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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



December has arrived and the new year is just around the corner. As always it is a busy time of the year with Holiday Tournaments in Basketball, Invitational Swimming & Diving Meets, and Wrestling Tournaments.

I am pleased to announce that former Fayette County Jailer Glenn Brown has been hired on a contract basis to assist with KHSAA investigative work. This brings the KHSAA investigative staff to three people including retired FBI agent Seldon Sledd and retired school administrator Gary Lawson.

The Kentucky Board of Education Meeting scheduled on December 6, 2006 was very productive with good discussion on the 2005-06 Association Audit conducted by Miller Mayer, Sullivan and Stevens, along with the KHSAA budget. The proposed regulatory changes approved by referendum and at the Annual Meeting will be an agenda item for the January 10-11 Board of Control Meeting. The KBE will consider the BOC's recommendations at the February 7-8 KBE Meeting in Frankfort.

Thanks for your support for the 2006 State Football Championships. The attendance was down somewhat due to the rain and extreme weather on Friday but school fan support was excellent.

Here's hoping your holidays are the very best and I look forward to seeing you in the new year!

A PLEA TO PLEASE EDIT YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESSES AND INFORMATION

For several months, the KHSAA has been requesting that the email addresses be updated for all member schools.

As most are aware, the old .k12.ky.us addresses will "go away" effective December 31. As of this writing, 128 of the KHSAA members have at least one address which uses this old domain. The school Principal or A.D. should login and make sure that the domain for ALL of your coaches, the Superintendent and the Principal are correct.

Thanks as always for your help.

REMINDER OF SCHOOLS NEED TO REQUEST REINSTATEMENT OF DISQUALIFIED PLAYERS

When an athlete is disqualified from a contest, the officials have 24 hours to report the disqualification to the KHSAA office. Those reports can only be done online, via the KHSAA web site.

Once that report is done, an email is sent to the school Principal and Athletic Director of each school along with a link to that disqualification. Clicking on this link will allow the school to go to the web site, and request the reinstatement of the student. Only after this is done will the KHSAA process the final step of the disqualification process.

Using this process requires member school compliance with the immediacy of requesting the reinstatement, and does so in a much more timely and accurate manner than prior written methods. Schools should be mindful that technically, athletes cannot participate until being reinstated by the Association, so an immediate response is necessary to the disqualification request.

It is also worth noting that the information is sent to the email address on file, so if the school information is out of date, the notices will not get to the proper authorities. If you have questions about the process, contact Marsha Day at the KHSAA.

REPORTING OF SCORES AND SCHEDULE ENTRY

We ask that member school personnel review your baseball, basketball (boys and girls), and softball 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.

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

While it is a Board policy that the membership cooperate with the data collection on the scoreboard or be subject to penalty, it has been proven by the membership time and again that they desire to voluntarily cooperate with this project.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

Congratulations to all state championship teams and individuals for 2006 and to Roland Williams upon his retirement!

If you have not yet joined the KHSADA, please contact Mitchell Irvin, Mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year – have a fabulous holiday season!

BYLAW 5-3 (CONTINUAL PROGRESS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)

Bylaw 5-3 states that on a weekly basis, a student shall be passing (cumulatively for the credit period) in at least four hours of instruction as defined by Kentucky Board of Education regulations (of the six hours of instruction required) or the equivalent of four hours of instruction acceptable to graduation in order to be eligible to participate in athletics during the subsequent week (Monday through Sunday period) and through the next opportunity to examine grades in this manner. On its membership form, each member school shall designate the day of the week, approved and documented through local policies, that the grades shall be examined for the student-athletes within that school in order to make this determination. Absent any other determination, this weekly check of grades shall be conducted on each Friday of each grading period or on the last day of classes preceding that particular Friday if no classes are conducted on that particular Friday. No special tests or recitations are to be given for the purpose of making the student eligible.

Clarification: The key words in the weekly grade check are "cumulatively for the credit period" which means the entire year to date for those schools on a traditional year long credit period, or the semester for those that are on a block schedule.

As the semester comes to an end, schools are reminded that a student must be eligible at the last weekly grade check before the semester ends in order to be eligible during the holiday break. A student failing the weekly grade check standard at the last check of the semester, would not be eligible until the first successful grade check of the next semester or grading period.

Example: If a student has a failing grade in a class for the first three weeks of a grading or credit period, and the fourth week gets a passing grade, this grade shall be averaged in with the first three weeks' grades. If the cumulative average of all four weeks results in a passing grade then the student is eligible to participate.

KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Feb. 9-10	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium
Feb. 15-17	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 14-17	Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 21-24	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 19	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Sportsplex, Hebron, KY
May 24-26	Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 1-2	Boys' & Girls' Track	TBA
June 8-9	Fast Pitch Softball	Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
June 13-16	Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington