

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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BOARD APPROVES BASEBALL AND FAST PITCH SOFTBALL ALIGNMENTS

At its January meeting, the KHSAA Board of Control approved alignments for the 2005-06 school year for baseball and fast pitch softball. The adjustments come following the Board's action with the basketball alignment adopted for the 2005-06 year.

To view the alignments, log on to www.khsaa.org/baseball and www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball.

In other action, the Board adopted the mandatory use of the international tie-breaker for fast pitch and slow pitch softball games during the regular season beginning in the 10th inning. Previously the rule could be used voluntarily beginning in the eighth inning. The rule puts the last player to make the third out from the previous inning on second base to lead off the inning. The adoption will be used during the 2005 regular playing season.

BASKETBALL TICKETS REMAIN ON SALE

Tickets sales for both the National City/KHSAA Boys' & Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16[®] State Basketball Tournaments remain on sale through the KHSAA office through Feb. 23 by calling (859) 299-5472 or by ordering online at www.khsaa.org.

At this time, only full tournament books (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are on sale. Beginning March 1 tickets will be available through the Rupp Arena Box Office and ticketmaster.com for the boys' event and through the Diddle Arena Box Office for the girls' event.

This is a reminder to order your tickets now. Tickets purchased at the arena for either tournament will incur an additional walk-up charge per ticket.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA TROPHY TOUR

Again as part of its title sponsorship of the Boys' Sweet 16[®] State Basketball Tournament, National City will be touring the Boys' Championship trophy. Next stop is the Boyd County at Ashland Blazer game on Friday, Jan. 28.

Students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop. The application form is also posted on the KHSAA website. National City has increased its commitment to the scholarship program. This year and again 16 boys and 16 girls (one each from each region) will receive a one-time scholarship courtesy of National City. This year's winners will each receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship, an increase of \$500 each from last year. A total of \$32,000 in scholarship money will be awarded this year.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest.

The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 25. For additional information, contact Butch Cope.

NATIONAL CITY/KHSAA BOYS' SWEET 16[®] TROPHY TOUR STOPS

Dec. 28 – Paintsville Tiger Classic
Jan., 13 – Simon Kenton at Dixie Heights
Jan. 21 – Jeffersontown at Fern Creek
Jan. 28 – Boyd County at Ashland Blazer
Feb. 1 – Scott County at Bullitt East
Feb. 11 – Eastern at Atherton
Feb. 12 – Bryan Station Sweetheart Classic at Henry Clay
Feb. 15 – Apollo at Union County
Feb. 25 – Warren Central at Russellville

UPCOMING KHSAA CALENDAR

Fri., Feb. 4 – Draw Show for 2005 State Basketball Tournaments (WKYT-TV 27 in Lexington; Insight; 1 p.m. ET)
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 18-19 – State Swimming & Diving Meet – UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington
Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 24-26 – State Wrestling Championships – Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort
Tues., March 15 – Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Induction Banquet – Lexington Center, Lexington
Wed.-Sat., March 16-19 – National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament – Rupp Arena, Lexington

Wed.-Sat., March 23-26 – Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament – WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green

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