

Commissioner's Notes

MARCH 29, 2002

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FINALISTS NAMED FOR COMMISSIONER

The KHSAA Board of Control announced three finalists for the position of Commissioner at its meeting Friday, March 22.

The finalists are Brigid DeVries, current Executive Assistant Commissioner of the KHSAA, Stan Steidel of Cold Spring, Central Office Administrator with Covington Independent Schools and Jim Watkins of Louisville, Director of Academics, Athletics and Activities for Jefferson County Public Schools.

Board of Control president Kathy Johnston stated that three were chosen as finalists by a screening committee from a pool of 24 applicants, with eight of those from Kentucky.

"The finalists will be interviewed by the full board by the end of April, with the anticipated naming of the new Commissioner at the May board meeting in Lexington," Johnston said.

Current KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout announced his retirement, effective June 30, following eight years as Commissioner and 31 years overall with the Association.

APRIL 15 TITLE IX DEADLINES

This is a reminder that the following forms relative to Title IX reporting MUST be submitted no later than April 15, 2002.

1. Form GE-19 (KHSAA Annual Verification of Title IX Procedures)
2. Forms T-1 through T-4 (Summary Forms for Determining Student Interests and Abilities)
3. Form T-35 (Budget Information)
4. Form T-36 (Budget Information)
5. Form T-41 (Checklist for the Overall Interscholastic Athletics Program)
6. Form T-60 (Updated Corrective Action Plan)
7. Form T-63 (Summary of the Interscholastic Student Interest Survey)

NOTE: Single-sex schools are not required to submit the forms.

These Title IX forms are currently on the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org, under the member school link.

FINAL BASKETBALL STATS

All girls' and boys' basketball stats for the 2001-2002 season must be entered on the KHSAA website by no later than April 15. The final season ranking stats will be compiled at that time. Final season leaders will be posted on the Association website and published in the Year End Athlete.

BA-FP SCOREBOARDS

This is a reminder to call the KHSAA scoreboard at 1-888-366-8706 IMMEDIATELY after the completion of every baseball and fast pitch softball game.

SCHOOL UPDATES

Please remember to keep your school information current by going to the KHSAA website's "Members Only" page. Make sure all information concerning Coaches, Board Appointed Representatives, Superintendents and email addresses are up to date and accurate.

BOARD OF CONTROL ELECTION RESULTS

Following are results of Board of Control elections:

Section 3, Regions 5 & 6-Jerry Taylor, Athletic Director, Hart County High School

Section 4, Regions 7 & 8-Jim Sexton, Principal, Eastern High School Designated Representative, Regions 1-8-Roland Williams, Athletic Director, Bardstown High School.

FALL DATES 2002-2003

National Federation corresponding weeks in parentheses.

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)
Boys' and Girls' State Championships	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

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)
Boys' and Girls' State Championships	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

REMAINING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Date(s)	Event	Site	City
May 10-11	SP	Kenton Lakes	Kenton
May 30-June 1	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing	Lexington
May 31-June 1	B&G TR	UK Shively Track	Lexington
June 7-8	FP	Tie-Breaker Park	Hopkinsville
June 13-14	BA	Applebee's Park	Lexington

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2002 VOLLEYBALL ALIGNMENT

Adopted by Board Of Control 3/22/2002

Region 1

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

Region 2

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

Region 3

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

Region 4

- District 13 Assumption, Evangel, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Male, Seneca
- District 14 Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, Highview Baptist, North Bullitt, Moore, Southern
- District 15 Ballard, Kentucky Country Day, Sacred Heart, Waggener, Walden
- District 16 Christian Academy Louisville, Cornerstone Christian, Eastern, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham

Region 5

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

Region 6

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

Region 7

- District 25 Anderson County, East Jessamine, Eminence, Franklin County, Henry County, West Jessamine, Western Hills, Woodford County
- District 26 Boyle County, Garrard County, Harrodsburg, Kentucky School F/Deaf, Lincoln County, Mercer County, Casey County, Russell County, Wayne County
- District 27 McCreary Central, Clay County, Pulaski County, Pulaski Southwestern, Rockcastle County, North Laurel, Onedia Baptist, South Laurel
- District 28 Cawood, Corbin, Cumberland, Evarts, Harlan, Knox Central, Lynn Camp, Whitley County

Region 8

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

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

Regional Tournaments (8 teams) are single elimination. The top two teams from each Regional Tournament (winner and runner-up) advance to the State Tournament (16 teams).

FOOTBALL INTERPRETATIONS REVISED FOR SUMMER PLAY

At its March Board of Control meeting, the Board discussed a staff request for an interpretation that had been requested from several member schools about summer football practice as well as clarification concerning activity that could be held after the start of official practice (July 15). The question was stated, "What equipment can be worn during football practice during the summer".

- From the period that begins the day following the last date of school or June 1, whichever is earlier, through June 24, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.
- From June 25 to July 9, no gear may be issued by a school directly to a player from that school, and the full provisions of the dead period (Bylaw 26) must be observed.
- From July 10 to July 14, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.
- From July 15 through the last date prior to full contact practice, a player may wear a helmet and shoulder pads during any football specific drill or practice that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.
- In addition, it was specified that it should be recommended that both the helmet and shoulder pads be worn during the July 15 to first date of contact period in order to acclimate the player to the heat and the changes in body temperature brought on by additional pads and equipment.
- Beginning with the first legal date of contact practice, which varies based on the first legal playing date for the school, all other pads can be worn as defined in Rule 1-5.

With the exception of the Dead Period, nothing about this interpretation prevents a school from allowing equipment to be issued to students for them to attend individual camps at other sites. In addition, the Board reiterated its desire that all schools be restricted to two scrimmages, and further asked staff to clarify that anything done between two member schools after July 15 shall count as one of the applicable two scrimmages for football, thereby removing Q/A 8 from Bylaw 25, Section 5 of the Handbook.

The answers, as clarified and supported by the Board of Control, are as follows:

Much of the discussion surrounding this re-interpretation centered on student health and safety, as well as the perceived competitive advantage of schools who exceeded the scrimmage limitations. While some could argue that the current expansion of early summer practice could be of developmental benefit to players, the overwhelming risk to health and safety must prevail, especially

given the injuries and death situations of the summer of 2001 in all levels of football. Schools are also reminded, and will receive further information in the future, that any activity in the summer prior to July 15 or any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), renders all insurance provisions null and void and places the member school, its coach and all of its players at risk for litigation and other problems.

Nothing about any of the interpretations prevents smaller group learning experiences, individual camp attendance (outside of the dead period), team camp attendance (within the contact window and subject to the scrimmage limitations). Lastly, the Board has directed that the provisions that allow for schools to practice prior to the first date of contact (based on the start of the school year), be removed in 2003 as all schools will be required to start uniformly on August 1 beginning with that season.

Further questions can be directed to the staff at the KHSAA.

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.

Baseball

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

Track

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.