



# COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

## DECEMBER, 2003

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### FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Here's hoping everyone is getting in the holiday spirit as we commemorate a joyous and fun-filled time of the year.

We have just finished our State Football Championships in Louisville at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium. Special thanks go out to all of the players, coaches, event staff, parents, officials and spectators who helped make this a fun and successful event for the Association.

The New Year is shaping up to be very busy. Please note on your calendars that the KHSAA "HYPE" Student Leadership Conference is scheduled for January 14, 2004 at The Stadium in Lexington. Butch Cope and Marilyn Mitchell are the contacts for the conference.

Also, the KHSAA Annual Meeting is scheduled on January 15, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. This is a voting year and hopefully we will have good participation.

Seasons Greetings and have a wonderful time during the holidays!

### TITLE IX - PRIME TIME BASKETBALL GAMES

After review of several 2003-04 boys' and girls' basketball schedules, a concern still exists regarding "prime time" playing opportunities for girls' basketball contests.

"Prime time" is defined as contests on Friday night and/or Saturday/Saturday night and relate to home games for the contestants. "Prime time" basketball games played away from home do not address the equitable opportunities issues of Title IX. "Prime time" opportunities for girls' home basketball games should reflect a comparable percentage when compared to the "prime time" opportunities scheduled for boys' home basketball games.

In addition, for home contests scheduled during Friday and/or Saturday, a rotation of starting game times should be accomplished to ensure further equity. The KHSAA will be closely monitoring the 2004-05 boys' and girls' basketball schedules to ensure equity is achieved.

### ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Final Reminder for the NFHS National Athletic Directors' Conference, December 13-18, 2003 at the Marriott in Indianapolis

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Mark your calendar for the Kentucky State Athletic Directors' Conference, April 20-23, 2004 in Louisville at the Holiday Inn-Downtown.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Annual Delegate meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington. The meeting will begin at 8:30, the voting session at 1:30.

Proposals will be distributed to the principals, athletic directors and delegates electronically and will also be mailed to the delegate via U.S. mail.

### HYPE CONFERENCE

The Third Annual HYPE Conference will be held Wed., Jan. 14, 2004 at The Stadium in Lexington.

Information was mailed to member school principals, athletic directors and counselors on Nov. 25. There is a ten student per school limit. Additional information will be posted on the Association website.

Please remember all registration forms must be in by Jan. 5 and registration is on a first come first served basis.

## BYLAW 6 REMINDER

**Case BL-6-3- What is the procedure for requesting a ruling on a student who has transferred in to a member school?**

The Receiving School is the member school in which the student is enrolled and for which he/she is requesting eligibility.

The Sending School is the most recent school in which this student was enrolled and/or participated in interscholastic athletics. For students who have attended multiple schools, this is the last school at which the student participated.

A transfer form shall be completed for any student transferring into a school who has participated in athletics at a sending school after enrolling in grade nine (9) or if the student is below grade nine (9) and has represented a member school during the current year.

In accordance with KHSAA bylaws, students may not practice, scrimmage (inter or intra-school) or play in contests until being ruled eligible by the Commissioner's office. Member School(s) will be penalized for such participation.

Verification as to a student not having participated in varsity athletics at his/her former school should be in writing (using the transfer form GE6) and kept on file until the student graduates. NOTE: No ruling is necessary if the SENDING SCHOOL response indicates that the student athlete has not participated in VARSITY athletics.

All of the parties shall complete all of the non-shaded areas on the form as it applies to that school's information.

The Receiving School should check for any missing information and return the form to the KHSAA for a ruling.

The form will be reviewed by the Commissioner's office and a ruling will be issued.

A ruling will not be issued for a minimum of three (3) working days to ensure time for verification of the data. Only the Principal and/or Designated Representative of a member school may inquire as to the processing status of the form.

A waiver of Bylaw 6 does not in and of itself declare the student eligible. It is the responsibility of the member school to verify that the student is eligible according to all other bylaws.

## CONTEST RESULTS REMINDER

This is a reminder that each school, win or lose, home or away is responsible for calling in results in boys' or girls' basketball, **IMMEDIATELY** after each contest to the Riherd's/KHSAA Sports Scoreboards. Results should be called in using the toll free number 1-800-715-8388.

Please make sure all of your schedules are current and updated. To double-check, log on to the Association website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org) and click the scoreboard link.

## REMINDER ABOUT COACHING EDUCATION

As Spring approaches, the KHSAA would like to take this opportunity to remind the member schools that all Level 1 and Level 2 head and assistant coaches who have not been continuously on the faculty in their current school system since 1995-96 are required to successfully complete the NFHS Coaching Education Program.

Completion of the course means not only attending the class, but successfully passing both exams. Once the course has been taken and testing has been successfully completed, there are no further requirements for the Coaching Principals Course.

Those individuals that do not meet the requirements of a Level 1 or 2 coach do not have to complete the course, as they are not "coaches", and are not able to be involved with the high school program without the constant supervision and direction of the Level 1 or 2 coach.

## 2003-04 KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS CALENDAR

Date(s)	Sport	Site	City
Feb. 26-28	Wrestling	Farnham Dudgeon Arena	Frankfort
Feb. 27-28	Swimming	UK Aquatic Center	Lexington
March 17-20	Boys' BK	Rupp Arena	Lexington
March 24-27	Girls' BK	WKU Diddle Arena	Bowling Green
May 14-15	Slow Pitch	TBA	TBA
May 27-29	B&G TN	UK Boone/Downing Ctr.	Lexington
June 4-5	Track	UK Shively Track	Lexington
June 11-12	Fast Pitch	Jack Fisher Park	Owensboro
June 16-19	Baseball	Applebee's Park	Lexington