

Commissioner's Notes

OCTOBER 15, 2001

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ADDITIONAL INTERPRETATION ISSUED RELATIVE TO BYLAW 25 AND COACHES AT MORE THAN ONE LEVEL

Recently, the KHSAA published an interpretation related to coaching out of season. The original request dealt with a school seeking clarification as to a high school coach (grade 9-12 at any level of play) within their system being involved in coaching out of season play in the same sport. Though the Limitation of Season has been around for many years and this particular interpretation has been in place since 1978, many districts have expressed new concerns with the continued restrictive nature of this interpretation.

After careful consideration, the Bylaw has been reinterpreted at this time, and this issue will be on the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the membership in January. It is in keeping with the spirit that hiring decisions can and must be made at the local level, particularly for all competition within a given school system, that previous interpretations have been clarified and revised. In short, the provisions preventing a coach from being involved with his/her own players in play outside of the high school team DO NOT APPLY to other levels of play where the coach is hired by the same local Board of Education. For example, the high school coach (any member of the staff) COULD be hired to coach the middle school basketball team within the same local Board of Education. These restrictions however, do continue to prevent the high school coach from being involved in non-school (outside) competition at any time during the school year with any player (regardless of grade level) who has been on the high school team at any level (freshman, JV, varsity).

Schools are cautioned however, that involving these coaches with non-high school teams, particularly in middle schools which feed more than one high school, should be monitored to ensure that problems related to Bylaw 10 (Recruitment) do not surface due to this coaching.

BYLAW 25 OUT OF SEASON PRACTICE

There have been several reports of member schools continuing to violate Bylaw 25 Limitation of Season. Practice out of season is a violation and the Commissioner's office would like to make all member schools aware that any violation verified will result in penalties being imposed. Member schools should not have to be constantly reminded of Bylaw 25 Limitation of Season. Though winter sports practice has now begun, schools should take all preventative steps to make sure spring sports coaches (baseball, softball, etc.) are not working prior to February 15 with any player who has previously represented the high school at any level (freshman, JV, varsity).

BASKETBALL TICKET ORDER FORMS

Ticket order forms for member schools and the general public to purchase tickets to the 2002 KHSAA Girls' and Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments were mailed October 15. Ticket information, and online ordering through the KHSAA website (www.khsaa.org) will begin Nov. 5.

SANCTIONING EVENTS

This is a reminder regarding the policy adopted by the National Federation for sanctioning out-of-state contests. KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the sanction form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$75.00. 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 Federation Office. When Kentucky member schools are participating in out-of-state contests, the host school from out-of-state is responsible for completing the sanction form. The KHSAA does not require a sanction form if all participating schools are from bordering states of Kentucky. Please note, however, that Tennessee and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out-of-state event as a requirement of their particular state office.

PROPOSAL DEADLINE

This is a reminder of the December 1 deadline for proposals to be submitted for presentation at the Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting of member schools in January. Proposals should be addressed to the attention of Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner. Prior to the meeting, proposals submitted will be posted on the KHSAA internet site as well as mailed to the member school's delegate.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

This reminder that schools advancing to state tournament play are asked to request school media 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 simply showing up at the gate will not be issued media credentials.

KHSAA AUDIT AVAILABLE

The 2000-2001 audit of the KHSAA has been completed by Miller, Mayer, Sullivan and Stevens of Lexington. A copy of the audit is on file and available for review at the Association office.

REVISED TRANSFER FORMS

Each school was mailed previously a clean copy of KHSAA Form GE6 for domestic transfer students and KHSAA Form GE7 for foreign students (and other non-domestic transfers). These should be used beginning immediately and for all future transfers. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY DESTROY ALL OTHER VERSIONS OF THIS FORM AS THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THIS OFFICE AND WILL BE RETURNED FOR COMPLETION OF THE NEW FORM. Additional copies can be duplicated from the original, or an additional original can be obtained from the KHSAA web site, www.khsaa.org/forms.

**"THE ONLY OFFICIAL INTERPRETATIONS
ARE THOSE IN WRITING"**

OFFICIAL SUSPENDED

Schools should note that contest official Tony Barker has been temporarily suspended by the Association for violation of policies within the Officials Division. Member schools may not utilize this individual in any contest in grades 9-12.

At the time he is reinstated, a notice will be published in the Commissioner's Notes and the Athlete. If you have further questions, please contact the Association office.

NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be Nov. 13 and 14, at the Association Office in Lexington. Board President Kathy Johnston has called a special meeting to review September appeals. The special meeting will be held Monday, October 22, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Association office. For an agenda to either meeting, visit the KHSAA website.

TWO MAJOR EQUIPMENT CHANGES APPROVED IN BASEBALL

The National Federation has announced two major equipment changes in baseball, and the Association wants to be sure that prior to any equipment purchases, schools are advised of the change. First, the catching helmet must have ear flaps on both sides. This would make illegal any cap that only covers the top of the head. In addition, for the 2003 season, the cap shall meet the NOCSAE test standard.

In another change, the NFHS Baseball Committee has approved a change which mandates that bats comply with Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) requirements beginning in 2003, and that bats shall be marked as such. This is an important change which should be passed along to parents to ensure that they do not use illegal equipment.

TITLE IX FORM

Enclosed please find a sample of Title IX form No. T-1, one of the required forms for schools to submit to the KHSAA by April 15, 2002.

REMAINING IN-SEASON CLINIC SCHEDULES

Following is a listing of remaining in-season rules clinics. To view a full listing of clinics in all sports, go to the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org.

Basketball

10/15 Hazard, Perry Co. Central HS
10/16 Pikeville, Pike Co. Central HS
10/17 Louisville, Southern HS
10/18 Newport HS
10/22 Bardstown, Nelson Co. HS
10/23 Grayson, East Carter HS
10/27 Paris, Bourbon Co. HS, 10 a.m.
11/29 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.
12/6 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

Wrestling

10/17 Alexandria, Campbell Co. HS
12/5 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

REMAINING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Date(s)	Event	Site	City
Oct. 26-27	Girls' VB	Ryle HS/Gray MS	Union
Oct. 31,			
Nov. 1&3	B&G SO	Rawlings Stadium	Georgetown
Nov. 3	B&G XC	Kentucky Horse Park	Lexington
Nov. 16	8-Player FB	KSU Alumni Stadium	Frankfort
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	FB Finals	Ky. Fair & Expo Ctr.	Louisville
Feb. 14-16	WR	Farnham Dudgeon	Frankfort
Feb. 22-23	SW	UK Aquatic Center	Lexington
March 13-16	Boys' BK	Rupp Arena	Lexington
March 20-23	Girls' BK	WKU Diddle Arena	Bowling Green
May 10-11	SP	TBA	TBA
May 30-June 1	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing	Lexington
May 31-June 1	TR	UK Shively Track	Lexington
June 7-8	FP	Tie-Breaker Park	Hopkinsville
June 13-14	BA	U.K. Hagan Stadium	Lexington