



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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INAUGURAL EBONITE/KHSAA BOWLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEK

Student-athletes in the KHSAA's newest sport-activity will compete for the chance to be forever known as the first state bowling champions.

The Ebonite/KHSAA Bowling State Championships will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 22-23, at Executive Strike and Spare in Louisville. The event will be the first state championship event for a new sport since slow pitch softball was introduced in 1983. Softball converted from slow-pitch to a fast-pitch format in 1995.

"To say we are looking forward to this first championship for bowling is an understatement," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "Not only are we looking forward to working with a new group of student-athletes, volunteers and event workers, but just the factor of the unknown comes into play too. The experience predates all of us. The last time we added a championship in an entirely new sport, none of our current staff was here (1983). So we're all learning together. And our bowling partners at Executive Strike and Spare and Ebonite could not be more helpful."

Team tournaments for boys and girls will be played on Thursday, with the boys' action beginning at 7:50 a.m. with a qualifying round. The girls begin play at 1:20 p.m.

The boys' and girls' singles championship tournament will take place on Friday with a qualifying round scheduled for 8:10 a.m.

Scoring will be updated following each round on the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/bowling/2012>. Live video coverage of the boys' and girls' singles championships will be available beginning between 11 a.m. and noon on Friday on www.khsaa.tv.

Follow all the action live through Twitter using the hashtag #khsbw.

PNC/KHSAA BOYS' SWEET 16® RECAP

Trinity (Louisville) took home its first boys' basketball state championship as it ran past Scott County for a 71-53 victory at Rupp Arena in Lexington. The Shamrocks finished the season at 35-3.

It was a celebration of past, present and future as St. Xavier celebrated the 50th anniversary of its 1962 state championship on Saturday, while Clay County was recognized on the 25th anniversary of its 1987 title on Friday night.

A total of 32 PNC Foundation scholarship winners (one boy and one girl from each of Kentucky's 16 regions) were recognized throughout the week during halftime of their region representative's contests.

The tournament began with a salute to a longtime scorekeeper Charles Ruter, who passed away in February. Ruter, the official scorekeeper of the Boys' Sweet 16® from 1962 to 2005 and the Girls' Sweet 16® from 1992 to 2005, was honored with a moment of silence.

Next year's event will be held at Rupp Arena on the week of March 6-9, followed by the Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Sweet 16® on March 13-16 at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green. The traditional schedule of holding the boys' tournament during the NCAA men's second/third round week was adjusted for 2013 when the KHSAA agreed to release those dates for the University of Kentucky to host that NCAA round, with the University giving up its last optional regular season dates to help the KHSAA in scheduling the boys' tournament.

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