

# Commissioner's Notes

September 2007



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## FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Hello everyone. With Labor Day behind us we can all look forward to the fall and hopefully some cooler weather.

The KHSAA staff will be traveling throughout the state as our Regional Administrators Meetings begin this week. One of our goals is to have an opportunity to meet and talk to school administrators

about current KHSAA programs and activities, and review Bylaws and other regulations. It's also a great time to meet and welcome all of the new school personnel to the Association family and put a name with a face.

I will be communicating with you electronically in the near future regarding the status of the KHSAA Annual Meeting proposals from last year. They are continuing through the administrative review process, pending action by the Kentucky Board of Education and the Legislative Research Commission.

I'll hope to see many of you at the Regional Administrators Meeting!

## ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS DEADLINE

All proposals for the Annual Meeting of the Delegates must be submitted by the September 10 deadline to be presented at the Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting of member schools October 18, 2007 at the Lexington Center.

Proposals should be addressed to the attention of Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner. Prior to the meeting, proposals submitted will be posted on the KHSAA website as well as sent to each member school's delegate.

## REPORTING OF SCORES TO NEW SCOREBOARD NUMBER

Please make a note that the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard number has changed to 1-800-453-6882. Remember to call in scores at the completion of contests. Scoreboards are maintained in the fall sports of Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' Soccer and Football. If you have results from any fall sport, superlative performance or other note of news, you may submit that via e-mail to [bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org) for inclusion in the KHSAA weekly news release.

## SCHOOLS REMINDED ABOUT BYLAW 9

Member schools are reminded of the need to comply with the provisions of Bylaw 9, Section 2 which state, "Unless ineligible due to the provisions of Bylaw 11 (Sportsmanship, having been ejected from a contest), any student who is not eligible for competition during a team's next contest/meet/match/game shall not practice with the team."

The full text of the Bylaw and its interpretations are in the Handbook and are on the web site at <http://www.khsaa.org/bylaws/handbook/bylaw9.pdf>

*Case BL-9-3- May a student who is not eligible participate in a game practice with the team?*

No. If a participant is ineligible he/she may not try-out, practice, or participate in games or scrimmages until eligible and minimum practice periods (i.e. ten days for football) do not begin accumulating until the ruling is complete. In addition, those students may not be issued any competition equipment necessary for the sport or any other items specific to participation in the sport.

Ineligible persons practicing with the team or participating in any manner while representing the school potentially jeopardize the insurance coverage, including catastrophic and liability insurance, of all participants and the liability coverage of the school and school system. The only exception to this policy is the allowable practice of otherwise eligible students who are not eligible for the team's next contest due to the penalty for sportsmanship violations (Bylaw 11)

## CHEER WORKSHOP

The KHSAA has scheduled the Annual Cheerleading Workshop for Saturday, September 8, 2007 (9:00 a.m.) at the KHSAA office in Lexington. Details have been mailed to spirit coaches and are available on the KHSAA website under the Cheer Link.

## INSIGHT/KHSAA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE CERTIFICATE REQUESTS

Request forms for Insight/KHSAA Academic All-State certificates have been e-mailed to each member school Athletic Director. Please return the request form to Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA. Additional copies are available, should you run out of certificates, by contacting Ms. Mitchell.

## NEW ORLEANS RECOVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

There is a continuing need for uniforms and athletic equipment for high schools in the New Orleans area as these schools attempt to re-open and start up their athletic programs.

Any school interested in contributing any items may contact Allen Woods, Director of Athletics, Recovery School District, 504-259-3737.

## REQUIRED SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS MEETINGS

In 2005-2006, the Board of Control, on recommendation from a panel of public and non-public school Superintendents, voted to require the Principal of each member school to attend an annual meeting. At this meeting, the current rules and regulations as well as Association policies, procedures and undertakings are to be discussed. This is in compliance with Bylaw 1, which states that the Principal is ultimately responsible for all Association rules being complied with within the athletic program.

Many times, the building Principal has schedule conflicts in attending, so there was also an allowance made that the attendance requirement could be fulfilled by someone else in the building attending who held current principal certification.

The schedule for 2007-2008 is –

9/6 - Somerset, Somerset HS, 1:30 p.m.

9/12 - Princeton, Caldwell County HS, 1:30 p.m.

9/13 - Buckner, Oldham County HS, 1:30 p.m.

10/10 - Whitesburg, Letcher Co. Central HS, 1:30 p.m.

11/8 - Lexington, (in conjunction with KASSP Fall Conference, 2:00 p.m.)

11/28 - Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Meeting (\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

Each of these meetings count equally toward satisfying the requirement.

The November 28 meeting is a "make up", and is held well into the school year and is considered a late meeting as it certainly puts school administrators behind in being made up to date about rules. This is why it is treated like a late attended rules clinic, with the requisite fine.

A sign-up sheet has been sent by electronic mail (GE47) so that you can register and help staff prepare certificates, materials, etc.

## HYPE STUDENT CONFERENCE RECAP

A group of 504 students and adults, representing 44 schools and a group from the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association attended the seventh KHSAA Hype Student Leadership Conference held Aug. 29 at The Lexington Convention Center.

Conference breakout sessions included Building Teamwork, Respect & Sportsmanship, Being a Leader and Puzzled by Teamwork.

The KHSAA would like to thank its member schools who supported the program by sending representatives as well as our corporate sponsors, UPS, First Corbin Financial Corporation, and Kentucky National Guard.

## COACHES CARDS

Athletic Directors please take note that the deadline for obtaining coaches cards from the KHSCA is October 15. For further information, contact Jimmie Reed (502)348-4624.

## 2007-2008 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

Oct. 1-3	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Boys' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 4-6	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Girls' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 26-27	Girls' Volleyball	NKU Regents Hall, Highland Heights
Oct. 31, Nov. 1,3	Boys' & Girls' Soccer	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 10	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 7-8	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 8-9	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium
Feb. 14-16	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 12-15	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 19-22	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 22-24	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
May 30-31	Boys' & Girls' Track	U of L Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville
June 6-7	Fast Pitch Softball	Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 11-14	Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

## 2007 FALL 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). Officials who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contest. Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest. ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

### *CROSS COUNTRY*

9/18 Lexington, KHSAA Office,  
Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine)

### *FOOTBALL*

9/19 Lexington, KHSAA Office,  
Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

### *GOLF*

(All Times are 7 p.m. local, unless noted otherwise)

9/19 Lexington, KHSAA Office,  
Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine)

### *SOCCER*

9/26 Lexington, KHSAA Office,  
Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

### *VOLLEYBALL*

9/20 Lexington, KHSAA Office,  
Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine)

## ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

The Planning Committee for the Kentucky High School Athletic Directors' Annual State Conference will meet on September 18. If you have suggestions or ideas for the May 2008 conference, please share them with Jim Watkins ([adwatt1@bellsouth.net](mailto:adwatt1@bellsouth.net))

If you are a new or returning Athletic Director who has not yet joined the KHSADA, please contact Mitchell Irvin for a membership application and information on the benefits of being a member ([mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us](mailto:mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us)).



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MEMO

TO: KHSAA Member School Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors  
CSIET Approved Foreign Exchange Agencies and Placing Agents

FROM: Commissioner Brigid L. DeVries 

DATE: August 31, 2007

RE: Clarifications regarding the KHSAA non-domestic or foreign exchange student eligibility process

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As the school year begins, I would like to share some pertinent information concerning the 2007 KHSAA regulations and in particular KHSAA Bylaw 6(2) regarding the foreign exchange student eligibility transfer process:

1. Case Situation Bylaw 6-18 states: *The KHSAA Board of Control has adopted the list provided by the Center for Standards of International Travel (CSIET) for placement of foreign exchange students. An agency may be removed from the listing at any time for non-compliance with the basic rules regarding random placement of students and other Federal provisions.*
2. The Non-domestic Eligibility Form GE-07 requests additional information regarding fees paid to the CSIET approved foreign exchange agency. Please note on Form GE07 (Non-Domestic Student Eligibility) Questions #25 & #26 along with question #24, which asks for the agency representative (name and phone number) if follow up is necessary. In addition, a copy of the financial information must be attached to the transfer form before it can be processed. Any of the following are acceptable documents:
  - A copy of a receipt from the foreign exchange agency verifying the specific amount paid to the agency that is signed and dated by the parents;
  - A copy of a letter from the foreign exchange agency detailing that they received payment from the parents, including the amount paid and the date received;
  - Copies of wire transfers, checks, agency invoices, etc. that are dated and are signed by the parents indicating that they are responsible for any fees paid;
  - Other verification from the U.S. State Department verifying payment by that organization.
3. The application form (GE07) for Foreign Student (Non-Domestic) Eligibility states: *The student's host family cannot be an official representative of the placement agency or member of the coaching staff at the school. (Line 17 of the form)*

4. Bylaw 6, Section 2(a) states: *Foreign exchange students attending school in Kentucky shall not be a graduate of the 12<sup>th</sup> or terminating grade or its' equivalent in either the U.S. or his/her home county.* In some countries the length of high school may be three or four years. If a student has completed their high school requirements in another country, they are ineligible to participate in athletics in Kentucky.
5. The Commissioner has 30 days to make a ruling on any student desiring to transfer. Due to the heavy volume of transfers this time of year, school personnel are reminded to fill out all parts of the student eligibility (transfer form) and include any required documentation in order to expedite the process. The Non-domestic (GE-07) form can be found on the KHSAA website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org), in both Microsoft Word® and Adobe Acrobat (pdf) formats (Under Important Links and Information, KHSAA Forms)
6. A delay in processing will be caused if the proper documentation is not provided along with the Non-domestic Student Eligibility Form.

Thank you for your attention to this process so rulings regarding student eligibility can be made in a timely fashion. Your cooperation in complying with this request is greatly appreciated.



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