

Commissioner's Notes

JUNE-JULY, 2001**• COPY AND DISTRIBUTE TO ALL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL •****PARTICIPATION LISTS DUE**

This is a reminder that the 2001-02 school year Annual Participation List was to be submitted to the KHSAA office by June 30, 2001. The blank form (GE03) is available via the KHSAA website, or a computerized printout (with comparable required information) may be used in place of the forms.

SOCCER SITE PROPOSALS

The KHSAA is requesting bids from host sites for the 2002-2004 State Championship Soccer Tournaments, to be presented to the Board of Control at its November meeting.

Anyone interested in presenting a proposal, should contact Asst. Commissioner Larry Boucher at the KHSAA office.

SCHOOL UPDATE DEADLINE

August 3 is the deadline for all changes made to school directory information on the KHSAA website. Please check your information and update accordingly. This includes all coaching changes.

NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Control will be July 25-26, in Owensboro. Committee meetings will be July 25. For a complete agenda, contact the KHSAA office.

NFHS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At the recent National Federation of High Schools Summer Convention (during which longtime high school official and supporter Charlie Ruter was inducted as Kentucky's seventh individual into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame), several committee appointments were approved that included members of the KHSAA staff and other representatives.

KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout was elected to the NFHS Board of Directors, representing NFHS Section II, composed of the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington D.C. Executive Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries, the Chair of the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, was appointed to serve as Section II's representative on the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee. Assistant Commissioner Larry Boucher was appointed to serve as Chair of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee.

Also, Suzie Stammer, former Olympic Field Hockey official and teacher at Henry Clay High School in Lexington was appointed to serve as Section II representative on the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Committee. Committee appointments are four-year terms.

FINAL C-NOTES 2000-01

This is the final edition of the Commissioner's Notes for the 2000-01 school year. Publication will resume mid August for the 2001-02 school year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT HB191 AND REVISIONS TO BYLAW 27

As each school has been notified, the General Assembly recently approved a change to KHSAA Bylaw 27 as it relates to non-teaching coaches. This change, combined with the change that was passed at the 2001 Annual Meeting of schools, WILL BE IN EFFECT, beginning June 20, 2001. Basically, these changes have two important points -

1) The rules now define a Level II coaching candidate as someone who meets the other qualifications listed and has 64 college credit hours from an accredited college or university OR someone who meets those other requirements and has been approved as a substitute teacher in a program approved by the Department of Education or other authorizing entity; and 2) Makes the rules the same for hiring coaches in football and basketball as they are for other sports.

However, in passing these rules, an amendment also passed which is important for our schools to keep in mind as they make hires AFTER June 20. This amendment requires that if a coaching opening occurs and is advertised, etc., then preference must be given in the hiring process to a certified person over a non-certified person. This is the same for ALL sports, and school representatives should consult with their own legal counsel as to the rights and ramifications of preference. Technically, a school must be able to authenticate, in writing, that no qualified, certified person applied for the coaching position prior to being able to employ a non-certified coach in any sport, or that the superior candidate was as a non-certified person even after consideration of the preference necessary to give the certified person. Documentation will be critical to protect a school district in the event that the person(s) who did not get the job decides to pursue legal action. It is vitally important that the school adhere to its normal hiring procedures and be able to document all steps in the hiring process in the event of challenge.

In the case of a retiring teacher, the KHSAA has been advised after consulting with the Department of Education that while a teaching opening may be created through retirement, it is up to the school district as to whether or not a coaching opening has occurred. It is permissible for someone to remain as a coach while giving up a teaching position regardless of the sport the individual desires to coach. Again, documentation and posting procedures are critical to guard against potential action by applicants not being selected. It is important for all involved in the process to remember two key factors that were involved in this discussion - 1) the legislation was designed to empower schools to hire the personnel they need in a time when not every school is alike and not every school is structured the same, and 2) the legislation does require a school to show preference to certified individuals and makes it clear that adherence to normal personnel procedures is vital. Districts should also remember that this can factor into the transportation decisions as well as many districts have their non-faculty coaches accompany the team on trips, etc., and such transportation decisions can only be made if it has been properly approved and documented in the minutes of the local Board of Education meeting.

2001 VOLLEYBALL ALIGNMENT

As of 6/15/2001

Region 1

- D-1 Caldwell County, Christian County, Christian Fellowship, Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, Madisonville-North Hopkins, Paducah Tilghman
- D-2 Apollo, Daviess County, Ohio County, Owensboro, Owensboro Catholic, Union County
- D-3 Breckinridge County, Butler County, Grayson County, Hancock County, Trinity (Whitesville)
- D-4 Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Russellville, Todd County Central, Trigg County

Region 2

- D-5 Bowling Green, Caverna, Green County, Greenwood, Hart County, Warren Central, Warren East
- D-6 Allen County-Scottsville, Barren County, Edmonson County, Glasgow, Metcalfe County, Monroe County
- D-7 Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Larue County, Meade County, John Hardin, North Hardin
- D-8 Bardstown, Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Marion County, Nelson County, Taylor County, Washington County

Region 3

- D-9 Central, Portland Christian, Shawnee, St. Francis
- D-10 Brown, Collegiate, DuPont Manual, Mercy, Presentation
- D-11 Butler, Doss, Holy Cross (Louisville), Iroquois, Western
- D-12 Beth Haven, Fairdale, Pleasure Ridge Park, Valley

Region 4

- D-13 Evangel, Holy Rosary, Male, Southern
- D-14 Fern Creek, Highview Baptist, Jeffersontown, Moore, Seneca
- D-15 Assumption, Atherton, Sacred Heart, Waggener
- D-16 Ballard, Christian Academy - Louisville, Eastern, Kentucky Country Day, Walden

Region 5

- D-17 Boone County, Carroll County, Conner, Heritage, Ryle, St. Henry, Walton Verona
- D-18 Beechwood, Dixie Heights, Lloyd Memorial, Ludlow, Notre Dame, Villa Madonna
- D-19 Calvary Christian, Covington Latin, Grant County, Holmes, Holy Cross (Covington), Scott, Simon Kenton, Williamstown
- D-20 Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Campbell, Dayton, Highlands, Newport, Newport Central Catholic, Silver Grove

Region 6

- D-21 Bourbon County, Bracken County, Deming, Estill County, Fleming County, George Rogers Clark, Harrison County, Montgomery County, Scott County
- D-22 Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek
- D-23 Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Fairview, Greenup, Lawrence, Raceland, Rose Hill, Russell
- D-24 East Carter, Lewis County, Morgan County, Rowan County, West Carter

Region 7

- D-25 Anderson County, East Jessamine, Eminence, Franklin County, Henry County, West Jessamine, Western Hills, Woodford County
- D-26 Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham
- D-27 Boyle County, Casey County, Garrard County, Kentucky School F/T Deaf, Lincoln County, McCreary Central, Mercer, Pulaski County, Pulaski Southwestern, Russell County
- D-28 Corbin, Cumberland, Evarts, Harlan County, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist, Rockcastle County, South Laurel, Whitley County

Region 8

- D-29 Belfry, Elkhorn City, Feds Creek, Millard, Phelps, Pike County Central, Pikeville, Shelby Valley
- D-30 Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Johnson Central, Magoffin County, Owsley County, Paintsville, Prestonsburg, Sheldon Clark, South Floyd
- D-31 Breathitt County, Knott County Central, Lee County, Powell County, Wolfe County
- D-32 Fleming Neon, Hazard, Leslie County, Letcher, Perry Central, Whitesburg

Note: The District Tournaments are double elimination. The top two teams in each District advance into the Regional Tournament.

The Regional Tournaments (8 teams) are single elimination. The top two teams from each Regional Tournament advance into the State Tournament. (16 teams).