

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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### KHSAA OFFERS ADVANCE TICKET SALES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

For the first time, customers of KHSAA championship events will be able to skip the lines at the ticket window by purchasing passes in advance.

Through an agreement with the online vendor TicketLeap, the KHSAA is offering fans the chance to purchase advance tickets to every KHSAA event, starting with this weekend's KHSAA State Track and Field Championships and KHSAA State Tennis Championships, as well as the state softball tournament in two weeks in Owensboro.

The KHSAA already offered advance ticket sales for the Comonwealth Gridiron Bowl, the PNC/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen®, the Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16® and the Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament.

Tickets for KHSAA Championships are available at http://khsaa.ticketleap.com. Online sales for baseball will start next week.

### STATE TENNIS, TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND

More than 4,500 athletes will descend on Louisville and Lexington this weekend with state championships in track and field and tennis on the line.

The 2011 KHSAA State Track and Field Championships get underway on Thursday at Owsley Frazier Cardinal Park on the campus of the University of Louisville with Class 2A boys' and girls' action. Class 1A will be spotlighted on Friday, while the class 3A championships will take place on Saturday. Admission for each session is \$10 each day. All session armbands are available, good for all three days, for \$20 per person. Children under 10 are admitted free.

A complete schedule of events for each class is posted on the KHSAA website. Fans may follow along in real time as the results of each will be posted upon completion. The web link to view the track and field in formation is www.khsaa.org/track.

The 2011 KHSAA Boys' and Girls' State Tennis Championships are scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, May 26-28. Play gets underway Thursday morning with boys' action at the Sayre Athletic Complex in Lexington, while girls' play takes place at the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. On Friday and Saturday, all matches move to the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex.

Admission is free on Thursday. General Admission will be charged on both Friday and Saturday with a price of \$10 per person, good for all day. All session armbands are available, good for both days, for \$15 per person. Children under 10 are admitted free. Free parking is available at the Green Lot of Commonwealth Stadium. There is a parking structure located adjacent to the Boone/Downing Tennis Complex with parking available for a fee.

For the second consecutive year, fans will be able to watch each of the championship matches in boys' and girls' singles, boys' and girls' doubles and the team finals live on the Internet at www.khsaa.tv. Seeded players, as well as brackets for the event, are posted on the KHSAA website. Brackets will be updated throughout the event. The web link to view the tennis information is www.khsaa.org/tennis.

## **OUSTANDING OFFICIALS RECOGNIZED**

Twelve individuals were recognized for their outstanding service in each of eleven different sports at the KHSAA Officials Division Recognition Awards Banquet on Sunday, May 15, at the KHSAA office in Lexington.

A total of 35 officials were nominated for the awards, which celebrate the outstanding officials from baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, fast pitch softball, swimming & diving, tennis, track and field/cross country, volleyball and wrestling.

The winner of the Larry G. Boucher Jr. Supervisor of the Year Award was Majid Razaee of Lexington, an official and soccer assigning secretary with more than two decades of service to high school sports in the Commonwealth. A listing of the winners for each sport, as well as their hometown, includes:

Baseball – Terry Flener (Horse Branch) Basketball – Bob James (Louisville) Football – Kenny Clark (Worthington) Golf – Lisa Goins (Frankfort) Soccer – Stan Sizemore (Versailles) Softball – Jim Cooper (Bowling Green) Swimming & Diving – Steve Embry (Louisville) Tennis – Dianne Dunn (Louisville) Track & Field/Cross Country – Ron Wilson (Somerset) Volleyball – Mark Booker (Louisville) Wrestling – Jim Shaw (Hodgenville) Larry Boucher Supervisor of the Year Award – Majid Razaee (Lexington)

The 2011 awards marked the 19<sup>th</sup> year the KHSAA has honored outstanding officials and supervisors.

# SPRING CREDENTIAL REQUEST FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Media credential request forms for the 2011 spring sports championships in tennis, track and field and softball, as well as the Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament, are now available on the KHSAA web site at <a href="http://credentials.khsaa.org">http://credentials.khsaa.org</a>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

May 26-28 Boys' and Girls' State Tennis Championships, Boone/Downing Tennis Center, University of Kentucky and Sayre Athletic Complex, Lexington

May 26-28 Boys' and Girls' State Track and Field Meet, Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville

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