FROM THE COMMISSIONER’S DESK

It’s hard to believe it’s already May and the school year will soon be coming to a close. KHSAA Staff are gearing up for five consecutive weeks of spring sports championships.

Good luck with end of school and graduation activities. This is an exciting time when you send off another class of seniors on to the next phase of their lives.

Feel free to contact the KHSAA office or visit the website for spring sports details. I hope to see you at any or all of our upcoming state events!

KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERSHIP

With the exception of Proposal 21, the Kentucky Board of Education has approved the proposals passed at the Annual Meeting and recommended their approval through the final stages of the LRC Regulation Review process as required. Proposal 21 was remanded back to the Board of Control following pointed input from several constituent groups and as each school has been notified, this issue was later postponed by the Board. The other items will be in place for the 2005-2006 school year unless something unforeseen arises during the regulatory consideration.

One of the critical changes approved at the January, 2005 Assembly dealt with KHSAA contest opponents. By virtue of these changes, schools may only play schools who are members of a state association in contests. It is critical that you check prior to finalizing a contract with an opponent. Any school who has problems with this Constitution and Bylaw change due to a contractual obligation for an agreement signed prior to the vote, should contact the Commissioner for assistance with resolution, if a mutual agreement cannot be reached with the opponent.

Further details on the specific changes, particularly those dealing with Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons, will be forthcoming from the Commissioner’s office to those schools who sponsor an effected sport.

CONGRATULATIONS LETCHER COUNTY CENTRAL, THANKS TO FLEMING-NEON, LETCHER AND WHITESBURG

Three of the KHSAA’s oldest member schools are consolidating for the 2005-2006 school year, and the Association Board of Control and staff would like to thank them for their loyalty and service.

Fleming-Neon High School, who joined in 1927; Letcher High School, who also joined in 1927; and Whitesburg High School, who joined in 1923 will consolidate into Letcher County Central next year.

While the first few months will see the school operate primarily out of the old Whitesburg building, the new facility should be complete and open by late fall. We congratulate the Letcher County Board of Education on the new opening, and sincerely thank the thousands of individuals at Fleming-Neon, Letcher and Whitesburg for their support.

ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS DEADLINE

All proposals for the Annual Meeting of the Delegates must be submitted by the September 10 deadline to be presented at the Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting of Member Schools October 20, 2005 at the Lexington Center.

Proposals should be addressed to the attention of Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner. Prior to the meeting, proposals submitted will be posted on the KHSAA website as well as mailed to each member school’s delegate.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROSTER ENTRY

Member schools now have the ability to enter baseball and softball rosters through the “Members Only” page on the KHSAA website, under the pull down option: Stats/Schedule/Roster/Info Entry/Edit Options. This should be done PRIOR to the district tournaments.

REPORTING OF SCORES

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. Scoreboards are maintained in the spring for the sports of baseball and fast pitch softball.
BYLAW 25 “LIMITATION OF SEASONS” REMINDER AND CLARIFICATION
At the request of school personnel at KHSAA member schools, the Commissioner and staff have reviewed several inquiries regarding permissible activities during the school year based on the currently adopted rules. Following this review, the following list is attached to serve as a guide for member school representatives.

The following things CANNOT happen during the school year but prior to the first day of practice and the school still be in compliance with Bylaw 25:
A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group (including parents) paying the entry fee for a team into a league or tournament where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;
A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group (including parents) paying other necessary fees including umpire payment and game or facility management where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;
A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group (including parents) providing or funding transportation for team members to go to games, or tournaments where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;
The wearing of school issued or school identifying apparel, including sleeves, jerseys, pants, catching gear or hats by players who have represented the school during the previous or any season during games or tournaments;
The use of the school facility for organized competition at which its students are participants and for which no rental/lease arrangement exists using comparable regional fair market values for use of the facility where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;
The use of the school baseball facility for organized competition at which its students are participants and at which members of the high school coaching staff are involved in coaching, facility management and preparation, or umpiring where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;
The use of the school nickname or school name on non-school issued apparel during this time;
Any involvement by the coaching staff in making game-like preparations for the school facility including but not limited to, baseline marking, outfield line marking, batter’s box marking, maintenance of the mound and base cut-outs; or the use of school facilities and/or equipment for such setup. This does not preclude the coaching staff or others participating in non-sports specific off-season turf and facility maintenance.

Please note: These also apply to the dead period.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER
The change of venue for the State Athletic Director Conference to the Clarion was a great move! The new hotel provided room to grow and plenty of room for conference functions. If you missed it, mark your calendar now for the 2006 conference for the week after the Derby next year, May 10-12.
If you are interested in taking Leadership Training Program courses this summer, log on to www.niaaa.org and click the LTP icon for a Leadership Institute in Indianapolis July 26-28.

Twenty Athletic Directors completed three different Leadership Training Program courses at the state conference. Remember, these courses are approved for EILA credit for administrators.

NAME CHANGE FOR PULASKI SOUTHWESTERN
The KHSAA has been notified by administration for a school name change. Please note that Pulaski Southwestern High School shall now be officially referenced as Southwestern High School.

SCHOOLS REMINDED OF CRITICAL NEED TO UPDATE INFORMATION
At this time of year, administrators and coaches are changing schools, retiring, moving to other careers, etc. This is a critical time for the KHSAA to keep its information up to date about your school.

If you are leaving your school, please take the time to update your information one last time by going through the Members Only Link on the KHSAA web site to update the information as of now.
The link is: (http://www.khsaa.org/memberschoolpage.html)

Much effort has been expended by staff and the member schools over the last year in making sure of the accuracy of the information, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you need password assistance, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA (mmitchell@khsaa.org).
CLARIFICATION ON PERMISSIBLE GEAR DURING SUMMER FOOTBALL PRACTICE
Case BL25-18- What equipment can be worn and what restrictions are in place for football practice during the summer.

From the period that begins the day following the last date of school or June 1, whichever is earlier, through June 24, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

· From June 25 to July 9, no gear may be issued by a school directly to a player from that school, and the full provisions of the dead period (Bylaw 26) must be observed.

· From July 10 to July 14, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

· Member school players and teams may participate in unlimited non-contact simulations / passing leagues / pass skeleton drills during the period between June 1 and July 14 (exclusive of the dead period as described in Bylaw 26) as play is not regulated in KHSAA sports at this time. However, schools should note that there are no insurance provisions in place at this time.

· From July 15 through the last day of non-contact practice out of pads, a player may wear a helmet and shoulder pads during any football specific drill or practice that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

· In addition, it was specified that it should be recommended that both the helmet and shoulder pads be worn during the July 15 to first date of contact period in order to acclimate the player to the heat and the changes in body temperature brought on by additional pads and equipment.

· Beginning with the first legal date of contact practice, all other pads can be worn as defined in Rule 1-5.

· With the exception of the Dead Period, nothing about this interpretation prevents a school from allowing equipment to be issued to students for them to attend individual camps at other sites.

· Any activity in the summer prior to July 15 or any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), renders all insurance provisions null and void and places the member school, its coach and all of its players at risk for litigation and other problems.

· Nothing about any of the interpretations prevents smaller group learning experiences, individual camp attendance (outside of the dead period), team camp attendance (within the contact window and subject to the scrimmage limitations).

2004-05 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS
May 21 Slow Pitch Softball RiverShore Complex, Hebron
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
The NCAA initial-eligibility rules have changed. If you plan to enroll in any Division I or Division II college or university in fall 2005 or after, please read this information carefully.

For students entering any college or university on or after August 1, 2005, your NCAA initial eligibility will be evaluated under the new rules as described on this sheet.

For students entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008, your NCAA initial eligibility will be evaluated under the 16 core-course rule as described on this sheet.

**THE NEW RULE:**
- **INCREASES** the number of core courses from 13 to **14**. This additional core course may be in any area: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy. The breakdown of core-course requirements is listed below.
- **CHANGES** the Division I initial-eligibility index, or sliding scale. See the reverse side for the Core GPA/test score sliding-scale index.
- The 16 core-course rule INCREASES the number of core courses from **14** to **16** for Division I only. Students must complete **three** years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher), and **four** years of additional core courses. The additional core course may be taken in any area: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy. The breakdown of the requirements is listed below.

**DIVISION I**

**2005-2007**

**14 Core Courses:**
- 4 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

**DIVISION I**

**16 CORE-COURSE RULE 2008 and after**

**16 Core Courses:**
- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

**DIVISION II**

**2005 and after**

**14 Core Courses:**
- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Computer science is being **eliminated** as an acceptable core-course area for students first entering any college or university on or after August 1, 2005. Students entering college on or after August 1, 2005, may not use any computer science courses in meeting the core-course requirements, unless the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science, and is listed as such on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.
OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- In Division II, there is no sliding scale. The minimum core grade-point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.
- Students first entering a Division I or Division II collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005, must meet the new 14 core-course rule.
- Students first entering a Division I collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2008, must meet the 16 core-course rule.
- State tests, such as those given in Colorado and Illinois, are not acceptable.

For more information regarding the new rule, please go to www.ncaa.org. Click on “Student-athletes and Parents” in the “Custom Home Pages” section. You may also visit the clearinghouse Web site at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY, PLEASE CALL THE NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE TOLL-FREE AT 877/262-1492. YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE NCAA AT 317/917-6222.

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2005-06 KHSAA RULES CLINICS
(As of May 2, 2005)

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). Officials who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contest. Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest.

For 2005-06, approved KHSAA rules clinic sites and dates. ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

BASEBALL
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
1/14 Louisville, Holiday Inn, Fern Valley
1/25 Florence, Boone Co. HS
1/29 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 5:00 p.m.
2/4 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 9:00 a.m.
2/8 Lexington, Bates Creek HS
2/12 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS, 3:00 p.m.
4/12 Makeup Clinic ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
10/10 Paris, Bourbon Co. HS
10/11 Newport HS
10/12 London, South Laurel HS
10/13 Grayson, East Carter HS
10/17 Louisville, TBA
10/18 Bardstown, Nelson Co. HS
10/19 Eastern, Allen Central HS
11/7 Owensboro, Apollo HS
11/8 Eddyville, Lyon Co. HS
11/9 Bowling Green HS
12/14 Make-Up Clinic ($75 fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
7/21 Somerset, Pulaski Co. HS
7/27 Covington Catholic HS
7/28 Ashland, Boyd Co. HS
7/27 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS
7/28 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
7/31 Bowling Green HS, 5:00 p.m.
8/8 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS
8/16 Lexington, Bates Creek HS
9/14 Makeup Clinic ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
7/26 Louisville, TBA
8/2 Louisville, TBA
8/6 Louisville (Play Day), TBA

FOOTBALL
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
6/23 Danville, Centre College, w/ KFCA (registered only), 6:30 p.m.
7/31 Bowling Green HS, 3:00 p.m.
8/2 London, North Laurel HS
8/3 Newport, HS
8/4 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
8/9 Mayfield, Boyd Co. HS
8/10 Lexington, Bates Creek HS
8/11 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS, 3:00 p.m.
8/14 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 3:00 p.m.
9/21 Makeup Clinic ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

GOLF
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
7/13 Owensboro, Daviess Co. HS
7/20 London, South Laurel HS
7/21 Florence, Boone Co. HS
7/27 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS
7/28 Lexington, KHSAA Office
8/16 Bowling Green HS
8/17 Murray HS
8/18 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
9/13 Make-Up Clinic ($75 Fine), Lexington, KHSAA Office

VOLLEYBALL
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
7/25 Lexington, KHSAA Office
7/26 Louisville, Fern Creek HS
7/27 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 2:00 p.m.
8/8 Bowling Green HS
8/9 Owensboro, Daviess Co. HS
8/10 Covington, Scott HS
8/11 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS
8/14 Bardstown HS, 3:00 p.m.
9/21 Make-Up Clinic ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office

SOCCER
(All times are 6:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
1/21 Danville, W/KSCA Conference, Site TBA, 1:00 p.m.
1/22 London, North Laurel HS, 3:00 p.m.
1/23 Florence, Boone Co. HS
1/25 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS
1/29 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 3:00 p.m.
1/30 Bowling Green HS
2/4 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 11:00 a.m.
2/6 Bardstown HS
2/8 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
4/12 Make-Up ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

SWIMMING
(All times are 6 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
8/30 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS, TBA
9/17 Madisonville, Madisonville-North Hopkins HS, 9:00 a.m.
9/17 Bowling Green HS, 4:00 p.m.
9/19 Covington, Scott HS
9/21 Louisville, St. Xavier HS
11/15 Make-Up ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

TRACK
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
1/23 Somerset, Pulaski Co. HS
1/24 Louisville, Christian Academy
1/29 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS
2/1 Bowling Green HS
2/2 Covington Catholic HS
2/12 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS, 5:00 p.m.
2/22 Lexington, Bates Creek HS
3/5 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 3:00 p.m.
4/11 Makeup Clinic ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office

AN ADDITIONAL TRACK CLINIC MAY BE ADDED TO COINCIDE WITH THE KTCCCA STATE CONFERENCE.

SOFTBALL
(All times are 6:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
8/10 Elizabethtown, HS
8/11 Princeton, Caldwell Co. HS
9/8 Make-Up ($75 Fine) Louisville, KHSAA Office

WRESTLING
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
10/5 Hebron, Conner HS
10/6 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
10/9 Princeton, Caldwell Co. HS, 3:00 p.m.
10/10 Lexington, KHSAA
10/12 Makeup Clinic ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.