following are the addresses for rules interpretations.

Volleyball - www.nfhs.org/rules-volleyball.htm

Soccer - www.nfhs.org/rules-soccer.htm

Football - www.nfhs.org/rules-football.htm

KHSAA PARTNERS WITH H-L/C-J FOR TV SHOW

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association, in partnership with the Louisville Courier-Journal and the Lexington Herald-Leader, will begin a weekly high school sports show on Saturday, Sept. 25. The program, *The Courier-Journal High School Sports Show* in Louisville and *The Herald-Leader High School Sports Show* in Lexington, will be hosted by WKYT-TV sports Anchor Dave Baker.

The program will air in Louisville on WAVE-TV 3 and WKYT-TV 27 in Lexington (check local listings for time) and is being produced by Ross Productions in partnership with Host Communications-Universal Sports America, the KHSAA, WAVE-TV, WKYT-TV, the Courier-Journal and the Herald-Leader.

"We are extremely excited about the high school sports show," KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout said. "We had three programs air last year as a pilot and plans are in the

works to have 30 this year. The program will feature local highlights as well as statewide special interest stories about all of our sports programs and state championships. As this project continues to grow, we hope to get a statewide clearance to have the program aired from border-to-border," Stout concluded.

FALL SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS DUE OCT. 1

Beginning last year, each school was responsible for forwarding to the KHSAA office a team photograph and identification from requested sports. This policy proved to be successful in helping the Association with the production of its State Tournament Programs and your assistance was appreciated.

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

Please remember that the photo MUST BE AN ORIGINAL – faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, laser printer printouts ARE NOT acceptable. If you wish to e-mail a scanned photo, you may send it to bcope@khsaa.org. Please make sure the file is saved in a .TIF, .GIF, or .JPG format.

Also, please make sure you have additional copies for any potential use by district and regional tournament managers. Due to the timeliness of producing the various programs, the KHSAA cannot "wait" until a particular round or other vendor is finished with the photo prior to receiving its copy of the photograph.

A note will be mailed to all Athletic Directors notifying them of the deadline. Future deadlines for other sports will be published in issues of the Commissioner's Notes and *the Athlete* magazine.

If you would like the photograph returned once we are finished using it, please include a note indicating that you request the photo to be returned and to what address it should be mailed.

CALL IN FOOTBALL GAME SCORES

This reminder that each school is required to call in the final score of its football game each week to the KHSAA Football Scoreboard at 1(888)366-8706. Home or Away, win or lose, schools are required to call following the completion of the contest. A long-standing sportsmanship agreement that the home team will call isn't always followed, especially when the home team loses.

WRESTLING WEIGHT CONTROL REMINDER

As planning begins for the 1999-2000 wrestling season, coaches are reminded that all athletes MUST weigh in on a certified scale PRIOR to January 15. It is the obligation of the coach in conjunction with the athlete, his/her parents, and his/her doctor to use accepted procedures to determine each wrestler's minimum weight. More

information will be mailed to the wrestling schools in September.

COUNT FOR BA/SB TOURNAMENTS

This reminder that the amendment to Bylaw 25 passed by the Delegate Assembly and approved by the Board of Control to increase the number of baseball/softball tournaments counted in a shortened manner is not in effect for the 1999-2000 (2000 season) school year. Pending State Department of Education approval, the amendment will be in place for the 2000-2001 school year (2001 season). Please make sure your coaches continue to count tournament games using the same procedure as in the past. If you have questions, you may contact Asst. Commissioner Larry Boucher (Softball) or Asst. Commissioner Julian Tackett (Baseball) at the KHSAA (606)299-5472.

FIRST BASEBALL CONTEST MARCH 27

A misprint in the 1999-2000 KHSAA Memorandum calendar lists March 21 as the first date for a baseball contest. The correct date is Mon., March 27 (along with fast pitch softball, slow pitch softball and track). District Tournaments are correctly listed as May 22-27, 2000.

BASEBALL BAT RULE CHANGE DELAYED

A proposed change to the National Federation's bat rule has been delayed by the Executive Board of the National Federation. The NFHS Board will re-visit the issue at its next meeting set for Oct. 24-25. KHSAA staff will inform member schools when a final change is made, but there will be no change affecting play for the 2000 season.

COACHING EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Following is a listing of the upcoming coaches education classes. This list is also available on the KHSAA Website (www.khsaa.org).

Wed., Sept. 15 - Fairdale HS, Louisville, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Contact Jim Watkins, (502)485-3331.

Wed., Sept. 15 - Carroll Co. HS, Carrollton, beginning at 5 p.m. Contact Randy Mefford, (502)732-7075

Tues., Sept. 28 - Pikeville HS, beginning at 4 p.m. Contact Ken Trivette, (606)432-0185.

Wed., Sept. 29 - Rowan Co. Board Office, Morehead, beginning at 9 a.m. Contact Lucy Moore, (606)783-1307.

Sat., Oct. 9 - Lloyd Memorial HS, Erlanger, beginning at 8 a.m. Contact Stan Steidel (606)292-3988 or J.T. Mulligan (606)727-5908.

CERTIFIED AS COACHING ED INSTRUCTORS

Congratulations to 13 individuals who have agreed to go through the coaching education program on September 14 and 15 in order to become an instructor. They are- Gordon Bocock (Pulaski County), Alan Donhoff (St. Xavier), Scott Greenwald (Western), Kathy Johnston (Bourbon County), Monroe Joyner (Bowling Green), Hugh McReynolds (Logan County), Paul Rains (Madison Central), Steve Riddle (Berea), Phil Rison (Montgomery County), Stan Steidel (Dayton), Faye Thornton (Harrison County), Karen Vanover (Lafayette), Roland Williams (Bardstown) and Jerry Wyman

(Doss). With completion of the requirements, these individuals should be able to help relieve the burden of our current faculty by late fall. Thanks and congratulations.

FOOTBALL REMINDER OF HALF-TIME

HALF-TIME LENGTH

The normal half-time in high school football is 15 minutes. This half-time should be extended to a maximum of 20 minutes only for special ceremonies, such as a once a year homecoming. If the half-time is to be extended, the officials must be notified prior to five minutes before kickoff so that both teams can be notified. Without such notification, half-time shall be 15 minutes.

In addition, some schools are having an extended half each week. If this practice continues, there may be action taken to limit the number of extensions in the future. The spirit and intent of the rule is to allow for ONE extension per year.

It is also permissible, with agreement of both coaches, to cut the half-time intermission to 10 minutes.

HALF-TIME STARTING

The start of the half-time intermission is recommended to be when both teams leave the field. This is open for interpretation, but officials may start this intermission as soon as the teams begin leaving the team box to go to their half-time gathering location. Officials are not to wait until the field is completely clear unless the teams are unable to leave the field because of events beyond control of the participants. In addition, with a 20 minute half, the clock can be started immediately following the signal of the ball above the head to end the half.

HALF-TIME ENDING

It is a fifteen yard foul, unsportsmanlike conduct, for either team to not be ready to begin the warm-up period at the conclusion of the scheduled half-time intermission. For example, if 15:00 is listed for the half-time intermission, and the team is not on the field at 0:00, it is an immediate 15 yard foul. If the field is not ready for play at the end of the scheduled half-time intermission, it is a 5 yard foul against the home team. Allowing for additional time at half-time without penalty is to place the officials in a bad situation with regards to allowing the athletes to cool down too long, and the risk of injury subsequently increasing.

STARTING THE THREE MINUTE WARM-UP PERIOD

After the half-time intermission (scheduled), the clock is to be reset to 3:00 and started immediately for the warm-up period. Do not wait on the teams to return. If they are not there at 0:00 on the half-time, throw the flag, and start the three minutes. The legal obligation is to provide for a warm-up period, not ensure that warm-ups are conducted. It is the coach's liability and concern if they do not utilize the warm-up period.

TRACK & FIELD / TENNIS POSTSEASON SITES

Anyone interested in hosting regional track and field or tennis championships should send in an application as

soon as possible. Regional track and tennis sites will be announced at a later date and available on the KHSAA Website (www.khsaa.org).

STUDENT-ATHLETE GRADE CHECK REMINDER

This clarification on student-athlete eligibility with regards to Bylaw 5 - Minimum Academic Requirement (Page 10, 1999-2000 KHSAA Handbook). Grade checks should reflect the cumulative grade earned by the student at that particular point (each Friday) in the semester or officially recorded grading period. It is not the student-athlete's grade for each particular week. If a student-athlete is ineligible at the end of the grading period (each Friday), the athlete is ineligible until the next grading period when school is in session.

Q&A - May a student-athlete that was originally ineligible at the grade check period count intersession work to obtain eligible status? No. Not if school is not in full session. The student-athlete shall remain ineligible until the next grade check when school is in full session.

MOLTEN OFFICIAL BASKETBALL

Again some confusion has occurred regarding the official basketball of the KHSAA. **Molten remains the official basketball for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association for both boys' and girls' basketball (B7-FW for boys and B6L-W for girls).** Molten balls are required for district, region and state tournament play. Should you have any questions regarding official balls of the KHSAA, contact Ken Tippett at the Association office. Following is a listing of the official balls by sport.

- Soccer - Molten
- Volleyball - Molten
- Football - Wilson
- Boys' & Girls' Basketball - Molten
- Slow Pitch Softball - Wilson
- Tennis - Wilson
- Fast Pitch Softball - Wilson
- Baseball - Wilson

GOLF CLINIC SCHEDULE

Golf Clinics for the fall have been completed. There will be two additional clinics added in April, one in London and one in Elizabethtown. The sites/dates will be announced at a later date.

NATIONAL FEDERATION SANCTIONING

This reminder that beginning with the upcoming school year (1999-2000) new procedures have been adopted by the National Federation for sanctioning out-of-state contests. Schools hosting are to complete the new sanctioning form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$50. The fee should be made payable to the National Federation and sent to the KHSAA. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Office. Schools that are participating in out-of-state contests are required to complete a sanction form, but not required to pay the processing fee. Please call the KHSAA with any questions.

1999 GIRLS' GOLF REGIONAL MGRS./SITES

Following are the regional managers/sites for girls' regional golf tournaments scheduled for Mon., Sept. 27.

- REGION 1
Lanny Lancaster
Site: Mayfield Country Club, Mayfield
- REGION 2
Debbie Fortney
Site: Twin Oaks Golf Course, Greenville
- REGION 3
Paul Stone/Kenny Lane
Site: Pine Valley Golf Course, Elizabethtown
- REGION 4
Leslie Demling/Bob Jacobs
Site: Seneca Golf Course, Louisville
- REGION 5
Mike Harris
Site: Glasgow Golf & Country Club, Glasgow
- REGION 6
Jennifer Hale/Stacie Diamond
Site: Fairway Golf Course, Wheatley
- REGION 7
Lou Brown
Site: Longview Golf Course, Georgetown
- REGION 8
Jackie Pence
Site: Danville Country Club, Danville
- REGION 9
Mike Baskey
Site: Mt. Sterling Country Club, Mt. Sterling
- REGION 10
Cathy Gullett
Site: River Bend Country Club, Argillite
- STATE MANAGER
Lou Brown
Site: Arlington Country Club, Richmond

1999 BOYS' GOLF REGIONAL MGRS./SITES

Following are the regional managers/sites for boys' regional golf tournaments scheduled for Tues., Sept. 28.

- REGION 1
Nancy Ragland (Jimmy Long- Heath)
Site: Paducah Country Club, Paducah
- REGION 2
Scotty Martin
Site: Henderson Country Club, Henderson
- REGION 3
Johnny Belcher
Site: Hartland Golf Course, Bowling Green
- REGION 4
Wesley Martin
Site: Frankfort Country Club, Frankfort
- REGION 5
David Parsons
Site: Danville Country Club, Danville
- REGION 6
Jerry Wyman
Site: Sun Valley, Louisville
- REGION 7
Marty Donlon

Site: Seneca Golf Course, Louisville
REGION 8
Rick Hornsby
Site : Boone Links Golf Course, Florence
REGION 9
Jeff Schulkens
Site: Eagle Creek Country Club, Crittenden
REGION 10
Bob Tucker
Site: London Country Club, London
REGION 11
Nelson H. Gullett
Site: Mountain Public Links, Johns Creek
REGION 12
Larry Slone
Site: Eagle Trace
Morehead
STATE MANAGER
Marty Donlon
Site: Gibson Bay Golf Course, Richmond

1999-2000 HANDBOOK UPDATES

Following are updates to the 1999-2000 KHSAA Handbook received following the printing deadline. Please make the adjustments to your copy. Information received is as of Sept. 14, 1999. We will continue to publish updates in future issues of the Commissioner's Notes.

Barren County
Soccer (Boys): Lee McFarland

Bell County
Principal Residence Phone: 423-869-8958
Designated KHSAA Rep: Jeff Saylor
Baseball: Open
Basketball (Girls): Larry Elliott
Cross Country (Boys): Open
Cross Country (Girls): Open
Track (Boys): Open
Track (Girls): Open

Boyle County
Tennis (Boys): Alice Layton
Tennis (Girls): Alice Layton

Bryan Station
Cheerleading (Boys): Nureka Duncan
Soccer (Boys): Charlie Page

Central
Athletic Director: Tim Amshoff and Michael Daniel
Residence Phone: 502-538-4991/502-896-1829
Certified Trainer: Tim Amshoff
Basketball (Boys): Terrance Moorman
Cheer (Boys): DeShawn Bell
Cheer (Girls): DeShawn Bell
Cross Country (Boys): Geary Morton
Cross Country (Girls): Geary Morton
Golf (Boys): Leon Kirkpatrick
Golf (Girls): Leon Kirkpatrick

Soccer (Boys): Karen Compton
Soccer (Girls): Karen Compton
Track (Boys): Geary Morton
Volleyball: Ericka Herd

Covington (Latin)
Principal: Dr. Frank Little
Athletic Director: Dr. Frank Little
Designated KHSAA Rep: Dr. Frank Little
Cross Country (Boys): Open
Cross Country (Girls): Open
Golf (Boys): Open
Softball (Slow Pitch): Open
Tennis (Girls): Open

Danville
Basketball (Girls): Jim Masters
Softball (Fast Pitch): Amy Elliott

Evarts
Guidance Counselor : Scott Shepherd
Basketball (Boys): Jim Hicks

Fleming County
Athletic Director: Charles Adams

Fort Campbell
Principal: J. Kenneth Kilebrew

Frederick Fraize
Principal: Edwina Sheffield
Board Appt Rep: Rick Lasley
KHSAA Rep: Rick Lasley

Glasgow
Mailing Address: 1601 Columbia Ave.
Glasgow, 42141-3333
Area Code: (270)
Principal Residence Phone: (270) 651-9655
Cheerleading (Boys): Nancy Reeves
Cheerleading (Girls): Nancy Reeves
Soccer (Girls): Bart Flener
Swimming: Kaye Meek

Harlan
Basketball (Boys): Don Harville

Holmes
Guidance Counselor: Libby Bunt
Softball (Fast Pitch): Mike Hughes

Lee County
Athletic Dept. Phone: 606-464-5023
E-Mail Address: adimajpp@lee.k12.ky.us
Athletic Director: Anna Dunahoo
Residence. Phone: 606-464-3522
Board Appt. Rep.: Anna Dunahoo
Guidance Counselor: Jamie Stickler
Basketball (Boys): Gene Combs
Comp. Cheer (Boys): Karen Williams

Louisville Collegiate
Main Phone: 479-0340
Fax Machine: 454-8540
Athletic Dept. Phone: 479-0380
Supt Bus. Phone: 479-0340
Principal Bus. Phone: 479-0340
Certified Trainer: Karen Stinger
Phone: 502-899-5750
Baseball: Nathaniel Stephens
Cross Country (Boys): Peter Behr
Cross Country (Girls): Peter Behr
Golf (Boys): Jayson Hougland
Louisville Collegiate (cont'd)
Golf (Girls): Jayson Hougland
Softball (Fast Pitch): Cindy Nielson
Swimming: Lee Derrick
Tennis (Girls): Blake Peters
Track (Girls): Peter Behr
North Laurel
Phone: (606) 862-4699

Oldham County
Cheerleading (Boys): Norah Perry
Cheerleading (Girls): Angie Atchison

Portland Christian
Athletic Director: Nick Folden

Pulaski Southwestern
Basketball (Boys): David Schulz
Volleyball: Steve Thompson

Ryle
Fax Machine: 606-384-5335
Athletic Dept Ph: 606-384-5311
Tennis (Boys): Open
Wrestling: Open

Tates Creek
AD Residence Phone: 606-272-5874
Basketball (Boys): Joe Pat Covington

Trinity (Whitesville)
Golf (Boys): Brad Payne

FREE HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE CHILDREN - FRANKFORT, Ky. --(July 1, 1999)

As students return to school, the Cabinet for Health Services wants Kentucky educators and school personnel to be aware of a program that provides free health insurance to eligible children.

The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) offers health insurance coverage to children birth through age 18 who live in families with incomes under 150 percent of the federal poverty line. For a family of four that would be \$25,050 a year.

An estimated 100,000 uninsured Kentucky children are now eligible for health coverage through KCHIP. The Cabinet began an extensive outreach campaign in June and is seeking the assistance of schools and educators to help spread the word with the start of classes this fall.

Health Services Secretary John Morse said health coverage is important to school-age children because it provides preventive care that reduces the times students miss classes due to illness. "We need help from everyone, especially our schools and educators, to get the word out about KCHIP," Morse said. "Healthy children make better students."

Families can learn about KCHIP and get applications at a number of locations across the state. The Cabinet for Health Services is working with schools, Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, local health departments, health care providers, the Cabinet for Families and Children and dozens of other groups and individuals to help eligible families apply for coverage.

The Cabinet for Health Services has also established a toll---