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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Recognition is one of the best initiatives any organization can embrace. On behalf of the KHSAA, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate two outstanding individuals from Kentucky who have been recognized on the national level by the National Federation of State High School

Associations for their contributions and dedication to Cheerleading. Jane Jolly, who lives in Paris, received the 2006 Spirit Contributor of the Year for the state of Kentucky and Lisa Wheeler, Pikeville, was selected as the 2006 Spirit Coach of the Year. Kentucky is extremely lucky to have these two individuals be a part of our high school community.

As part of the regular annual rules review process, the KHSAA Board of Control will be reviewing the current KHSAA Constitution and Bylaws at their meeting on May 22 & 23, 2006. Current language in the KHSAA Constitution states that the association membership can propose a change to regulations by a vote of the membership at the Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting or by referendum. The Board will be discussing these two options as well as proposals they would like to submit to the membership at the Annual Meeting in October. As always, school personnel are encouraged to contact their board representatives regarding proposed Constitution or Bylaws changes.

I hope to see you at the upcoming state championship events!

SPRING PHOTOS DUE

Please note baseball and softball team photos **AND** rosters are due by May 8.

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**. 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.

FUTURE BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT DATES

A reminder of the date changes for upcoming state basketball tournaments during the next few years. Last May (2005), the Board of Control approved the advance schedule of dates and it was distributed to the membership.

Below is another copy of those dates from which you can make your plans.

Advance Dates for the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® (site contracted through 2014 to be held at Rupp Arena in Lexington). (Parenthetic number refers to NFHS Standard Calendar Week Number)

- 2006 3/15-3/18 (37)
- 2007 3/21-3/24 (38)
- 2008 3/19-3/22 (38)
- 2009 3/18-3/21 (37)
- 2010 3/17-3/20 (37)
- 2011 3/16-3/19 (37)

Advance Dates for the Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen® (site contracted through 2011 to be held at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green) (Parenthetic number refers to NFHS Standard Calendar Week Number)

- 2006 3/22-3/25 (38)
- 2007 3/14-3/17 (37)
- 2008 3/12-3/15 (37)
- 2009 3/11-3/14 (36)
- 2010 3/10-3/13 (36)
- 2011 3/9-3/12 (36)

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.

KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

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

CLARIFICATION ON PERMISSABLE GEAR DURING SUMMER FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Case BL25-18- What equipment can be worn, what activities can occur, and what restrictions are in place for football practice during the summer period and once practice begins.

DEFINITIONS

- "Helmet-Only" activity is a practice period where only a helmet is worn.
- "Non Contact Practice" is practice where there is only a helmet and shoulder pads worn. During a non-contact practice time period, no full contact drills or other activity can occur which would result in a player completing a tackle, or being blocked or tackled to the ground.
- "Contact Practice" is practice during the legal period when the remainder of the football gear specified in the rule book is worn and activity during the session is not restricted with regard to contact.

TIME PERIODS AND PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITY

The day following the last date of school or June 1, whichever is earlier, through June 24 is a Helmet-Only period.

- During this period, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or 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 coaches and other representatives should note that there are no insurance provisions in place at this time.

From June 25 to July 9, no football gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5 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.

July 10 to July 14 is a Helmet-Only period.

- During this period, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or 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.
- There are KHSAA no insurance provisions in place at this time.

July 15 through the day before the first date for contact practice is a Non-Contact Practice period.

- During this period, 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. This allowance permits the player to acclimate to heat and the changes in body temperature brought on by additional pads and equipment.

- During this non-contact time period, no full contact drills or other activity can occur which would result in a player completing a tackle, or being blocked or tackled to the ground.

From the first permissible date of contact practice, all other pads can be worn as defined in Rule 1-5 and full contact practice may begin as this remains a Contact Practice period.

- Beginning with the first permissible date of contact practice, teams cannot conduct multiple contact practice sessions on consecutive days. If multiple contact practices (up to a maximum of two) are held on a day, then only one contact practice session can be held on the following day.
- Once full contact practice has begun, there is not a restriction on the number of non-contact practices conducted on any day.
- With the exception of the Dead Period, nothing about these interpretations prevents a school from allowing equipment to be issued to students to attend individual camps at other sites.
- Nothing about any of the interpretations prevents individual camp attendance by players using school owned equipment outside of the dead period or team camp attendance within the contact window and subject to the scrimmage limitations.
- Any activity in the summer prior to July 15 and activity conducted contrary to the equipment and scrimmage is not covered by the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance Plan.
- Any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), potentially renders all insurance provisions null and void.

DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME GOLF CLASSIC

The Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Classic is scheduled for Thursday, June 22 at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. At the outing the 2007 Hall of Fame induction Class will be announced.

Anyone interested in participating, please contact Butch Cope or Ken Tippett at the Association office.

BYLAW 25 "LIMITATION OF SEASONS" REMINDER AND CLARIFICATION

Case BL-25-4– What are the restrictions for a coach being involved in the coaching of his/her own players during the school year before the first legal practice date, after the last date for playing a contest?

- Coaching is defined as any activity by the coach at any time the athletes are participating in that coach's sport in a setting in which skills are taught, refined, or practiced. Coincident participation by a coach and an athlete in a sport such as a golf outing, where the coach and athlete(s) are not entered as a entry or group, or in an activity such as distance running with many runners and yet no direct coaching, would not specifically be a violation. It would however, be a violation of the Limitation of Seasons if the coach provided entry information relative to outside competition in which he/she was also a participant, encouraged or required student-athlete participation in these outside events; or if any school funds were expended (i.e. transportation provided, entry fees paid, uniforms worn, etc.)
- Specific practice and play dates are in place for each sport, and the interpretative season is the academic school year as far as coaching limitations. This limit **BEGINS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AND ends on the earlier of the day following the last day of school or May 31.** The Limitation of Seasons, Bylaw 25, affects all sports. This restricts the coach in any sport from being involved coaching students in another team from that sport from that school. For example, the girls' coach cannot coach the boys' team in outside competition, or vice-versa. In addition, during this restricted period, the high school coach cannot coach athletes in an alternative format of the sport (i.e. 3 on 3 basketball, Greco or freestyle wrestling, select soccer, etc.)
- The provisions of that rule state that during the school year and prior to the first legal practice date, there shall be no practice or play as a team or individuals under the instruction, direction or teaching of a member of the coaching staff.
- The provisions of that rule state that following the team's last regular season contest, there shall be no further practice or play as a team or individuals under the instruction, direction or teaching of a member of the coaching staff for the remainder of the school year or until after May 31, whichever is earlier, with the exception of practice and play for the KHSAA tournament. The published exception to this restriction is that the team and coaches may continue to practice through elimination from KHSAA sanctioned post-season play.

Case BL-25-5– What are the restrictions for a coach being involved in the coaching of his/her own players during any outside (non-school) competition during the school year?

- Coaches may not coach the school participants in organized non-school sports competition in that sport during the school year in that sport. Coaching is defined as any activity by the coach at any time the athletes are participating in that coach's sport in a setting in which skills are taught, refined, or practiced. Coincident participation by a coach and an athlete in a sport such as a golf outing, where the coach and athlete are placed in different groupings, or in an activity such as distance running with many runners and yet no direct coaching, would not specifically be a violation. It would however, be a violation of the Limitation of Seasons if the coach provided entry information relative to outside competition in which he/she was also a participant, encouraged or required student-athlete participation in these outside events; or if any school funds were expended (i.e. transportation provided, entry fees paid, uniforms worn, etc.)
- The high school coach or any assistant coach (paid or unpaid) may not coach members of the high school team in a league outside of the school's regular season competition during the school year, regardless of the type of league.
- The Limitation of Seasons, Bylaw 25, affects all sports. This restricts the coach in any sport from being involved coaching students in another team from that sport from that school in outside competition. For example, the girls' coach cannot coach the boys' team in outside competition, or vice-versa. In addition, during this school year, the high school coach cannot coach athletes in an alternative format of the sport (i.e. 3 on 3 basketball, Greco or freestyle wrestling, select soccer, etc.)

Case BL-25-6- Are there KHSAA restrictions related to play by student-athletes during the non-practice period (i.e. basketball prior to October 15 or baseball/softball prior to February 15, and after the conclusion of the season), or restrictions on coaching involvement during that period?

- Yes, there are restrictions that must be fully adhered to by the member school coaches (paid and unpaid), and other members of the team coaching staff, and restrictions on the players during specific times of the year.
- Except during the particular sports defined season as stipulated in KHSAA Bylaw 25, no coach in a sport may "coach" a student-athlete in any setting within the high school (grades 9-12), or outside the school, if that student-athlete has previously represented the high

school (varsity, jv, or freshman) and if sports specific skills are being taught, refined, developed or evaluated.

- This restriction includes all members of the athletic staff, paid or unpaid, but does not restrict supervisory duties assigned by the building Principal during activities governed by the local school. This restriction also prohibits the delegation or assignment of activities by any member of the coaching staff to other individuals, including student-athletes who may or may not be participating.
- Supervisory activities outside the local school are not the jurisdiction of the Association, however all coaching restrictions are in place whether the activity is conducted within, or outside of, the school.
- From the first day of school through the first legal practice (for winter and spring sports) and from the day following the elimination of a team from KHSAA sanctioned postseason play through the end of the school year, no coach in a sport may "coach" a student-athlete in any setting within the high school (grades 9-12), or outside the school, if that student-athlete has previously represented the high school at any level in that sport and if sports specific skills are being taught, refined, developed or evaluated.
- There is no insurance coverage (catastrophic medical or other) expressed or implied by the KHSAA for any athletic session in any sport outside of the practice and play periods as defined by Bylaw 25.
- No activity during the school year, outside of the defined sports season, may be required for the student-athlete in that particular sport. There may be no penalties assessed, expressed or implied for non-participation during that period by a student-athlete. There may be no organized activity (where sports specific skills are being taught, refined, developed or evaluated) that is restricted solely to the members or prospective members of any sports team.
- All other restrictions related to the scheduling, composition, pool of available personnel, and other logistical arrangements are the jurisdiction of the building Principal for any activity held within that local school facility, in compliance with Bylaw 1 of the Association.
- The following activities are restricted during the school year prior to the first day of practice if the activities are sport specific and a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school (one half of the normal playing unit):

- A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group may not pay the entry fee for a team into a league or tournament;
- A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group may not pay other necessary fees including umpire payment and game or facility management;
- A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group may not provide or fund transportation for team members to go to games, or tournaments;
- School issued or school identifying apparel, including sleeves, jerseys, pants, catching gear or hats may not be worn by players who have represented the school at any time at any level;
- The school facility may not be used for organized competition at which the school's students are participants and for which no rental/lease arrangement exists using comparable regional fair market values;
- The school facility may not be used for organized competition at which the school's students are participants and at which members of the high school coaching staff are involved in coaching, facility management and preparation, or umpiring/officiating;
- The school nickname or school name may not be used on school issued or non-school issued apparel;
- The coaching staff may not be involved 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 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.

BREWERS HISTORY BOOK

Dawhares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Member, Barney Thweatt, has written a compilation of memories, stories and pictures called *Brewers Basketball: A Wining Tradition*.

Mr. Thweatt will be at the following locations for anyone interested in purchasing a copy of having one signed or you may contact him at (270)354-6430, (270)703-2974, or bluegilbarn@webtv.net.

Date	Day	Time (CST)	Place
4/29	Sat.	9:00 a.m.	The Brewer's Grocery
4/30	Sun.	1:00 p.m.	Marshall County HS
5/2	Tues.	8:30 a.m.	WCBL Radio Station, Benton
5/4	Thur.	10:00 a.m.	Calvert City Library
5/6	Sat.	10:00 a.m.	Benton/Marshall County Library
5/8	Mon.	10:00 a.m.	Christian County HS Lobby
5/10	Wed.	10:00 a.m.	Bank of Benton on 5 th Street

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

It's not too late to register for the Annual State AD Conference May 9 - 12 at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center off Hurstbourne Lane in Louisville. Contact adwatt1@bellsouth.net for more information.

The following are the 2006 Recipient's which will receive their awards at the Athletic Directors banquet Thursday, May 11.

State Award of Merit -- Phil Rison, Montgomery County

Dr. Rudy J. Ellis Distinguished Service Awards - David Payne, Ashland, Martin Thomas, Union County, James Glenn Black, Washington County, Hank Bassett, Wayne County

Garnis Martin Outstanding Coach Award - Larry Heflin, Lone Oak High School

Paul M. Young Male Academic Athlete Award - Christopher Blake LaMar, Henderson County High

Female Academic Athlete Award - Toni Haraldsen, Fort Campbell High School

The Fr. Harry Jansing Athletic Director of the Year Award will also be announced at that time.

Athletic Director of the Year Finalists:

Mike Barren, Paul Dunbar; Bill Hill, Sayre; Mark Swift, Ashland Blazer; Tim Amshoff, Fern Creek.

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 an administrator 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. This requires special emphasis with the Kentucky Department of Education's email migration.

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).

SPORTSMANSHIP REGIONAL WINNERS

Congratulations to the following regional winners who were selected to be honored at the annual First Corbin Financial Corporation/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet Sunday, May 7 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. The statewide winners, one boy and one girl, will be announced at that time and each receive a \$3,000 scholarship from First Corbin Financial.

Following are Regional winners:

Region 1 - Pam Bell, Paducah Tilghman, Drew Nowlin, Mayfield,

Region 2 - Morgan Whitney, Hopkins Co. Central, Jerome Bell Jr., Hopkins Co. Central,

Region 3 - Jennifer Day, Grayson County, David Jarboe, Owensboro Catholic,

Region 4 - Marideth Williams, Allen Co.-Scottsville, Kent Bulle, Glasgow,

Region 5 - Mary Jewell, Hart County, Justin Roush, Nelson County,

Region 6 - Dannielle Crenshaw, Presentation, Jason Selby North Bullitt,

Region 7 - Bethany Anderson, Christian Academy-Louisville, Pablo Martinez, Jeffersontown,

Region 8 - Amanda Edgington, Walton-Verona, Seth Ryan, Walton-Verona,

Region 9 - Kristen Pratt, Highlands, Michael Shuh, Villa Madonna,

Region 10 - Maisie Insko, Deming, John Bergman Jr., Pendleton County,

Region 11 - Ausha Weathers, Scott County, Stephen Morton, Bryan Station,

Region 12 - Mindi Paluzi, Monticello, Patrick Jenkins III, Pulaski County,

Region 13 - Karla Irizarry, North Laurel, Jeremy Sanders, Bell County,

Region 14 - Meghan Hackney, Hazard, William Gayhart, Hazard,

Region 15 - Mary Beth Johnson, Belfry, Christopher Kyle Fletcher, East Ridge,

Region 16 - Ashley Baldwin, East Carter, Corey Gillum, Greenup County.

DUNLAP FLOOR COVERS AVAILABLE

Dunlap Industries has protective gym floor covers available free to schools for the cost of the hem on the outer edge. Protective covers are used to prevent scuffing and damage to gym floors. All shipping costs are free. For more information call Gene Stephan (530)274-0685.

2006-2007 KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SPORTS SEASON REFERENCE CALENDAR

(as of 5/1/06)

Sport	First Practice	First Contest Date	Max # of Regular Contests	District	Regional	Semi-State/ Q-Finals Sub-Sectional	Sectionals	Semis	State	State Championship Site
Girls' Golf	July 15	July 31	20		Sept. 23-26				Oct. 2-4	Bowling Green Country Club
Boys' Golf	July 15	July 31	20		Sept. 23-26				Oct. 5-7	Bowling Green Country Club
Girls' Soccer	July 15	Aug. 14	17**	Oct. 9-14	Oct. 16-21	Oct. 23	Oct. 25	Nov. 1	Nov. 4	Rawlings Stadium Georgetown College, Georgetown
Boys' Soccer	July 15	Aug. 14	17**	Oct. 9-14	Oct. 16-21	Oct. 24	Oct. 26	Nov. 2	Nov. 4	Rawlings Stadium, Georgetown College, Georgetown
Girls' Volleyball	July 15	Aug. 7	20***	Oct. 9-14	Oct. 16-21				Oct. 27-28	Frankfort Convention Complex
Girls' & Boys' Cross Country	July 15	Aug. 21	13		Nov. 3-4				Nov. 11	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
Football	July 15 (helmet & shoulder pads) (Contact based on start of school)	Aug. 18	10	Nov. 3-4 Nov. 10-11	Nov. 17-18			Nov. 24-25	Nov. 30- Dec. 1	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Boys' & Girls' Swimming & Diving	Oct. 1	Nov. 15	15		Jan. 29-Feb. 3				TBA	TBA
Wrestling	Oct. 15	Nov. 20	17		Feb. 9-10				Feb. 15-17	Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort
Girls' Basketball	Oct. 15	Nov. 27	23*	Feb. 26- March 3	March 5-10				March 14-17	WKU E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
Boys' Basketball	Oct. 15	Nov. 27	23*	Feb. 26- March 3	March 5-13				March 21-24	Rupp Arena, Lexington
Slow Pitch Softball	Feb. 15	March 26	30****		May 12				May 19	RiverShore Sportsplex, Hebron
Boys' Tennis	Feb. 15	March 26	22		May 14-19				May 24-26	UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex, Lexington
Girls' Tennis	Feb. 15	March 26	22		May 14-19				May 24-26	UK Boone/Downing Tennis Complex, Lexington
Outdoor Track/Field	Dec. 1	March 26	15		May 20-26				June 1-2	UK Shively Track, Lexington
Indoor Track/Field	Dec. 1	January 1	4							N/A
Fast Pitch Softball	Feb. 15	March 26	30****	May 20-26	May 28- June 2				June 8-9	Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
Baseball	Feb. 15	March 26	30****	May 20-26	May 28- June 2	June 6-8			June 13-16	Applebee's Park, Lexington

*-schools may count two tournaments as one game each against the limit, provided they play no more than 4 games per tournament.

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