



# Commissioner's Notes

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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Hello Everyone! Change is in the air and it is all good.

First and foremost, congratulations are in order for Julian Tackett who was recently selected by the KHSAA Board of Control to be the 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner for the Association. Julian is highly qualified and is going to do a great job in his new role.

In addition, our legal counsel George Fletcher has taken a great position as President and CEO of Farmers and Traders Bank in Campton, Kentucky. While George has only been here a short time he has been a great asset to me, our staff, and the Board of Control. We wish him well but he will be greatly missed by everyone in the KHSAA family.

There are currently two position openings here at the Association. One is for an Assistant Commissioner, and the other is for Legal Counsel. Please refer to the KHSAA Website under *Hot News* if you are interested in information about these positions.

Let's hope the heavy rains are behind us so we can enjoy our spring sports. As always I look forward to seeing you out and about at our upcoming spring events!

## DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME GOLF CLASSIC

The Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Classic is scheduled for Tuesday, **June 29** at the Marriott Griffin Gate in Lexington. At the outing the 2011 Hall of Fame induction Class will be introduced.

Anyone interested in participating, may contact Butch Cope ([bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org)).

## SCHOOLS REMINDED OF CRITICAL NEED TO UPDATE INFORMATION

At this time of year, administrators and coaches are changing schools, retiring, moving to other careers, etc. This is a critical time for the KHSAA to keep its information up to date about your school.

If you are an administrator leaving your school, please take the time to update your information one last time by going through the Members Login on the KHSAA web site to update the information as of now.

Much effort has been expended by staff and the member schools over the last year in making sure of the accuracy of the information, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you need password assistance, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA ([mmitchell@khsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@khsaa.org)).

## SPORTSMANSHIP HONOREES

Congratulations to the following regional winners who were selected and honored at the Annual Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Banquet Sunday, April 25. Moriah Corey from Butler and Neil Wilson from Monroe County were the statewide winners. Each will receive a one time \$3,000 scholarship from Forcht Group of Kentucky & Kentucky National Insurance.

Following are Regional winners:

- Region 1: Brooks Heath (Mayfield), Lacy Roberson (Fulton County)
- Region 2: Nate Dyer (Caldwell County), Brittany Doom (Lyon County)
- Region 3: Clint Board (Breckinridge County), Renee Hunter (Owensboro)
- Region 4: Neil Wilson (Monroe County), Shelby Lawson (Bowling Green)
- Region 5: Ethan Paulley (Nelson County), Kamika Joyner (Ft. Knox)
- Region 6: Kevin Carrillo (Butler), Moriah Corey (Butler)
- Region 7: Connor English (Christian Academy-Louisville), Allison Karst (Christian Academy-Louisville)
- Region 8: Weston Ott (Simon Kenton), Elena Bertuccio (North Oldham)
- Region 9: Shane Coltharp (Beechwood), Paige Gooch (Beechwood)
- Region 10: Tyler Murphy (Montgomery County), Paige Compton (Montgomery County)
- Region 11: Bennett Coffey (Woodford County), Chelsea Harnack (Model)
- Region 12: Joseph Vanhook (Lincoln County), Amy Jones (McCreary Central)
- Region 13: Scott Muffly (Corbin), Lyndsay Collette (South Laurel)
- Region 14: Blake Crowe (Estill County), April Hall (Estill County)
- Region 15: Heath Ward (Johnson Central), Hannah Thompson (Pike Co. Central)
- Region 16: Dalcus Sparks (Menifee County), Lindsey Hale (Menifee County)

## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES DUE

This is a reminder to all schools that Fall Sports Schedules (Volleyball, Boys' & Girls' Soccer and Football) are due to be entered through the KHSAA website by May 14. If you need assistance with schedule entry, please contact Marilyn Mitchell [mmitchell@khsaa.org](mailto:mmitchell@khsaa.org).

## CLARIFICATION ON PERMISSABLE GEAR REMINDER ABOUT OFF SEASON FOOTBALL PRACTICE AND LEGAL EQUIPMENT

Case BL-25-17- What equipment can be worn, what activities can occur, and what restrictions are in place for football practice during the summer period and once official practice begins for the team.

### Definitions

1) "Helmet-Only" activity is a practice period where only a helmet is worn. During this helmet-only period, no full contact drills or other activity can occur which would result in a player completing a tackle, or being blocked or tackled to the ground.

2) "Contact Practice" is practice during the legal period (after the first date of contact as determined in Bylaw 25) when the remainder of the football gear specified in the rule book is worn and activity during the session is not restricted with regard to contact.

*The day following the last date of school or June 1, whichever is earlier, through June 24 is a Helmet-Only period.*

1) During this period, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

2) Member school coaches and other representatives should note that there are no insurance provisions in place at this time.

3) Member schools may not as a unit compete against other schools or teams during this period.

*From June 25 to July 9, no football gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5 may be issued by a school directly to a player from that school, and the full provisions of the dead period (Bylaw 26) must be observed.*

*July 10 to the first day of contact is a Helmet-Only period.*

1) During this period, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

*From the first permissible date of contact practice (the earlier of August 1 or seven week days before the start of school) through the conclusion of the season is a Contact Practice Period.*

1) Beginning on the first permissible date, all other pads can be worn as defined in Rule 1-5 and full contact practice may begin for all individuals who have previously had five days of supervised non-contact practice in order to become acclimated to heat.

2) Players must have five days out of pads to become acclimated to heat.

3) Beginning with the first permissible date of contact practice, teams cannot conduct multiple contact practice

sessions on consecutive days. If multiple contact practices (up to a maximum of two) are held on a day, then only one contact practice session can be held on the following day.

4) Once full contact practice has begun, there is not a restriction on the number of non-contact practices conducted on any day.

### Reminders

1) With the exception of the Dead Period, nothing about these interpretations prevents a school from allowing equipment to be issued to students to attend individual camps at other sites without members of the coaching staff.

2) Nothing about any of the interpretations prevents individual camp attendance by players using school owned equipment outside of the dead period or team camp attendance within the contact window and subject to the scrimmage limitations.

3) Legal, on campus, non-contact, non-interscholastic activity within defined parameters is covered by the KHSAA catastrophic insurance beginning July 15.

4) Any other activity in the summer prior to the first day of contact practice as well as any activity conducted contrary to the equipment and scrimmage is not covered by the KHSAA Catastrophic Insurance Plan.

5) Any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), potentially renders all insurance provisions null and

## ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

Congratulations to the KHSADA's new President, Mitchell Irvin (Oldham Co.) and the KHSAA's new Commissioner, Julian Tackett!

The KHSADA just successfully completed another great State Conference. 135 Athletic Directors were registered for the conference. 31 completed Leadership Training Institute courses. Finalists for Athletic Director of the Year were Victor Black (Casey County), Lee Kendall (Harrison County), Jimmy Durham (North Laurel), Ron Madrick (Holmes), and Gale Travis (Madisonville North Hopkins). Congratulations, Gale, for being selected as the Athletic Director of the Year!

Congratulations as well to Commissioner DeVries upon her retirement!

If you are interested in joining the KHSADA, contact Mitchell Irvin ([mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us))

## 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.

## SCHOOLS AND COACHES REMINDED ABOUT BYLAW 25 RESTRICTIONS OUT OF SEASON

After receiving many inquiries over the last few days, it is good that we remind each of you of the restrictions of Bylaw 25 for soccer, volleyball, basketball and football teams. These same restrictions are in place in the fall for baseball and softball, and effect primarily the coaches. Coaches (paid or unpaid) who coached during the 2009-2010 school year are effected by this restriction, regardless of yearly "pink slip" provisions or other career decisions. Many activities, particularly in basketball but also in other sports, are attempting to shift out of school activities from the summer to the late spring. These could present problems for your athletes or your school athletic program as it relates to Bylaw 25.

A couple of reminders, with the full details being printed in Case Situations 25-5, 25-6 and 25-7 on pages 34 and 35 of this year's Handbook (and available at <http://www.khsaa.org/handbook/bylaws/bylaw25.pdf>:

### FOR THE STUDENTS -

In general, the student-athletes are not restricted, and may participate in outside competition with the restrictions listed below on equipment, facilities, etc. The only regular restriction is Bylaw 8 which governs only basketball and football, and does not restrict the student-athletes after the season is over. The full text of Bylaw 8 is at <http://www.khsaa.org/handbook/bylaws/bylaw8.pdf>

### FOR THE SCHOOL COACHES AND ATHLETIC PROGRAM

- 1) Boosters or schools may not pay entry fees for activity, pay officials or provide transportation before school is out in soccer, volleyball, basketball and football ,
- 2) The school nickname, or school issued uniform or accessories may not be worn,
- 3) The school facility cannot be used for organized competition unless there is a written agreement with an outside organization,
- 4) Coaches cannot be involved if the athletes are competing including coaching, facility management, umpiring/officiating and may only be involved in normal off-season maintenance.
- 5) Members of the coaching staff (paid or unpaid) CAN NOT attend competition in which the students who were on the team are participating unless such competition is held on the campus of that coach's school (see Bylaw 25, Sec 1(f)). If the coach is in attendance on campus, it can only be in a supervisory role with no involvement.

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REGARDING THE CHILDREN OF COACHES

This interpretation has been in place for many years, and will be incorporated into the 2010-2011 Handbook.

- 1) If a coach (paid or unpaid) is coaching in off season play and has a child on the team, and that child is the ONLY member of the high school team (from any level, freshman, JV or varsity) that is participating, there is no restriction on

the coach being involved in that coaching. It is not the normal business of this association to become involved in parental decisions regarding only the coach's child.

- 2) If a coach (paid or unpaid) is coaching in off season play and has a child on the team, as well as other members of the school team involved (from any level, freshman, JV or varsity), the coach may be present at the contest when his / her child is participating, but may not be involved in coaching. Again, it should never be the position of this association to have a rule that restricts a parent from watching their kid compete.

From anecdotal reports, it is provision (5) above that is the most ripe for violations. Coaches may not attend games in the offseason at local sports complexes, outside leagues, etc in which kids who played during the current year are in attendance and participating. There is a plethora of non-high school competition going on now, particularly with the younger age groups. If students played on the high school team (freshman, JV or varsity), even if it was a younger student "playing up", then the coach cannot be in attendance at this time of year.

Please make sure all coaches are aware of, and comply with, the restrictions.

## REMAINING KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

May 27-29	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 3, 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