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Commissioner's Notes

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



February is here and we are deep into the winter sports seasons of Swimming and Diving, Wrestling, and Basketball. The hard work and dedication that student athletes put forth during the regular season culminate with the KHSAA post-season events. While many enjoy post season participation opportunities, the day to day practice and regular season participation are also important, and continue to be a great sports learning environment for students.

The KHSAA continues to manage interscholastic sports with an emphasis on the values of good sportsmanship and citizenship. As we develop our programs we continue to recognize and reward these attributes in our student athletes through Association sponsored activities. KHSAA recognition programs such as the First Corbin Sportsmanship Recognition Program and banquet and Student Leadership Conference continue to be a priority for the KHSAA staff and Board of Control.

The KHSAA Board of Control and staff are working on the 2007-2011 Strategic Plan for the Association. In addition the Board and staff are ready to enhance the current Association structure by continuing to partner more than ever with all educational constituencies that have a common mission. The education business is an exciting place to be with new directions and challenges on the horizon.

In closing let me say that your Association continues to work in a positive manner to achieve the overall goals of the membership. One of the most important of these has always been maintaining financial stability through a strategy of debt reduction on the Association building. During the month of February we celebrate the completion of that goal. We have officially retired the debt on the KHSAA Building.

It is a Happy New Year and thanks to each of you for your continued support!

UNIFORMS NEEDED

Dave Martens, coordinator of the NIAAA's National Emergency Network, is requesting help for our colleagues in New Orleans.

New Orleans is in desperate need of uniforms for boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track, baseball and softball. They have what they call a Recovery School District, which is made up of 13 modified schools, grades 6th – 8th and five high schools.

Because this is a nationwide effort, it is important that we follow the suggested protocol to expedite and simplify the process and accomplish our goal at no cost to the recipients of the uniforms.

Each state liaison will coordinate the effort in their state and decide on the method of shipping that works best for their schools. Since the need for game uniforms is immediate, it is suggested that each school inventory, pack, ship and finance the shipment individually. However, the choice is yours. The uniforms are to be shipped to:

Walter Tillman, Director of Athletics
1641 Poland Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117

Mr. Tillman is the district athletic administrator for the 18 schools.

Schools making uniform donations must provide you with an inventory of what uniforms they sent and the quantity in each sport. Be sure they include the name of the school, school address, and the name of the athletic administrator. The uniforms can be used with the school name or mascot on them because something is better than nothing.

A summary of all donations from your state should be e-mailed or mailed to:

Carol M. Satterwhite, CAA
MSADA
5467 Gloucester Road
Columbia, Maryland 21044
Cmsatterwhite@aol.com

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

The KHSADA would like to congratulate the following finalists in the National High School Athletic Coaches Association 2007 Coach of the Year Award:

Mike Bankemper, Wrestling, Campbell County; Brenda Emery, Tennis, Lexington Christian Academy; John High, Girls' Basketball, Montgomery County; Nina Kearns, Girls' Soccer, Highlands; Don Walker, Boys' Soccer, Marshall County; Bill Hill, Athletic Director, Sayre; Larry Gumm, Baseball, Green County.

Larry Gumm will be inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame and all will be honored with the naming of the Coach of the Year in each sport in Milwaukee, WI June 27 – 29, 2007. Kentucky is well represented among the honorees.

Registration packets for the 2007 KHSADA State Conference will be mailed later in February be on the lookout. You should already have received the nomination forms for Coach, Male and Female Athlete of the Year & Distinguished Service Award. If you have not, please contact mike.barren@fayette.kyschools.us or Kathy.johnston@bourbon.kyschools.us

LG&E SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE GAME

Nomination forms for the LG&E Scholar Athlete of the Game were mailed 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 Basketball Tournaments. Nominations are open to all athletes.

REMINDER OF NATIONAL CITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline to submit an application for a National City Scholarship is Feb. 23, 2007.

National City Bank will award 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". Winners will be recognized at the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament on March 24.

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

2006-07 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 2006-07, approved KHSAA rules clinic sites and dates. ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL. **Some times have been adjusted due to staff covering clinics in the wake of the retirement of one member of the Executive Staff.**

BASEBALL

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)
2/10 Owensboro, Daviess County H.S. (9 a.m.) (**)
2/11 Benton, Marshall County H.S. (3:30 p.m.) (**)
2/20 Lexington @ KHSAA, Make-Up Clinic
(\$75 Fine) (1:30 p.m.)

SOFTBALL

(All Times are 6:30 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)
2/10 Owensboro, Daviess County H.S.
(11 a.m.) (**)
2/11 Benton, Marshall County H.S. (2:00 p.m.) (**)
3/7 Lexington @ KHSAA Make Up Clinic
(\$75 Fine) (1:30 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)
2/7 Hodgenville, Larue County H.S.
2/8 London, North Laurel H.S.
2/10 Owensboro, Daviess County H.S. (1 p.m.) (**)
2/11 Benton, Marshall County H.S. (7 p.m.)
2/13 Louisville, Christian Academy
2/20 Independence, Simon Kenton H.S.
2/21 Paintsville, Johnson Central H.S.
2/22 Lexington @ KHSAA, Make Up Clinic (\$75 Fine)

(**) – indicates a revised date and or site from original listing

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.

BASKETBALL PHOTOS DUE

Please note basketball team photos **AND** rosters are due by February 16. In an effort to help all member schools, we ask that you enter your rosters now.

For photos, please go to the "Members Only" page on the KHSAA website and use the "Upload Photo" feature. 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 administered.

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

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 6, 2007 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

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

Individual school winners are due to the KHSAA by March 26, 2007.

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

NFHS CHEERLEADING/SPIRIT REGULATIONS

Each year in all National Federation High School sports regulations, one of the main objectives is risk and safety minimization. Included with the 2006-07 Spirit Rule Book mailing to all cheer coaches sent on August 9, 2006, was a letter regarding specific regulations for cheerleading involved in the sport of basketball. These regulations were outlined in the risk management section of the rule book as follows:

Rule 2-1-8 states: *Stunts must not be performed during a basketball or volleyball game when the ball is in play, including free throws in basketball and just prior to the serve in volleyball;*

Rule 2-1-9 states: *Spirit participants must not perform warm up stunts on the court or sideline area during player warm-up if an alternate area is available. If no appropriate alternate area is available, the coach must take reasonable precautions to minimize the risk for participants; Note: See suggestions in Coaches Responsibilities;*

Rule 2-1-10 states: *Spirit participants must remain outside the playing area during a 30-second or less time-out in a basketball game;*

Rule 2-1-13 states: *Spirit participants must not stand behind the free throw lane extended during a basketball game. Rationale: These changes help those schools that have no alternate area/facility/gymnasium to warm up or practice before the game.*

There was discussion about the lack of enforcement of these safety restrictions at the January Board of Control meeting. Enforcement is the responsibility of school personnel in their game management obligations during basketball games. Safety is always the most important factor in game management.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Association staff.

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.

DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME

Twelve former high school coaches, athletes, officials and/or administrators make up the 20th class to be inducted into the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. The induction of the 12 will bring the total number of individuals honored to 343.

The 2007 class is as follows: Shaun Alexander, Phil Coomes, Tim Couch, Dermontti Dawson, Paul Dennison, Homer Goins, Dan Haley, M.E. Ligon, Irene Moore Strong, Ralph Richardson, Orville Williams and Donna Wolfe.

The class of 2007 will be inducted in ceremonies scheduled for **Saturday, April 14, 2007** at the Lexington Center. Please note this date change and add it to your calendar.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS IN SEEDING PROCEDURE

As district basketball tournaments approach, please take a moment to review the procedure for district tournament meetings and tournament bracketing. This section from the KHSAA Handbook, clearly states that for 2006-2007, a seeded district game may not be played after February 18th.

- 7) If win-loss records are used for seeding, the records used shall be the records as of the date of the pre-tournament meeting as published on the KHSAA memorandum calendar. Teams and school representatives may meet during the regular season to discuss tournament operations (i.e. dates, times, sites, tournament personnel needs, etc.). However if an organizational meeting is held prior to the published date on the calendar, no discussions may be held regarding the bracketing or pairings of specific teams unless all mandated seeded games have been played prior to the meeting. Games played after the published meeting date SHALL NOT factor into the seeded position.
- 8) Seeded games unable to be played for any reason (with the exception of verified forfeited contests) prior to the published date for the district tournament meetings will be recorded as a win and a loss for both teams in computing seeded position.

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGERS

The KHSAA is continuing to look for any student, or group of four students or less, interested in singing the National Anthem at a session of either the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen® or National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® Tournament.

Please submit a CD (a cappella) to Phyllis Sallee at the Association by February 23, 2007. The Association is particularly targeting previously underrepresented populations such as African-Americans.

Those individuals selected will be notified of their assigned session prior to each of the tournaments.

SCHOOLS AGAIN REMINDED ABOUT CHANGE IN BASKETBALL CORRESPONDING DATES

For the last two years, basketball coaches and schools have been reminded about the change in corresponding dates that occurs after the 2007-2008 season. Since many schools are scheduling games for the next two-year contract cycle, coaches and administrators should carefully review the basketball corresponding date chart on page 104 of the Handbook which is also located at <http://www.khsaa.org/handbook/correspondingdates/basketballcorrespondingdates.pdf>.

After the 2007-2008 season, the normal calendar adjustment combined with the contraction of the basketball season by one week will make it important that these dates be reviewed when making two year scheduling commitments and finalizing game contracts.