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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Hello everyone! December is here and we started the month off in fine fashion with the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl in Bowling Green at Western Kentucky University. It was an exciting event and had great community support including the staff at Western, the Bowling Green Tourism Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, along with the KHSAA member

schools, coaches and fans.

Recently, we conducted two Title IX Workshops in Prestonsburg and Lexington. Both were well attended and provided excellent opportunities for school personnel to learn about Title IX and their obligation under the federal law. The workshops were fun, and provided a good forum for KHSAA school personnel to exchange important information with each other on ideas that work towards achieving gender equity at their schools.

The KHSAA was one of five agencies selected this year by the Legislative Research Commission for a review, which has been completed. The review included an extensive look at the student eligibility process required under KRS Chapter 13B, along with information from other state associations on their funding and regulations. The study concluded with two major recommendations for the Association. They are as follows:

Continue to develop a concise document on KHSAA Bylaw 6 (Transfer Rule) for use by parents and school personnel regarding the Associations transfer process and waiver provisions, including the requirements for specific support documentation necessary for processing.

Create an electronic system for processing the transfer forms particularly in the initial stage between sending and receiving schools.

KHSAA will continue to finalize and implement these recommendations during the coming school year.

Moving forward, winter sports are in full swing and here's hoping you all have a great Holiday Season!

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.

KHSAA CONTEST OPPONENTS, IN AND OUT OF STATE

As events are being scheduled, please note the criteria for out of state teams and tournaments and required sanctions:

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 in Baseball, Basketball, Fastpitch Softball, Soccer, Football and Volleyball. The KHSAA office can assist in determining the status of those teams.

Though not required by KHSAA sanction paperwork is required for some contests against schools from Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia.

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

KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the online NFHS sanction form and include the processing fee 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 process is completed online via the NFHS website. The processing fee scale is: 60 days prior to NFHS office, \$200, 15-59 days prior, \$200 + \$100 late fee, \$300, less than 15 days prior \$200 + \$300 late fee + \$100 no list fee, \$600.

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.

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

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.

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.

REMAINING KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Feb. 12-13	Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville
Feb. 18-20	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 10-13	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 17-20	PNC/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 27-29	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 4-5	Boys' & Girls' Track	U of L Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville
June 11-12	Fast Pitch Softball	Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 14-19	Forcht Bank/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

KHSAA BASKETBALL TICKET INFORMATION

The Association continues to accept orders for 2010 PNC Bank/KHSAA Boy's and Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girl's basketball tickets. We appreciate your support of our events and hope you will order tickets if you have not done so already.

Contact Marsha Day at the KHSAA office with any questions.

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