

# KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



## SPORTS NEWS

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### **STATE FAST PITCH SOFTBALL THIS WEEKEND**

The 2004 KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament is set for this Friday and Saturday, June 11-12, at Jack C. Fisher Park in Owensboro. Independence Bank, along with the Owensboro Parks & Recreation, the Executive Inn Rivermont and the Owensboro/Daviess County Tourism Commission are local sponsors of the event.

Defending champion Owensboro Catholic earned a return trip to the State Tournament with a 3-0 win over Grayson County in the Third Region Tournament. Calloway County (1<sup>st</sup>), Central Hardin (5<sup>th</sup>), and Breathitt County (14<sup>th</sup>) are making their first trip to the State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament.

General Admission tickets to the event will be \$6 each per session. As in the past, there will be three sessions to the two-day event. An all-session ticket will also be available at \$12 each. Children under six will be admitted free and Gates will open one hour prior to play. Fans are reminded they are invited to bring their own lawn chairs; however, coolers will not be permitted inside the park.

Tickets - \$6 per session.

Session I – begins Friday at 9 a.m.

Session II – begins Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Session III – Saturday's play (all day)

Following are first round region vs. region match-ups: (TIMES ARE CENTRAL)

Friday, June 11

9 a.m. games – South Laurel vs. Belfry (F1); Hopkins Co. Central vs. Montgomery Co. (F2); Calloway Co. vs. Mercy (F3); Lafayette vs. Central Hardin (F4).

11 a.m. games – Shelby Co. vs. Butler (F1); Russell vs. Middlesboro (F2); Breathitt Co. vs. Allen Co.-Scottsville (F3); Dixie Heights vs. Owensboro Catholic (F4).

Play continues through 7 p.m. Central Time on Friday. Saturday's action begins at 9 a.m. locally with the championship game scheduled for 5 p.m.

To view the entire tournament bracket, see the link below:

<http://www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball/2004/2004statefastpitchbracket.pdf>

### **STATE FAST PITCH RESULTS**

Scores will be posted on the KHSAA scoreboard following each game. To receive updates or contact a member of the KHSAA staff, call the Fisher Park Press Box at (270)687-8336.

### **STATE FAST PITCH HOST HOTEL**

The Executive Inn Rivermont will be the headquarters hotel in Owensboro for teams and tournament staff. To book a room, call Kerry Bailey at 800-665-5104.

### **SEMI-STATE BASEBALL**

Sixteen teams remain and are set to battle this Thursday and Friday in the eight semi-state baseball tournaments. The tournaments are the best two of three series with the winner advancing to next week's KHSAA State Baseball Tournament scheduled for June 16-19 at Applebee's Park in Lexington.

### **STATE BASEBALL BRACKET**

The draw for the 2004 KHSAA State Baseball Finals has been posted on the website. The event is scheduled for June 16-19 at Applebee's Park in Lexington.

Following is the schedule for the State Playoffs at Applebee's Park:

Wednesday, June 16

Semi-State 3 Winner vs. Semi-State 2 Winner, 6 p.m.; Semi-State 8 Winner vs. Semi-State 7 Winner, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 17

Semi-State 6 Winner vs. Semi-State 1 Winner, 6 p.m.; Semi-State 5 Winner vs. Semi-State 4 Winner, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 18

Semi-finals at 6 and 8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, June 19  
State Championship at 7 p.m.

To view the entire tournament bracket, see the link below:  
<http://www.khsaa.org/baseball/2004/statebaseballbracket.pdf>

**TRACK & FIELD MEET SUCCESS**

The 2004 KHSAA State Track & Field meet was a great success over the weekend. Some 1,600-plus athletes competed in front of over 6,500 fans over the course of the two days. Girls' Team Champions were St. Henry (A), Paducah Tilghman (AA), and Sacred Heart (AAA). Boys' Team Champions were Bardstown (A), Paducah Tilghman (AA) and North Hardin (AAA).

Full championship results are posted at [www.khsaa.org/track](http://www.khsaa.org/track).

**The next release will be Tuesday, June 14, 2004.**