



Commissioner's Notes

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Hello everyone! Here's hoping our member schools around the state are finally recovering from the last onslaught of winter weather. The word patience takes on new meaning at times like these. Our staff members continue to carry on with all Association activities such as the scheduled spring sports rules clinics, workshops, and other sponsored programs. Information on cancellations and or re-scheduled clinics is being communicated via the KHSAA website, and by e-mail notifications to coaches, officials and school personnel who have made their addresses available to the Association.

During the month of February we have two state events scheduled. The Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA State Swimming and Diving Championships are scheduled for February 13 & 14, 2009 at the Ralph Wright Natatorium, at the University of Louisville. The State Wrestling Championship is set for February 19-21, at the Frankfort Convention Center. Detailed event information is available on the KHSAA Website under the respective sports.

The legislature is in session and budgetary items appear to be at the top of the priority list. Regarding interscholastic athletics, SB 44 seems to be getting quite a bit of attention by school personnel at this time. This bill has been proposed by Jack Westwood and establishes a definition of a home school and would allow home school students the opportunity to participate in athletics at KHSAA member public high schools. It appears to mirror some aspects of open enrollment, and currently does not appear to include below grade 9 students or non-public schools.

Girls and boys State Basketball Tournament tickets continue to be on sale at the KHSAA office until the end of February. Anyone wishing to order "group" upper arena tickets for their school groups can contact Butch Cope for more information. Group tickets are \$5.00 each and must be purchased in a minimum quantity of 25 tickets.

As always, feel free to contact any KHSAA staff member if you need assistance with any of our sponsored programs or activities!

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGERS

Any student or group of four students or less interested in singing the National Anthem at a session of either the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® or Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen® Tournament, should submit a CD (a cappella) to Phyllis Sallee at the Association by February 16, 2008. The Association is particularly targeting previously underrepresented populations and prefer, to highlight currently enrolled high school students.

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

DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT 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 2008-2009, a seeded district game may not be played after February 14th.

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.

FORCHT GROUP OF KENTUCKY/KHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP PROGRAM

Information for the Forcht Group of Kentucky/KHSAA Sportsmanship Program went out to guidance counselors and athletic directors in mid January. Individual school winners are due to the KHSAA by March 23, 2009.

One boy and one girl finalist from each region will be invited to attend the Recognition Banquet held April 26, 2009 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington.

Each regional finalist receives a \$200 scholarship with the state winner, one boy and one girl, receiving a \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

Congratulations to Kentucky's newest Certified Athletic Administrator - Jake McKinney! Jake sat for his exam in San Diego, but the exam is available right here in Kentucky at our annual conference. If you are interested in becoming a Certified Athletic Administrator you may visit www.niaaa.org and click on the certification link or contact faye.thornton@pendleton.kyschools.us. If you have not received registration information for the KHSADA 33rd Annual Conference, April 23 - 24, 2009 contact Jim Watkins, adwatt1@bellsouth.net.

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

Good luck to all teams as you enter the last month of the winter sports' regular season.

REMINDER OF NATIONAL CITY SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline to submit an application for a National City Scholarship is Feb. 20, 2009.

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 22.

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

BASKETBALL PHOTOS AND ROSTERS DUE

Please note basketball team photos 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 you experience technical problems, you may also e-mail the photo provided it has been scanned at a minimum DPI of 300 and is not bitmapped. The file should be saved with a file extension of .jpg, .gif, or .tif. Faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer printouts ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. **Also include the "photo ID", who's who left to right.**

Rosters are entered on the "Members Only" page using the "Enter Team Rosters" link. The roster will remain open until the first day of play in the district tournament at which time all rosters will be locked, and no additional players may be added.

For assistance with the entry of either item contact Marilyn Mitchell at the Association or mmitchell@khsaa.org

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. If you need assistance verifying your schedule contact Julian Tackett at jtackett@khsaa.org.

2008-09 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 2008-09, approved KHSAA rules clinic sites and dates. ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

BASEBALL

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)

2/9 Frankfort, Western Hills HS

3/25 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic,
1:30 p.m. (\$75 Fine)

SOFTBALL

(All Times are 6:30 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)

2/10 Frankfort, Western Hills HS

3/24 Lexington, KHSAA Office,
Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)

2/10 Independence, Simon Kenton HS

2/11 London, North Laurel HS

2/12 Louisville, Christian Academy

2/15 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 3 p.m.

2/17 Frankfort, Western Hills HS

3/24 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine)

REMAINING KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| Feb. 13-14 | Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA 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 |



2009 NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER(S) APPLICATION FOR STUDENT(S) GRADE 7-12

Performance Application would be for the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament, WKU, Diddle Arena, Bowling Green, Ky. March 11-14, 2009 or the National City/KHSAA Boys' State Tournament at Rupp Arena, Lexington, Ky. March 18-21, 2009.

Please complete this form and submit along with a CD or cassette to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association no later than February 23, 2009 to the Attention of Phyllis Sallee. The performer(s) submittal needs to be them singing an a cappella traditional version of the National Anthem (Approximately 1-1/2 minutes in length)

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| School Which Performer(s) Attend: | | |

KHSAA and its agents reserve the right to make a final determination of all performance schedules. An application is not a guarantee of a performance.

SOLOIST/GROUP LEADER

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