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KHSAA BOARD APPROVES A TWO YEAR SIX CLASS FOOTBALL ALIGNMENT

The KHSAA Board of Control approved a two-year six class football alignment at its meeting on Monday. In July the Board approved a draft of a six class alignment system and sent it out to member schools personnel for their feedback. Although the original plans discussed a four-year alignment period, the Board chose a two-year alignment as a means of allowing for recent consolidations, mergers and growth school situations which would reveal a truer enrollment picture in the coming years.

After considerations and review of feedback from the member schools, the Board voted to implement a two-year alignment under the six class system for the 2007 and 2008 playing seasons. The Board also adopted a scheduling grid that would assist school personnel in scheduling both district and non-district games.

"The Board, along with the Football Advisory Committee, has worked hard on this alignment," KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries said. "Anytime you re-align, you do your best to maintain a global perspective on alignment and not get caught up in competitive ability or who is in what district," DeVries concluded.

"The adoption of a two year alignment and a scheduling grid will help our schools with concerns about scheduling for both district and non-district contests," Assistant Commissioner Julian Tackett said. "The Board also voted that member schools wait until Oct. 1 to begin scheduling for the 2007 and 2008 seasons as it studies the beginning and ending dates of all of the fall sports playing seasons and in particular, the mid-August scheduling of contests".

The approved alignment, along with the scheduling grid is posted on the KHSAA website.

<http://www.khsaa.org/football/realignment/>

HYPE STUDENT CONFERENCE

The KHSAA will be conducting its sixth HYPE Student Leadership Conference Tuesday, Aug. 22 at the Lexington Convention Center. The one day conference is free and open to all member school student-athletes and will have breakout sessions that include respect, teamwork, leadership and more. Opening the conference will be American Volleyball Coaches Association Executive Director and former University of Kentucky volleyball coach Kathy DeBoer. Former University of Kentucky basketball star Cameron Mills will conduct a breakout session on leadership roles. Justin Boudreau will be the closing speaker for the conference.

The conference has annually attracted a capacity 400 students and 50 adults. For more information, contact Marilyn Mitchell or Butch Cope at the KHSAA. Members of the media are cordially invited.

2006-2007 PUBLICATIONS ORDERS

The 2006-07 KHSAA Events 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 KHSAA related information. Calendars are \$8 each by mail or \$6 if purchased at the KHSAA office. Orders can be made by contacting Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office or purchased online through the KHSAA website.

Orders are now being taken for 2006-07 KHSAA Handbooks. Those may also be ordered online or by contacting Ms. Mitchell. Handbooks are \$15 each by mail or \$10 if purchased in person for the bound printed version. Handbooks, as in the past, will be mailed the first full week of September. The Athlete magazine, the quarterly publication of the Association, is available for a one-year subscription price of \$15. The subscription includes the popular "Year-End" championship results issue. The 2005-06 Year-End results issue will be available in late August.

NEXT KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control is scheduled for Sept. 14-15 at the Association office in Lexington. For an agenda, contact the KHSAA or log on to www.khsaa.org/boardofcontrol.