



Commissioner's Notes

Participation ♦ Sportsmanship ♦ Integrity **September 2008**

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Labor Day has come and gone and the fall sports season is under way. The KHSAA staff is currently traveling the state conducting the required Regional Principals Meetings. They have been very productive so far and we look forward to seeing many of you at the remaining meetings around the state, and at the KASSP Fall Conference in November.

The Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at the Lexington Convention Center. We are currently compiling the list of voting delegates so if you haven't designated your delegate please do so as soon as possible. Contact Marsha Day at mday@khsaa.org if you need further instructions on this process. Proposals were sent to all of you with the last edition of the C-notes and are also available on the KHSAA Website under Annual Meeting.

The KHSAA staffing changes are almost complete. Butch Cope is transitioning into his new duties as Assistant Commissioner with Mike Barren beginning his new role as Assistant Commissioner on September 5, 2008. Cheryl Goodwin has just joined our staff as our new receptionist.

More to come in October. Lets all have a great school year!

HYPE STUDENT CONFERENCE RECAP

A group of 466 students and adults, representing 34 schools attended the eighth KHSAA Hype Student Leadership Conference held Aug. 27 at The Lexington Convention Center.

Conference breakout sessions included Teamwork, It's Not About You, Being a Leader and Live, Laugh, Lead!

The KHSAA would like to thank its member schools who supported the program by sending representatives as well as our corporate sponsors, UPS, Forcht Group of Kentucky, Kentucky National Guard and the NFHS Foundation.

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.

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.

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)

REQUIRED PRINCIPAL'S MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The required Principal's workshops have been scheduled for the 2008-2009 school year. Attendance at one of these workshops is mandatory for the Principal of each KHSAA member school, or a designated individual holding Principal's certification. There are four remaining meetings, in addition to the makeup meeting scheduled for November 8. Through the outstanding cooperation of the conference organizers, we will also hold one of these meetings in conjunction with the KASSP Fall Conference.

The schedule for 2008-2009 will be:

- 9/9 Christian Academy-Louisville, 1:30 p.m.
- 9/10 London, North Laurel HS, 1:30 p.m.
- 9/11 Lake Barkley, 1:30 p.m..
- 11/6 Lexington, (in conjunction with KASSP Fall Conference, Marriott Griffin Gate, 9:00 a.m.)
- 11/8 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Meeting (\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

KHSAA CONTEST OPPONENTS, IN AND OUT OF STATE

As fall and winter are being scheduled, please note the criteria for out 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; or

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 and the KHSAA member is responsible for ensuring this process is complete.

The NFHS has been receiving an unusual amount of sanction applications directly from the event coordinators. When applications are submitted to the NFHS instead of through their respective state association it causes a back

log of delay. **PLEASE remember to send all sanctions to the KHSAA for processing.**

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

2008 REMAINING 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.

REMAINING CLINICS

CROSS COUNTRY

9/17 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 7 p.m.

GOLF

9/4 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 7 p.m.

SOCCER

9/18 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 1:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

9/24 Lexington, KHSAA Office, Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), 7 p.m.

REPORTING OF SCORES TO SCOREBOARD

Remember to call in scores to the Scoreboard, 1-800-453-6882 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 bcoper@khsaa.org for inclusion in the KHSAA weekly news release.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

The Conference Planning Committee will meet to discuss plans for the 2008 Kentucky High School Athletic Directors' Conference on Monday, September 15. If you have ideas or suggestions for the conference, please contact President Arthur Ballard (Arthur.ballard@estill.kyschools.us)

If you need to join or renew KHSADA membership , please contact Mitchell Irvin (mitchell.irvin@oldham.kyschools.us)

Prior to the Fall Board of Directors' meeting, two LTP courses will be offered: LTP506 – Legal Issues II – Title IX, Sexual Harassment and one other course based on AD's needs. If you have a course you are interested in taking, please convey that request to Faye Thornton (faye.thornton@pendleton.kyschools.us)

CHEER WORKSHOP

The KHSAA has scheduled the Annual Cheerleading Workshop for Saturday, September 20, 2008 (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.

2008-2009 KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct. 6-8	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Girls' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 9-11	Leachman Buick/GMC-KHSAA Boys' Golf	Bowling Green Country Club
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	Girls' Volleyball	Bellarmino Knights Hall, Louisville
Nov. 5-6, 8	Boys' & Girls' Soccer	Toyota Stadium, Georgetown
Nov. 15	Boys' & Girls' Cross Country	Ky. Horse Park, Lexington
Dec. 12-13	Football	Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, Louisville
Feb. 13-14	Swimming	U of L Ralph Wright Natatorium, Louisville
Feb. 19-21	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 11-14	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
March 18-21	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
May 21-23	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
May 22-23	Boys' & Girls' Track	U of L Owsley Frazier Park, Louisville
June 5-6	Fast Pitch Softball	Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 11-13	Forcht Bank/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington



2008-2009 KHSAA Annual Meeting
September 23, 2008, Bluegrass Ballroom, Lexington Center
Schedule and Itinerary

7:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration for all Delegates and Guests, Registration Booth in Lobby of Bluegrass Pre Function Space (3 rd Floor, Lexington Center). This registration will serve as the official roll call of delegates in compliance with the KHSAA Constitution. At registration, each delegate will be given an identification card that is to be redeemed for the official voting ballot at 1:00 p.m. Coffee with the Commissioners, an opportunity for interaction and clarification of issues, 7:15 a.m.
8:00 a.m.	Welcome and Instructions for Delegates, Commissioner Brigid L. DeVries
8:15 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.	Members of the KHSAA Staff will be available in the registration area throughout the break-out sessions for one-on-one help and technical assistance with the KHSAA web site

Break Out Group Assignments – Adair County to Greenwood, Blue Group; Hancock County to Notre Dame, Green Group, Ohio County to Woodford County, Yellow Group

	Thoroughbred 2-3	Thoroughbred 4	Thoroughbred 6-7
8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Blue Group Innovative New Athletic Programs, STAR Sportsmanship and Schedule STAR John Tatum, Learning through Sports and Dan Moody, Schedule Star	Green Group Current Trends in Sports Medicine MRSA, Heat Related Issues and Procedure, and other current topics University of Kentucky Sports Medicine	Yellow Group Compliance Membership criteria, policies and procedures for rules adherence Darren Bilberry, Assistant Commissioner
9:10 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.	Green Group Innovative New Athletic Programs, STAR Sportsmanship and Schedule STAR John Tatum, Learning through Sports and Dan Moody, Schedule Star	Yellow Group Current Trends in Sports Medicine MRSA, Heat Related Issues and Procedure, and other current topics University of Kentucky Sports Medicine	Blue Group Compliance Membership criteria, policies and procedures for rules adherence Darren Bilberry, Assistant Commissioner
10:05 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.	Yellow Group Innovative New Athletic Programs, STAR Sportsmanship and Schedule STAR John Tatum, Learning through Sports and Dan Moody, Schedule Star	Blue Group Current Trends in Sports Medicine MRSA, Heat Related Issues and Procedure, and other current topics University of Kentucky Sports Medicine	Green Group Compliance Membership criteria, policies and procedures for rules adherence Darren Bilberry, Assistant Commissioner

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Roundtable Discussion and Information Session. Commissioner and staff will review the operations and challenges facing the Association. Brief Overview of the Legislative Process Discussion session to allow authors of proposals and KHSAA staff (for Board submitted proposals) an opportunity to discuss the merits of the proposals and answer questions from the delegates. This is the primary opportunity for discussion of the proposals as well as clarification on other KHSAA rules, and is designed to help facilitate the business meeting.
12:30 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lobby Area	Redemption of Identification Card for Official Ballot (return previously issued card for ballot to be used in meeting) No ballots may be submitted prior to proposal consideration!

1:30 p.m. to completion	Annual Meeting Voting Session - Bluegrass Ballroom 2 Presiding - Board of Control President Lonnie Burgett, Superintendent, Mayfield Independent Schools Commissioner's Annual Report of the Association Review of the Rules of Order and Voting Procedures for the Annual Meeting Adoption of the Orders of the Day for the Annual Meeting Consideration of Proposals to Amend Constitution and Bylaws of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association No delegate may sign in and receive a ballot after the voting has begun
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