# Commissioner's Notes April 2008



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#### FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Hello everyone! Thanks to everyone who had the opportunity to attend the recent Dawahares' KHSAA Hall of Fame Banquet on April 12<sup>th</sup> in Lexington. As always we had an outstanding class of inductees this year. Throughout the banquet and ceremony it is amazing to hear about the many accomplishments of each inductee throughout their careers as a participant,

coach, official or contributor. It is apparent to me that since 1988, when the "Hall of Fame" began, the individuals selected for induction have truly created the rich tradition of Kentucky high school sports we have today.

We continue with another of our recognition programs with the Forcht Group of Kentucky/KHSAA Sportsmanship Awards Banquet scheduled at the Embassy Suites in Lexington on Sunday April 27, 2008. Special thanks go to our KHSAA member school representatives for nominating the outstanding students who will be recognized at this banquet. Once again I feel it is important that we as an Association take every opportunity to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of students and in particular those who exhibit leadership, and demonstrate the ideals of good sportsmanship, and citizenship.

May 1, 2008 is the deadline for Annual Meeting proposals. Staff continues to support the Annual Meeting proposals submitted by the membership and approved by the KHSAA Board of Control, the Kentucky Board of Education, and LSAC. The next step in the process is a review by (LRC) and the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee at their meeting on May 13, 2008.

Enjoy the spring weather and hope to see you at one of the upcoming spring championship events!

## CHANGE IN OFFICIALS AND INSURANCE FOR SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL AND FIELD HOCKEY

At its regular meeting on Thursday, April 17, the KHSAA Board of Control approved a clarification dealing with the licensing of officials and will no longer license field hockey and slow pitch softball officials. This is necessary due to the lack of available resources for these officials, including but not limited to rules information and testing services.

The Board of Control has also been advised through its insurance carriers to clearly define what "risks" the Association wanted to take within its insurance and what

activities that it should be liable for insuring. An audit of those risks during the 2006-2007 school year revealed that two sports were still being insured, slow pitch softball and field hockey, that were not under the care, custody and control of the Association through such things as a defined limitation of seasons, the conducting of championship play and daily management of the functions of the sport(s).

Taking these two issues into account, the Board voted not to license field hockey and slow pitch officials for the 2007-2008 school year. The staff is in the process of notifying all officials of this decision, as well as providing them alternatives for membership in other professional organizations that will allow them as independent contractors, to have insurance coverage and many of the other benefits normally provided to licensed KHSAA officials.

This decision also clarifies that the Association Catastrophic Insurance will NOT cover field hockey and slow pitch softball competition by and between KHSAA member schools beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. The Association staff is working to seek alternatives for insurance for the participants in these two sports (as well as others that may be conducted by KHSAA schools but not managed by the KHSAA). It is estimated that the cost of this coverage would be very inexpensive, and that the coverage (the exact KHSAA policy provided other sports) would be available to all member schools through the KHSAA Catastrophe carrier in plenty of time to insure the 2008 season. Staff hopes to have a final determination prior to the first part of May.

This change makes the emerging (and in some cases, long existing but without large numbers of participating schools) sports of Field Hockey, Slow Pitch Softball, Lacrosse, Ice Hockey, Bowling and others be treated the same with respect to insurance coverage.

It is also important to note that this change has NO effect on the ability to include participants in these two activities in Title IX reporting. These sports have always been allowed to be included in the numbers and opportunities tests, and will continue to be able to be included in the future as long as Federal regulations allow.

### FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES DUE

This is a reminder to all schools that Fall Sports Schedules (Volleyball, Boys' & Girls' Soccer and Football) are due to be entered through the KHSAA website by May 16. If you need assistance with schedule entry, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA.

#### **PRIME DATE SCHEDULING GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

In an effort to provide KHSAA member schools with a more definitive procedure regarding scheduling regular season girls' "prime date" basketball games, the following policy was adopted and approved by the KHSAA Board of Control:

"The KHSAA will audit all girls' regular season basketball schedules (hereinafter "current schedule"). These annual audits will begin with the first legal regular season playing date. Based on that audit, in the case that a school's total home games for girls' do not reflect at least 40% of those girl's home games being played on Friday night, Saturday or Sunday, the following penalty will be in place:

The school's boys' regular season total game schedule for the following school year's basketball season will be reduced by two games in comparison with the current boys' schedule.

The overall two contest reduction must be achieved by reducing boys' home games.

In the case that a school does not have any home games, the two game penalty will be applied to away games.

In the unfortunate event that this penalty is imposed, the offending school shall consider the game a forfeit with respect to KHSAA Bylaws and must comply with the provisions of Bylaw 24 as it relates to forfeit fees and other penalties, but the game may not be replaced on the offending team's schedule.

Schools may not schedule or enter additional tournaments from the benchmark year as a means of circumventing the penalties within this policy.

The school will be notified of this reduction in their total number of allowable boys' 2009-10 games by December 31, 2008.

NOTE: It is important that schedules be posted on the KHSAA website accurately and on time. Equally important is the accurate designation and entry of which games are involved in tournaments, classics, festivals and other multi-game events.

Once the first legal playing date audit begins (December 1, 2008 for the 2008-09 season), appeals will not be allowed based on improperly submitted scheduling information and/or untimely posting of schedules.

For Example:

On Monday, December 1, 2008 (first legal playing date for the 2008-09 season) Jones High School's regular season girls' basketball schedule reflects they are not playing 40% of their girls' total number of home games on Friday night, Saturday or Sunday.

During that same 2007-08 season, the boys' total number of all regular season games played is 23 as defined by Bylaw 25. Within this 23 count, there are 21 single games being played and two tournaments counted in a reduced fashion per the rule. The boys' team played six regular season home single games. Due to non-compliance with the 40% requirement for girls', Jones High School's total number of allowable boys' regular season single games (not including or involving the allowable two tournaments that may be counted in a reduced fashion) for the 2009-10 regular season will be reduced to 19. The total allowable number of 2009-10 regular season home games may not exceed four.

Scheduled boy/girl double-headers, at any time during the season, should reflect starting game times, for the girls' games 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 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

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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)

#### **CHANGES IN OFFICIALS FEES**

At the September 2007 Board of Control Meeting the Board approved the following motions effective for the 2008-2009 school year as part of their every-other-four years review of the fee paid to each sport:

Increase the regular season Football officiating fee from a game fee of \$45 to \$50, without any offsetting cuts in mileage by local and regional policy boards, effective with the 2008-09 season. Increase the regular season Soccer officiating fee from a minimum of \$37.50 to \$41.00 without any off-setting cuts in mileage by local and regional policy boards, effective with the 2007-2008 season.

#### 2007-2008 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

May 22-24	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
May 30-31	Boys' & Girls' Track	U of L Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville
June 6-7	Fast Pitch Softball	Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 11-14	Forcht Bank/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

#### CLARIFICATION ON PERMISSABLE GEAR REMINDER ABOUT OFF SEASON FOOTBALL PRACTICE AND LEGAL EQUIPMENT

This is a revision to published Case Situation CS BL25-17, necessitated by the passage and implementation of Proposal 7 from the 2007 Annual Meeting. Please ensure that this information is distributed to all members of the football coaching staff. This supercedes all previously issued interpretations related to practice equipment.

Case BL-25-17- What equipment can be worn, what activities can occur, and what restrictions are in place for football practice during the summer period and once official practice begins for the team.

Definitions

1) "Helmet-Only" activity is a practice period where only a helmet is worn. During this helmet-only 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.

2) "Contact Practice" is practice during the legal period (after the first date of contact as determined in Bylaw 25) 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.

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

1) 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. 2) 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 the first day of contact is a Helmet-Only period.

1) 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.

From the first permissible date of contact practice (the earlier of August 1 or seven week days before the start of school) through the conclusion of the season is a Contact Practice Period.

1) Beginning on the first permissible date, all other pads can be worn as defined in Rule 1-5 and full contact practice may begin for all individuals who have previously had five days of supervised non-contact practice in order to become acclimated to heat. 2) Players coming out late must have five days out of pads to become acclimated to heat..

3) 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.

4) Once full contact practice has begun, there is not a restriction on the number of non-contact practices conducted on any day.

Reminders

1) 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 without members of the coaching staff.

2) 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.

3) Any activity in the summer prior to the first day of contact practice as well as any activity conducted contrary to the equipment and scrimmage is not covered by the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance Plan.

4) Any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), potentially renders all insurance provisions null and void.

# 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 Login on the KHSAA web site to update the information as of now.

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).

### DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME GOLF CLASSIC

The Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Classic is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 17** at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. At the outing the 2009 Hall of Fame induction Class will be introduced.

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

#### SPORTSMANSHIP HONOREES

Congratulations to the following who were selected as Forcht Group of Kentucky Sportsmanship School Award Winners for 2007-2008.

- Region 1: Jared McCuiston (Mayfield), Katie Knecht (Reidland), Gracie Clapp, (Mayfield), Ellie Goodman (Fulton County), Jazmin Lopez (Graves County), James Melton (Graves County), Rachel Adams (Calloway County), Catherine Freeman (Community Christian (Paducah)), Joshua Burgess (Hickman County), Stephanie Weatherford (Hickman County)
- Region 2: Spencer Workman (University Heights), Marcy Smith (University Heights), Jake Pepper (Caldwell County), Mandy Gray (Caldwell County), Lindsey Bridges (Lyon County)
- Region 3: Jayleigh Gatton (Frederick Fraize), Bryan Miley (Frederick Fraize), Nicholas Heflin (McLean County), Cinamon Ashby (McLean County), Wade Taylor (Ohio County), Mallory Carter (Grayson County), Kevin Buntin (Owensboro Catholic), Jessica Adkins (Owensboro Catholic), Shawn Malony (Daviess County)
- Region 4: Ann Michele Reynolds (Russellville), Sam Kendrick (Russellville), Allie Meador (Franklin-Simpson), Barrett Dennison (Glasgow), Jeanne Shearer (Glasgow), Melanie Young (Todd County Central), Jacob Perdue (Todd County Central), Michelle Copley (Russell County), Luke Gilliam (Logan County), Jerri Beth Gee (Monroe County), Megan Stephens (Metcalfe County), Ann-Kathryn Harston (Allen County-Scottsville), Richie Heldic (Warren Central), Mark Lacy (Greenwood), Landry Spears (Cumberland County)
- Region 5: Shelby Haun (LaRue County), Kristia Worthy (John Hardin), Cody Mitchell (John Hardin), Morgan Bale (Green County), Daniel Bennett (Green County), Eric Thompson (Nelson County), Tiffany Miller (Nelson County), Holly Hatcher (Caverna), Kyle Bunnell (Caverna), Josh Gumm (Taylor County), Megan Isaacs (Hart County), Thad Highbaugh (Hart County), Jacob Huff (Marion County) Laura Mattingly (Marion County)
- Region 6 Kaitlyn Bindner (Presentation), Ian Sullivan (Holy Cross (Louisville)), Anna Roarx (Holy Cross (Louisville)), Courtney Coslow (Brown), Michael Bahm (Fairdale), Ceira Ricketts (Faridale), Ryan Vincent (North Bullitt), Elizabeth Heines (North Bullitt), Daniel Burton (Butler)
- Region 7: Caleb Lucas (Christian Academy-Louisville), Sadie Erickson (Christian Academy-Louisville), Luke Allison (Ballard), Cathleen Burke (Mercy), Cameron Rattliff (Walden), Abigail Fish (DuPont Manual), John Hester (DuPont Manual), Christopher Cunningham (Trinity (Louisville)), Megan Payne (Jeffersontown), Cory Williams (Jeffersontown), Abigail Mulloy (Ballard), Kaitlyn Swaggert (Fern Creek)
- Region 8: Kelsey Williams (Owen County ), Clint Hamilton (Owen County), Ryan Gallas (North Oldham), Stephanie Townsend (North Oldham), Anna Hartman (Grant County), Scott Kirk (Walton-Verona ), Lindsey Wood (Walton-

Verona), Tyler Hopperton (Simon Kenton), Adam Pontrich (Oldham County), Terri Bastin (Henry County), Larry Farmer (Henry County)

- Region 9: Joey Neal (Villa Madonna), Carly Cenedella (Villa Madonna), Gordon Dooley (St. Henry District), Ashley Jolly (Lloyd Memorial), Andy Bard (Lloyd Memorial), Kristen Thomas (Notre Dame), Ellyn Gennety (Covington Latin)
- Region 10: Hank Whalen (Harrison County), Evan Bennett (George Rogers Clark), Haleigh Shelley (George Rogers Clark), Miranda Hammons (Silver Grove), Nick Nelson (Silver Grove), Kyle Pettit (Pendleton County), Natalie Kelsch (Pendleton County), Josh Clark (Montgomery County), Ryne Clark (Bracken County), Dana Figgins (Bracken County), Riley Martin (Paris), Lauren Forsythe (Paris)
- Region 11:Jill McGregor (Woodford County), Tyler Back (Paul Dunbar), Ryan Martin (Paul Dunbar), Evan Schroader (Tates Creek), Christina Gailey (Tates Creek), Matt Schumann (Madison Southern), Kaylyn Pratt (Madison Southern), Heather Reed (Madison Central), Tyler Mills (Berea), Chelsea Atwater (Berea)
- Region 12: Zachary Lovins (Southwestern), Brooke Flynn (Southwestern), Ryan Young (Lincoln County), Savannah Lane (Lincoln County), Ethan Ashford (Mercer County), Allison Dailey (Mercer County ), Thomas Waddle (Somerset )
- Region 13: Mary Elliott (Pineville), Dustin Warren (Pineville), Johnna Sizemore (South Laurel), Donna Pickard (Barbourville), Cody Messer (Barbourville), Caroline Chadwell (Middlesboro), Sarah Burchell (Clay County), J.T. Shelley (Williamsburg), Ashley Freeman (Williamsburg), Mark Fogleman (Red Bird), Michael Andrew Jones (Middlesboro) Abby Sears (North Laurel), Alex Douglas (North Laurel), Mikkah Rogers (Corbin), Joseph Hamlin (Corbin)
- Region 14: Matthew Wright (Owsley County), Brittany Estridge (Leslie County), Tyler Phipps (Wolfe County), Stella Smith (Hazard), Angel Edwards (Hazard), Britany Taulbee (Wolfe County), Josh Drake (Lee County), Emily Murrey (Lee County), Robert Hart (Cordia), Jaianna Prater (Cordia), Josh Napier (Estill County)
- Region 15: Tiffany Lemaster (Johnson Central), Jaryd Crum (Johnson Central), Josh Staggs (Pikeville), Ricki Maynard (Pikeville), Adam Bowens (Belfry), Charlie Hunt (Phelps), Taylor Clark (Prestonsburg), Sally Roberts (Shelby Valley)
- Region 16: Christopher Barker (West Carter), Chelsey Fraley (West Carter), Brittany Norton (Bath County), Hallie Cook (Raceland), Seth Harper (Raceland), Erica Irwin (Ashland Blazer).

#### 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

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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.) It would also be a violation during this time for the coach to utilize players from his/her team while instructing or evaluating others in camps, clinics, combines or other sport- specific activities in the coach's sport.

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.

Coaches resigning, retiring or being otherwise relieved of coaching following a sports season who then coach competitors from that school in outside preparation or competition in that sport during the school year or dead period would render themselves ineligible to be rehired the following year to coach a team at that school in that sport regardless of a change in employment status. A coach resigning, retiring or being otherwise relieved of coaching following a sports season does not relieve himself/herself of the responsibilities such as medical symposium attendance if in fact that are rehired for the following year.

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 vet 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. It would also be a violation during this time for the coach to utilize players from his/her team while instructing or evaluating others in camps, clinics, combines or other sportspecific activities in the coach's sport.

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 viceversa. 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.)

#### REMINDER ABOUT CHANGE IN BASKETBALL CORRESPONDING DATES

For the last two years, 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 and at http://www.khsaa.org/handbook/correspondingdates/basketbal lcorrespondingdates.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.

# FUTURE BOYS' AND GIRLS' BASKETBALL STATE TOURNAMENT DATES

As schools plan for the 2009 school calendars, we have received a great many inquiries from school and school systems regarding the scheduling of the state basketball tournaments during the next few years. In May (2005), the Board of Control approved the advance schedule of dates and it was distributed to the membership.

Advance Dates for 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)

2009 3/18-3/21 (37) 2010 3/17-3/20 (37) 2011 3/16-3/19 (37)

Advance Dates for 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)

2009 3/11-3/14 (36) 2010 3/10-3/13 (36) 2011 3/9-3/12 (36)

#### WELCOME TO HARLAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

The KHSAA would like to welcome Harlan County High School as well as bid a fond thank you to James A. Cawood, Cumberland and Evarts High Schools for their longstanding membership. These three schools will consolidate to form Harlan County High School beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, and be immediately eligible for postseason play. Cawood has been a member since 1931, Cumberland since 1934 and Evarts since 1926, and their contributions have been invaluable. Though more sports may be added in the future, for the 2008-2009 season, Harlan County will compete in the following sports –

Baseball (District 52)

Basketball (District 52) Cross Country (Class 2A, Region 7) Football (Class 3A, District 6 for 2008 only) Golf (Boys Region 10, Girls Region 10) Soccer (District 31) Fast Pitch Softball (District 52) Tennis (Region 13) Track (Class 2A, Region 7) Volleyball (District 50)

### WELCOME TO COOPER HIGH SCHOOL

The KHSAA would like to welcome Cooper High School beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, and this school will be immediately eligible for postseason play. For the 2008-2009 season, Cooper will compete in the following sports –

Baseball (District 33, St. Henry to move to District 34) Basketball (District 33, St. Henry to move to District 34) Cross Country (Class 3A, Region 5) Football (Class 6A, District 6 for 2008 only) Golf (Boys Region 8, Girls Region 6) Soccer (District 17) Fast Pitch Softball (District 33) Swimming (Region 4) Tennis (Region 9) Track (Class 3A, Region 5) Volleyball (District 31) Wrestling (Region 6)

### SPORTSMANSHIP REGIONAL WINNERS

Congratulations to the following regional winners who were selected to be honored at the annual Forcht Group of Kentucky//KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet Sunday, April 27 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. The statewide winners, one boy and one girl, will be announced at that time and each receive a \$3,000 scholarship from Forcht Group of Kentucky.

Following are Regional winners:

Region 1 - Rachel Adams (Calloway County); Jared McCuiston (Mayfield)

Region 2 – Mandy Gray (Caldwell County); Spencer Workman (University Heights)

Region 3 – Jayleigh Gatton (Frederick Fraize); Kevin Buntin (Owensboro Catholic)

Region 4 - Jerri Beth Gee (Monroe County); Sam Kendrick (Russellville)

Region 5 - Kristia Worthy (John Hardin); Josh Gumm (Taylor County)

Region 6 - Anna Roarx (Holy Cross (Louisville)): Ryan Vincent (North Bullitt)

Region 7 - Megan Payne (Jeffersontown); John Hester (DuPont Manual)

Region 8 - Kelsey Williams (Owen County); Ryan Gallas (North Oldham)

Region 9 – Ashley Jolly (Lloyd Memorial); Joey Neal (Villa Madonna)

Region 10 - Dana Figgins (Bracken County); Evan Bennett (George Rogers Clark)

Region 11 - Kaylyn Pratt (Model); Evan Schroader (Tates Creek) Region 12 – Allison Dailey (Mercer County); Thomas Waddle

(Somerset)

Region 13 – Mary Elliott (Pineville); A.J. Jones (Middlesboro)

Region 14 – Brittany Taulbee (Wolfe County); Tyler Phipps (Wolfe County)

Region 15 – Tiffany Lemaster (Johnson Central); Josh Staggs (Pikeville)

Region 16 – Erica Irwin (Ashland Blazer); Seth Harper (Raceland)