KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



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KHSAA ANNUAL DELEGATE MEETING

The KHSAA Annual Meeting of member school delegates is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 8 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. Registration will begin at 7:45 a.m. Workshop sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the Commissioner's report on the Association and discussion of 2004 proposals set for 11:15 a.m. Carl Hurley is the featured speaker and is scheduled to address the delegates at 1:45 p.m.

Due to the time necessary for approval of proposed changes at the KHSAA Delegate Meeting, voting will not be conducted at this year's meeting. This is in accordance with Constitution changes approved by the membership.

Voting will now be conducted at the Annual Meeting every-other year. Voting on rules changes will next be conducted at the January, 2004 meeting, unless the Board of Control approves the submission of a referendum. In essence, the deadline for any changes to be voted on would be December 1, 2003. Proposals received prior to that time, will be considered during the January, 2004 Annual Meeting for consideration.

The current approval process begins with voting at the Delegate meeting. Once approved by the member school delegates, changes are sent on to the Board of Control and the Kentucky Department of Education for approval and submitted to the Legislative Research Commission for final acceptance and implementation in to the KHSAA Handbook.

The KDE process requires two readings at separate meetings for review by the Kentucky Board of Education, as does the LRC process. This total timeline sometimes takes as much as 18 months due to the meetings, creating a situation where member schools could be proposing potential changes to rules that have yet to be accepted by the KDE and placed in the KHSAA Handbook.

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The Board of Control of the KHSAA will hold its annual January meeting Thursday, Jan. 9 at the KHSAA office in Lexington. Committee meetings are scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m., with the full Board meeting scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. For a meeting agenda, contact the KHSAA.

KHSAA HYPE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The second KHSAA HYPE Student Leadership/Sportsmanship Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 15 at Rupp Arena and the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. A record 485 students and 53 adults representing 48 member schools of the Association are registered to attend.

Conference breakout sessions will include presentations on sportsmanship, future involvement in sports, NCAA Clearinghouse issues, hazing, respect, teamwork and dealing with fans and parents.

Mr. Harvey Alston of Westerville, Ohio, will serve as the featured speaker. Mr. Alston was featured speaker at last year's conference and has spoken at the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) national conference the last two years.

BASKETBALL NOTES

(Taken from Member School Reports to the KHSAA)

Pitt Connelley of Magoffin County pulled down 21 rebounds (14 offensive and seven defensive) in a 60-58 loss to Allen Central back on Jan. 1. On the year, Connelley has pulled down 77 boards in nine games for an 8.6 rpg. average.

Dustin Johnson of Casey County connected on eight of nine three-point shots, tying the school record for three-point shots made in a game, in a 63-49 win over Scott County (TN) in the McCreary Central Christmas Tournament.

Mason County's Chris Lofton is averaging 21.2 ppg. through 12 contests. Lofton helped the Royals to a runner-up finish in the King of the Bluegrass Tournament at Fairdale and to the championship of the Fifth Third Bank Kentucky Holiday Classic at Lexington Catholic over the holidays.

To date, eight basketball teams, four girls and four boys, remain undefeated. Fairdale (4-0), Christian Academy-Louisville (8-0), DuPont Manual (8-0) and Tates Creek (5-0) are the undefeated girls' teams. Elizabethtown (12-0), St. Xavier (8-0), Red Bird (7-0) and Breathitt County (10-0) are the boys' teams.

Defending girls' state champion Sacred Heart went 3-1, capturing third place in the Naples Daily News Holiday Classic over the weekend. SHA suffered its first loss of the year to Clearwater, FL, in a 58-48 contest. Also over the holidays, the Valkyries went 5-0 in route to claiming championship honors of the Fifth Third Bank Prime Time Classic at Lexington Catholic. SHA enters the week 10-1 and plays next at Moore on Jan. 10.

HOW TO GET INFO/NOTES IN THE WEEKLY RELEASE

The KHSAA requests assistance from its member schools and media outlets to aid in the compilation and dissemination of notes of interest, coach's association polls and upcoming events in all sports. Information should be forwarded to the KHSAA, attention Butch Cope, by 1 p.m. (ET) on Monday of each week. You may e-mail (<u>bcope@khsaa.org</u>) the information or fax it to the KHSAA at (859)293-5999. Information received will be reviewed and published at the discretion of the Association. The KHSAA strives to publicize all of its sports to the fullest extent and appreciates any and all assistance.

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