

Commissioner's Notes

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



It's the time of the year when we all need to step out of our hectic lifestyles momentarily and give thanks for all we have. Personally, I like to reflect on the important role that each of us have in providing educational experiences for those that will determine the future of this country. We need to keep our focus on students and how they can benefit from as many opportunities for growth as we can provide for them through sports and extracurricular activities. It's an exciting time and though there are issues we must address, at the end of the day we are reminded that sports and activities should be fun.

Special congratulations go to the student athletes who have already competed in an excellent fashion to date, in the State Golf, Volleyball, and Soccer Championships. Good luck is in order for those who prepare for state competition in Cross Country and Football, which is right around the corner.

Following the October Annual Meeting the Association Staff and Board of Control continue to have dialogue on athletic issues that currently affect the member schools. Special thanks go to school personnel who have taken the time to offer excellent suggestions and workable solutions for compromise particularly on issues affecting public and non-public schools. KHSAA staff will continue to review Association issues and will be a part of the 2005 KASS Winter Conference in Louisville on Tuesday, December 6, 2005.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

Congratulations to Danny White, Phil Rison and Joe Rogers who all earned their Certified Master Athletic Directors' credentials recently.

Congratulations to Phil Rison who was named the 2006 State Award of Merit Recipient at the November KHSADA Board of Directors' meeting.

Jim Watkins was appointed the Executive Director for the KHSADA at the November Board of Directors' meeting. If you have questions or input, you may reach him at ADwatt1@bellsouth.net

There are still many AD's who have not joined the KHSADA for this school year. You may contact Mitchell Irvin, mirvin@oldham.k12.ky.us for more information.

TITLE IX – PRIME TIME PLAY

Over the past weeks, the KHSAA Title IX audit team has been assisting member schools in identifying issues related to Title IX and the scheduling of prime time/prime date basketball contests. Recently, 40 schools were mailed letters indicating that their 2005-06 schedules fell short of the KHSAA initiative regarding prime time/prime date play.

There is an appeals process for those schools that fall short of the requirement. Any appeals will be heard by the Title IX Committee of the Board of Control at its December meeting.

Following these announcements, many schools have asked for assistance in helping determine whether or not they meet the prime time initiative.

To help determine if your school meets the requirement, you will need to make two calculations. First, divide the number of girls' home prime date games played, by the total number of home games for your girls. If that percentage of girls' home prime date games played is equal to or greater than 40.00% then the school complies with this initiative. For example, if your girls' team is playing five games on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday during the season and you have 10 total girls' home games during the season, then your girls' prime date percentage would be 50.00% (5 prime date games divided by 10 total home games). Using this example your school would be in compliance.

If your percentage of girls' home prime date games is **NOT** equal to or greater than 40.00%, then make the same above calculation for your boys' schedule. If your girls' percentage is less than 40.00%, then the boys' percentage, based on the calculation above, must be within 10 percentage points of the girls' percentage, otherwise your school is not in compliance.

If you need assistance in trying to prevent problems with your schools' prime time compliance, please feel free to contact the KHSAA office.

2005-06 KHSAA RULES CLINICS

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2).

BASKETBALL

12/14 Make-Up Clinic (\$75 fine), KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

11/15 Make-Up (\$75 Fine), KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

KHSAA CONTEST OPPONENTS, IN AND OUT OF STATE

With the holiday tournament season approaching, please note the criteria for of state teams and tournaments:

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. IN STATE TEAMS

All regular season games against in-state opponents must be against schools that also belong to the KHSAA. Students from non-member schools in Kentucky may not, under any circumstances, compete against KHSAA member school students in the contests defined within Bylaw 25.

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. OUT OF STATE TEAMS FROM CONTIGUOUS STATES

All regular season games played against out of state opponents must be played against schools that are members of that state's association. The KHSAA office can assist in determining the status of those teams.

A sanction form is not required if all participating schools are from Indiana, Illinois or Ohio, unless a NFHS sanction applies. Please note, however, that Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out-of-state event

KHSAA MEMBERS VS. NON CONTIGUOUS OR OTHERS THAT REQUIRE NFHS SANCTION

KHSAA member schools hosting an event are to complete the NFHS sanction form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$100.00 if the contests includes any of the following criteria:

- The event involves two or more schools and is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community (e.g., a university, theme park, athletic shoe/apparel company).
- Non-bordering state events if five or more states are involved.
- Non-bordering state events if more that eight schools are involved.
- Any event involving two or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. (The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico).

The sanction fee should be made payable to the National Federation and sent to the KHSAA with the appropriate form. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Federation Office.

When Kentucky member schools are participating in out-of-state contests, the host school from out-of-state is responsible for completing the sanction form through the applicable state association.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email mmitchell@khsaa.org.

KHSAA EVENT TICKET ORDERS

Football ticket order forms have been mailed electronically to the schools and will be available through the Association office until November 19.

Ticket order forms for member schools and the general public to purchase tickets to the 2005 Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' and National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournaments have been mailed to the membership. Please respond by the deadline to ensure priority location.

REPORTING OF SCORES AND SCHEDULE ENTRY

We ask that member school personnel review your baseball, basketball (boys and girls), and softball schedules to make sure any game updates have been added. Schedules are to be entered on the KHSAA website through the "Member School Only" link.

Please remember to call in the scores of contests to the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard immediately following each contest. The number is **1-800-715-8388** and is toll free.

While it is a Board policy that the membership cooperate with the data collection on the scoreboard or be subject to penalty, it has been proven by the membership time and again that they desire to voluntarily cooperate with this project.

KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Dec. 2-3	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 17-18	Swimming	UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington
Feb. 16-18	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 15-18	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
March 22-25	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
May 20	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Sportsplex, Hebron
May 25-27	Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 2-3	Boys' & Girls' Track	UK Shively Track, Lexington
June 9-10	Fast Pitch Softball	Skyview Park, Jeffersontown
June 14-17	Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington