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# Commissioner's Notes

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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



The road to the Boys' and Girls' State Basketball Tournaments has begun. WKYT was the host for the Houchens/KHSAA Girls' and National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen Tournament Draw Show held Friday, February 3, 2006 at 1:00p.m. The state tournament draws are set and signal the

prelude to high school March Madness in Kentucky which is one of the most fun times of the year. Tickets to these two events are still available through the KHSAA until February 24, 2006 and after that through the box office at Rupp Arena and E.A. Diddle Arena.

The Boys' and Girls' State Swimming and Diving Meet is coming up at the Lancaster Aquatic Center on February 17-18. That same weekend the State Wrestling Championships are set for February 16-18 at the Frankfort Convention Complex.

Here's hoping you will come out and support our student athletes at these exciting events.

The KHSAA Public and Non-Public School Task Force will meet later this month to continue dialogue on compromise solutions regarding proposed changes to KHSAA rules and regulations.

I hope to see you at one or more of the upcoming post-season championships'.

## NATIONAL CITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

National City Bank will be awarding a total of 32 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 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 posted on the KHSAA website under "Hot News". Deadline for applications is Feb. 24, 2006. Winners will be recognized at the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA State Basketball Tournament on March 18.

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

## PRIME DATE/PRIME TIME 2006 – 2007 BASKETBALL SEASON

Beginning in school year 2006-07, girls basketball teams must annually schedule at least 40 percent of their home basketball contests on prime dates (Friday night, Saturday or Sunday).

If schools schedule boy/girl double-headers, then girl's basketball starting game times must be the second scheduled game of the double-header as follows:

- One Double-Header (Optional As To Which Team Plays Second)
- Two Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Once)
- Three Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Once)
- Four Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Twice)
- Five Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Twice)
- Six Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Three Times)
- Seven Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Three Times)
- Eight Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Four Times)
- Nine Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Four Times)
- Ten Double-Headers (Girls Game Must Be Played Second At Least Five Times)

## DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME

Thirteen former high school coaches, athletes, officials and/or administrators make up the 19th class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The class of 2006 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at the Lexington Center. Tickets to the event may be purchased by contacting the KHSAA.

The 2006 class is as follows: Earl Adkins, Richard Bedwell, Tom Hammond, Stan Hardin, James Holman, Joan Johnston, Charles Joseph, Rick Kestner, Carole Liedtke, George Lusby, Jimmie Reed, Kenny Rollins and Tom Steltenkamp.

## ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

The Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association is pleased to announce that S. Gale Travis, Certified Master Athletic Administrator, is the recipient of the 2005 KHSADA-NIAAA State Award of Merit. This award is presented on an annual basis to an NIAAA member in each state in recognition of meritorious service, leadership and special contributions to interscholastic athletics at the local and state level.

Travis' primary contributions to the KHSADA and the NIAAA have been through the organization's Leadership Training Program and Coaching Education Program where she has taught numerous classes. She has completed over 20 Leadership Training Courses and is a very active ASEP Coaching Education Instructor. Gale has also made presentations at the NIAAA National Conferences and was recently added to the NIAAA Leadership Training Faculty.

Gale currently serves as the Athletic Director at Madisonville North Hopkins High School. She also is the Secretary of the KHSADA and is a member of the KHSAA Track and Cross County Advisory Committee.

Mrs. Travis has been employed at Madisonville North Hopkins since 1978. She and her husband, Mike, have been married for 30 years.

## FINE FOR EJECTED COACHES

At the July 11-12, 2005 meeting, the KHSAA Board of Control endorsed the Commissioner's office assessing the published Bylaw 33 fine provisions (\$50 per occurrence) to each member school upon the ejection of a coach or official adult representative (grades 9-12) for unsportsmanlike conduct at any KHSAA contest.

This fine was originally approved in 1994, but the Board removed staff discretion on the item beginning this school year due to several incidents in the past year.

## COUNTING BASKETBALL GAMES

It is critically important that no team violate KHSAA Bylaw 25, "Limitation of Seasons". As we get close to the end of the basketball season, we strongly encourage a mutual discussion among teams at the district tournament meeting, as it relates to any possible or potential problems that could conceivably exist. Let's all work together to see that no team plays too many regular season contests and that all student athletes are able to participate in the postseason.

## 2006-07 GOLF SEASON

The legal starting date for the first regular season golf match is Monday, July 31, 2006. July 15 remains the first legal practice date.

## SWEET SIXTEEN DRAWS

Follow are first round draws for the upcoming National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Tournaments:

National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen Tournament  
Wednesday, March 15

Region 16 vs. Region 1 at 12:00 p.m.; Region 13 vs. Region 5 at 1:30 p.m.; Region 15 vs. Region 7 at 6:30 p.m.;  
Region 8 vs. Region 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday March 16

Region 4 vs. Region 10 at 12:00 p.m.; Region 3 vs. Region 9 at 1:30 p.m.; Region 14 vs. Region 11 at 6:30 p.m.;  
Region 12 vs. Region 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday March 17

Quarterfinals at 12, 1:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Saturday March 18

Semifinals at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Championship at 8.

Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen Tournament

Wednesday, March 22

Region 7 vs. Region 11 at 12:00 p.m.; Region 12 vs. Region 14 at 1:30 p.m.; Region 2 vs. Region 1 at 6:30 p.m.;  
Region 15 vs. Region 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday March 23

Region 3 vs. Region 4 at 12:00 p.m.; Region 8 vs. Region 16 at 1:30 p.m.; Region 10 vs. Region 9 at 6:30 p.m.;  
Region 13 vs. Region 6 at 8:00 p.m.

Friday March 24

Quarterfinals at 12, 1:30, 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Saturday March 25

Semifinals at 10 and 11:30 a.m.

Championship at 8.

## BASKETBALL PHOTOS DUE

Please note basketball team photos **AND** rosters are due by February 10.

For photos, please 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. If mailing a photo, the photo **MUST BE AN ORIGINAL**. Faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer printouts **ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**. Failure to submit the photo will result in a fine as permitted by KHSAA Bylaw 33, and this will be enforced.

Rosters should also be entered on the "Members Only" page using the "Enter Team Rosters" link.

For assistance with the entry of either item contact Marilyn Mitchell at the Association or [mmitchell@khsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@khsaa.org).

## 2005-06 KHSAA 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). 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 CLINICS

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

2/12 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS, 3:00 p.m.

4/12 Makeup (\$75 Fine), KHSAA Office, 6:30 p.m.

### SOFTBALL CLINIC

(All times are 6:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

4/12 Make-Up (\$75 Fine), KHSAA Office, 6:30 p.m.

### TRACK CLINIC

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

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). KHSAA Office

## KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Feb. 17-18	Swimming	UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington
Feb. 16-18	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 15-18	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
March 22-25	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
May 20	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Sportsplex, Hebron
May 25-27	Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 2-3	Boys' & Girls' Track	UK Shively Track, Lexington
June 9-10	Fast Pitch Softball	Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
June 14-17	Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

## LG&E SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE GAME

Nomination forms for the LG&E Scholar Athlete of the Game have gone out to Principals and Athletic Directors. This highlights athletes that excel in the classroom and the community.

Athletes will be spotlighted at halftime on the KU/KHSAA Radio Network of games, broadcast live across the state during the National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Tournament. Nominations are open to all athletes.

## FIRST CORBIN FINANCIAL/KHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM

Information for the First Corbin/KHSAA Sportsmanship Program went out to guidance counselors and athletic directors in late January.

One boy and one girl finalist from each region will be invited to attend the Recognition Banquet held May 7, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington.

Each finalist receives a \$200 scholarship with the state winner receiving a \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of First Corbin Financial Corporation.

## KENTUCKY SOCCER AWARDS FOR ACADEMICS THROUGH THE NSCAA

Congratulations to the boys' soccer teams from Danville, Owen County, Pulaski County and St. Xavier and the girls' soccer teams of Paul Dunbar, Sacred Heart and Taylor County being the Kentucky Soccer Awards for Academics winners.

In order To qualify for is award, the team must have a minimum 3.0 GPA for the entire academic year.

## REPORTING OF SCORES AND SCHEDULE ENTRY

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

We also ask that member school personnel review your baseball, basketball (boys and girls), and softball schedules and update any changes.