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KHSAA BOARD ACTIONS INCLUDE BASKETBALL ALIGNMENT

LEXINGTON – The basketball alignment for the 2005-06 season was among items approved by the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of Control at its November meeting held Thursday.

The Board approved the alignment effective for the 2005-06 season after over two years of research, review and input. On Wednesday, the Board reviewed responses to its initial draft sent to member schools in August and heard comments from school representatives during an open comment session before making its final decision.

“This has been a long process,” KHSAA Board of Control President James Sexton stated. “It has been one that has taken much research time. There are some major changes, but over 30 years has passed since there has been a wholesale realignment in basketball, it was necessary due to consolidation and the building of schools.

We (the Board) are happy that the process is now complete and want all member schools to know that the decisions made were in the best interest for the kids of Kentucky,” Sexton concluded.

Following is the approved basketball alignment beginning with the 2005-06 season:

Region 1, District 1 - Carlisle County, Fulton City, Fulton County, Hickman County
Region 1, District 2 - Community Christian (Paducah), Heath, Lone Oak, Paducah Tilghman, Reidland
Region 1, District 3 - Ballard Memorial, Graves County, Mayfield, St. Mary
Region 1, District 4 - Calloway County, Christian Fellowship, Marshall County, Murray
Region 2, District 5 - Crittenden County, Livingston Central, Lyon County, Trigg County
Region 2, District 6 - Henderson County, Providence, Union County, Webster County
Region 2, District 7 - Caldwell County, Dawson Springs, Hopkins County Central, Madisonville-North Hopkins
Region 2, District 8 - Christian County, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, University Heights
Region 3, District 9 - Apollo, Daviess County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic
Region 3, District 10 - McLean County, Muhlenberg North, Muhlenberg South, Ohio County
Region 3, District 11 - Breckinridge County, Frederick Fraize, Hancock County, Meade County
Region 3, District 12 - Butler County, Edmonson County, Grayson County, Trinity (Whitesville)
Region 4, District 13 - Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Russellville, Todd County Central
Region 4, District 14 - Bowling Green, Greenwood, Warren Central, Warren East
Region 4, District 15 - Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Glasgow, Monroe County
Region 4, District 16 - Clinton County, Cumberland County, Metcalfe County, Russell County
Region 5, District 17 - Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, John Hardin, North Hardin
Region 5, District 18 - Caverna, Green County, Hart County, Larue County
Region 5, District 19 - Bardstown, Bethlehem, Nelson County, Washington County
Region 5, District 20 - Adair County, Campbellsville, Marion County, Taylor County
Region 6, District 21 - Beth Haven, Holy Cross (Louisville), Pleasure Ridge Park, Valley, Western
Region 6, District 22 - Butler, DeSales (B), Doss, Evangel Christian, Iroquois
Region 6, District 23 - Brown (B), Central, Portland Christian, Presentation (G), Shawnee, St. Francis
Region 6, District 24 - Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Fairdale, North Bullitt, Southern
Region 7, District 25 - DuPont Manual, Louisville Collegiate, Male, Mercy (G), St. Xavier (B)
Region 7, District 26 - Assumption (G), Atherton, Fern Creek, Moore, Whitefield Academy
Region 7, District 27 – Ballard, Sacred Heart (G), Seneca, Trinity (Louisville) (B), Waggener, Walden
Region 7, District 28 - Christian Academy-Louisville, Eastern, Jeffersontown, Kentucky Country Day
Region 8, District 29 - North Oldham, Oldham County, South Oldham, Trimble County
Region 8, District 30 - Anderson County, Eminence, Shelby County, Spencer County
Region 8, District 31 - Carroll County, Gallatin County, Henry County, Owen County
Region 8, District 32 - Grant County, Simon Kenton, Walton-Verona, Williamstown
Region 9, District 33 - Boone County, Conner, Heritage, Ryle, St. Henry District
Region 9, District 34 - Dixie Heights, Lloyd Memorial, Ludlow, Villa Madonna
Region 9, District 35 - Beechwood, Covington Catholic, Covington Latin, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Notre Dame (G)
Region 9, District 36 - Bellevue, Dayton, Highlands, Newport, Newport Central Catholic
Region 10, District 37 - Bishop Brossart, Calvary Christian, Campbell County, Scott, Silver Grove
Region 10, District 38 - Deming, Harrison County, Millersburg Military (B)*, Nicholas County, Pendleton County
Region 10, District 39 - Augusta, Bracken County, Mason County, St. Patrick
Region 10, District 40 - Bourbon County, George Rogers Clark, Montgomery County, Paris
Region 11, District 41 - Frankfort, Franklin County, Western Hills, Woodford County
Region 11, District 42 - Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Sayre, Scott County
Region 11, District 43 - Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek
Region 11, District 44 - Berea, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model
Region 12, District 45 - Boyle County, Danville, Garrard County, Kentucky School f/t Deaf, Lincoln County
Region 12, District 46 - Burgin, East Jessamine, Harrodsburg, Mercer County, West Jessamine
Region 12, District 47 - Casey County, Pulaski County, Rockcastle County, Somerset
Region 12, District 48 - McCreary Central, Monticello, Pulaski Southwestern, Wayne County
Region 13, District 49 – Clay County, Jackson County, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist, Red Bird
Region 13, District 50 – Corbin, South Laurel, Whitley County, Williamsburg
Region 13, District 51 – Barboursville, Knox Central, Lynn Camp, Pineville
Region 13, District 52 – Bell County, Cawood, Cumberland*, Evarts*, Harlan, Middlesboro
Region 14, District 53 – Cordia, Jenkins, June Buchanan, Knott County Central, Letcher County Central
Region 14, District 54 – Buckhorn, Hazard, Leslie County, Perry County Central
Region 14, District 55 – Breathitt County, Jackson City, Riverside Christian, Wolfe County
Region 14, District 56 – Estill County, Lee County, Owsley County, Powell County
Region 15, District 57 – Johnson Central, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Paintsville, Sheldon Clark
Region 15, District 58 – Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, South Floyd
Region 15, District 59 – David School, East Ridge, Pikeville, Shelby Valley
Region 15, District 60 – Belfry, Phelps, Piarist, Pike County Central
Region 16, District 61 – Bath County, Fleming County, Menifee County, Rowan County
Region 16, District 62 – East Carter, Elliott County, Morgan County, West Carter
Region 16, District 63 – Greenup County, Lewis County, Raceland, Russell
Region 16, District 64 – Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Fairview, Rose Hill

**SOCCER POSTSEASON DATES**

Beginning with the 2005 season, the postseason playoffs will include a week for sub-section and sectional tournament play. Previously these rounds were held in the same week as the regional tournament and just prior to the State level.

2005 Important Soccer Dates:
First Practice Date: July 15
First Contest Date: Aug. 15
District Tournaments: Oct. 10-15
Regional Tournaments: Oct. 17-22
Sub-Section contests: Oct. 24-25
Section contests: Oct. 26-27
State Semifinals: Nov. 2-3
State Championships: Nov. 5

Other action items included:
SOCCER MERCY RULE ADOPTED
Beginning with the 2005 season, the Board approved the following mercy rule for soccer contests:

If a school has a lead of nine or more goals at halftime, that contest shall be terminated at the end of the first half. If a lead of nine has not been established in the first half, then the match shall terminate at the point in the second half when a lead of nine is established.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE AWARDED STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS
The Board approved Rawlings Stadium and Georgetown College as the site and host for the 2005-08 Boys’ and Girls’ State Soccer Championships. Rawlings Stadium, home to the Georgetown College Tigers and the pre-season training camp for the Cincinnati Bengals, has hosted the state soccer championships the last six years and home to the event seven times.

PADUCAH AWARDED 2005 LEACHMAN BUICK & GMC/KHSAA STATE GOLF
The Board approved the sites for the 2005 Leachman Buick & GMC/KHSAA Boys’ & Girls’ State Golf Championships. The girls’ event will be held Oct. 3-5 at Rolling Hills Country Club in Paducah and the boys’ event will be held Oct. 5-7 at the Paducah Country Club.

This will be the second time Paducah has hosted a KHSAA state Championship. The KHSAA State Baseball Finals were played at Brooks Stadium in 1998.

FIFTH THIRD/KHSAA STATE BASEBALL FINALS SET FOR APPLEBEE’S PARK
The Board approved an extension to its contract with Applebee’s Park to host the Fifth Third/KHSAA State Baseball Finals through 2008. Applebee’s Park, home of the Lexington Legends (single A affiliate of the Houston Astros) has hosted the last three state baseball finals.

“It was a busy meeting for our Board,” KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries stated. “We are really excited about the venues approved by the Board for our State Championship events.”

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