



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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## **ROSS, FLYNN HONORED AS STATEWIDE SPORTSMANSHIP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Shain Ross of Mayfield High School and Cassidy Flynn of Estill County High School were named the statewide winners in the Forcht Bank/Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Program at the annual banquet held at the KHSAA office in Lexington on Sunday, April 29.

Ross and Flynn each receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of Forcht Bank and Kentucky National Insurance. Each of the 32 regional winners (one boy and one girl from each of Kentucky's 16 regions) were recognized and honored at the banquet. Each winner received a recognition award, courtesy of the Officials Division, as well as a \$200 book scholarship.

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. This year marks the 16th year of the program, which recognizes outstanding sportsmanship.

## **HOUSE BILL 281 SIGNED INTO LAW**

With a stroke of the pen at a ceremonial signing at Central High School in Louisville on Monday, Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear completed the process of enacting House Bill 281 into law. The measure outlines education requirements of all interscholastic coaches with regard to concussion recognition and safety training.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Joni Jenkins which had more than two dozen co-sponsors, requires coaches at all levels to complete and pass the required sports safety course, including content that demonstrates proper concussion recognition and treatment. The measure extends provisions to all interscholastic levels as the previous legislation applied only to the high school level.

In addition to coach training, the law requires each school to certify that they have developed an emergency action plan for athletic competition and also makes available educational materials on how to recognize and properly treat concussion symptoms to parents, students and the general public. The law goes into effect in time for the 2012-13 school year.

"This is an important piece of legislation that will help keep student-athlete safety in the forefront of everyone's mind," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "This was a bill we took great interest in from the start and we are very pleased with the provisions of it as it pertains to coach training at all levels, not just high school. I salute Rep. Joni Jenkins and all the members of the legislature who worked tirelessly in a very difficult legislative session to create and pass this bill along in the best interest of Kentucky's student-athletes of all ages with virtually no opposition.

"We are also grateful for the great cooperation of the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentucky and the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society for their unwavering support of this initiative."

## **SPRING CREDENTIAL REQUEST FORMS NOW AVAILABLE**

Media credential request forms for the 2012 spring sports championships in tennis and track and field, as well

as the Rawlings/KHSAA State Softball Tournament and Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament, are now available on the KHSAA website at <http://credentials.khsaa.org>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 6                    KHSAA Officials Recognition Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington

