



COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



KHSAA Winter Sports Programs are in full swing. Staff are preparing for the Swimming, Wrestling and Basketball Championships.

Thanks go to those who attended the Annual Meeting on January 8, 2003. The workshops were well attended and Carl Hurley reminded all of us that laughter is truly the best medicine for most situations in life.

The Second Student Leadership Conference held on January 15th, was well attended. Being a part of the workshop sessions and interacting with high school students reminds us of how important value based activities are in the life of a student athlete. These students are multi-talented and their enthusiasm is infectious. Thanks go to all attendees, student leaders, and school personnel involved in the conference.

Have a safe and fun filled winter sports season!

SWEET 16® TOURNAMENT DRAW

WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in Lexington will air the draw for the 2003 Boys' & Girls' State Basketball Tournaments live. The draw will be held Thursday, Feb. 13 and will be available live via satellite to any news outlet in the state. Brackets will be posted on the website that afternoon. If you need additional satellite information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

BASKETBALL TEAM PHOTOS DUE FEB. 3

The deadline for boys' and girls' basketball team photos and identifications is Fri., Feb. 3.

Failure to submit the photos **WILL** result in a fine assessed to the school.

Photos may now be sent via the KHSAA website. By going to the "Members Schools Only" link, click on "Upload Your Team Pictures" and follow the prompts. For additional information contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA. The direct link is:

http://khsaa.12dt.com/pic_upload

Please remember that the photo **MUST BE AN ORIGINAL** – faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer printouts **ARE NOT** acceptable. If you wish to e-mail a scanned photo, you may send it to 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.

OUT OF STATE CONTESTS

Please remember that certain out of state contests must be sanctioned by KHSAA and National Federation rules. Several events are being held this year at a time and place which do not allow for KHSAA schools to participate.

Several schools received invitations to Cocoa Expo in Florida for baseball and similar tournaments for softball during the week of March 24. KHSAA schools cannot play interscholastic contests prior to March 31, so the Association cannot sanction your out of state travel at that time.

In addition, a very popular Indoor Track Meet, the NIKE Classic, is being held after the point in time in which KHSAA schools can enter teams. The last indoor meet of the season must be held prior to the first Saturday in March.

If you have questions about the sanctioning process, contact Marilyn Mitchell (mmitchell@khsaa.org) at the KHSAA for details.

SCHOOL REPRESENTATION AT STUDENT APPEAL HEARINGS

The Board of Control is urging all schools that have a student involved in the appeals process to send a representative from that school to be present at the hearing. Many times issues are brought up which cannot be disputed or resolved if both sides are not presented. Several instances have occurred where, after the Findings of Fact were sent, school personnel called or wrote us to say the findings were incorrect and wanted to present additional information after the fact. The situation could have been easily resolved during the hearing if a representative from their school was in attendance. You are reminded not to underestimate the importance of your presence at an appeal hearing involving one of your students.

According to the Due Process Procedure, if an aggrieved or interested party fails to attend or participate in a hearing, the hearing officer or the Board of Control, at its discretion, may deny that party the right to seek additional review or present additional evidence at a later date.

SWIMMING/WRESTLING INFORMATION

Entry forms and other information is available for both sports on the KHSAA website.

SWEET 16® TICKET INFORMATION

If you haven't already sent in your order for 2003 Boys' and Girls' State Tournament tickets they are available on line or by calling the Association office.

HYPE STUDENT CONFERENCE SUCCESS

Despite the threat of some bad weather, over 400 students and adults attended the KHSAA/Hype Student Leadership/Sportsmanship Conference held on Jan. 15 in Rupp Arena and the Hyatt Regency in Lexington.

Conference Breakout topics included presentations on the NCAA Clearinghouse and Future Involvement in Sports, Respect, Sportsmanship, Hazing and Teamwork.

Elliot Hopkins of the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) served as the opening speaker. Harvey Alston of Westerville, OH, was the featured speaker and closed out the conference with an address to the entire group.

The KHSAA would like to thank its member schools who supported the program by sending representatives.

SPRING SPORTS PRACTICE REMINDER

Practice starts for tennis, baseball and softball on February 15. There is no "conditioning" period for any sport, and coaches should be warned against ANY sports specific activity being conducted by the coach until that date. The Association has been directed to rigidly enforce out of season restrictions and to more harshly penalize detected violations. In addition, it should be noted that any sports specific open gym/field (i.e. baseball open gym) would imply a requirement to attend and is therefore not legal.

REMAINING 2002-2003 KHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT DATES & SITES

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| Feb. 20-22 | Wrestling | Convention Complex, Frankfort |
| Feb. 21-22 | Swimming | UK Lancaster Aquatic Center |
| March 19-22 | Boys' Basketball | Rupp Arena, Lexington |
| March 26-29 | Girls' Basketball | WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green |
| May 9-10 | Slow Pitch Softball | TBA |
| May 29-31 | Boys' & Girls' Tennis | UK Boone/Downing Lexington |
| May 30-31 | Boys' & Girls' Track | UK Shively Track, Lexington |
| June 13-14 | Fast Pitch Softball | Tie-Breaker Park, Hopkinsville |
| June 18-21 | Baseball | Applebee's Park, Lexington |

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE REMINDER

If your school representatives have questions regarding game counting and the limitation of seasons, feel free to contact the KHSAA for further assistance.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

Schools are reminded that, as published in the school year events calendar, Baseball and Fast Pitch Softball schedules for the 2003 season are to be entered through the Association website by Feb. 1.

If you have questions regarding schedule entry, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA.

REMAINING RULES CLINIC SCHEDULES

Following is a listing of remaining in-season rules clinics. To view a full listing of clinics in all sports, go to the KHSAA website at www.khsaa.org.

TRACK

(All start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

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| 2/3 | Ashland, Boyd Co. HS |
| 2/10 | Bowling Green HS |
| 4/2 | Lexington, KHSAA Office |
| 4/21 | Make-Up (\$50 Fine), Lexington, KHSAA Office |

BASEBALL

(All start at listed time)

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| 2/2 | Bowling Green HS, 4:30 p.m. |
| 2/3 | Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/9 | London, North Laurel HS, 4:30 p.m. |
| 2/12 | Florence, Boone Co. HS, 7:30 p.m. |
| 2/15 | Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 9 a.m. |
| 2/16 | Elizabethtown HS, 3 p.m. |
| 2/26 | Lexington, Henry Clay HS, 7:30 p.m. |
| 4/16 | Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m. |

SOFTBALL

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

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| 2/2 | Bowling Green HS, 3 p.m. |
| 2/3 | Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS |
| 2/9 | London, North Laurel HS, 3 p.m. |
| 2/5 | Louisville, Christian Academy HS |
| 2/12 | Florence, Boone Co. HS |
| 2/15 | Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 10:30 a.m. |
| 2/19 | Bardstown, Nelson Co. HS |
| 2/26 | Lexington, Henry Clay HS |
| 4/9 | Make-Up (\$50 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m. |

SCHOOL UPDATES

Please remember to keep your school information current on the KHSAA website. To make changes to your school directory via the KHSAA web site (www.khsaa.org) use the "Member Schools Only" link and your passcode. You can update your school's information at any time.