

Commissioner's Notes

September 2004

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



September is a busy month and I, along with the rest of the KHSAA Staff, am looking forward to visiting with many of you as we begin our Regional Meetings in September. We look forward to sharing information on KHSAA sports activities, as well as the opportunity to answer questions you may have regarding Association

regulations.

The following are the dates and locations for the meetings:

September 9	1:30 ET	Perry Co. Central HS
September 14	1:30 ET	Pulaski County HS
September 15	12:00 ET	Golden Corral, Cov.
September 21	1:00 CT	Bowling Green HS
September 23	1:30 ET	KHSAA Office, Lex.

BOC APPROVES ALIGNMENT DRAFT

The KHSAA Board of Control has approved sending a basketball re-alignment draft to the membership for review and input. A response form is included for your convenience. Feel free to respond with suggestions, or offer commentary regarding realignment in general, or that is specific to your school, district or region.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING DATES

Please note that **September 10, 2004** is the date Annual Meeting proposals are due to the KHSAA office.

The Board of Control approved **January 13, 2005** as the date for this year's Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting for the 2005-06 school year will be scheduled for October, 2005. The exact date will be determined later upon confirmation of the site.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE ENTRY

We ask that member school personnel review your basketball schedules entered to make sure any game updates made over the summer have been added. Schedules to date are to be entered on the KHSAA website through the "Member School Only" link. Revisions should be made by Oct. 10.

GOLF TITLE SPONSOR NAMED

Leachman Buick/GMC of Bowling Green has agreed to serve as title sponsor of the 2004 KHSAA State Golf Championships. The girls' tournament will be played Oct. 5-6 at the Bowling Green Country Club and the boys' tournament will be played Oct. 7-8 at Indian Hills Country Club in Bowling Green.

"Leachman Buick/GMC supporting our State Golf Championships again shows that the Bowling Green/Warren County community continues to be a great supporter of KHSAA events," Commissioner Brigid DeVries said. "We are extremely pleased for their sponsorship of our State Golf Championships."

This is the first time in the history of the Association that a title sponsor has been secured for the State Golf Championships. It is only the seventh such title sponsorship for a KHSAA event. Currently Houchens Industries serves as title sponsor for the Girls' State Basketball Tournament also held in Bowling Green.

"Our sponsorship of the KHSAA Girls' and Boys' State High School Golf Tournaments is actually an outgrowth of programs we've had for years," said Leachman Buick/GMC General Manager David Jagers. "We've long supported school programs including Western Kentucky University's athletics, and youth leagues in most sports. This is a great way to help provide some nice facilities for the state tournaments, and to support high school athletes all across the state."

"I think you are seeing corporations continue to recognize the value of high school athletics and the grass-roots level of marketing it provides. I hope we will continue to announce beneficial sponsorships in conjunction with each of our sports programs," DeVries concluded.

The Leachman package includes title sponsorship as well as sponsoring one \$500 scholarship to be awarded to one girl and one boy golfer in each event.

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULING

Please check the "Member Schools Only" page to ensure that all of your schools fall schedules are as up to date as possible or make any needed changes.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

On Sunday afternoon/evening, October 31, the KHSADA will offer an LTP course in Louisville prior to the Board of Directors' meeting on Monday. Plans are not yet finalized as to which course will be offered, so if you wish to take a specific one, please e-mail Faye Thornton at ftThornto@bourbon.k12.ky.us and let her know of your interest.

The KHSADA is attempting to establish a "mini" Leadership Institute in January on the night prior to the Delegate Assembly in Lexington. Please be thinking of courses you'd like offered there and communicate with Mrs. Thornton. "The KHSAA Staff were so gracious in letting us set up one day prior to the AD Orientation and have agreed to let us use the KHSAA facilities for the January course(s), as well."

If you are a new AD or wish to join the KHSADA, please contact Mitchell Irvin (mirvin@oldham.k12.ky.us)

SANCTIONS FOR OUT OF STATE CONTESTS

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.

When Kentucky member schools are participating in out-of-state contests, the host school from out-of-state is responsible for completing the sanction form through the applicable state association.

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 event. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email mmitchell@khsaa.org.

REPORTING OF SCORES

This is a reminder 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 in the KHSAA weekly news release.

CONTEST DATE CORRECTIONS

Bylaw 25 states that the first date for a volleyball contest is in Week 6, so the 2005 date as published in the Events Calendar of August 15 is incorrect and should be August 8. The first soccer and cross country contest date in Week 7, is August 15, not the published date of August 22.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES ON LINE

As always, the Commissioner's Notes are available on line for the convenience of school personnel to forward to coaches and other related entities, and are also to be mailed electronically for ease of distribution.

FALL SPORTS PHOTOS DUE

Team photos in the sports of volleyball, football, boys' soccer and girls' soccer are 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. You may also e-mail the photo provided it has 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.

GOGIRLGO! GRANT PROGRAM

The GoGirlGo! Grant and Education Program is dedicated to the development and funding of girls' sports/physical activity programs that combine athletic instruction and programming with the delivery of educational information aimed at reducing risk behaviors.

To be eligible for grants through the program, organizations, agencies and schools must agree to participate in the GoGirlGo! Educational curriculum. The curriculum is available free of charge from the Women's Sports Foundation. Applicants must have non profit status and possess the demonstrated activity programming to girls in third to eighth grade.

The deadline for applying for grants is November 30, 2004. Contact Cynthia Doyle at the National Federation office for more details.

COACHES CARDS

Athletic Directors please take note that the deadline for obtaining coaches cards from the KHSCA is December 15. For further information contact Jimmie Reed (502)349-3050.