



# Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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### **COMMONWEALTH GRIDIRON BOWL SET FOR THIS WEEKEND**

The KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl begins its second half century of championship play at a new venue on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5. For the 2009 and 2010 seasons Houchens Industries/L.T. Smith Stadium on the campus of Western Kentucky University is home to six class championship games that will be contested each year.

Three returning champions are making a return trip to the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl this year (Fort Campbell, Highlands and Trinity (Louisville)) while a total of six undefeated teams at 14-0 will be trying to take home a championship (Lone Oak, Boyle County, Fort Campbell, Highlands, John Hardin and Somerset).

### **STATE FOOTBALL FINALS SCHEDULE**

#### **Friday, December 4**

Class 4A Championship

Lone Oak (14-0) vs. Boyle County (14-0), 11 a.m.

Class 2A Championship

Fort Campbell (14-0) vs. DeSales (11-3), 3 p.m.

Class 5A Championship

John Hardin (14-0) vs. Highlands (14-0), 7 p.m.

#### **Saturday, December 5**

Class 3A Championship

Paducah Tilghman (8-6) vs. Somerset (14-0), 11 a.m.

Class 1A Championship

Mayfield (13-1) vs. Lexington Christian (13-1), 3 p.m.

Class 6A Championship

St. Xavier (13-1) vs. Trinity (Louisville) (10-4), 7 p.m.

### **ON THE AIR/ON THE WEB**

You can catch all of the action of the 2009 KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl on the Rawlings/KHSAA Radio Network broadcasts. Gary Ball, Steve Bertram, Bill Ransdell, Dougie Allen and Scott Thompson will call all the action. Check local listings.

Audio streaming of each of the six championship games can be heard at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org) or [www.khsaa.net](http://www.khsaa.net).

### **KHSAA TEAMS WITH IHIGH.COM FOR STREAMING VIDEO**

Thanks to an exclusive arrangement between the Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) and iHigh.com, video of all championship games will be available online in their entirety at [kentucky.ihigh.com](http://kentucky.ihigh.com) 12 hours after the games are played. The video will be available for free viewing at any time. In addition, action photos from all of the games will be available to capture all of the excitement.

The video coverage of all championship games will complement radio coverage of the games on the Rawlings/KHSAA Radio Network.

"Our ability to offer online video of these games represents a tremendous breakthrough in our efforts to provide greater access to all KHSAA sports," said Brigid DeVries, KHSAA Commissioner. "While we've offered radio



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coverage for several years, we want all Kentuckians to enjoy KHSAA championship events. That's why this Web streaming arrangement allows everyone to see the best of Kentucky high school sports for free."

"The Kentucky high school football championships are legendary," added Tim Campbell, iHigh.com president and CEO. "Anyone, anywhere in the world, will be able to see the games whenever they want to see them. We at iHigh.com are extremely excited to be able to showcase Kentucky's high school athletes."

During the 2009-2010 school year, all KHSAA championship events will be available one of three ways: live complete game coverage, delayed complete game coverage, or recorded championship highlights. KHSAA championships include soccer, golf, volleyball, cross country, swimming and diving, wrestling, basketball, tennis, track, fast pitch softball and baseball.

To access the KHSAA football championships and all other events, go to [kentucky.ihigh.com](http://kentucky.ihigh.com). The service is free.

## STATE FOOTBALL TICKETS

Single Session general admission tickets are on sale at any of the 12 participating schools for an advance purchase price of \$8 each. Single session general admission tickets will be available at the gate on game day for \$10 each.

Tickets are also available through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) search 'KHSAA'.

Admission gates will open one hour before game time for each contest on Friday and Saturday.

## STATE FOOTBALL PARKING

Parking is \$8 per car per day for the Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl. There are two parking structures and a lot available within walking distance of Houchens/L.T. Smith Stadium. On Friday and Saturday, lots will open at 8 a.m.

## KHSAA MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Media credentials may be picked up at Entry Gate 3/4 at Houchens/L.T. Smith Stadium. The entry gate is on the "closed" end of the facility, and on the "Diddle Arena" side of the Stadium. An area map is posted on the Association website at [www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org).

## MEDIA INFORMATION

Rosters and stats of the teams have been posted on the KHSAA website. Two-deep and probable starters will be posted on Tuesday. All information will be available on site.

## BASKETBALL REGULAR SEASON BEGINS TONIGHT

The first contest date for boys' and girls' basketball teams is Monday, November 30. The 2010 Houchens/KHSAA Girls State Basketball Tournament will be played on March 10-13 at E.A. Diddle Arena in Bowling Green while the PNC/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament will be played on March 17-20 at Rupp Arena. The defending girls' state basketball champion is Iroquois, while the defending boys' state champion is Holmes.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

December 4-5	Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, Houchens Industries - L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green
December 7	Special KHSAA Board of Control Meeting – KHSAA Office, Lexington
January 13	Regular KHSAA Board of Control Meeting – KHSAA Office, Lexington