

# Commissioner's Notes

FEBRUARY 25, 2002

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## BYLAW 11 PRACTICE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Several reports and subsequent penalties have occurred this school year with regard to coaches removing their teams from the court or field during KHSAA competition. A number of these instances have involved coaches at various levels of participation that may not have been aware that this action violates provisions of KHSAA By-Law 11, Practice of Sportsmanship. School administrators and Athletic Directors are encouraged to ensure that all coaching staff members at the varsity, junior varsity, and freshman levels are made aware of this violation and the need to be familiar with By-Law 11, Question/Answer 4:

Q/A 4 - May a coach remove his/her team from the floor or field if they believe that such removal is for the safety of the players?

Removal of a team from the floor or field without the permission of the official could be considered a violation of Bylaw 11, Practice of Sportsmanship. A school or school representative violating this rule may be suspended or otherwise penalized.

## BYLAW 25 LIMITATIONS OF SEASONS

Q/A 1 – What are the restrictions for a coach being involved in the coaching of his/her own players during the school year either before the first legal practice date or after the last date for playing a contest? Coaches may not coach the school participants in organized non-school sports competition in that sport during the school year. Coaching is defined as any time the athletes are participating in that coach's sport in a setting in which skills are taught, refined, practiced or evaluated.

The Limitation of Seasons, Bylaw 25, affects all sports. This also restricts the coach in any sport from being involved with students in another team from that sport from that school. For example, the girls' coach cannot coach the boys' team in outside competition, or vice-versa.

## CORRESPONDING DATES REMINDER

Please consult pages 106 and 107 of the KHSAA Handbook as it relates to scheduling contests for 2002-03 and beyond. This is the "rollover" year for corresponding dates, and it is important that those dates be compared as next year's corresponding date is "plus six" days from the current year date, not "minus one" as it usually is when you look at future dates. For basketball (page 34) and football (35), further breakdowns of corresponding dates are contained in Bylaw 25 to assist you in scheduling. Please also remember that the Association will not and cannot by rule, enforce contract provisions of a game contract which calls for "corresponding dates" rather than specific game dates and times. Please refer to the note in this newsletter concerning soccer.

## 2002-2003 SWEET 16® TOURNAMENTS

The dates for the Boys' State Basketball Tournament in Lexington at Rupp Arena will be March 19-22, 2003. The Girls' State Basketball Tournament to be held in Diddle Arena in Bowling Green takes place March 26-29, 2003.

## FALL DATES 2002-2003

Cross Country	
First Date of Practice	7/15/02
First Date of Regular Season	8/19/02 (7)
First Week of PostSeason	10/28/02 (17)
State Championship	11/9

Football	
First Date of Contact (wk 1 game)	7/26/02 (3)
First Game Date (wk 1 game)	8/23/02 (7)
First Date of Contact (wk 2 game)	8/2/02 (4)
First Game Date (wk 2 game)	8/30/02 (8)
First Week of PostSeason	11/8/02 (18)
State Championship	12/6-7

Golf	
First Date of Practice	7/15/02
First Date of Regular Season	8/5/02 (5)
First Week of PostSeason	9/30/02 (13)
Girls' State Championship	10/7-9
Boys' State Championship	10/9-11

Soccer	
First Date of Practice	7/15/02
First Date of Regular Season	8/19/02 (7)
First Week of PostSeason	10/14/02 (15)
State Championship	10/30,31, 11/2

Volleyball	
First Date of Practice	7/15/02
First Date of Regular Season	8/19/02 (7)
First Week of PostSeason	10/14/02 (15)
State Championship	11/1-2

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULING

Schools are reminded that 2003 is the start of a new classification period. You are therefore strongly encouraged NOT to schedule any games past the 2002 playing season. Due to the fact that the corresponding dates change next year; the season is scheduled to change in 2003 due to changes in Bylaw 25; and the start of the classification, it would appear to be counterproductive to be scheduling games past the 2002 season. Please refer to the chart on page 35 (Q/A 3) for converting 2001 play dates to 2002 dates due to the rollover in corresponding dates.

## BASEBALL-SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

Please remember to call the KHSAA scoreboard at 1-888-366-8706 IMMEDIATELY after the completion of every baseball and softball game.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

Just a reminder to member schools to keep their school information current by going to the KHSAA website's "Members Only" page. Please make sure all information concerning Coaches, Board Appointed Representatives, Superintendents and email addresses are up to date and accurate.

## 2002-2003 SOCCER SEASON

The 2002-2003 soccer season begins on Monday, August 19 and the start of the Soccer District Tournament is Monday, October 14, 2002. The Soccer Boys' and Girls' Championship Games are scheduled for the first Saturday in November. Please note that the soccer season may not always revert to corresponding dates for the next season, particularly in a year such as 2002-2003. Future State Championship Games will be played on November 1, 2003 (Regular Season starts on August 18 and the District Tournament starts October 13); November 6, 2004 (Regular Season begins August 23 and District Tournament starts October 18) and November 5, 2005 (Regular Season starts on August 22 and District Tournament starts October 17). Please make this note on your corresponding date calendar on page 106 of the KHSAA Handbook.

## REMAINING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Date(s)	Event	Site	City
March 13-16	Boys' BK	Rupp Arena	Lexington
March 20-23	Girls' BK	WKU Diddle Arena	BowlingGreen
May 10-11	SP	Kenton Lakes	Kenton
May 30-June 1	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing	Lexington
May31-June 1	TR	UK Shively Track	Lexington
June 7-8	FP	Tie-Breaker Park	Hopkinsville
June 13-14	BA	Applebee's Park	Lexington

## NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be March, 21-22, 2002 at the University Plaza Hotel in Bowling Green. Committee meetings will be held March 14-15, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington.

For an agenda contact the KHSAA office.

## REMAINING IN-SEASON CLINIC SCHEDULES

Following is a listing of remaining in-season rules clinics. To view a full listing of clinics in all sports, go to the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org).

### Baseball

4/17 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

### Track

3/27 Lexington, KHSAA Office, 7:00 p.m.

4/23 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 7:00 p.m.

### Softball

4/9 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

4/16 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.