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NATIONAL CITY TROPHY TOUR SET
For the sixth consecutive year National City, as title sponsor of the Boys’ Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament, will again tour the championship trophy at selected games. The 2009 eight-stop tour kicks off Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the Holmes at Covington Catholic game in Covington.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time $1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City. Scholarship recipients will be invited to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys’ Sweet 16® and be recognized on the floor at halftime during the contest. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 20.

For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following is a list of trophy tour stops:
Jan. 14 Holmes at Covington Catholic
Jan. 20 Owensboro at Apollo
Jan. 23 Boyd County at Ashland Blazer
Jan. 30 Warren Central at Bowling Green
Feb. 6 Ballard at Jeffersontown
Feb. 7 Boyle County at Danville
Feb. 13 South Laurel at North Laurel
Feb. 14 Lexington Catholic vs. Scott County at Memorial Coliseum, Lexington

BASKETBALL STATS
The KHSAA will begin its weekly basketball stats rankings on Thursday, Jan. 8. Stats will be posted on the KHSAA website under the basketball sports link. Rankings will be compiled weekly throughout the remainder of the regular season. A final season ranking (including postseason games) will be conducted on April 15 following the postseason.

Individual school-by-school stats reports are posted on the Riherd’s/KHSAA Scoreboard as they are received from member schools.

BASKETBALL TICKETS
Tickets to the 2009 National City/KHSAA Boys’ and Houchens/KHSAA Girls’ State Basketball Tournaments are on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at $116 each and upper arena seats are priced at $66 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 27. Beginning March 2, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue’s respective online ticketing agent.

NEW SID JOINS STAFF MONDAY
New KHSAA SID Elden May will begin his duties with the Association next Monday, Jan. 12 as previously announced.
UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

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About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association
The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 279 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 4,000 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.