

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Special thanks go out to all of the voting delegates and other school personnel who were in attendance at the 2004 KHSAA Annual Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. It was probably one of our best ever. The day was very productive starting in the morning with the workshops and concluding with the Voting Session. The meeting evaluations indicated that the information provided in the workshops was timely and beneficial overall to those in attendance.

The Roundtable Discussion and Information Session proved to be one of the highlights of the meeting. Authors of the proposals had ample opportunity to present their rationale which afforded the delegates considerable opportunity to voice their opinions pro or con around each issue. The lively debate on some of the proposals helped stimulate relevant dialogue on a lot of related issues which could ultimately impact the KHSAA constituency. The KHSAA Staff and Board will continue to review current Bylaws and interpretations in response to the feedback received from the membership.

The KHSAA Board of Control at their meeting on January 16, 2004 voted to submit the proposals that were approved by the delegates to the Kentucky Board of Education for their review. The KBE will begin the review process at their next meeting which is set for February 11 & 12, 2004.

As I travel the state and speak with various educational and athletic groups, I look forward to continuing the meaningful and pro-active dialogue begun during the Annual Meeting. It is my hope that we can all work together to continue to fashion the best set of rules and regulations possible that best serves the entire KHSAA membership.

SWEET 16® TICKET INFORMATION

If you haven't already sent in your order for 2004 National City/ KHSAA Boys' and Houchens Industries/ KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament tickets they are available on line at www.khsaa.org/basketball or by calling the Association at (859)299-5472. Anyone interested in a group sales opportunity for either tournament may contact Virginia Wilhite for further information.

OFFICIATING FEES REVIEWED

At the KHSAA Board of Control Meeting on Friday, January 16, 2004, approval was given to raising the regular season base pay for officials in the sports of football and soccer by \$5.00 for the 2004-05 school year.

The Board of Control, rather than address random and unscheduled pay raise issues, additionally adopted a four year rotational schedule for the review of regular season increases in officiating fees. Scheduled to be reviewed for possible base pay increases in the 2005-06 season are volleyball, cross country, track and swimming. Scheduled for review for the 2006-07 season is basketball and wrestling with softball and baseball fees scheduled for the 2007-08 season.

This decision provides for a scheduled sequence of reviews for possible officiating pay increases. This decision has no bearing on the options Regional Policy Boards continue to have regarding regular season supplemental and/or administrative add-ons.

NATIONAL CITY SWEET 16® SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to sponsoring this year's Boys' State Basketball Tournament, National City Bank will be awarding a total of 32 scholarships in the amount of \$500 each - one each to a boy and girl from each of the 16 basketball regions.

The scholarships are open to athletes of all sports. The application form is now posted on the KHSAA website under "Hot News".

Please take advantage of this opportunity. Deadline for applications is March 1, 2004. Winners will be recognized at the State Basketball Tournaments in March.

In addition, National City will be underwriting the cost of the district and region championship trophy in both boys' and girls' basketball. Runner-up and any additional trophies (all-tournament, etc.) will still be paid for from gate receipts as in the past.

If you have any questions about the scholarship program, feel free to e-mail bcope@khsaa.org or call the KHSAA.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Here is a recap of the National Federation's Annual Athletic Director's Conference in Indianapolis:

Commissioner Brigid DeVries joined with those of two other states to present a workshop on Title IX issues. Faye B. Thornton, CMAA, in conjunction with Hugh McReynolds, CAA, presented a workshop on Time Management, Gale Travis, CMAA, and Joe Rogers, CAA presented a workshop on Booster Clubs.

All 50 states plus others from Canada, Guam & Puerto Rico were in attendance at the conference.

Mark your calendar: Kentucky State Athletic Directors' Conference: April 20 – 23, 2004 in Louisville at the Holiday Inn-Downtown.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

If you would like information about joining the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors' Association, please contact Mitchell Irvin: mirvin@oldham.k12.ky.us

2003-04 KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS CALENDAR

Date(s)	Sport	Site	City
Feb. 26-28	Wrestling	Farnham Dudgeon Arena	Frankfort
Feb. 27-28	Swimming	UK Aquatic Center	Lexington
March 17-20	Boys' BK	Rupp Arena	Lexington
March 24-27	Girls' BK	WKU Diddle Arena	Bowling Green
May 14-15	Slow Pitch	TBA	TBA
May 27-29	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing Ctr.	Lexington
June 4-5	Track	UK Shively Track	Owensboro
June 16-19	Baseball	Applebee's Park	Lexington

CONTEST RESULTS REMINDER

This is a reminder that each school, win or lose, home or away is responsible for calling in results in boys' or girls' basketball, **IMMEDIATELY** after each contest to the Riherd's/KHSAA Sports Scoreboards. Results should be phoned in using the toll free number 1-800-715-8388.

Please make sure all of your schedules are current and updated. To double-check, log on to the Association website at www.khsaa.org and click the scoreboard link.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Please remember to keep your school information current on the KHSAA website. To make scheduling, coaching or other administrative changes to your school directory via the KHSAA web site (www.khsaa.org) use the "Member Schools Only" link and your passcode. You can update your school's information at any time.

CHEERLEADING GENERAL RISK MANAGEMENT REMINDER

The 2003-04 National Federation of High Schools Spirit Rule Book contains a new risk management clarification.

Spirit Rules #2 states:

Stunts shall not be performed during a basketball or volleyball game when the ball is in play, including free throws. Spirit participants must not stunt on the court or sideline area during player warm-up if an alternate area is available. If no appropriate alternate area is available, the coach must take reasonable precautions to minimize the risk to participants.

School personnel are reminded to advise cheer squads about this important precautionary and safety measure.

HYPE STUDENT CONFERENCE RECAP

Over 300 students and adults attended the third KHSAA/Hype Student Leadership/ Sportsmanship Conference held on Jan. 14 at The Stadium in Lexington.

Conference breakout sessions included Healthy Lifestyles & Leadership, Teamwork, Getting Involved and Being a Positive Role Model and Attitude, Respect, Sportsmanship.

Kirk Disrude of Maine West HS, IL served as the opening speaker. Stephen Bargatze "The Magic of Stephen" was the featured speaker and closed out the conference with an address to the entire group.

The KHSAA would like to thank its member schools who supported the program by sending representatives as well as First Corbin Financial Corporation and The Stadium for support.

BASKETBALL TEAM PHOTOS DUE FEB. 9

The deadline for boys' and girls' basketball team photos and identifications is Mon., Feb. 9.

Failure to submit the photos **WILL** result in a fine assessed to the school.

Photos may now be sent via the KHSAA website. By going to the "Members Schools Only" link, click on "Upload Your Team Pictures" and follow the prompts. For additional information contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA.

The direct link is:

http://khsaa.12dt.com/pic_upload

Please remember that photos **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 mmitchell@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.

BOYS' & GIRLS' STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS DRAW

The draw for the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments will be held Friday, Feb. 6 at the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington. The draw will be aired live by KYT as a part of its *Afternoon* news program beginning at 12:30 p.m. (ET). WKYT-TV will provide a live satellite feed of the draws for outlets across the state. Satellite information will be released once finalized.

REMAINING RULES CLINICS 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.

BASEBALL

- 1/17 Louisville, (w/KBCA Conference), 11:00 a.m.
- 1/28 Florence, Boone Co. HS, 7:30 p.m.
- 1/31 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 9:00 a.m.
- 2/4 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/7 Bowling Green HS, 9:00 a.m.
- 2/8 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 4:30 p.m.
- 2/15 Elizabethtown HS, 4:30 p.m.
- 2/22 London, North Laurel HS, 4:30 p.m.
- 4/7 Make-Up Clinic (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- 1/28 Florence, Boone Co. HS, 6:00 p.m.
- 1/31 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 10:30 a.m.
- 2/4 Louisville, Christian Academy, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/7 Frankfort, (w/KSCA Conference)
Location is TBA, 1:00 p.m.
- 2/8 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 2/9 Bowling Green HS, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/11 Bardstown HS, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/22 London, North Laurel HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 4/14 Make-Up Clinic (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

TRACK

- 2/7 Bowling Green HS, 10:30 a.m.
- 2/8 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 6:00 p.m.
- 2/15 Elizabethtown HS, 6:00 p.m.
- 2/18 Louisville, Male HS, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/22 London, North Laurel HS, 6:00 p.m.
- 2/25 Covington Catholic HS, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/29 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 4/7 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS, 7:00 p.m.
- 4/21 Make-Up Clinic (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

NEW PUBLICATION RELEASED FOR SPORTS PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCERS

"THE VOICE ABOVE THE CROWD" is a comprehensive instructional manual about sports public-address announcing that has just been released. It is intended for active sports public-address announcers, individuals who are interested in becoming sports public address announcers, and the individuals who are responsible for hiring and assigning sports public address announcers. The purpose of "THE VOICE ABOVE THE CROWD" is to improve the level of professionalism of sports public-address announcing and to promote national uniformity.

"THE VOICE ABOVE THE CROWD" addresses the major aspects of a sports public-address announcer's duties and responsibilities. Checklists and sample scripts, as well as examples of proper and improper announcing are included. Basic information for 14 sports that sports public-address announcers need to know, along with the spotters' duties, are also covered.

Accompanying "THE VOICE ABOVE THE CROWD" is a 34-minute CD featuring Bob Davis, the voice of the University of Kansas Jayhawks and the Kansas City Royals. Davis covers key areas of sports public-address announcing and demonstrates the right way to make various types of announcements, including those of an emergency nature. The first step is to read the manual and then listen to the CD in order to enhance learning. The CD is the perfect companion piece for "THE VOICE ABOVE THE CROWD," which is why they are sold as a package for \$25 shipping and handling included.

"THE VOICE ABOVE THE CROWD" was written by Brad Rumble, former assistant director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, in cooperation with various state high school association communications directors and individuals with expertise in sports public-address announcing and sports administration. To order or for information concerning the newly created professional organization, National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers, contact the KHSAA.