



Commissioner's Notes

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Happy New Year to each of you! We begin the month of January with a lot of activity. The makeup meeting for the member school principals which is an Association requirement was conducted on January 11. As always it is good to interact with school principals and have the opportunity to discuss KHSAA regulations and clarify rules. Our staff will be attending the

National Federation Rule Interpretation Meetings in preparation for the upcoming softball, baseball, tennis and track rules clinics which are required for coaches and officials in those sports. Spring sport coaches need to check the KHSAA Website and calendar in their respective sports. This year some clinics are conducted on line and others are in person courses.

The newly revised KHSAA Title IX Manual is at the printer. Each member school will be receiving a complimentary copy later this month. The initial version of this resource document was published in the 1999-2000 school year and has been updated one other time since then. This publication is copyrighted by the Association due to specific initiatives relative to the KHSAA Title IX Audit Project.

I am reminded that winter sports are in full swing with the Houchens/KHSAA and PNC/KHSAA Sweet 16 State Basketball Tournament draws scheduled live, on Friday, January 29, at 1:00 p.m.(ET) on WKYT- Channel 27. They will also be streamed live via the KHSAA Website.

I hope to see you out and about at one of our upcoming high school events!

PNC BANK SCHOLARSHIPS

PNC Bank will be awarding 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". Deadline for applications is Feb. 19, 2010. Winners will be recognized during the PNC Bank/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament.

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

KHSAA BASKETBALL TICKET INFORMATION

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGERS

Any student or group of four students or less interested in singing the National Anthem at a session of either the PNC Bank /KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® or Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen® Tournament, may submit a CD (a cappella) to Phyllis Sallee at the Association by February 15, 2010. The Association is particularly targeting previously underrepresented populations and prefer, to highlight currently enrolled high school students.

The Association is also seeking any choral group (of no more than 15 students) who are interested in singing a traditional version of the National Anthem and My Old Kentucky Home at the Saturday evening Championship session of either tournament. An a cappella CD may be submitted by February 15, 2010. Due to time and other restraints versions of My Old Kentucky Home and The National Anthem cannot exceed one and a half minutes each.

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

BYLAW 25 REMINDER ABOUT GAME COUNTING

Each year, isolated representatives of member schools face issues in potential violation due to incorrectly counting the contests allowed in Bylaw 25. Subsequently, coaches, athletes or athletic programs are faced with penalty situations. These violations are preventable.

Each coach in all sports should carefully review the Bylaw 25 limitations, including the case situations following the bylaw. For example, baseball and softball coaches need to be aware that all games played in an event (regardless of format) must count as the same level for all teams (varsity, JV, freshman, etc.).

Several sports have variations in tournament counting within their rules (i.e. basketball), and a thorough knowledge of the provisions of Bylaw 25 will keep coaches and other school personnel out of trouble.

The penalty for exceeding these limits is contained in Bylaw 25. The complete text of Sections 1-6 of this Bylaw is included for your review on page 3. If violations are discovered before tournament play begins, then the penalty is the removal of a team from championship play. If detected later, the individual coach of the team and/or the member school may be penalized in accordance with Bylaw 33. This includes but is not limited to, coaching suspension from contests, probation of teams and/or member schools and a dramatic reduction in future schedules to atone for the error.

Please be sure all representatives of your sports programs are aware of the contest and scrimmage limitations.

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.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

Congratulations to Kentucky's newest Certified Athletic Administrator, Debbie Beichler of Jefferson Co. (Atherton High School). Debbie completed all requirements in December in Texas.

If you are interested in certification, visit the NIAAA website (www.niaaa.org) for more information. Kentucky will administer the CAA exam at the state conference in April. Register now to sit for it.

If you are an NIAAA member you may log onto the www.niaaa.org website, click on the member services link marked new at the top of the home page (in red print), log in and activate your account. You will need your membership number to accomplish this. Once you have logged in, you can view your LTP courses, post a resume, look for open positions and several other features.

Mark your calendar now! The KHSADA Annual State Conference will be held April 21 – 23, 2010 at the Fern Valley Hotel and Convention Center in Louisville. Information will be available for registration in February.

If you are having difficulty accessing the KHSADA newly posted Athletic Directions on the internet, please inform Steve Silvano at Steven.Silvano@jefferson.kyschools.us.

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
April 25	Forcht Group Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition	Embassy Suites, 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

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.

BASKETBALL PHOTOS AND ROSTERS DUE

Please note basketball team photos are due by February 15. 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. **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

2009-10 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 2009-10, approved KHSAA rules clinic sites and dates. ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

BASEBALL

1/16, KBCA, Fern Valley Conference Center, Registered Coaches for KBCA meeting only

1/29 to 2/28, for 2009-2010, the Baseball Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials at no charge during this period

3/1 to 3/31, for 2009-2010, the Baseball Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the prescribed makeup fee (\$75) during this period

4/1 to 4/30, for 2009-2010, the Baseball Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the prescribed makeup fee (\$300) per the Bylaw 33 schedule during this period. After this time, postseason penalties per Bylaw 33 will apply.

SOFTBALL

(ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

1/23, Murray, Ky., 9:30 a.m. (Rules Clinic Only) in conjunction with Murray State University, Ky. Softball Umpires Clinic (Officials Only)

1/30 Danville, Ky., 4:00 p.m. Clinic in conjunction with KSCA Conference at Centre College

2/6, Florence, 10:00a.m., (Rules Clinic Only), Florence Branch Public Library, in conjunction with Ky. Softball Umpires Clinic (Officials Only)

2/20, Ashland, 9:30a.m., (Rules Clinic Only) in conjunction with Fastpitch Complex, Ky. Softball Umpires Clinic (Officials Only)

2/28, Louisville, 1:30 p.m., (Rules Clinic Only), Mercy HS, in conjunction with Ky. Softball Umpires Clinic, (Officials Only)

1/29 to 2/28, for 2009-2010, the Softball Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials at no charge during this period

3/1 to 3/31, for 2009-2010, the Softball Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the makeup fee (\$75) during this period

4/1 to 4/30, for 2009-2010, the Softball Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the makeup fee (\$300) per the Bylaw 33 schedule during this period. After this time, postseason penalties per Bylaw 33 will apply.

TENNIS

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

2/22, Mayfield HS

2/23, Morgantown, Butler County HS

2/24, Paintsville, Johnson Central HS

2/25, London, South Laurel HS

3/1, Independence, Simon Kenton HS

3/2, Louisville, Christian Academy HS

3/3, Lexington, KHSAA Office

3/4 to 3/31, for 2009-2010, the Tennis Clinic will be online for makeup only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the prescribed makeup fee (\$75) during this period

4/1 to 4/30, for 2009-2010 the Tennis Clinic will be online for makeup only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the prescribed makeup fee (\$300) per the Bylaw 33 schedule during this period. After this time, postseason penalties per Bylaw 33 will apply.

TRACK & FIELD

1/29 to 3/25, for 2009-2010, the Track & Field Clinic will be online and may be viewed by coaches and officials at no charge during this period.

The following Regional Clinics will also be offered:

1/31 Princeton, Caldwell County High School (3p.m.)

2/7 Paintsville, Johnson Central High School (3 p.m.)

3/2 Radcliff, North Hardin High School (7p.m.)

3/24 Lexington, KHSAA Office (7 p.m.)

3/26 to 4/16, for 2009-2010, the Track & Field Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the prescribed makeup fee (\$75) during this period

4/1 to 4/30, for 2009-2010, the Track & Field Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches and officials for the prescribed makeup fee (\$300) per the Bylaw 33 schedule during this period. After this time, postseason penalties per Bylaw 33 will apply.