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SPRING FOOTBALL PROPOSAL ADOPTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Contingent on final approval through the regulatory review process, KHSAA member school representatives will have the opportunity to designate spring football practice dates after the proposal passed at the organization's Annual Meeting of delegates on Monday.

The earliest the proposal could take effect will be in the spring of 2012. According to the language of the proposal, which passed by a vote of 159 for, 40 against with 13 abstentions, school administrators have until December 15 to notify the KHSAA in writing of the dates it plans to conduct spring football practice. Schools may not conduct practice until the end of basketball season and the three-week practice window must not interfere with the state's achievement testing window. Currently schools may begin practice as soon as their team is eliminated from postseason basketball. An amendment to the proposal would cap the amount of practice time each day at two hours during the three-week window.

Other proposals passed at the Annual Meeting included eliminating tournament counting exceptions and adopting a game-for-game count in the sports of basketball and volleyball. The maximum number of games in basketball is 30 and 35 for volleyball.

A proposal to revise Bylaw 25 Limitation of Seasons to remove the automatic requirement of ineligibility for tournament play from the penalty for exceeding contest limits also passed by a vote of 202-9 with 1 abstention.

The proposals now move to the Board of Control for recommendation of adoption, rejection or amendment by the Kentucky Board of Education. If the measures win approval by KBE, it then moves to the Legislative Research Commission. It then must then receive final approval of the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee, a statutory committee of the Kentucky General Assembly, before it takes effect.

A complete listing of proposals from the 2010 KHSAA Annual Meeting with voting results can be found at http://www.khsaa.org/annualmeeting/20102011/finalvotingtallysheet2010.pdf.

FOLLOW KHSAA NEWS THROUGH TWITTER

Fans and media are now able to follow the latest happenings of any KHSAA sponsored sport they choose, thanks to Twitter. The KHSAA has established accounts for each sport offered by the Association that will deliver the latest news and tournament information. **Media members** may also follow the Association through a special account set up to deliver news and releases directly to the media (www.twitter.com/khsaanews). The following are KHSAA Twitter account names set up for the public to follow:

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UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

October 5-6Leachman Buick, GMC/KHSAA Girls' State Golf Tournament, Bowling Green Country ClubOctober 8-9Leachman Buick, GMC/KHSAA Boys' State Golf Tournament, Bowling Green Country ClubOctober 10-16National High School Activities WeekOctober 29-30KHSAA State Volleyball Tournament, Bellarmine University Knights Hall, Louisville

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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 278 member schools both public and private. The KHSAA sanctions state championships in 19 sports, licenses and trains over 4,100 officials, provides catastrophic insurance for its member school student athletes as well as overseeing coaching education and medical symposium programs.