



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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## **KHSAA BOARD REVISES PENALTIES ON MARSHALL COUNTY BOYS' GOLF PROGRAM**

**LEXINGTON** -- The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, at its regular meeting on Wednesday, revised penalties specified in the KHSAA Handbook imposed by Commissioner Brigid DeVries on the Marshall County boys' golf program.

The Commissioner had ruled earlier that the school was to vacate its 2007 team State Golf Championship title as well as its regional championship title and forfeit all regular season contests due to the use of an ineligible player.

Appearing before the Board appealing the penalty decision on behalf of the school were Superintendent Ruth Etta Buchanan and Principal Trent Lovett.

"The issues surrounding the appeal of Marshall County's penalty for the use of an ineligible competitor were unique," DeVries said. "Through absolutely no fault of the student competitors, clearly athletic administrators failed to comply with one of the most fundamental KHSAA Rules. The Board, after a lengthy discussion and consideration of all factors in the case, felt that penalties against the member institution were more appropriate than the penalty that affected the student athletes at the school."

The Board fined the school a total sum of \$5,000 and placed the entire athletic program on probation for two years. All 2007 regular season golf matches will be forfeited and the boys' golf program will not be permitted to participate in contests for the 2008 playing season from Aug. 2 through Aug. 10. Principal Lovett and Superintendent Buchanan are required to impose internal penalties on school personnel and report back to the Commissioner.

The administration will be required to appear later in the year before the full Board to share procedures to prevent a violation of this nature in the future.

Contact the school administration at Marshall County High School for any further comment.

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