FROM THE COMMISSIONER’S DESK

It’s October and the beginning of the Fall Championship season. The state Golf Tournaments are under way at Bowling Green Country Club (girls) and Indian Hills Country Club (boys) in Bowling Green.

It was a pleasure to get together with many of you at our Regional Meetings held recently around the state. We look forward to any opportunity we have to visit with school personnel and discuss KHSAA programs, procedures, and regulations.

Kentucky was proud to have been the host state for the National Federation Section 2 Meeting that was held in Louisville September 26-28. State Association representatives attended from all states in the section which include Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. It was a productive meeting with discussion on topics that impact everyone in the Association and education business.

Enclosed for your review are the 2005 Annual Meeting proposals submitted by the membership. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2005.

As always I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

BYLAW 6 AND 9 REMINDER

Student athletes applying for eligibility, including those applying for eligibility in Bylaw 6, are reminded that they cannot try out, practice or participate in competition until being ruled on by the Commissioner’s office. Any athlete not eligible to play may not practice per Bylaw 9.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

This is a reminder for schools advancing to state tournament play that school credential requests are required PRIOR to the event. Form SI 103 is available on the KHSAA website in the forms menu or 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.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

Sunday, October 31 the KHSADA will offer three Leadership Training Program courses from 4-8 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel, Hurstbourne Lane, Louisville.

If you are interested in registering for a course, please contact fthornto@bourbon.k12.ky.us

Sunday, October 31, 2004 – Clarion – Louisville, KY – 4–8 p.m.
LTC504 – Legal Issues I – Risk Management
LTC503 – Citizenship through Sport and Fine Arts
LTC502 – Principals, Strategies & Methods

Wednesday, January 12, 2005 – KHSAA Office – Lexington, KY 5–9 p.m.
LTC506 – Legal Issues II – ADA, Employment, Title IX & Sexual Harassment
LTC514 – Dealing With Challenging Personalities
LTC508 – Management Strategies & Organizational Techniques

For more information or if you wish to join the KHSADA, please contact mirvin@oldham.k12.ky.us

SANCTIONS FOR OUT OF STATE CONTESTS

When Kentucky member schools are participating in out-of-state contests, 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.

KHSAA member schools hosting an event 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 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.

BASKETBALL ALIGNMENT REMINDER

The basketball re-alignment draft has been sent to member schools for review and input. The deadline to submit the response form to the KHSAA is October 15, 2004.
INSIGHT/KHSAA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE CERTIFICATE REQUESTS
Request forms for Insight/KHSAA Academic All-State certificates have been emailed to each member school Athletic Director. Please return the request form to Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA. Additional copies are available, should you run out of certificates, by contacting Ms. Mitchell.

2004-05 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS
Oct. 4-6  Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Girls' Golf  Bowling Green Girls' Golf
Oct. 6-8  Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Boys' Golf  Indian Hills Golf Course, Bowling Green Boys' Golf
Oct. 29-30  Girls' Volleyball  Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort Girls' Volleyball
Nov. 3-4, 6  Boys' & Girls' Soccer  Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown Boys' & Girls' Soccer
Nov. 13  Boys' & Girls' Cross Country  Ky. Horse Park, Lexington Boys' & Girls' Cross Country
Dec. 3-4  Football  Papa John’s Cardinal Stadium, Louisville Football
Feb. 18-19  Swimming  UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington Swimming
Feb. 24-26  Wrestling  Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort Wrestling
March 16-19  National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball  Rupp Arena, Lexington Boys' Basketball
March 23-26  Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Basketball  WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green Girls' Basketball
May 13-14  Slow Pitch Softball  RiverShore Complex, Hebron, KY Slow Pitch Softball
May 26-28  Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis  UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington Boys' & Girls' Tennis
June 3-4  Boys' & Girls' Track  UK Shively Track, Lexington Boys' & Girls' Track
June 10-11  Fast Pitch Softball  Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro Fast Pitch Softball

REPORTING OF SCORES
Please remember to call in the scores of contests to the KHSAA/Riherd’s Scoreboard following each contest. The number is 1-800-715-8388 and is toll free. Scoreboards are maintained in the fall sports of Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer and Football. If you have results from any fall sport, superlative performance or other note of news, you may submit that via e-mail to bcope@khsaa.org for inclusion.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ENTRY
We ask that member school personnel review your basketball 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. Revisions should be made no later than Oct. 10.

FALL SPORTS PHOTOS DUE
Team photos in the sports of volleyball, football, boys' soccer and girls' soccer were due to the Association by October 1.

The photo MUST BE AN ORIGINAL. Faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer printouts ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

You may go to the “Members Only” page on the KHSAA website and use the “Upload Photo” feature.

If the photo is available digitally, please email that copy to mmitchell@khsaa.org rather than sending a printout. The photo must have been scanned at a minimum DPI of 300 and is not bitmapped. The file should be sent as an attachment and saved with a file extension of .jpg, .gif, or .tif. Failure to submit the photo may result in a fine as permitted by KHSAA Bylaw 33.

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

2004-05 KHSAA WINTER RULES CLINICS
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). Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest.

ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

BASKETBALL
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
10/11  Bardstown, Nelson Co. HS
10/12  Eastern, Allen Central HS
10/13  London, South Laurel HS
10/14  Grayson, East Carter HS
10/21  Louisville, Fern Creek HS
10/25  Paris, Bourbon Co. HS
10/26  Newport HS
11/3  Bowling Green HS
11/4  Eddyville, Lyon Co. HS
11/8  Owensboro, Apollo HS
12/15  Make-Up ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

WRESTLING
(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)
10/13  Louisville, Christian Academy HS
10/17  Princeton, Caldwell Co. HS, 3 p.m.
10/20  Hebron, Conner HS
10/24  Lexington, KHSAA Office, 3 p.m.
11/8  Make-Up ($75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.