

Commissioner's Notes

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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. As a result, the 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 2, 2002 (Regular Season begins on August 19 and the District Tournament starts October 14); 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 chapter page 106 of the Handbook.

BOARD COMMENDS EVARTS

Recently, in a high school playoff game, student-athletes representing Evarts High School were ejected from the contest for un-sportsmanlike conduct. Following the ejection of one of the players, that player shoved a contest official and the contest was terminated at that time. Upon review of the facts, Evarts High School terminated the eligibility of the student-athlete in question, as well as suspending another student athlete from contests in another sport because of their involvement in the situation.

Many times when situations like this occur, some schools have been reluctant to issue tough penalties, preferring to 1) shift the blame to another party such as the game officials, or 2) put the burden of punishment on the Association so as not to have to deal locally with peer influences. This member school did neither. Their representatives stepped forward with aggressive definitive action, and the Association is confident that such incidents will not be repeated at that school.

It is also worthy of note that the student ended up spending time in jail under the "assaulting of a sports official" provisions passed by the General Assembly. This could serve as a notice for all schools to ensure that student-athletes, coaches and others affiliated with the program should be aware of this law.

Lastly, the Commissioner's Office and Board of Control want to commend the staff at Evarts for its actions. While incidents are going to occur in the heat of a contest, the Association pays careful attention to how they are handled at the local level. This school appears to have demonstrated a compliant level of institutional control over the program as is defined in Bylaw 33.

FOOTBALL TICKET MAILING

Tickets for the State Class Football Championship games which will be played Fri., Nov. 30 and Sat., Dec. 1 at Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, will be mailed Tues., November 20, 2001.

KHSAA BOARD APPROVES SITES FOR STATE BASEBALL & SOCCER FINALS

At its November 14 meeting, the Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association unanimously approved the sites for future State Baseball Finals and Boys' & Girls' State Soccer Championships.

The Lexington Legends, South Atlantic League Class A affiliate of the Houston Astros, and Applebee's Park in Lexington were awarded the 2002, 2003 and 2004 State Baseball Finals. The 2002 State Semifinals will be held Thursday, June 13, with the State Championship scheduled for Friday, June 14.

"Applebee's Park is a first-class, state-of-the-art facility," Commissioner Stout said. "With such a facility and assistance from the Legends' staff, we are excited about playing our baseball finals there. The venue alone allows for continued growth and popularity for the event."

Georgetown College was awarded the 2002, 2003 and 2004 Boys' & Girls' State Soccer Championships to be played at Rawlings Stadium.

"Rawlings Stadium is a natural fit for our Soccer Championships," Stout said. "Over the past years we have been there, attendance has continued to expand. We appreciate Georgetown College's continued interest in hosting the event," Stout concluded.

ANNUAL MEETING AND HYPE CONFERENCE

The first ever Kentucky Student Leadership conference or HYPE (Helping Young People Everywhere) will be held in conjunction with the KHSAA Annual Delegate Meeting Jan. 9, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Lexington.

Please remember to get all registration forms for the student conference in to the KHSAA office by the Dec. 3 deadline.

Annual Meeting designation forms must be in by Dec. 14.

CORRESPONDING DATE REMINDERS

Schools should carefully 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.

Special attention should be paid to the note elsewhere in these notes concerning soccer corresponding dates.

WELCOME EAST RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

East Ridge High School, to be opened in Pike County in 2002-2003, is the newest member of the KHSAA. This school is being formed by the merger of Elkhorn City, Feds Creek and Millard, and since it is being formed from existing KHSAA members, they will be immediately eligible for tournament play. At its November meeting, the KHSAA Board of Control approved the placement of East Ridge in districts and regions in a variety of sports. In areas where scheduling for next year is already being done, member schools should work this school immediately into the schedule. The Association can assist with any contractual problems brought on by the immediate placement of the school.

East Ridge is placed in the following alignments -

Basketball, Region 15 District 59 with Pikeville and Shelby Valley.

Belfry, Pike Central, and Phelps would constitute District 60. Note that this leaves two three-team districts in Region 15 and these cannot be seeded by rule.

Baseball, same as basketball.

Fast Pitch Softball, same as Baseball, except that districts would be numbered 58 and 59, not 59 and 60.

Football, Class AA, Semi-State 2, Region 4, District 8 based on a documented projected enrollment of 679 for the opening year.

This placement is for 2002 only and the projected enrollment will be used to classify the school when all schools are reviewed during this school year. Eliminate Elkhorn City from Class A, Semi-State 2, Region 4, District 8

Track/Cross Country - Class AA, Region 6. Eliminate Feds Creek, Elkhorn City and Millard from District 6 of Class A.

Golf - Region 11 for Boys. Eliminate Elkhorn City, Feds Creek and Millard from Current Region 11 in boys; Region 10 Girls. Eliminate Elkhorn City and Feds Creek from Current Region 10.

Volleyball - District 29. Eliminate Elkhorn City, Feds Creek and Millard from Current District 29.

REMAINING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Date(s)	Event	Site	City
Nov. 16	8-Player FB	KSU Alumni Stadium	Frankfort
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	FB Finals	Ky. Fair & Expo Ctr.	Louisville
Feb. 14-16	WR	Farnham Dudgeon	Frankfort
Feb. 22-23	SW	UK Aquatic Center	Lexington
March 13-16	Boys' BK	Rupp Arena	Lexington
March 20-23	Girls' BK	WKU Diddle Arena	Bowling Green
May 10-11	SP	TBA	TBA
May 30-June 1	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing	Lexington
May 31-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 Jan, 10-11, 2002 at the Association Office in Lexington. For an agenda to the meeting, contact the KHSAA office.

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.

SCHOOL MEDIA CREDENTIALS

This reminder that schools advancing to state tournament play are asked to request school media credentials PRIOR to the event. A letter from the school principal (on school letterhead) is required including the name(s) of the individual(s). Each school is limited to three (3) credentials. This includes yearbook, newspaper, journalism class personnel or video yearbook personnel. Students or other representatives simply showing up at the gate WILL NOT be issued media credentials.

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.

Basketball

- 11/29 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.
- 12/6 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

Track

(All start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

- 11/29 Louisville, St. Xavier HS
- 12/3 Paducah Tilghman HS
- 12/4 Madisonville, Hopkins County Central HS
- 12/5 Bowling Green HS
- 1/21 Covington Catholic HS
- 1/22 London, South Laurel HS
- 1/30 Cecilia, Central Hardin HS
- 2/4 Ashland, Boyd County HS
- 3/27 Lexington, KHSAA Office
- 4/23 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office

Wrestling

- 12/5 Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

ALL-STATE GOLF

State Golf Champions Paul Dunbar and St. Xavier were honored Sun. Nov. 11, 2001 at the All-State Golf Banquet in Louisville sponsored by Kentucky Junior Golf Foundation. The Girls' State Championship team from Paul Dunbar included: Erin Bradford, Brooke Marnitz, Kathryn May, Katie Johnson, and Lauren Norsworthy. The Boys' State Championship team from St. Xavier were: Robby Shaw, Barr Blanton, Jessie Mudd, Bradley Ruch, and Michael Haverfield.

Girls' All-State Team: Whitney Wade (Ms. Golf-2001)(Glasgow), Emily Culbertson, (Dixie Heights), Marci Turner, (Monroe Co.), Mandy Goins (Western Hills), Leah Wigger (Assumption), Laura Caniff (Russell), Erin Bradford (Paul Dunbar), Taryn Durham (Glasgow), Erin Faulkner (Bowling Green), Maggie McGill (Bowling Green).

Boys' All-State Team: Jessie Mudd (Mr. Golf -2001) (St. Xavier), Michael Haverfield (St. Xavier), Robby Shaw (St. Xavier), Jamie Frazier (Glasgow), Austin Hansford (Somerset), Kyle Shirley (Barron Co.), Jay Sutton (Covington Catholic), Ryan Cochran (St. Mary), Cale Barr (Lexington Christian), Tyler Wilson (Paul Dunbar).

The All-State selection system is managed by high school coaches and is based on a tournament point system.