



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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BOARD APPROVES CHANGE TO SOCCER OVERTIME PROCEDURE

Boys' and girls' soccer matches tied after regulation will be resolved using newly revised overtime procedures beginning with the 2011-12 school year. The Kentucky High School Athletic Association Board of control approved a measure at its regular meeting on Monday that will apply a uniform tie-breaker procedure, depending on the type of contest.

For regular season seeded district matches, any contest that is tied after regulation will go to a pair of five-minute sudden victory periods. If the winner has not been determined by then, the two teams will then go to penalty kicks to determine a winner.

For regular season tournaments where teams advance through bracket play and a winner must be determined for subsequent play, the two teams will go directly to penalty kicks at the conclusion of regulation.

All other regular season contests will continue to end with ties.

For postseason matches, any contest that is tied after regulation will go to a pair of five-minute sudden victory periods. If the winner has not been determined, the two teams will then go to penalty kicks to determine a winner.

The final decision was made following an extensive survey of principals from the Association's soccer playing member schools.

"After consulting with our membership, this decision should allow for a more uniform way of ending contests and may also reduce the amount of late night travel on school nights, something that had become a cause for concern among administrators and parents," said KHSAA Assistant Commissioner and soccer contact Michael Barren. "By adopting these standard procedures, we think this will be a win-win for players, coaches and fans alike."

ALIGNMENT MEASURE ADOPTED

Changes are coming to the Sixth and Seventh regions beginning with the 2011-12 school year. The KHSAA Board of Control approved a revised alignment that divides the two regions and has as its premise, an east-west line drawn through Jefferson County, creating two north and south regions, and the regions continue to contain the three high schools in Bullitt County.

The Board of Control reviewed the basketball alignment of schools during the 2008-2009 season as part of the mandated review every four years. At that time, the Board chose to postpone consideration of a requested amendment to the schools in regions Six and Seven and ask for input from the affected schools. This input started in 2009-10 and was again deferred until this school year, so further information sessions and discussion could be held with the schools in the Louisville area.

The adopted measure is a culmination of months of studies, meetings and formulated draft alignments by principals and athletic administrators in Jefferson and Bullitt counties.

Under the new regional alignment, the Sixth Region alignment will be:

District 21 - Central, DuPont Manual, Portland Christian, Presentation, Shawnee, St. Francis
District 22 - Assumption, Brown, Louisville Collegiate, Male, St. Xavier
District 23 - Atherton, Sacred Heart, Seneca, Trinity (Louisville), Waggener
District 24 - Ballard, Christian Academy-Louisville, Eastern, Kentucky Country Day, Walden

The new Seventh Region alignment will include:

District 25 - Beth Haven, Fairdale, Holy Cross (Louisville), Pleasure Ridge Park, Valley
District 26 - Butler, DeSales, Doss, Iroquois, Western
District 27 - Bullitt Central, Evangel Christian, Moore, North Bullitt, Southern
District 28 - Bullitt East, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Mercy, Whitefield Academy

"It's apparent that no matter how many meetings are held, discussions are conducted, surveys and questionnaires are distributed, there will not be unanimous agreement on alignment," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett.

The KHSAA Board of Control also granted a postponed request from Eminence High School to move back to the 31st District from the 30th District for the 2011-12 school year for geographical purposes after the opening of Collins High School in Shelbyville.

The Board will continue to work in the spring to revise the alignments in baseball, softball, volleyball and soccer to attempt to mirror the current basketball alignment.

"The overwhelming sentiment of the membership as expressed to both the Board and to the staff has been to at least standardize what regions these five sports (including basketball) are in, and if possible, the same districts," Tackett said. "This allows for scheduling ease, natural rivalry build up, and an overall increase in operational efficiency."

BASKETBALL TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Tickets to the 2011 PNC/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 \$120 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$70 each.

WINTER SPORTS CREDENTIAL REQUEST FORMS NOW ONLINE

Media credential request forms for the 2011 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA Swimming and Diving Championships, as well as the KHSAA State Wrestling Championships, are now available on the KHSAA web site at <http://credentials.khsaa.org>. Credential request forms for the 2011 Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament and 2011 PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament will be available on Friday at the same link.

UPCOMING

Feb. 17-19 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships, Frankfort Convention Complex, Frankfort
Feb. 24-26 Pannell Swim Shop/KHSAA Swimming & Diving Championships,
Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville