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KENTUCKY NATIONAL INSURANCE NEW BASEBALL TOURNAMENT TITLE SPONSOR

The 2011 KHSAA State Baseball Tournament will have a new title sponsor - Kentucky National Insurance. The announcement was made during the draw show for the 2011 state baseball and softball tournaments at the KHSAA office on Tuesday.

"Kentucky National is proud to be the sponsor of the Kentucky State baseball tournament," said Enoch Roberts, President of Kentucky National Insurance. "We realize these young folks are the leaders of the Commonwealth in future years. We're happy to be a part of it."

The draw, televised live for the second consecutive year on www.khsaa.tv, set the first-round matchups for the state baseball and softball tournaments by blind draw. The Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament will be played at Whitaker Bank Ballpark, the home of the Lexington Legends, for the 10th consecutive season. The event moved to the venue in 2002 and has continued to set attendance records since, including the 2010 tournament won by Harrison County. The complete tournament bracket is available on the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/baseball/2011/statebaseballbracket.pdf>

"It's no secret that with our state events, we try to find communities and venues that can grow with us and really become a home to the event," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "The attendance figures, especially last year with the first year of the 16-team format, have proven the event has found a home in Lexington."

The KHSAA State Softball Tournament returns to Jack Fisher Park in Owensboro, though the tournament schedule has been expanded to three days, with first round games contested on Thursday evening, June 9. The complete tournament bracket is available on the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/fastpitchsoftball/2011/2011statefastpitchbracket.pdf>

SPORTSMANSHIP BANQUET SET FOR SUNDAY

A total of 32 regional winners, one boy and one girl from each of the state's 16 regions, will be honored at the Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition banquet, scheduled for Sunday, May 1, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington.

Each winner receives a \$200 book scholarship and a plaque, courtesy of the KHSAA Officials Division. One boy and one girl will receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky and Kentucky National Insurance. Selection criteria for the awards include grade point average, letters of recommendation, leadership roles/honors, response to a case study essay and verification of no game disqualifications.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 1 | Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance Sportsmanship Awards Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington |
| May 15 | KHSAA Officials Recognition Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington |
| May 19 | KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington |