Training month. Consider asking your games announcers to make announcements that support this profession. A copy of sample announcements are attached to this month’s issue. If any of the fine folks from the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society can be of help, please give them a call!

**PNC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ONLINE**

Applications for the 2012 PNC Foundation Sweet 16® scholarships are now available on the KHSAA web site. The PNC Foundation will be awarding 32 one-time $1,000 scholarships to one boy and one girl from each of the state’s 16 regions. The scholarship is open to any senior student-athletes who participated in any KHSAA sanctioned sport (including cheer). Scholarships will be based on excellence in three areas - academic achievement, leadership and school and community service.

For an application, please visit the KHSAA web site at http://www.khsaa.org/forms/bk148.pdf

The application process will remain open until Friday, Feb. 24.

**KHSAA LOOKING FOR ANTHEM SINGERS**

In preparation for the 2012 Houchens Industries/KHSAA Sweet 16® Girls State Basketball Tournament and the PNC/KHSAA Sweet 16® Boys State Basketball Tournament, the KHSAA is seeking students to sing the national anthem before each session.

If you have a student or small group (less than 12) who
would be capable of performing in front of a large audience while representing your school, please contact Darren Bilberry or Phyllis Sallee and submit a sample of their previous anthem performance.

**SPORT UPDATES**

*Baseball, Softball, Tennis and Track*

Rules clinics are now online and free through the end of February. Beginning March 1, there is a late make-up fine of $100. Please make sure you take advantage of this open window. The rules clinic is currently only required by the Head Coach and he must be logged in to received credit. The use of some other coach or administrator’s e-mail is not permitted and credit will not be received.

*Basketball*

As the postseason approaches, we remind schools to update their basketball rosters on the school’s page of the website. These rosters will be used as your postseason eligibility list.

*Bowling*

Information about the regional tournaments has been posted on the website. This includes postseason sites and dates, as well as postseason instructions. The Ebonite/KHSAA State Bowling Tournament will be March 22 and 23 (Thursday and Friday) at Executive Bowl in Louisville.

*Cheer*

This reminder to all administrators that cheer coaches are required to adhere to all Bylaw 27 requirements, including the online sports safety course. Please make sure your staff has completed all requirements with the bylaw. Coaches failing to complete all requirements will not be eligible to coach at the KAPOS State Event and could face penalties within Bylaw 33 for non-compliance.

*Soccer*

Don’t forget you should have your “new” district coaches meeting by the March 1 deadline. You must submit new site selection plans and seeding policies to the KHSAA.

*Swimming & Diving*

Regional events have been held and the 2012 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA State Swimming & Diving Championships will be contested on Feb. 23-25 at the Ralph Wright Natatorium on the campus of the University of Louisville. The diving preliminaries only will be held on Thursday, with the swimming events taking place on Friday. Both swimming and diving final events will take place on Saturday.

*Track*

State tournament dates - Class 1A Thursday, May 17; Class 2A Friday, May 18 and Class 3A on Saturday, May 18. All meets will be held at the Owsley Frazier Park at the University of Louisville.

*Volleyball*

The Board of Control approved playing formats for all levels beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. Varsity play will be best 3 of 5 sets to 25 with the fifth and deciding set to 15. Schools by mutual agreement may choose to play 2 of 3 sets in the regular season. Junior Varsity play will be best 2 of 3 sets to 21 and Freshman play best 2 of 3 sets to 17. A standard warm-up time for all levels was also adopted using the 4-4-4-2-1 format, matching what is used at the State Tournament. Additional details with regard to official pay were included in an e-mail sent out following the Board meeting. This will be reviewed in the Volleyball Rules Clinic in the fall.

*Wrestling*

The 2012 State Wrestling tournament has moved to Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park on Feb. 17-18. Information, including maps and Area Housing Accommodations are on the State Wrestling page, [http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling/state.html](http://www.khsaa.org/wrestling/state.html)

**REMAINING 2011-12 KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

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Thanks for all of your continued support!

Julian Tackett
**TRAINERS**
*(Once during warm-ups or during halftime)*

March is National Athletic Training month. Let’s give a round of applause for the athletic trainers for the participating schools tonight and all they do to keep our student-athletes safe. If you are interested in a career in athletic training or would like to know more about athletic training please contact the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society and visit their website at

[www.kyats.com](http://www.kyats.com).