

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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FLETCHER NAMED KHSAA ATTORNEY

George Fletcher has been hired as In-House General Counsel, Kentucky High School Athletic Association Commissioner Brigid DeVries announced to a meeting of the Board of Control on Thursday, May 14. Fletcher, a native of Breathitt County, is an accomplished attorney with 21 years of rich and varied work experience. Fletcher received a B.A. in business administration at the University of Kentucky and earned his J.D. at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. Fletcher comes to the KHSAA from a private practice that provided business, contract, government, banking, real estate, financial and estate planning transactions and advice.

"His background and experience will add an excellent perspective on legal matters on a day to day basis," said KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries.

As staff attorney, Fletcher will serve as the in-house legal counsel for the Association.

"I am very excited to join this team and provide support to the staff, board, member schools and student-athletes in this great state," Fletcher said.

While practicing law at a firm he helped develop, Fletcher was also the co-owner and funeral director for his family's Breathitt Funeral Home & Monument Company and served as Director and Chairman of Citizen's Bank & Trust Company of Jackson.

Fletcher resides in Lexington with his daughter, Sarah. Fletcher will join the Association on July 1.

WEEDMAN, CRAIN ELECTED BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2009-10

The KHSAA Board of Control elected Dave Weedman and Kelley Crain to the positions of President and Vice-President for the 2009-10 school year.

Weedman, the District Assessment Coordinator for the Shelby County school district, has been a member of the Board of Control since 2005 and is the current Vice-President. He replaces outgoing President Lonnie Burgett, who will be leaving the board on July 1 after eight years.

Crain, the Superintendent of the Fleming County school district, has been a member of the Board of Control since 2007.

Each will assume their new positions on July 1, 2009.

SHELDON CLARK RETURNED TO SPOT IN 57th DISTRICT

Sheldon Clark High School has been placed back in its longtime spot in the 57th District for the 2009-10 school year by a vote of the Board of Control on Thursday. The Inez school traces its roots back nearly 75 years in the district, which is also comprised of Paintsville, Johnson Central, Magoffin County and Lawrence County.

KHSAA CONTINUES TO MONITOR SWINE FLU'S EFFECT ON ATHLETIC EVENTS

LEXINGTON – The Kentucky High School Athletic Association continues to monitor the developing situation related to the swine influenza (H1N1) and its potential impact on school events.

The KHSAA staff has communicated with the Kentucky Department of Public Health and while currently the situation has not reached a point where school activities are affected, the Association will continue to seek counsel from public health agencies and take appropriate action regarding scheduling of events.

"This situation is being closely monitored by our Association," said KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries.

Additional resources for information related to the swine influenza:

Kentucky Department of Public Health (<u>http://healthalerts.ky.gov</u>)

Swine Flu Information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) (http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/)



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Preventing the flu through good health habits (http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm)

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- Boys' and Girls' State Tennis Tournament, UK Boone/Downing Tennis Center and Sayre May 21-23 Athletic Complex, Lexington
- May 22-23 Boys' and Girls' State Track Meet at the University of Louisville, Louisville
- State Fast Pitch Softball Tournament at Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro June 5-6
- June 11-13 Forcht Bank/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament at Applebee's Park, Lexington
- June 16 Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Outing at the Marriott Griffin Gate, Lexington

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