

Commissioner's Notes

APRIL 24, 2001

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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT HB191 AND REVISIONS TO BYLAW 27

As each school has been notified, the General Assembly recently approved a change to KHSAA Bylaw 27 as it relates to non-teaching coaches. This change, combined with the change that was passed at the 2001 Annual Meeting of schools, WILL BE IN EFFECT, beginning June 20, 2001. Basically, these changes have two important points -

1) The rules now define a Level II coaching candidate as someone who meets the other qualifications listed and has 64 college credit hours from an accredited college or university OR someone who meets those other requirements and has been approved as a substitute teacher in a program approved by the Department of Education or other authorizing entity; and 2) Makes the rules the same for hiring coaches in football and basketball as they are for other sports.

However, in passing these rules, an amendment also passed which is important for our schools to keep in mind as they make hires AFTER June 20. This amendment requires that if a coaching opening occurs and is advertised, etc., then preference must be given in the hiring process to a certified person over a non-certified person. This is the same for ALL sports, and school representatives should consult with their own legal counsel as to the rights and ramifications of preference. Technically, a school must be able to authenticate, in writing, that no qualified, certified person applied for the coaching position prior to being able to employ a non-certified coach in any sport, or that the superior candidate was as a non-certified person even after consideration of the preference necessary to give the certified person. Documentation will be critical to protect a school district in the event that the person(s) who did not get the job decides to pursue legal action. It is vitally important that the school adhere to its normal hiring procedures and be able to document all steps in the hiring process in the event of challenge.

In the case of a retiring teacher, the KHSAA has been advised after consulting with the Department of Education that while a teaching opening may be created through retirement, it is up to the school district as to whether or not a coaching opening has occurred. It is permissible for someone to remain as a coach while giving up a teaching position regardless of the sport the individual desires to coach. Again, documentation and posting procedures are critical to guard against potential action by applicants not being selected. It is important for all involved in the process to remember two key factors that were involved in this discussion - 1) the legislation was designed to empower schools to hire the personnel they need in a time when not every school is alike and not every school is structured the same, and 2) the legislation does require a school to show preference to certified individuals and makes it clear that adherence to normal personnel procedures is vital. Districts should also remember that this can factor into the transportation decisions as well as many districts have their non-faculty coaches accompany the team on trips, etc., and such transportation decisions can only be made if it has been properly approved and documented in the minutes of the local Board of Education meeting.

FOOTBALL & SOCCER ENTRY INFORMATION

Included in this mailing (to Athletic Directors only) is information regarding schedule entry for football and boys' and girls' soccer. The Association is adding an in-season boys' and girls' soccer scoreboard that will be linked to its website with games scores and schedules for every member school that fields a team across the state. We ask Athletic Directors to make sure they have entered these schedules (through the member services link off the KHSAA website) by May 21. Any game additions, corrections, etc. can be made throughout the year. This deadline has been set as we have had numerous media inquiries as to when schedules would be posted. Please do not wait until all games are scheduled as you can easily update throughout the year. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Mitchell or Butch Cope at the KHSAA office.

2001-2002 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

This is a reminder that no basketball team, regardless of whether the school has football, may start practice before October 15, 2001, and no games may be played before November 26, 2001. Keep this in mind as you schedule.

OUT OF SEASON COACHING REMINDER

Schools are reminded to instruct the members of their coaching staffs, in all sports, that they may not have contact with their players, in any sport specific manner until June 1 or the last day of school. This includes teaching, observing, and/or transportation. All of this type of activity is prohibited.

POST SEASON PLAY

Bylaw 8. Contestant on Other Teams, Post Season and All-Star Games:

Any student who after enrolling in grade nine (9) has been a contestant in football or basketball at any level (grades 9-12) and has eligibility remaining in that sport may not participate on any non-school sponsored team or in any all-star game in that sport or any variation of that sport from the first day of school through the last scheduled contest played in that sport (including KHSAA sanctioned post season) by that school unless it has been sanctioned by the Board of Control. Following the team's last scheduled game (including post season), there are no restrictions on play in that specific sport for the student athletes.

Q/A 4: *Can participants in sports other than football and basketball play for outside leagues and/or teams?* There are no restrictions on the student athletes in sports other than football and basketball as it relates to outside competition during the season. NO MEMBER OF THE COACHING STAFF AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE COACHING OF ANY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT SCHOOL IN OUTSIDE COMPETITION NOR CAN COACHES ATTEND THOSE CONTESTS. For example, the baseball coach may not coach the baseball team in the local Babe Ruth league during the school year or dead period. In addition, the girls' coach in a particular school could not coach the boys' team in a particular school and vice-versa.

2001 VOLLEYBALL ALIGNMENT

Following is the most current alignment for 2001. Additional schools have been added.

Region 1

- D-1 Caldwell County, Christian County, Christian Fellowship, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, Paducah Tilghman
- D-2 Apollo, Daviess County, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic, Union County
- D-3 Breckinridge County, Butler County, Grayson County, Hancock County, Trinity (Whitesville)
- D-4 Franklin Simpson, Logan County, Russellville, Todd County Central, Trigg County

Region 2

- D-5 Bowling Green, Caverna, Green County, Greenwood, Hart County, Warren Central, Warren East
- D-6 Barren County, Edmonson County, Glasgow, Metcalfe County, Monroe County
- D-7 Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Larue County, Meade County, John Hardin, North Hardin
- D-8 Bardstown, Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Marion County, Nelson County, Taylor County, Washington County

Region 3

- D-9 Central, Portland Christian, Shawnee, St. Francis
- D-10 Brown, Collegiate, DuPont Manual, Mercy, Presentation
- D-11 Butler, Doss, Holy Cross (Louisville), Iroquois, Western
- D-12 Beth Haven, Fairdale, Pleasure Ridge Park, Valley

Region 4

- D-13 Evangel, Holy Rosary, Male, Southern
- D-14 Fern Creek, Highview Baptist, Jeffersontown, Moore, Seneca
- D-15 Assumption, Atherton, Sacred Heart, Waggener
- D-16 Ballard, Christian Academy - Louisville, Eastern, Kentucky Country Day, Walden

Region 5

- D-17 Boone County, Carroll County, Conner, Heritage, Ryle, St. Henry, Walton Verona
- D-18 Beechwood, Dixie Heights, Lloyd Memorial, Ludlow, Notre Dame, Villa Madonna
- D-19 Calvary Christian, Covington Latin, Grant County, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Scott, Simon Kenton, Williamstown
- D-20 Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Campbell, Dayton, Highlands, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Silver Grove

Region 6

- D-21 Bourbon County, Bracken County, Deming, Estill County, Fleming County, George Rogers Clark, Harrison County, Montgomery County, Scott County
- D-22 Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek
- D-23 Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Fairview, Lawrence, Raceland, Rose Hill, Russell
- D-24 East Carter, Lewis County, Morgan County, Rowan County, West Carter

Region 7

- D-25 Anderson County, East Jessamine, Eminence, Franklin County, Henry County, West Jessamine, Western Hills, Woodford County
- D-26 Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham
- D-27 Boyle County, Casey County, Garrard County, Kentucky School F/T Deaf, Lincoln County, McCreary Central, Mercer, Pulaski County, Pulaski Southwestern, Russell County
- D-28 Corbin, Cumberland, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist, Rockcastle County, South Laurel, Whitley County

Region 8

- D-29 Belfry, Elkhorn City, Feds Creek, Millard, Phelps, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Shelby Valley
- D-30 Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Sheldon Clark, South Floyd
- D-31 Breathitt County, Knott County Central, Lee County, Powell County, Wolfe County
- D-32 Fleming Neon, Hazard, Leslie County, Letcher, Perry Central, Whitesburg

Note: The District Tournaments are double elimination. The top two teams in each District advance into the Regional Tournament.

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BA, FP, SP TEAM PHOTOS DUE APRIL 30

This is a reminder that team pictures for slow pitch softball, fast pitch softball and baseball are due to the Association by April 30 (as printed in the memo calendar).

SCHOOL DIRECTORY INFORMATION

We continue to remind member schools to please keep current handbook information, with our office, on file. Please go to the KHSAA website, www.khsaa.org, click member school services and update your school information, if there are any inaccuracies. It is important as we head into spring that this information be as current as possible so we are able to mail the spring sports information to the schools, as well as preparing for the 2001-2002 season.

Revised copies of KHSAA forms will be online by April 30, in addition to being mailed to member schools.

REMINDER ON OFFICE SECURITY AT KHSAA

This is a reminder that in March of 2000, the KHSAA like many of our member schools, addressed the security of its building. With new neighbors in our complex and our proximity to the interstate, police and security consultants advised that the office was primed for problems. With the approval of the Board of Control, all KHSAA doors are secured 24 hours per day, with entrance to the office only through the front glass doors near the public parking lot. This reminder to all visitors to simply ring the call button on the box at the front door and identify yourself and who you need to see. This is of great assistance to the KHSAA staff person responsible for your entrance. We appreciate your patience and assistance.

SPORTSMANSHIP RECOGNITION BANQUET

The First Southern National Bank Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet will be held Sunday, May 20 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington at 5 p.m. Regional winners will be honored as well as the announcing of the boy and girl individual statewide winner. The individual statewide winners each receive a \$2,500 scholarship to a Kentucky college or university of his/her choice, sponsored by First Southern National Bank. The Association appreciates the sponsors of this event: First Southern National Bank, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Kentucky Printing, The Traditional Bank, and Conference Medal and Trophy. In addition, our good friends at Area Bank will be providing a \$100 book scholarship to each regional winner. For more information on the program or the banquet, contact Ken Tippett at the KHSAA.

2001-02 SCHOOL DUES/PUBLICATION ORDER

The Association will be mailing invoices to member schools on May 10 for dues for the 2001-02 school year. Included will be a publication order form for members to order additional 2001-02 Handbooks, event calendars and other publications. School dues for the 01-02 year are payable September 1.

NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Control will be May 15-16, at the Association office in Lexington. Committee meetings will be on May 15. Among agenda items of interest will be site selection for the 2003 and 2004 Girls' State Basketball Tournament, as those proposals will be heard by the Executive Committee. For a complete agenda, contact the KHSAA office.

JOINT EFFORTS TO SELL RUPP FLOOR

Since 1979 the Boys Sweet 16@ Basketball Tournament has been held at Rupp Arena 19 times. The Arena is selling the old maple floor and has offered the Association an opportunity to become involved in its marketing, with part of the proceeds to benefit the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

A brochure is available through the office that your school may use to place orders for commemorative pieces of the floor. If additional brochures are needed for team members, family members, or alumni, please contact Virginia Wilhite at the KHSAA office.

REMAINING GOLF CLINIC (COACHES)

May 1 - 6:30 p.m. Somerset Country Club

REMAINING KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 11-12 - Slow Pitch Softball - Kenton Lakes
May 31-June 2 - Boys' & Girls' Tennis - UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 1-2 - Track & Field - UK Shively Track Complex, Lexington
June 8-9 - Fast Pitch Softball - Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
June 14-15 - Baseball - UK Cliff Hagan Stadium, Lexington

SPRING SPORTS MAKEUP CLINICS

At KHSAA Office (\$50.00 fine) All Times EDT
April 26 - 1:30 p.m. Softball
April 26 - 7:00 p.m. Track & Field

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the public-private ad hoc committee is set for 1:30 p.m. Thurs., May 10, at the KHSAA office. The meeting is open to the public.