



Commissioner's Notes

January 2006

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Happy New Year everyone! I would like to start the New Year off by updating you on a very important meeting that has been scheduled. The Kentucky Board of Education has directed the KHSAA to continue dialogue regarding proposed changes to the KHSAA Constitution and Bylaws. In response, I have formed a Public/Non-Public School Task Force. Representatives from the public and non-public school sector and others have been invited to participate on this important committee. The first meeting is scheduled for January 9-10, 2006, at the Crowne Plaza (Campbell House) in Lexington. January 17th is a tentative date for the next meeting if necessary. The meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 9, and resume on Tuesday, January 10, at 9:00 a.m. I, along with KHSAA Staff, will be coordinating the meeting. In addition, I have secured the services of Justice James E. Keller to facilitate the meeting.

Thanks to everyone who has responded to date with suggestions and proposed changes to KHSAA regulations following the e-mail that was sent to you December 23rd. Your suggestions will be copied for the Task Force for their review on January 9th. The e-mail sent to each Superintendent, Principal and Athletic Director also included an invitation to each of you to address the Task Force by notifying our office of your intent to do so. Several of you have responded and will be on the agenda on the 9th starting at 4:30 p.m. It is our intent to be inclusive as a part of this important process.

The Task Force Meeting is in the Colonial Ballroom at the hotel. There is adequate parking, and direct access off of Mason Headley Road in the rear of the Campbell House through entrance #3.

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

BYLAW 4 REMINDER

A key provision of Bylaw 4 should be reiterated to all school personnel at all grade levels in KHSAA school systems at this time of year. Once a student is promoted from grade eight to grade nine by the school, the student's four year (eight semester) limit begins to toll.

Students who are "held back" after being promoted from grade eight (8) are not only ineligible for high school sports (grade 9-12) at any level during the year they repeat, but lose the "senior" year as well as the four year count would be exhausted. School personnel should be mindful of this fact when parents request such action.

State regulations clearly call for the school to have the final say in promotion and retention decisions, and once the student has been promoted from grade eight, the four year count has begun.

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.

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)

- 1/14 Louisville, Holiday Inn, Fern Valley (w/ coaches Conference), 11:00 a.m.
- 1/25 Florence, Boone Co. HS
- 1/29 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 5:00 p.m.
- 1/30 London, North Laurel HS
- 1/31 Bowling Green HS
- 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 (\$75 Fine), KHSAA Office, 6:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL CLINIC

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

- 1/21 Danville, W/KSCA Conference, 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), KHSAA Office, 6:30 p.m.

TRACK CLINIC

(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). 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

THORNTON RECEIVES NIAAA AWARD

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association is pleased to announce that Faye B. Thornton, Certified Master Athletic Administrator, is the recipient of the 2005 Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence, the NIAAA's most prestigious award. Thomas E. Frederick was the first Executive Director of the NIAAA and the award honors one individual nationwide each year from its membership of nearly 5,000 for invaluable contributions to the membership of the NIAAA and the Administrative Educational profession. The award was presented at the NIAAA annual awards' luncheon on December 18 in Orlando.

Thornton's primary contributions have been through the organization's Leadership Training Program where she has written, edited, revised and presented curriculum for a variety of courses. Thornton chaired the Leadership Training Program Course – 505 (Mentoring & Advanced Problem Solution) for five years and student to student, educator to student, coach to student & administrator to staff mentoring programs all over the world have been established as a result of her instruction. She is currently the national chair for the Leadership Training Program course 509 – Communication, Leadership & Decision Making. She has made multiple presentations in 14 states to representatives from all states in the US, Guam, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Spain & three provinces in Canada. She has made presentations at eight national conferences and 15 different state conferences in Kentucky and currently serves on the NIAAA Credentials committee and has had numerous articles published in IAA Magazine and Athletic Management.

She served as the Secretary of the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors from 1994–2000 and is currently the Kentucky Leadership Training Program Coordinator, Professional Development & Credentials Director and the Publications Committee Chair. She has assisted the Kentucky High School Athletic Association with planning and implementation of its statewide student leadership conference and chaired the 9th and 10th Region Sportsmanship Award Selection Committee.

Thornton is in her third year as Assistant Principal at Bourbon County High School in Paris, Kentucky. "I am honored and humbled to be considered with some of the most progressive and proactive school leaders in our nation. I have enjoyed my involvement with the NIAAA, have learned as I've tried to teach others and hope to continue to improve the quality of education offered to our most precious resource – our children."

NIAAA Annual Awards Luncheon Orlando, Florida



Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence Winner
Faye Thornton