

Commissioner's Notes

December 2004

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



The KHSAA Fall Championships are over and make up a new chapter of sports history in the high school record books. Each member of our staff has truly enjoyed the opportunity to conduct these championships and interact with the many state event workers, fans, teams, coaches, officials, and other

support personnel that help to make our state events fun and successful for the participants.

As we move into December we recognize that the year 2004 is rapidly coming to a close and look forward to the upcoming Holiday Season. The New Year is fast approaching and with it the winter sports of wrestling swimming and basketball will kick into high gear.

Happy Holidays to each of you, your families and everyone in your school community.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING UPDATE

The KHSAA Board of Control met on November 17-18, 2004 and the following are highlights of the meeting.

- **Revised soccer post season dates.** Beginning with the 2005 season, the postseason playoffs will include a week for sub-section and sectional tournament play. Previously these rounds were held in the same week as the regional tournament and just prior to the State level.
Important Soccer Dates for 2005 include:
First Practice Date: July 15
First Contest Date: Aug. 15
District Tournaments: Oct. 10-15
Regional Tournaments: Oct. 17-22
Sub-Section contests: Oct. 24-25
Section contests: Oct. 26-27
State Semifinals: Nov. 2-3
State Championships: Nov. 5
- **Soccer Mercy Rule.** Beginning with the 2005 season, the Board approved the following mercy rule for soccer contests:
If a school has a lead of nine or more goals at halftime, that contest shall be terminated at the end of the first half. If a lead of nine has not been established in the first half, then the match shall terminate at the point in the second half when a lead of nine is established.

- **Soccer Championship Sites.** The Board approved Rawlings Stadium and Georgetown College as the site and host for the 2005-08 Boys' and Girls' State Soccer Championships. Rawlings Stadium is home to the Georgetown College Tigers and the pre-season training camp for the Cincinnati Bengals and has hosted the state soccer championships the last six years.
- **Golf Championship Sites** The Board also approved the sites for the 2005 Leachman Buick GMC/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' State Golf Championships. The girls' event will be held Oct. 3-5 at Rolling Hills Country Club in Paducah and the boys' event will be held Oct. 5-7 at the Paducah Country Club. This will be the second time Paducah has hosted a KHSAA State Championship. The KHSAA State Baseball Finals were played at Brooks Stadium in 1998.
- **Baseball & Football Championship Sites.** The Board has authorized the Commissioner to negotiate extensions to its contracts with Applebee's Park to host the Fifth Third/KHSAA State Baseball Finals through 2008 and Papa John's Cardinal Stadium to host the State Football Championships through 2008.
- **Basketball Alignment.** The Board approved a new alignment in basketball effective for the 2005-06 school years.

HYPE CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual HYPE Conference will be held Wed., Jan. 12, 2005 at "The Stadium", off Reynolds Rd., in Lexington.

Please remember all registration forms must be in by January 10 and registration is on a first come first served basis. There is a ten student per school limit.

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

The Annual Meeting is scheduled on January 13, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. The meeting will begin with registration starting at 7:15 a.m. with workshops at 8:30 a.m. The voting session will be at approximately 1:45 p.m. The complete schedule will be mailed with the January Commissioner's Notes.

Please review your school information in the KHSAA Handbook to insure the proper voting delegate is designated

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

It's not too late! You can still register for and attend the NFHS Athletic Directors' Conference in New Orleans December 11 – 15. Contact clord@nfhs.org

If you are interested in attending the KHSADA Winter Leadership Institute on January 12 (evening prior to the Delegate Assembly), please contact ftornto@bourbon.k12.ky.us

Courses to be offered are:

LTC503: Athletic Administration – Citizenship through Sport and Fine Arts

LTC506: Athletic Administration – Legal Issues II: ADA, Title IX, Personnel, etc.

LTC514: Athletic Administration – Dealing With Challenging Personalities

Cost of a course is \$80 and the courses will be held at the KHSAA offices from 5 – 9 p.m. (light snack included).

SANCTIONS FOR CONTESTS WITH OUT-OF-STATE TEAMS

When Kentucky member schools are participating in contests involving out of state teams, the host school from that state is responsible for completing the sanction form through the applicable state association. However, each Kentucky school participating must verify with either the KHSAA or the inviting school that a sanction has been approved. A Kentucky school may not participate in an event out of state for which sanctioning is required but has not been completed. A complete review of the sanctioning requirement is contained in Case Situations BL23-1 and BL23-2 on page 32 of the 2004-2005 Handbook.

KHSAA member schools hosting an event, that require an NFHS sanction, are to complete the NFHS 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** with the appropriate form. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Federation Office.

A sanction form is not required if all participating schools are from bordering states of Kentucky. **Please note**, however, that Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out-of-state tournament. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email mmitchell@khsaa.org.

2004-05 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

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| Feb. 18-19 | Swimming | UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington |
| Feb. 24-26 | Wrestling | Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort |
| March 16-19 | National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball | Rupp Arena, Lexington |
| March 23-26 | Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Basketball | WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green |
| May 13-14 | Slow Pitch Softball | RiverShore Complex, Hebron, KY |
| May 26-28 | Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis | UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington |
| June 3-4 | Boys' & Girls' Track | UK Shively Track, Lexington |
| June 10-11 | Fast Pitch Softball | Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro |
| June 15-18 | Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball | Applebee's Park, Lexington |

REPORTING OF SCORES AND SCHEDULE ENTRY

We ask that member school personnel review your basketball (boys and girls), schedules to make sure any game updates have been added. Schedules are to be entered on the KHSAA website through the "Member School Only" link. If you need further assistance contact the Association.

Please remember to call in the scores of contests to the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard **immediately** following each contest. The number is **1-800-715-8388** and is toll free.

While it is a Board policy that the membership cooperates with the data collection on the scoreboard, it has been proven by the membership time and again that they desire to voluntarily comply with this project.

The KHSAA Staff is available to answer questions regarding tournament counting.