# **Kentucky High School Athletic Association**



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# **Sports News**

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### **NATIONAL CITY TROPHY TOUR KICKS OFF**

For the fifth consecutive year, National City as title sponsor of the Boys' Sweet 16® State Basketball Tournament will again tour the championship trophy at selected games. The 2007-08 tour kicked off last weekend at the Bobby Keith/iHigh.com Classic.

On the tour, students are able to pick up scholarship application forms on each stop (forms may also be accessed through the KHSAA website). Again this year, 16 boys and 16 girls (one boy and one girl from each region) will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship courtesy of National City.

Scholarship recipients will be honored with a reception prior to the Championship game of the National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet 16® as well as being recognized on the floor during the contest. The scholarship application deadline is Friday, Feb. 22. For additional information, contact Butch Cope at the KHSAA.

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Dec. 14	Bobby Keith/ihigh.com Classic at Clay County High School
Jan. 15	Covington Catholic at Holmes
Jan. 18	Greenwood at Bowling Green
Jan. 22	Owensboro at Apollo
Jan. 25	Tates Creek at Bryan Station
Feb. 1	Ballard at Eastern
Feb. 9	Danville at Boyle County
Feb. 11	Rose Hill at Ashland Blazer

Back for a second year is the website (<u>www.sweet-16.org</u>) created around the Sweet 16®. This site, aimed at reaching the high school market, allows students to post photos, videos, view past scholarship winners, download a scholarship application, check scores and will include student blogs during the Sweet 16®.

## **BASKETBALL STATS**

The KHSAA will begin its weekly basketball stats rankings on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008. Stats will be posted on the KHSAA website under the basketball sports link. Rankings will be compiled weekly throughout the remainder of the regular season. A final season ranking (including postseason games) will be conducted on April 15 following the postseason.

Individual school-by-school stats reports are posted on the Riherd's/KHSAA Scoreboard as they are received from member schools.

## **BASKETBALL TICKETS**

Tickets to the 2008 National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments continue to be on sale through the KHSAA office and online at khsaa.org. At this time, only full tournament sets of tickets (one ticket to each of the eight sessions) are available. Lower arena seats are priced at \$116 each and upper arena seats are priced at \$66 each. Tickets will be on sale through the KHSAA until Feb. 22. Beginning March 2, tickets will only be available through the Rupp Arena (boys) and Diddle Arena (girls) box offices and/or the venue's respective online ticketing agent.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS**

March 19-22

Jan. 9-10	KHSAA Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
Jan. 28-Feb. 2	Regional Swimming & Diving Meets
Feb. 1	Sweet 16® Draw Show, WKYT-TV Live, 1 p.m. (ET)
Feb. 8-9	State Swimming & Diving Championships, UofL, Louisville
Feb. 8-9	Regional Wrestling Tournaments
Feb. 14-16	State Wrestling Championships, Frankfort Convention Complex
Feb. 18	KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, Lexington
Feb. 25-March 1	District Basketball Tournaments
March 3-8	Regional Girls' Basketball Tournaments
March 3-11	Regional Boys' Basketball Tournaments
March 14	KHSAA Special Board of Control Meeting, Bowling Green
March 12-15	Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournament, WKU, Bowling Green

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National City/KHSAA Boys' State Basketball Tournament, Rupp Arena, Lexington

# About the Kentucky High School Athletic Association

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association was organized in 1917 and is the agency designated by the Kentucky Department of Education to manage high school athletics in the Commonwealth. The Association is a voluntary nonprofit 501 3(c) organization made up of 280 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 3,900 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.