



Commissioner's Notes

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Hello everyone! KHSAA fall sports championships are coming to a close and the Christmas Holidays are just around the corner.

The position of In-House General Counsel has been advertised. Interested parties must mail applications and resumes to the Association office by December 15, 2008.

Please note that in the future, we will be sending out e-mail reminders regarding Board of Control meeting agendas for upcoming board meetings. Board meeting minutes will continue to be posted once they are approved by the Board. As always, Board of Control Meetings are open, and school personnel are welcome to attend.

I, along with KHSAA staff have been attending Superintendant Cooperative Meetings in order to share information on Association activities. I am very pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of the upcoming KASS Winter Conference scheduled at the Galt House in Louisville. Staff members are always available upon request to provide Association updates at school related meetings around the state.

Two Title IX workshops were conducted recently in Madisonville and Lexington and attendance was excellent. School personnel provided some excellent feedback and shared ideas they have implemented to promote both their boys and girls athletic programs. Some of these suggestions and ideas will be included in the next printing of the "KHSAA Title IX Manual" which is being drafted at this time.

The proposed changes to the KHSAA Constitution and Bylaws are working their way through the regulatory review process, starting with the Kentucky Board of Education review at it's December 10-11, 2008 meeting.

Happy Holidays!

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 as one game each 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 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.

No member school shall play more than twenty-three (23) basketball games during the regular season. A maximum of two (2) tournaments may be included in any manner other than counting each game played against the limit of twenty-three (23) games. Any two tournaments played during the regular season may be counted as one game per tournament against the limit of twenty-three (23) provided that neither tournament necessitates the team playing more than four (4) games. Any game played over the limit of four in any one tournament shall be counted against the limit of twenty-three (23) games.

Please feel free to contact KHSAA staff if you have questions regarding clarifications on the counting of contests.

KHSAA TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl were mailed December 4.

The Association continues to accept orders for 2009 National City/KHSAA Boy's and Houchins Industries/KHSAA Girl's basketball tickets on the order forms mailed in November. We appreciate support of our events and hope you will order if you have not done so.

Contact the KHSAA office with any questions.

REPORTING OF SCORES

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.

BYLAW 23. SANCTIONS & CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 1) Contests Within State

All contests within Kentucky played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions must come through the Commissioner. The Commissioner and/or Board of Control will not sanction (approve for play) any meet, tournament, game, or all-star contest unless a member school, conference, group of member schools, or coaches association is the sponsor. The said legal sponsor shall have full control over planning, supervision, and disposition of finances. No member school shall take part in any tournament, game, or contest from which any outside organization derives a financial profit from ticket sales.

Sec. 2) Interstate Contests

Member schools of the KHSAA shall adhere to all restrictions contained in the National Federation of State High School Associations' sanctioning policy when playing any contest or scrimmage against an out of state opponent. Case situations related to this bylaw appear on pages 19 through 43 of this Handbook)

ARTICLE VIII CONTESTS

Section 1. With Non-Member Kentucky Schools

KHSAA member schools may only compete in contests against schools located in Kentucky that are current members of the KHSAA. Any KHSAA member school, that engages in an athletic contest with a nonmember Kentucky school that is eligible for membership in the Association, may be subject to all penalties contained in Bylaw 33.

Section 2. With Schools in Other States

All opponents of KHSAA schools in all contests shall be current members of the state association in the home state of the opponent. All contests played by KHSAA member schools shall be governed by the rules and regulations established by the Board of Control including but not limited to Article VIII of the KHSAA Constitution. Approval for any exemptions must come through the Commissioner. Any KHSAA member school engaging in a contest with a school from another state shall play under the rules of the KHSAA.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

It's not too late! You can still register and attend the National Conference for Athletic Directors in San Diego, CA December 13 - 17 by going online to www.nfhs.org

If you know of any company, country or school in need of "recycled" uniforms, please contact Barb Shafer at Model High School in Richmond or Faye B. Thornton at Sharp Middle School in Pendleton Co.

Happy Holidays to each of you from the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Association!

REMAINING KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dec. 12-13	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 13-14	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville
Feb. 19-21	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 11-14	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 18-21	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 21-23	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
May 22-23	Boys' & Girls' Track	U of L Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville
June 5-6	Fast Pitch Softball	Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 11-13	Forcht Bank/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington