

# KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



## SPORTS NEWS

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### **FALL SPORTS HIT HIGH GEAR THIS WEEK**

The fall sports season gets into high gear this week with the first date for boys' and girls' soccer matches and cross country meets Monday, Aug. 18 and the first date of football games Friday, Aug. 22. Golf enters its third week of play while volleyball begins its second week of action.

### **2003-2004 KHSAA PUBLICATIONS**

The 2003-2004 KHSAA Event Calendar is now available for purchase. The calendar includes sports specific important dates as well as Board of Control and Advisory Committee meetings and other related information. Calendars are \$8 each and can be ordered on line through the KHSAA website ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) or by contacting Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA.

Orders are now being taken for the 2003-2004 KHSAA Handbook. Those may also be ordered online or by contacting Ms. Mitchell. Handbooks by mail are \$15 each for the bound printed version or \$10 each if purchased in person at the KHSAA Office. The Handbook will again be available in the three-ring binder version. By mail, the binder and the insert are \$30 each for the set or \$20 each just for the insert. In-person over-the-counter purchases of the binder and insert are \$25 each or \$15 for just the insert. Handbooks, as in the past, will be mailed on Sept. 1.

*The Athlete* magazine, the quarterly publication of the Association, is \$15 for a one-year individual subscription. The subscription includes the "Year-End" State Championship results issue.

The 2002-2003 Year-End results issue of *The Athlete* will be available in late August.

### **SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL AND FOOTBALL SCHEDULES**

Schedules for boys' and girls' soccer as well as volleyball and football have been posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard. Member schools are reminded to make sure all games have been entered through the "Member School Only" link on the KHSAA website.

### **SOCCER REGULAR SEASON GAMES**

This is a reminder that in November of 2002, the KHSAA Board of Control approved the elimination of overtime procedures during regular season soccer contests beginning with the 2003 season. For postseason contests, the normal overtime procedures remain in effect.

### **CROSS COUNTRY MEETS SCHEDULE**

Following is a listing of high school cross country meets scheduled for the month of August as published by the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association.

Aug. 21 – Providence Hokum Karem at New Albany, IN

Aug. 23 – Dayton Devils Distance Relays; Paul Dunbar Hokum Karem Meet at Woodford Park; Daviess Co. Inv.; Hokum Karnem at Bell Co.

Aug. 26 – Marshall Co. Practice Meet; Danville All Comers Meet

Aug. 30 – St. Xavier Tiger Run; Fort Campbell Inv.; Pendleton Co. Inv.; Hancock Co. Inv.

For a complete season listing, check out the KTCCA website at [www.ktcca.org](http://www.ktcca.org).

### **FOOTBALL BEGINS PLAY WITH NEW ALIGNMENT**

The 2003 football season begins the first year of another four-year alignment cycle which will include the 2006 season. The KHSAA Board of Control approved the alignment at its Sept. 26, 2002 meeting. To view the approved alignment, log on to the KHSAA website and choose the football link under the KHSAA sports pull down.

Also of note is the elimination of the Eight-Player State Football Championship sanctioned by the Association. The KHSAA had approved an eight-player playoff tournament from 1996-98 and then sanctioned the playoffs as an official State Championship from 1999 until 2002. Last year, five teams competed in the Eight-Player State Football Championship with Kentucky Country Day taking home the trophy with a 37-21 win over Bethlehem.

Finally, a reminder that this year's State Football Finals were moved by the Board of Control in cooperation from Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center Board from the KFEC Cardinal Stadium in Louisville to Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. The State Football Finals are scheduled for Dec. 5-6. Ticket information will be released at a later date.

#### **BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING**

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association will hold a special meeting August 25 at 8 a.m. in Lexington to review appeals. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Sept. 18-19 at the KHSAA office.

#### **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 ([bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org)) 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.

**The next release will be Monday, Aug. 25, 2003.**