



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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COMPETITIVE CHEER CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE CONTESTED IN TWO CLASSES

Though the first KHSAA sanctioned state championship event for competitive cheer will not take place until the 2012-13 school year, more than one first place trophy will be at stake in each division.

Competitive Cheer will compete in two separate enrollment based classes, with 800 students being the cutoff point for the small class according to a measure approved by the KHSAA Board of Control at its May meeting on Wednesday. Within each class teams will compete for championships in Girls Only divisions of Small (minimum of six participants, maximum of 12), Medium (minimum of 13, maximum of 16), Large Girls Only (minimum of 17, maximum of 20) and Super Large (minimum of 21, maximum of 24) divisions. Each enrollment class will also feature a coed division. To be considered coed a team may have a minimum of six participants and a maximum of 24 but must feature at least two members of the opposite sex.

"It's an exciting time as we offer another sport-activity championship," said KHSAA Assistant Commissioner and Competitive Cheer contact Butch Cope. "In working with KAPOS (Kentucky Association of Pep Organization Sponsors) now as a coaches' organization we are looking forward to further promoting competitive cheer and sideline cheer throughout the state."

The first KHSAA State Competitive Cheer championship is tentatively scheduled to be contested on January 26, 2013 at Western Kentucky University's E.A. Diddle Arena.

"While we are thrilled to be bringing competitive cheer under the umbrella of KHSAA sanctioned sport-activities, I would be remiss if we did not commend the folks at KAPOS for their outstanding work in making the competitive cheer programs across Kentucky a model for the entire nation," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "We plan to leverage the fifty plus years of their outstanding work and provide even more opportunities for these particular student-athletes."

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- June 4-9 Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament, Whitaker Bank Ballpark, Lexington
- June 7-9 Rawlings/KHSAA State Softball Tournament, Jack C. Fisher Park, Owensboro

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