

# Commissioner's Notes

AUGUST 16, 2001

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## RECENT MAILINGS

New school passcodes for "Member Schools Only" information on the KHSAA web site and school identification cards were mailed to Athletic Directors, Principals and Superintendents on August 14. Please contact the KHSAA office with problems.

## FOOTBALL STATS

The KHSAA will begin its compilation of statewide football stats leaders Thurs., Sept. 6 and weekly thereafter. Stats must be entered through the KHSAA web site ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) through the "Member Schools Only" link. Each school will be required to utilize its new passcode. Schools may begin entering stats on Mon., Sept. 3, continuing each week throughout the regular season. Stats are due by noon on Tuesday of each week. Following the Football Finals, a season ranking (complete with postseason games) will be done Dec. 15.

## SCHOOL UPDATES

Schools were sent information, on multiple occasions, regarding school updates for the 2001-2002 Handbook. Information can now be changed via the KHSAA web site ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) at any time during the school year. There is a "Member Schools Only" link and using your passcode, you can update your school's information. It is advised that Athletic Directors perform this task to prevent duplication. School information used in the 2001-2002 Handbook reflects updates received by the KHSAA by Aug. 7.

If information regarding your school in the 2001-2002 KHSAA Handbook is incorrect or outdated, the school information was not updated prior to Aug. 7. However, you can update the site year-round which will keep the KHSAA's database up-to-date for coach's mailings, etc.

If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office.

## 2001-2002 KHSAA HANDBOOKS

The 2001-2002 KHSAA Handbook will be mailed to member schools Sept. 4. Each member school superintendent, principal and athletic director will be mailed a complimentary copy of the Handbook. Additional copies may be purchased by contacting Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office or ordered online ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)). Copies of the printed/bound Handbook are \$12 each by mail. Three-ring binder inserts are available for \$20. A complete binder Handbook (binder & insert) is \$30. Copies of the 2001-2002 KHSAA Eligibility Poster were mailed to member school principals and athletic directors on August 7. Memorandum calendars were mailed in June. Additional copies of the calendar are available for \$8 each.

## CLARIFICATION ON PROMOTION AND RETENTION

By state law, a school principal decides whether a student is PROMOTED or RETAINED in accordance with local policy. This is required to be stamped on the student's report card for the end of the year and listed on his/her academic record. It is important to note that the listing of a student as RETAINED has a negative impact on the schools accountability (funding) equation.

Please remain aware of the State Board's recent recommendations against the use of social promotion and to allow the student's academic record to be the sole determinant as to promotion.

Once the report card says, "promoted" (from the eighth grade), then the four-year eligibility count will start in accordance with Bylaw 4. According to the Department of Education legal office and prior Attorney General opinions, this is not a parent choice but is a principal choice.

If the parents then decide to "hold back" a student who has been promoted, then that student will lose the fourth year of eligibility as one of the years will be counted during the repeating time, as well as being ineligible to play at the high school level during the repeated year.

If a student is repeating eighth grade or below for any reason, then the local school site based decision making body will determine if that student can play middle school/junior high sports. Under no circumstance, can a repeating student play "up" to a high school team.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

At its July meeting, the KHSAA Board of Control unanimously approved a student leadership/sportsmanship conference – a first for the Association. The Conference, to be titled HYPE-2002 (Helping Young People Everywhere), will be held in conjunction with the KHSAA Annual Delegate Meeting.

This year's meeting and the student conference will held Wed., Jan. 9, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington.

The student leadership/sportsmanship conference is a result of a charge from a group of Kentucky student-athletes the Association sponsored that attended the National Federation 2001: *Leading Together* Student Conference in July in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The following is a listing of those students who represented Kentucky: Ashley Lindemann (St. Henry), Ashley Hyatt (Lyon County), Erica Adcock (Lyon County), Lee Hendrick (Russellville), Tom Masthay (Murray), Brian Inman (Mercer County), Meghan Bottom (Franklin County), Chelsea Thompson (Murray), Stephanie Jackson (Boyd County), Steph Galusha (Lyon County) and counselor Faye Thornton (Franklin County) along with four KHSAA staff members. The above will serve as advisors for the Kentucky conference in January.

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## 2001-2002 Clinic Dates

A complete listing of Rules Clinics for the entire 2001-2002 school year is available on the KHSAA website.

### Golf

(All start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

8/22 Bardstown HS

8/23 Boone County HS

8/30 Caldwell County HS

9/6 KHSAA (Lexington)

9/13 Bowling Green HS

### Swimming

(All start at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

9/10 Covington, Scott HS

9/11 Louisville, St. Xavier HS

9/19 Lexington, UK Lancaster Aquatic Center

10/11 Bowling Green HS

### Makeup Clinics (\$50 Fine) KHSAA office

(All start at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

Football 9/19

Soccer 8/30, 9/3

Volleyball 9/12

## COACHING QUALIFICATION AND COACHING EDUCATION CLARIFICATION

Many calls have come into the office this summer about the requirement for Coaching Education and about coaching requirements in light of HB191. This legislative change in requirements for coaches, coupled with action at the last two Annual Meetings of the membership, has resulted in a great deal of changes, so much so that you will find the final edited version enclosed for your reference prior to the distribution of the Handbook. Schools would be well advised to view the final wording of the requirement using this copy or by visiting the KHSAA web site, at ([www.khsaa.org/handbook/bylaws/bylaw27.pdf](http://www.khsaa.org/handbook/bylaws/bylaw27.pdf)) until such time as the printed copy of the Handbook is mailed to the schools.

ALL Level 2 coaches and all Level 1 coaches who are new to a district and who have not been continually employed as a teacher in that district since 1995-96 SHALL take and complete the NFHS Coaching Education course. Schools who need to verify the attendance / completion of the course can use the social security number of the coach and check using the KHSAA web site ([www.khsaa.org](http://www.khsaa.org)) by pulling down the Coaching Education link to check a test score.

## MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM REMINDER

Medical Symposium attendance has been posted on the KHSAA website. Principals and/or Athletic Directors are reminded to check the 2001-2002 list to be certain that all coaches are eligible to coach according to the medical symposium requirement. Violations should be self-reported to the KHSAA. This type of self-reporting allows the Association to institute standard penalties for non-compliance against the school and ensure that the school and the Association are both upholding their obligation to police this critical requirement.

## FALL SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS DUE OCT. 5

This is a reminder that each school is responsible for forwarding to the KHSAA office a team photograph and identification for requested sports.

The first deadline for team photos is Oct. 5. Pictures are due at that time only for the sports of VOLLEYBALL, BOYS' SOCCER, GIRLS' SOCCER and FOOTBALL. Failure to submit the photos WILL result in a fine assessed to the school.

Please remember that the photo MUST BE AN ORIGINAL – faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer print-outs ARE NOT acceptable. If you wish to e-mail a scanned photo, you may send it to [bcope@khsaa.org](mailto:bcope@khsaa.org). Please make sure the photo is scanned at 300 dpi and is not bitmapped. The file must be saved in a .TIF, .GIF, or .JPG format.

Also, please make sure you have additional copies for any potential use by district and regional tournament managers. Due to the timeliness of producing the various programs, the KHSAA cannot “wait” until a particular round or other vendor is finished with the photo prior to receiving its copy of the photograph.

Future deadlines for other sports will be published in issues of the Commissioner's Notes and the Athlete magazine.

## NFHS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

At the recent National Federation of High Schools Summer Convention (during which longtime high school official and supporter Charlie Ruter was inducted as Kentucky's seventh individual into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame), several committee appointments were approved that included members of the KHSAA staff and other representatives.

KHSAA Commissioner Louis Stout was elected to the NFHS Board of Directors, representing NFHS Section II, composed of the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington D.C. Executive Assistant Commissioner Brigid DeVries, the outgoing Chair of the NFHS Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, was appointed to serve as Section II's representative on the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee. Assistant Commissioner Larry Boucher was appointed to serve as Chair of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee.

Also, Suzie Stammer, former Olympic Field Hockey official and teacher at Henry Clay High School in Lexington was appointed to serve as Section II representative on the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Committee. Committee appointments are four-year terms.

## NEXT BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the KHSAA Board of Control will be Thurs., Sept. 20, at the Association Office in Lexington. Board President Kathy Johnston has called a special meeting set for 8 a.m. Mon., Aug. 27, to review appeals. For an agenda to either meeting, contact the KHSAA.

## TWO MAJOR EQUIPMENT CHANGES APPROVED IN BASEBALL

The National Federation has announced two major equipment changes in baseball, and the Association wants to be sure that prior to any equipment purchases, schools are advised of the change. First, the catching helmet must have ear flaps on both sides. This would make illegal any cap that only covers the top of the head. In addition, for the 2003 season, the cap shall meet the NOCSAE test standard.

In another change, the NF Baseball Committee has approved a change which mandates that bats comply with Ball Exit Speed Ratio (BESR) requirements beginning in 2003, and that bats shall be marked as such. This is an important change which should be passed along to parents to ensure that they do not use illegal equipment.

## ELIGIBILITY POSTERS

Recently, each school Principal and Athletic Director were mailed a poster about KHSAA eligibility rules to be posted in a prominent school location. In addition, a copy is enclosed of the poster which can be used in event programs, as well as being distributed to all parents at pre-season parent meetings. All schools are encouraged to ensure that all coaches conduct information meetings with parents prior to the start of practice to emphasize school expectations and requirements. This meeting allows an ideal opportunity for these posters to be copied and distributed.

## WELCOME JOHN HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL

The KHSAA would like to welcome its newest member school, John Hardin High School in Elizabethtown. As has been distributed previously, they are placed in the appropriate KHSAA district and/or region in all sports, and we are sure you wish them luck as our newest member. For coach's names and information, go to <http://www.khsaa.org/directory/s322.htm>. Since they were formed from existing schools (Central and North Hardin), the teams at John Hardin are immediately eligible for postseason play. For your information, the following are the district/region placements for John Hardin-

Baseball - Region 5, District 17  
Basketball - Region 5, District 17  
Cross Country, 2A, 2  
Football - 3A, 1,2,2  
Golf (B) - 6  
Golf (G) - 3  
Soccer (B) - 2-4-8-15  
Soccer (G) - 2-4-7-13  
Fast Pitch Softball - Region 5, District 17  
Swimming - 2  
Tennis (B) - 4  
Tennis (G) - 4  
Track, 2A, 2  
Volleyball, Region 2, District 7  
Wrestling, Region 2

## REGIONAL GOLF SITES AND MANAGERS

### BOYS

Region I	Drake Creek, Ledbetter	Doc Sanders
Region II	Madisonville Country Club	Matt Bell
Region III	Barren River State Park, Lucas	John Belcher
Region IV	Winchester Country Club	Wesley Martin
Region V	Campbellsville Golf Course	David Parsons
Region VI	Iroquois Golf Course, Louisville	Paul Denison
Region VII	Seneca, Louisville	Marty Donlon
Region VIII	Kenton County, Willows Course	Rick Hornsby
Region IX	Laurel Oaks, Maysville	Jeff Shulkens
Region X	Crooked Creek, London	Bob Tucker
Region XI	Stonecrest, Prestonburg	Nelson Gullett
Region XII	The Oaks, Flatwoods	Larry Slone

State Tournament London Country Club Oct. 1-3

### GIRLS

Region I	Mayfield Country Club	Lanny Lancaster
Region II	Ben Hawes, Owensboro	Jay Pillman
Region III	Elizabethtown Central Catholic	George Lynch
Region IV	Long Run Golf Course, Louisville	Marty Pollio
Region V	Barren River, Lucas	Mike Harris
Region VI	Henry County Country Club (tent.)	Steve Swank
Region VII	Picadome Golf Course, Lexington	Lou Brown
Region VIII	London Country Club	Jackie Pence
Region IX	Winchester Country Club	Wesley Martin
Region X	River Bend, Ashland	Cindy Caniff

State Tournament Eagle's Nest Country Club, Somerset Oct. 3-5

## OFFICIALS SUSPENDED

Schools should note that contest officials Max Miniard and Carl Elovitz, Jr. have been temporarily suspended by the Association for violation of policies within the Officials Division. Member schools may not utilize these individuals in any contest in grades 9-12.

At which time they are reinstated, a notice will be published in the Commissioner's Notes and the Athlete. If you have further questions, please contact the Association office.