

# Commissioner's Notes

November 2007



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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



November is the time of the year we need to be mindful of all of our blessings. Thanksgiving is around the corner and I am reminded to be thankful for all of those individuals who work tirelessly in the education field to provide educational opportunities for students, as well as sponsoring many extracurricular and

athletic programs that are so important for student growth.

Occasionally there are public health issues that surface from time to time. We will continue to keep you up to date with pertinent information on the various health and safety issues such as MRSA. The National Federation continues to be a leader in providing information in this area. We receive information from them as well as other sources. As information becomes available, we will share it with you and include it on our website where appropriate.

I have enjoyed having the chance to visit with many of you already this year around the state at our Regional Principals Meetings, the Annual Meeting, and at the Golf, Volleyball or State Soccer Championships. We have been fortunate to start the state championship season with some great weather for our outdoor events. Participation and interest seem to be at an all time high. The Boys and Girls State Cross Country Championships are coming up this week, as well as the start of Post-season play in Football. I hope to see you at one of these upcoming events.

As always, I along with all of the KHSAA staff are here to assist you with your high school sports and activity programs.

Happy Thanksgiving!

## LEGAL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Enclosed in this months C-Notes are clarifications to the guidelines for legal basketball uniforms.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULING

Bylaw 25 addresses the method of counting basketball games against the limit. In summary, here is the rule.

Each team may count a maximum of two tournaments in a "shortcut fashion" (where each and every game doesn't have to be counted against the limit of games) provided that a school plays no more than four games in any one tournament;

Each team may count a maximum of two tournaments as one-game each against the limit of games, regardless of tournament format, provided that a school plays no more than four games in either of the tournaments;

Each game in any tournament beyond the limit of four games shall be counted against the limit of games;

The total game limit (including two tournament shortcuts) is 23 games. This could be 21 single games and two "shortcut" tournaments (where neither tournament has a team playing more than four games), 22 single games and one shortcut tournament (where a team doesn't play more than four in that tournament) or it could be 23 single games;

There is no limit to the number of tournaments that can be entered by a team, but only two may be counted in a "shortcut" fashion, all other contests must be counted game for game.

Please feel free to contact the office if you have other questions.

## 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 **1-800-453-6882** 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.

## TITLE IX WORKSHOP DATES

The KHSAA has set Thursday November 29, 2007 as the date of the first Title IX Workshop for the 2007-2008 school year. The workshop will take place at the Executive Inn in Louisville.

A second workshop is planned in early December in Richmond exact date and times TBA.

## TITLE IX – PRIME DATE PLAY

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 has been adopted and approved by the KHSAA Board of Control:

*"Beginning with the 2007-08 school year, 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' 2008-09 games by December 31<sup>st</sup>.*"

**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 (November 26, 2007 for the 2007-08 season), appeals will not be allowed based on improperly

## submitted scheduling information and/or untimely posting of schedules.

For Example:

On Monday, November 26, 2007 (first legal playing date for the 2007-08 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 2008-09 regular season will be reduced to 21. The total allowable number of 2008-09 regular season home games may not exceed four single games.

Keeping in mind that contest reductions will occur for non-compliance, the KHSAA Staff will work with member schools to accomplish the identified contractual game reductions.

## 2007-2008 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Nov. 10	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 7-8	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 8-9	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium
Feb. 14-16	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 12-15	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 19-22	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
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	Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

## **KHSAA CONTEST OPPONENTS, IN AND OUT OF STATE**

As winter sports and spring sports are being scheduled, please note the criteria for out of state teams and tournaments:

### **KHSAA MEMBERS VS. IN STATE TEAMS**

All regular season games against in-state opponents must be against schools that also belong to the KHSAA. Students from non-member schools in Kentucky may not, under any circumstances, compete against KHSAA member school students in the contests defined within Bylaw 25.

### **KHSAA MEMBERS VS. OUT OF STATE TEAMS FROM CONTIGUOUS STATES**

All regular season games played against out of state opponents must be played against schools that are members of that state's association. The KHSAA office can assist in determining the status of those teams.

A sanction form is not required if all participating schools are from Indiana, Illinois or Ohio, unless a NFHS sanction applies. Please note, however, that Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out-of-state event.

### **KHSAA MEMBERS VS. NON CONTIGUOUS OR OTHERS THAT REQUIRE NFHS SANCTION**

KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the NFHS sanction form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$100.00 if the contests includes any of the following criteria:

The event involves two or more schools and is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community (e.g., a university, theme park, athletic shoe/apparel company);

Non-bordering state events if five or more states are involved;

Non-bordering state events if more that eight schools are involved; or

Any event involving two or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. (The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico).

The sanction fee should be made payable to the National Federation and sent to the KHSAA with the appropriate form. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Federation Office.

When Kentucky member schools are participating in out-of-state contests, the host school from out-of-state is responsible for completing the sanction form through the applicable state association and the KHSAA member is responsible for ensuring this process is complete.

The NFHS has been receiving an unusual amount of sanction applications directly from the event coordinators. When applications are submitted to the NFHS instead of through their respective state association it causes a back log of delay. **PLEASE remember to send all sanctions to the KHSAA for processing.**

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email [mmitchell@khsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@khsaa.org).

## **ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER**

The National Conference for Athletic Directors will be held in Nashville, TN Dec. 15 – 18. Our own Phil Rison of Montgomery County will receive a Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Banquet on Dec. 17. To register you may go online to [nfhs.org](http://nfhs.org) and click on the 38<sup>th</sup> national conference link. The KHSADA will host a reception for Phil on Sunday night following the President's Reception in the Kentucky Hospitality Room.

The KHSADA would like to thank the KHSAA staff & Commissioner DeVries for opening the facility to us for two Leadership Training Program courses on Oct. 17.

If you have issues or concerns that you would like to have brought before the KHSADA Board of Directors, please send the information to [Edwards.jeff@jefferson.kyschools.us](mailto:Edwards.jeff@jefferson.kyschools.us)

## **2007-2008 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.

ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

### **BASKETBALL**

11/14, Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic  
(\$75 Fine) 7:00 P.m.

### **SWIMMING & DIVING**

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(\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KVCA

Congratulations go out to the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association for their inaugural awards and recognition ceremony during the 2007-08 KHSAA State Volleyball Championship Tournament. Each Regional Player and Regional Coach of the Year (as voted on by KVCA members) was presented an award just prior to Saturday night's Championship Match.

Listed below is each regional winner:

Region	Player of the Year	School
Region 1	Shea Sheppard	Marshall County
Region 2	Mandy Gray	Caldwell County
Region 3	Lauren Hagan	Owensboro Catholic
Region 4	Lizzy Beal	Greenwood
Region 5	Morgan Bale	Green County
Region 6	Alli O'Connor	Mercy
Region 7	Sloane Donhoff	Assumption
Region 8	Nicole Allgood	South Oldham
Region 9	Nicole Staverman	Notre Dame
Region 10	Kaela Jo Freppon	Newport Central Catholic
Region 11	Annalee Abell	Henry Clay
Region 12	Lauren Wombles	South Laurel
Region 13	Jessi Witten	Rockcastle County
Region 14	Jane Adams	Letcher County Central
Region 15	Paige Thacker	Belfry
Region 16	Lauren Gill	Russell
Region	Coach of the Year	School
Region 1	Chris Presswood	Marshall County
Region 2	Sue Stone	Caldwell County
Region 3	Steve Howard	Owensboro Catholic
Region 4	Jen Legge	Warren East
Region 5	Lynne Givens	Green County
Region 6	Heather Houston	Butler
Region 7	Andy Benner	Ballard
Region 8	Aaron Moore	Oldham County
Region 9	Becky Houston	Holy Cross (Covington)
Region 10	Jenny Mertle	Newport Central Catholic
Region 11	Dale Grupe	Henry Clay
Region 12	Kaye Smith	South Laurel
Region 13	Larry Lee	Rockcastle County
Region 14	Kelly Sizemore and Jody Sizemore	Leslie County
Region 15	Rick Mounts	Belfry
Region 16	Tammie Hensley	Morgan County

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## REMAINING REQUIRED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS MEETINGS

In 2005-2006, the Board of Control, on recommendation from a panel of public and non-public school Superintendents, voted to require the Principal of each member school to attend an annual meeting. At this meeting, the current rules and regulations as well as Association policies, procedures and undertakings are to be discussed. This is in compliance with Bylaw 1, which states that the Principal is ultimately responsible for all Association rules being complied with within the athletic program.

Many times, the building Principal has schedule conflicts in attending, so there was also an allowance made that the attendance requirement could be fulfilled by someone else in the building attending who held current principal certification.

The schedule for 2007-2008 is –

11/7 - Lexington, in conjunction with KASSP Fall Conference,  
at Marriott Griffin Gate 2:30-5:00p.m.

11/28 - Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Meeting  
(\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

Each of these meetings count equally toward satisfying the requirement.

The November 28 meeting is a "make up", and is held well into the school year and is considered a late meeting as it certainly puts school administrators behind in being made up to date about rules. This is why it is treated like a late attended rules clinic, with the requisite fine.

A sign-up sheet has been sent by electronic mail (GE47) so that you can register and help staff prepare certificates, materials, etc.