



# Commissioner's Notes

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A monthly newsletter from Commissioner Julian Tackett, Kentucky High School Athletic Association,  
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### **BOARD OF CONTROL REVISES TITLE IX PRIME DATE SCHEDULING POLICY (clarified 4/22/2011)**

At its April meeting, and following two years of review and study, the Board approved a request from a variety of member schools to allow an additional method in which Title IX Prime Date compliance is calculated for the purpose of the Association's policy. The Board reviewed three years worth of schedule data, including two seasons that were heavily interrupted by snow and weather cancellations, prior to making the final decision. The original request came from the Basketball Advisory Committee and through discussion and feedback at the annual Kentucky High School Athletic Directors Conference.

In the past, each school had to have 40 percent of its home games on a prime date as defined by the Office of Civil Rights (Friday night, Saturday, or Sunday). In addition, schools hosting tournaments could only have one of the dates counted as prime dates regardless of how many days the event lasted, and the visiting team could not count the games.

Beginning with 2011-2012 season, schools will be able to choose between the current method, and an alternate method. Using the alternate method all games played, home and away, will count toward the required 40 percent threshold of girls basketball games played on a prime date. There will be no difference for tournaments, each game counts in and of itself. In addition, schools using the alternate method must play at least one home game on a prime date during December, January and February. In this manner, there is a safeguard against a school playing, for whatever reason, all of its prime date games on the road. The requirement remains that the schools must play 40 percent of their girls schedule on a prime date using either of the two counting methods.

With the likely change in basketball game counting to a fixed number of games for 2011-2012, making the change at this time will allow the member schools to easily monitor the prime date requirement as they transition the schedules for the future years.

### **OFF SEASON REMINDER FOR FALL, WINTER TEAM SPORT COACHES**

This notice affects all coaches in the fall sports in soccer, football and volleyball, and the winter sport of basketball.

Bylaw 25 prohibits coaches from being in attendance off campus when your sport team members are in any organized competition or other sports specific skill development. For example, high school soccer coaches (paid or unpaid at any level grades nine through twelve) cannot attend spring select soccer games or other organized sports specific activity if any member of the team (regardless of grade level) who was on the high



school team is participating. That same restriction would apply to football and volleyball coaches as well. This restriction is true for basketball coaches attending AAU and other outside league games played off of school grounds. The only exception to any of these restrictions is an allowance for the parent of a student to be able to attend any game their son/daughter is playing (but coaching the student is not permitted). Per Bylaw 25, coaches in these sports may attend the open gym type activities held on campus at the school if so designated by the Principal as the person with these duties.

These same restrictions are in place for baseball, softball and basketball during the school year before the start of the official practice period.

### **FOOTBALL NON CONTACT PLAY REMINDER**

Member school football coaches are reminded that in June, no activity may be held that is school team members (at least four together) against any other outside group. In July, after the dead period ends (July 10 and beyond), organized activity (such as 7 on 7 play) can begin and can continue until the first player on the team puts on any equipment other than the helmet. Once the legal equipment period begins and any member of the team puts on gear (shoulder pads, thigh pads, hip pads, etc.), then all

7 on 7 activity is subject to the two scrimmage limitation.

It is also important to note that all play of this type (against individuals who are not able to put on that school's eligibility list) is not covered by the catastrophic insurance. The provided insurance (and likely all underlying coverage) only applies to intrasquad practices during the permitted practice times, the two scrimmages, and the games.

### **HEAT INDEX REMINDER FOR SPRING SPORTS**

The heat index readings are now required to be recorded for spring sports. This action was recommended by the Kentucky Medical Association's Sports Medicine Advisory Committee in the fall and unanimously approved by our Board of Control earlier this year. This was also highlighted in the various spring sports rules clinics and during the required administrator meetings. The mandatory start date for readings began Friday, April 15. Here are the important details related to the implementation of this requirement in the spring sports.

The heat index form (GE 20, located at [www.khsaa.org/forms/general.html](http://www.khsaa.org/forms/general.html) on the KHSAA Web site) where each day's temperature needs to be recorded.

For all temperature, humidity and heat index readings, all data must be taken at the practice or competition site. It is not permitted to use media outlet temperatures or those provided online.

Once the temperature exceeds 82 degrees, the humidity must also be recorded on the form using a digital sling psychrometer. These devices have long been used in the fall sports, so member schools should already have them available. If replacements or additional equipment are needed, there are links to five different devices on the KHSAA website at <http://www.khsaa.org/sportsmedicine/heat/> and these devices are sometimes available at larger diverse inventory sporting goods outlets.

When the temperature and humidity are recorded at the point the temperature exceeds 82 degrees, there must be a determination as to the heat index.

If (as in 4 above), the heat index is to be determined, this can be done by using the chart at <http://www.khsaa.org/sportsmedicine/heat/heatindexchartcolor.pdf> (noting the intersection of temperature and humidity taken at the site) or by using a digital sling psychrometer that also calculates the heat index.

If the heat index is listed on the chart at <http://www.khsaa.org/sportsmedicine/heat/heatindexchartcolor.pdf>, then the heat index needs to be recorded on the form as well.

You must also record on the form the required alteration of activity. Those activity breakdowns are generally described on <http://www.khsaa.org/sportsmedicine/heat/heatindexchartcolor.pdf>, with breaks at a heat index on 95, 100 and 104.

All sports must cease when the heat index reading reaches 104.

It is important to note that for baseball and softball, because protective catching gear is required, games, as well as practice when the catcher is in gear, must be suspended when the heat index reaches 100. Coaches and administrators should carefully review game times and weather forecasts, particular for day time (likely weekend) competition, and make alternative plans in the case of suspension of lay.

The heat index forms must be returned (separate forms for

each sport) immediately following the team elimination from postseason play.

If your coaches have any questions about application of the provisions, contact the sports contact at our office.

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### **FORCHT GROUP OF KENTUCKY/KENTUCKY NATIONAL INSURANCE KHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP BANQUET INFO**

A total of 32 student-athletes have been announced as regional winners for the 2011 Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance KHSAA Sportsmanship Awards.

The winners, one boy and one girl from each of the state's 16 regions, will be honored at a banquet, scheduled for Sunday, May 1, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. Each winner receives a \$200 book scholarship and a mantle clock, courtesy of the KHSAA Officials Division. One boy and one girl will receive a one-time \$3,000 scholarship, courtesy of Forcht Group of Kentucky and Kentucky National Insurance.

Selection criteria for the awards include grade point average, letters of recommendation, leadership roles/honors, response to a case study essay and verification of no game disqualifications.

The following individuals were recognized as regional winners:

- Region 1 – Jason Straub (Heath),  
Peyton Vaughan (St. Mary)
- Region 2 – Jared Stallons (Trigg County),  
Janell Cooper (Caldwell County)
- Region 3 – Kal Prince (Owensboro),  
Paige Kramer (Daviness County)
- Region 4 – Nelson Price (Cumberland County),  
Taylor Watson (Cumberland County)
- Region 5 – Bryan Goottee (Marion County),  
Valerie Whitlock (LaRue County)
- Region 6 – Jacob Read (Bullitt East),  
Shelby Ritchie (Presentation)
- Region 7 – Chris Lawrence (St. Xavier),  
Jenna Rogers (Christian Academy-Louisville)
- Region 8 – T. Luke Magness (Henry County),  
Rebecca Saylor (Grant County)
- Region 9 – Parker Ryle (Conner),  
Katie Ransdell (Villa Madonna)
- Region 10 – Jake Schultz (Campbell County),  
Mandi McLean (Nicholas County)
- Region 11 – Hunter Stewart (Lexington Christian),  
Alexandra Kubala (Model)
- Region 12 – Colby Hall (Somerset),  
Charissa Burkett (Pulaski County)
- Region 13 – Jeffrey Poston (South Laurel),  
Kayla Sears (Whitley County)
- Region 14 – James M. Reed (Powell County),  
Hillary Moore (Leslie County)
- Region 15 – Noah Hamilton (Pikeville),  
Mikayla Charles (Phelps)

Region 16 – Tyler Farley (Raceland),  
Chelsey McDermott (Bath County)

### **OFFICIALS BANQUET SET FOR MAY 15**

The 2011 KHSAA Officials Division Recognition Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 15, at the KHSAA Office in Lexington. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the banquet set to begin at 5 p.m.

Officials who have been nominated in their respective sport will be recognized, with one receiving an Official of the Year plaque. The KHSAA Staff will also honor the top officials supervisor with the annual Larry G. Boucher, Jr. Supervisor of the Year award. Last year's winners were:

Steve Thomas - baseball; Charlie Chappie - basketball; Phil Faust - football; George Gupton - golf; Bill Herald - soccer; Darnell Kelly - softball; George Hubbard - swimming and diving; Aaron Browning - tennis; Tim Henderlight - track and field/cross country; Beth Wychulis - volleyball; Chris Shaw - wrestling; and John E. Drake - Larry G. Boucher, Jr. Supervisor of the Year.

### **TIME FOR 1A STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEET CHANGED**

Due to the high number of schools postponing the end of school due to inclement weather, a survey was conducted of Class 1A KHSAA member schools as to how the original State Track and Field Championships schedule would impact schools.

After surveying the schools it was clear that holding the 1A championships late in the day on Friday, May 27, would put an extremely high number of schools in conflict with their graduation ceremonies.

Due to this conflict, the Class 1A State Track and Field championships was moved to early on Friday, May 27, with field events starting at 8 a.m. and the relay/running events starting at 9:30 a.m. Please be advised of the time change. This does not impact the dates or times of the 2A and 3A Championships which are scheduled for Thursday, May 26 and Saturday May 28, respectively.

### **ANNUAL ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE SLATED FOR APRIL 26-29 IN LOUISVILLE**

Athletic directors are encouraged to attend the 2011 KHSADA State Athletic Directors Conference. This year's conference will be held April 26-29 at the Fern Valley Hotel & Conference Center, located at Fern Valley Road and I-65.

Many Leadership Training Courses will be available during the three-day conference, including Legal Issues, and a new course entitled Synthetic Fields, Design and Construction Components, offered free to everyone who signs up to attend.

For more information about the conference visit the KHSADA website at [www.khsada.org](http://www.khsada.org) and click on the link for the conference registration booklet. Interested administrators may also contact Jim Watkins at [adwatt1@insightbb.com](mailto:adwatt1@insightbb.com)

### **SCHOOLS REMINDED ABOUT SCHEDULING FOR 2011-2012 IN VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL**

Member schools are reminded that the limitation of seasons for basketball and volleyball HAS NOT changed at this time. Though the membership has voted to change the counting

requirement, the change has not yet completed the regulatory review cycle. Schools should schedule based on the 2010-2011 rule as published. If the change is approved prior to the start of play in 2011-2012, schools will have the flexibility to add games to get to the new limit.

### **SPORT UPDATES**

#### *Baseball*

We continue to advise all audiences to check the KHSAA website for information on the composite bat rule change and the most up-to-date listing of approved BESR composite bats approved by the National Federation. The drawings for the 2011 KHSAA State Softball Championship as well as the Kentucky National Insurance/KHSAA State Baseball Championship will be televised live via webcast on Tuesday, April 26 at 2:30 p.m. The show will be available live on [www.khsaa.tv](http://www.khsaa.tv). If you cannot see it then, the show will also be archived for later viewing on the same channel.

#### *Basketball*

We would like to remind administrators and coaches on limitation of season restrictions mentioned on page one of this issue.

#### *Bowling*

The Board of Control has approved the guidelines for regular season bowling. The link for bowling is being added to the [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org) website this week and will include a list of bowling centers throughout the state, the guidelines for bowling regular season and a the bowling survey showing which schools in the commonwealth have shown an interest in adding a team to their list of athletic opportunities. We wanted to thank the many people throughout the bowling communities in the state who have worked toward this endeavor of bringing the sport of bowling to the high school championship level.

#### *Football*

Football schools are reminded of the requirement to submit the spring practice report. KHSAA Form FB103, which was due five days after the last practice session. All football schools must submit this report, even if there are no practice sessions conducted.

#### *Soccer*

A reminder to all Soccer Coaches during this spring club soccer season please be aware of Bylaw 25 restrictions mentioned on page one of this issue.

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#### *Tennis*

Post Season Tennis Information can be found online at <http://www.khsaa.org/tennis/regional.html>. A reminder to all Head Coaches that the Make Up Rules Clinic ( requirement to coach in the post season) is still available on line. Beginning 4/1 the cost for this clinic will increase, the Tennis Clinic will be online only and may be viewed by coaches for the makeup fee (\$300)

per the Bylaw 33 schedule during this period.

### *Track and Field*

The post season is right around the corner. We want to thank the regional managers who have all properly submitted their paperwork in a timely fashion. We would also want to remind the Class A schools about the changes to the event schedule (<http://www.khsaa.org/track/state.html>) in regard to times, so that more student athletes can enjoy both their state track event and their graduation ceremonies. Lastly, we would like to remind regional hosts that it is required that your school own a licensed copy of Hy-Tek Meet Manager, or use a contractor with a valid license. We appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility.

### *Wrestling*

The Board of Control has directed the KHSAA staff to enter into negotiations for a new venue for the wrestling state championships. More will be announced in the coming days.

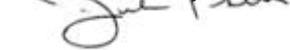
### **REMAINING 2010-11 KHSAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES**

May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK & Sayre Complex, Lexington
May 26-28	Boys' & Girls' Track and Field	Frazier Park, Louisville
June 10-11	Softball	Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 13-18	Forcht Bank/KHSAA Baseball	Home of the Lexington Legends, Lexington

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- May 1 Forcht Group of Kentucky/Kentucky National Insurance Sportsmanship Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington
- May 15 Officials Banquet, KHSAA Office, Lexington
- May 19 KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, KHSAA Office, Lexington

Thanks for all of your continued support!



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