

KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



SPORTS NEWS

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LEACHMAN BUICK & GMC GIRLS' STATE GOLF SITE MOVED

The site of the 2005 Leachman Buick & GMC Girls' State Golf Tournament, originally scheduled to be played Oct. 3-5 at the Rolling Hills Country Club in Paducah, has been changed to Drake Creek Golf Club in Ledbetter (Livingston County), Assistant KHSAA Commissioner Larry Boucher announced. Dates remain Oct. 3-5.

"With the dry summer and extensive heat conditions, courses across the state are stressed," Boucher said. "The KHSAA had earlier been apprised by local Paducah event committee personnel that the course was suffering due to weather conditions. Because the local course and event committee had put much work into hosting the event, we had hoped the conditions would improve with the fall weather, but it has not. The Paducah event committee worked to find a championship caliber course to make sure the tournament will be a success," Boucher concluded.

The boys' event remains scheduled for Oct. 5-7 at Country Club of Paducah.

HURRICANE KATRINA TRANSFERS

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shares the concern of the entire nation for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in the wake of the storm that devastated the Gulf Coast Area and an unparalleled disruption of family life. The KHSAA is on board with its other educational partners in the state of Kentucky and the nation in facilitating and accommodating the needs of students who have been displaced due to the Hurricane.

Many of the KHSAA member schools are already receiving students and are adapting their admittance policies under the guidance of the Kentucky Department of Education and other governing agencies. The Association, along with everyone else, wants to do its part to facilitate the students' return to a normal life if at all possible. Therefore, in the spirit of cooperation, the KHSAA is attempting to adapt the Domestic Student Eligibility or "Transfer Process" due to the difficulty in obtaining student records from schools in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

The KHSAA is not however summarily waiving all regulations particularly age, (Bylaw 3) academic or grade (Bylaw 5), or recruitment rules (Bylaw 10). In addition, the Association cannot waive the physical exam or insurance requirements (Bylaw 2) required for participation in athletics.

"Obviously this has been a catastrophic situation these students and their families have been through the last couple of weeks," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said. "While ensuring the basic rules of the Association, we hope to expedite the transfer process to help get a form of normalcy back into their daily lives."

"Congratulations are in order to KHSAA member school personnel who have indicated that they are planning a variety of activities and designating a portion of the proceeds to support relief efforts," DeVries concluded.

KHSAA ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS PROCEDURE

This is a reminder of the media advisory released by the KHSAA last Friday with regard to Annual Meeting Proposals.

The 2005 Kentucky High School Athletic Association Annual Meeting of member schools is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 20 at the Lexington Convention Center. As the meeting date approaches, the KHSAA would like to advise media members of the procedure that will be used for the compilation and dissemination of the information to be considered by the member schools.

- The deadline for submission of proposals for consideration at the meeting is Saturday, Sept. 10.
- With the deadline date on Saturday, the KHSAA will begin compilation of the proposals on Tuesday, Sept. 13 and confirm final wording with the authors for final presentation.
- With the deadline still to come, the Association staff is not in a position to address any specific proposal or potential proposal until the final listing is made.
- Proposals will be posted on the Association website (www.khsaa.org) in presentation form Thursday, Sept. 15.
- Authors and other proponents of proposals will be listed so that they can be contacted for feedback and general comments.

In addition, the Association would like to remind individuals of the approval process of KHSAA Bylaws:

- A Proposal may be submitted by the designated representative of any KHSAA member school by the deadline (Sept. 10)
- Proposals are then presented at the Annual Meeting
- A two-thirds vote of the registered delegates in attendance is required for passage
- Following the Annual Meeting, the KHSAA Board of Control reviews approved proposals and forwards them to the Kentucky Board of Education with either a favorable or unfavorable recommendation for adoption
- KBE then recommends approval or lack of approval for inclusion in 702 KAR 7:065

- The entire KHSAA Constitution and Bylaws, including approved proposals, are then reviewed by the Legislative Research Committee for a final decision of approval of implementation or no approval of implementation within 702 KAR 7:065.

COACHES ASSOCIATION POLLS

Boys' and Girls' Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country polls are posted on the KHSAA website under the non-KHSAA links.

KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of control is set for this Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Association office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA.

NEXT RELEASE

The next regular release will be posted on Sept. 19, 2005.