OUT OF SEASON PLAY AND AWARDS RULES
We have had several inquiries related to the awards rule and players participating in events which offer cash for prizes. Nothing in the KHSAA Handbook prohibits a student from playing in such events and mere participation is not a rules violation. However, in light of recent situations at the high school and college level, we would offer several suggestions for Athletic Directors, Principals and Coaches to pass along to the student athletes.

1) Recommend strongly that these students should not participate in such events. Even the appearance of possible “cash for play” rewards lends itself to suspicion and allegations of the violation of Bylaw 12 and the PERMANENT loss of amateur status;

2) Remind the students of the provisions of KHSAA Bylaw 12 in that they cannot accept cash, gift certificates or things that cannot be properly personalized and in addition, they cannot have the money or prizes deferred to a later date or given in someone else’s name;

3) If they insist on participation, request that event organizers denote a list, and post prominently such list, of those students who are competing in the competition, but will not be accepting prizes;

4) Make sure the students understand that they may accept specific prizes up to the limit of the National Governing Body for that sport, but cannot under any circumstances, accept a gift voucher or simply be given an amount to spend.

Number (4) above appears to be the most frequently violated from the antecedotal evidence in the office, as for example, a golfer is told he can go to the pro shop, and spend up to $50 for finishing third in a tournament. This is not legal and potentially renders the athlete PERMANENTLY ineligible at all amateur levels. If for example, the prize was predetermined that the third place finisher was to receive a golf bag as displayed at the 18th hole, then if that bag is under the NGB limit for golf (assume it had a price of $80), then it could be accepted. But that same golfer could not be allowed to go spend $80 in the pro shop. While this may seem like a minute difference, it is the position of the KHSAA that we should do everything possible to protect the amateur status of our competitors. Please contact the Association office should you have any further questions.

CLARIFICATION ON BYLAW 8
Each member school is being mailed with this issue of the Commissioner’s Notes, a ruling issued based upon an inquiry from Woodford County High School. Please carefully review this ruling and its applicability to your situation and the playing of students enrolled below grade nine in football and soccer. It is important that this information be passed along to your coaches and this is a necessary revision from previous interpretations. Please contact the office should you have any questions.

STATE LOSES GREAT SUPPORTER OF HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS
Simply known as “The Dipper”, Richard Blount died Aug. 26 suffering a heart attack. Dipper was one of the voices of the mountains and conducted a local radio show for many years on WSGS-Radio in Hazard. Blount was a fixture at the Boys’ and Girls’ State Tournaments, often conducting his radio show courtside during the Sweet 16. The KHSAA and high school sports have lost a true friend.

POST SEASON SITE SELECTION PLANS
Member schools should note that on the KHSAA web site is a listing of the current site selection plans for baseball, basketball and wrestling as on file with the office. Many sites did not update rotations following the tournaments held during the 2000-2001 school year, and therefore in many cases, the information is either missing or out of date. It is also important to note that several regional sites in these sports are designated to be hosted by selected districts. The specific school recommended hosts should be determined by September 30 in all of these sports to allow for proper communication with the sites. Please also note that the final selection of these sites is the jurisdiction of the Commissioner’s office, however, we rely very heavily on the wishes of the membership.

CORRESPONDING DATE REMINDERS
Schools should carefully consult pages 106 and 107 of the KHSAA Handbook as it relates to scheduling contests for 2002-03 and beyond. This is the “rollover” year for corresponding dates, and it is important that those dates be compared as next year’s corresponding date is “plus six” days from the current year date, not “minus one” as it usually is when you look at future dates. For basketball (page 34) and football (35), further breakdowns of corresponding dates are contained in Bylaw 25 to assist you in scheduling. Please also remember that the Association will not and cannot by rule, enforce contract provisions of a game contract which calls for “corresponding dates” rather than specific game dates and times.

WELCOME COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL
The KHSAA would like to welcome its newest member school, Community Christian High School in Paducah. They are placed in the appropriate KHSAA district and/or region in baseball, and we are sure you wish them luck as our newest member. For coach’s names and information, go to:

SCORE CALL IN REMINDER
Please remind your boys’ and girls’ soccer, and football coaches to call the KHSAA scoreboard at 1-888-366-8706 (toll free) with their scores IMMEDIATELY following the completion of the game.

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**INTERPRETATION ISSUED RELATIVE TO BY-LAW 25 AND COACHES AT MORE THAN ONE LEVEL**

Rowan County High School recently sought clarification as to the coaching of a high school coach (grade 9-12 at any level of play), being involved in coaching out of season play in the same sport within the school system. Though hiring decisions can and must be made at the local level, this can inadvertently place a school out of compliance with KHSAA Bylaw 25 if the school below grade nine has players who “played up” to the high school level (freshman, JV, varsity) in that sport. If the coach has coached in any capacity (head or assistant coach) with your school high team at any level (freshman, JV or varsity) and players from the middle/junior high school have “played up” to the high school team (freshman, JV or varsity) in that coach’s sport, then he/she cannot coach those players on that middle/junior high school team in that sport if the coaching duties would occur outside of the Limitation of Seasons. If no student from the middle/junior high school level “plays up”, there is no rule to keep the coach from doing more than one level within a system and at any time during the year. The problem occurs when those student athletes below grade nine play up, then they cannot be coached by the same person at both levels and is particularly complicated when the schools are not playing in concurrent seasons (i.e. middle school plays basketball in fall).

**BYLAW 25 LIMITATION OF SEASON, SWIMMING**

During the 2000 Annual Meeting of the membership, the delegates passed an amendment to Bylaw 25 to start swimming practice on October 15 each year. This amendment has been in the process of getting final regulatory approval since that time. In the meantime, the schools passed an amendment restoring the date to October 1 at the 2001 Annual Meeting due to safety concerns. Due to the safety and preparation implications, and since it is the obvious wishes of the membership to restore the date to October 1 based on the 2001 Annual Meeting vote, the Commissioner’s office will interpret that for the 2001-02 school year, practice can start October 1. We fully anticipate final regulatory approval of the October 1 change very soon so that the Handbook can be revised for October 1 at the 2001 Annual Meeting due to safety concerns. Due to the safety and preparation implications, and since it is the obvious wishes of the membership to restore the date to October 1, practice can start October 1. We fully anticipate final regulatory approval of the October 1 change very soon so that the Handbook can be revised for the 2002-03 printing, however, it will be interpreted as October 1 for this school year.

**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.

**REMAINING SWIMMING CLINIC DATES**

(All start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- 9/19  Lexington, UK Lancaster Aquatic Center
- 10/11  Bowling Green HS

**FALL SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS DUE OCT. 5**

This is a reminder that each school is responsible for forwarding to the KHSAA office a team photograph and identification for requested sports.

The first deadline for team photos is Oct. 5. Pictures are due at that time only for the sports of VOLLEYBALL, BOYS’ SOCCER, GIRLS’ SOCCER and FOOTBALL. 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, or 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 photo is scanned at 300 dpi and is not bitmapped. The file must be 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.

Future deadlines for other sports will be published in issues of the Commissioner’s Notes and the Athlete magazine.

**REGIONAL GOLF SITES AND MANAGERS**

**BOYS**

- Region 1  Drake Creek, Ledbetter  David Pope
- Region 2  Madisonville Country Club  Matt Bell
- Region 3  Barren River State Park, Lucas  John Belcher
- Region 4  Winchester Country Club  Wesley Martin
- Region 5  Campbellsville Golf Course  David Parsons
- Region 6  Iroquois Golf Course, Louisville  Paul Denison
- Region 7  Seneca, Louisville  Marty Donlon
- Region 8  Kenton County, Willows Course  Rick Hornsby
- Region 9  Laurel Oaks, Maysville  Jeff Shulkens
- Region 10  Crooked Creek, London  Bob Tucker
- Region 11  Stonecrest, Prestonburg  Nelson Gullett
- Region 12  The Oaks, Flatwoods  Larry Slone

State Tournament  London Country Club  Oct. 1-3

**GIRLS**

- Region 1  Mayfield Country Club  Lanny Lancaster
- Region 2  Ben Hawes, Owensboro  Jay Fillman
- Region 3  Elizabethtown Country Club  George Lynch
- Region 4  Long Run Golf Course, Louisville  Marty Pollio
- Region 5  Barren River, Lucas  Mike Harris
- Region 6  Henry County Country Club (tent.)  Steve Swank
- Region 7  Picadome Golf Course, Lexington  Lou Brown
- Region 8  London County Club  Susan Cochis
- Region 9  Winchester Country Club  Amber Anderson
- Region 10  River Bend, Ashland  Cindy Caniff

State Tournament  Eagle’s Nest Country Club, Somerset  Oct. 3-5

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NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
The next regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be Thurs., Sept. 20, at the Association Office in Lexington. For an agenda to the meeting, contact the KHSAA.

RESCHEDULED SOCCER CONTESTS
KHSAA policy is that, if participating schools decide to finish a suspended or halted soccer contest, it should be resumed from the point of interruption. The contest should not start anew from the beginning. The policy with regard to dealing with the assignment of officials for these “continued” contests can be found on page 200 of the 2001-2002 KHSAA Handbook under the topic “Severe Weather Policy For Outdoor Sports”.

REVISED TRANSFER FORMS ENCLOSED
Enclosed each school will find 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 this original, or an additional original can be obtained from the KHSAA web site, www.khsaa.org/forms.

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