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PNC TROPHY TOUR SET

For the seventh consecutive year the boys' state basketball championship trophy will again tour the state at selected games. As part of its title sponsorship of the event, the 2010 PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament, the tour kicks off Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the Eastern at Male game in Louisville.

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 PNC. Scholarship recipients will be recognized on the Rupp Arena floor during the event. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 19.

For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

Following is a list of trophy tour stops:

- Jan. 8 West Jessamine at East Jessamine
- Jan. 12 Holmes at Covington Catholic
- Jan. 19 Owensboro at Apollo
- Jan. 22 Ashland Blazer at Boyd County
- Jan. 26 South Laurel at Corbin
- Jan. 29 Bowling Green at Warren Central
- Feb. 2 Scott County at Bryan Station

PNC has assumed the role of title sponsor for the Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament, beginning with this year's event. All references to the event should be the PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament.

BASKETBALL STATS

The KHSAA will begin its weekly basketball stats rankings on Thursday, Jan. 7. 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 2010 PNC/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments are on sale through the KHSAA office and online at <u>khsaa.org</u>. 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 \$121 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$71 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Wednesday, Feb. 24. Beginning March 1, 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.

UPCOMING

Jan. 13	KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington
Jan. 29	Sweet 16® Draw Show, WKYT-TV and Insight Outlets, 1 p.m. (ET)
Jan. 31-Feb. 6	Regional Swimming & Diving Meets
Feb. 12-13	Regional Wrestling Tournaments
Feb. 12-13	Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA Swimming & Diving Championships, Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville
Feb. 18-20	KHSAA State Wrestling Championships, Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort

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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.