



Commissioner's Notes

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The first championships of the school year always seem to kick everything into overdrive at the Association and part of the reason why we look at the month of October with so much anticipation.

As always, before we crowned our first champions of 2011-12 we took care of business. It was good to see everyone at the Annual Meeting of delegates on Sept. 22. Many of you took advantage of the professional development opportunities available that day and left presenters Mark Koski, Dr. Tad Seifert, Chell Austin and Paul Cino with a very high opinion of the state's athletic administrators and culture.

Once the voting took place there was little drama as all 12 proposals on this year's agenda passed by wide margins. In fact, only one proposal (Proposal 3 - the divorce exception) received as many as 40 'no' votes. The complete tally for all issues is available for viewing on the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/20112012/finalvotingtallysheet2011.pdf>.

Once the golfers took to the course under sunny skies at the Bowling Green Country Club, it great to see the reason why we exist - to provide a venue for kids to display their talents and participate. Often we get tunnel vision when we focus the administrative side of the ledger with rules, schedules and budgets. But to see golfers like Emma Talley and Lydia Gumm cement their status as two of the state's all-time greats or someone like St. Xavier's Stephen Stallings, who qualified for state as the No. 5 on his team and then went on to win state, it reminds us of the quality of Kentucky's student-athletes, both on and off the field of play.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE CERTIFICATES

Schools are reminded to request your complimentary Academic All-State Certificates from the KHSAA Office. First Team requirement is a 3.75 cumulative GPA and Honorable Mention requirement is a 3.25 cumulative GPA. To request your certificates, please e-mail Marsha Day at mday@khsaa.org

REPORTING OF SCORES TO SCOREBOARD

Remember to call in scores to the Scoreboard, 1-800-453-6882 at the completion of contests. Scoreboards are maintained in the fall sports of Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer and Football. If you have results from any fall sport, superlative performance or other note of news, you may submit that via e-mail to emay@khsaa.org for inclusion in the KHSAA weekly news release.

RULES CLINICS UPDATE

Rules clinics for basketball, cheer, swimming & diving, and



wrestling have been posted on the KHSAA web site and are now open without fee. The clinics will remain open until Nov. 1. Starting on Monday, Nov. 1, clinics may be viewed with a fine through Dec. 31, 2011.

PRINCIPALS CLINIC UPDATE

The principals clinic was posted on the KHSAA website on Sept. 26 and may be viewed without a fee through Oct. 31. From Nov. 1 through Nov. 30, there will be a \$100 fine for late attendance. The fine will be waived for those paid delegates to the November KASSP Conference in Lexington. From Dec. 1 through Dec. 31, the fine will be \$300.

SPORT UPDATES

Baseball

We are still getting minimal inquiries regarding bats for the 2012 season. For the 2012 season, only all wood bats or bats stamped that they meet BBCOR standards will be legal. BESR only bats are **not** legal.

Bowling

As we continue to verify schools who will be participating, we remind schools that the regions will not be set until once the season has begun. Schools should work with the proprietors of their local bowling center to establish usage of lanes and terms of that usage. Many of the bowling centers have offered to help

with helping getting the students interested in bowling with play days and scheduling.

Cheer

We have received some clarifications from the NFHS regarding the Cheer Rules Clinic. Please forward the following on to your cheer coach. The Rules Clinic Power Point stated: Rule 2-6-4c prohibits full/single load in twists from being performed on a gym and/ or track etc...

It should have read:

Rule 2-6-4c prohibits full/single load in "released" twists from being performed on a gym and/or track etc.

Cross Country

As cross country regionals draw near, we remind schools to upload their race results via the KHSAA website to be used for qualifying athletes. The state meet will be at the Kentucky Horse Park on Saturday, Nov. 12. The times for class and gender have been posted on the cross country page of the website.

Football

Ticket Orders have been sent out to the member schools for the 2011 Russell Athletic/KHSAA State Football Finals. Orders will be taken through Friday, November 11 and can be ordered using any major credit card at <http://www.khsaa.org/payments/russell-athletic/khsaa-state-football-finals-2011/>.

Football school Athletic Directors and Coaches are reminded that the original deadline for roster entry has long since passed. The final deadline for roster editing and updating will be on Monday, October 31. Only those players who appear on the online roster system are eligible to appear in any contest as that is the master eligibility listing. Thanks for taking care of this important chore.

Soccer

Athletic Directors, don't forget that for the boys' regional tournaments in odd numbered years (2011), the host shall be the district winner in the odd numbered district. And for the girls' regional tournaments in odd numbered years, the host shall be the district winner in the even numbered district. Athletic Directors of HOST sites, please send us Form SO107 as soon as you can.

Volleyball

The KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament semifinals and final will be streamed live on khsaa.tv in partnership with iHigh.com. The Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 28-29 at Knight Hall on the campus of Bellarmine University in Louisville. Each of the 16 participating schools will have an allotment of advanced tickets to sell at a discounted price of \$8.

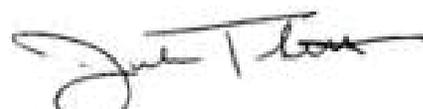
Wrestling

Login information for the NWCA website was sent to each School, if for some reason you have not received this, please contact Michael Barren, (mbarren@khsaa.org) as soon as possible.

2011-12 KHSAA Championship Dates

Oct. 28-29	Girls' Volleyball	Bellarmino University, Louisville
Nov. 2-3, 5	Boys' and Girls' Soccer	Paul Laurence Dunbar HS, Lexington
Nov. 12	Boys' and Girls' Cross Country	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 2-3	Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl	Houchens-L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green
Feb. 17-18	Wrestling	Alltech Arena at Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
Feb. 23-25	Pannell Swim Shop/ KHSAA Swimming & Diving	Wright Natatorium, Louisville
March 7-10	Girls' Basketball	TBA
March 14-17	PNC/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
March 23-24	Boys' and Girls' Bowling	Executive Bowl, Louisville
May 17-19	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	Lexington
May 17-19	Boys' & Girls' Track and Field	Owsley Frazier Cardinal Park, Louisville
June 7-9	Softball	Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 13-18	Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA Baseball	Whitaker Bank Ballpark, Lexington

Thanks for all of your continued support!



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