

KHSAA Full Board of Control Meeting

July 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Attendance Taken at 10:00 AM: Present Board Members: Bonnie Barnes, Debbie Beichler, Darrell Billings, Mike Clines, Larry Coldiron, Mark Evans, Pete Galloway, Scott Hawkins, Greg Howard, Trent Lovett, Marlon Miller, Lucy Moore, Kim Parker-Brown, Taylora Schlosser, Kirby Smith, Russell Thompson, Matt Wilhoite, Jerry Wyman. Advisory Members: Reed Adkins, Donna Bumps, Jeff Saylor. Incoming Board Member: Alvin Garrison.

KHSAA Staff: Julian Tackett, Joe Angolia, Michael Barren, Darren Bilberry, Sarah Bridenbaugh, Rob Catron, Chad Collins, Butch Cope, Dan White and Marilyn Mitchell.

Attachments can be found at the following link:

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Call to Order- President Billings convened the July 28, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Control.

Announcement from General Counsel Regarding Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as National and Commonwealth declared states of emergency, and Governor Beshear's Executive Orders regarding social distancing, this meeting is being held via teleconference and broadcast over the internet pursuant to Senate Bill 150 (as signed by the Governor on March 30, 2020), Attorney General Opinion 20-05 (issued March 18, 2020), and in accordance with KRS 61.826 as well as 61.840, because it is not feasible to offer a primary physical location for the meeting which the general public can attend. The record should also reflect that the viewing of the meeting is available to all KHSAA member schools, media outlets, as well as the general public.

Roll Call of Members- Roll of the Membership was taken with all members present.

Items Related to Covid-19

Review of Data Provided to Board of Control

Commissioner Tackett provided insight to information gathered within Kentucky, around the country, discussion with coaches associations and updates looking back and going forward in the Covid-19 era.

"As I heard someone recently say, we have two choices: we can go into lockdown, shutdown, or we can try to live in a COVID world. I think most of us realize we've got to live in a COVID world. So how do we make it as safe as possible for our student-athletes and for those who are dearest in our community, students, staff and faculty? That's what we're trying to do."

Motion Passed: Accept the report passed with a motion by Pete Galloway and a second by Debbie Beichler. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Consideration of Fall Season Options- Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer and Volleyball

A variety of options had been looked at with three realistic options that appeared feasible and on the table for the Boards review.

- Option 1 - Delay the start of fall (except golf) but leave fall sports in the fall.
- Option 2 - Switch the fall sports of cross country, football, soccer and volleyball to the spring, leaving field hockey and golf in the fall. Switch the spring sports of baseball, softball, tennis and track and field to the fall, leaving bass fishing and archery in the spring.
- Option 3 - Adopt the "sandwich" plan where fall sports are sandwiched in between winter and spring sports, starting at or near the end of the calendar year, with all having shorter seasons. Under this plan, Winter sports would start at the end of December (with two weeks practice), and finish the regular season around February 14; Fall seasons would start with practice on February 15 with play on March 1 to May 1, and Spring would start with play around April 26 (practice two weeks) and play through the end of June. Of course, these dates would be adjustable if preferred.

This Board had been firm about fall staying in the fall, but all three were shown for review, with staff's previous actions guided by the Board's July action affirming stay fall sports in the fall. This could be pivoted to other actions by the staff in keeping with the Board's actions.

Motion Passed: To select Option 1 to delay the start of fall (except golf) but leave fall sports in the fall passed with a motion by Scott Hawkins and a second by Kim Parker-Brown. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Motion Passed: Set the planned starting date for interscholastic competition in the fall sports of Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer and Volleyball at September 7, with an official starting practice date where insurance is in place for August 24; move the starting date for Soccer postseason to October 12 (condensing the first three rounds into two weeks) and leave the postseason dates for Cross Country, Field Hockey and Volleyball as previously set on the calendar passed with a motion by Scott Hawkins and a second by Kim Parker-Brown. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Abstain.

Consideration of Fall Season Options- Start of Competitive Cheer and Dance

The start of Competitive Cheer (not sideline cheer) and Dance have traditionally been tied to the start of fall sports practice. Up to now, no required activity (other than virtual tryouts) has been permitted.

Motion Passed: Set the starting date for Competitive Cheer and Dance at August 24 with a strong recommendation that all activity be held outdoors where safety equipment and conditions will permit passed with a motion by Bonnie Barnes and a second by Debbie Beichler. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Abstain.

Consideration of Fall Season Options- Football

Commissioner Tackett provided extensive information as to how the start of football practice had created a divide among interested individuals in the football community. Hundreds of communications from various individuals indicate a desire to start football in August, while there are also those that suggest otherwise.

- The movement of the season was previously reviewed and discussed with the Board however, it cannot be a solitary movement without tremendously impacting other sports and sport-activities. Both baseball and track and field would be dramatically impacted by a solitary move of football to the spring, and as the written review shows, there are also numerous other issues dealing with physical plant needs in the spring as well as equipment maintenance that would likely mean the changing of the 2021 season if football is moved.
- We have also had the benefit of observing other states and their experiences with formal and informal practice to help determine likelihood of direct spread of the virus. Thankfully, this has not happened or been reported, but societal spread continues in various areas (resulting in temporary shutdowns) as families have traveled to hot spot areas for vacations, etc. and family and social gatherings have also been shown to cause spread.
- After review and given the Board's past desires, it appears that a shortened season is the best of several non-desired options. Multiple conversations with both the KFCA regional reps and the KFCA Elected Council have concluded with a desire to play in the normal season as much as possible, even with a shortened season. In addition, there was unanimous desire of the Elected Council to not change the playoff system, which guarantees nearly every team a playoff game.

Motion Passed: That the first official football interscholastic contest be set for September 11; the first round of the football playoffs set for November 13 and 14; the football finals set for December 11-13; the first date for official practice as August 24; and direct staff to produce a specific calendar to ensure the three weeks of practice guidelines are met passed with a motion by Trent Lovett and a second by Greg Howard. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Abstain, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Abstain.

Motion Passed: To limit all fall sports, including football, to 7.5 hours of practice the first week of August 24 with consideration for all Segment 3 requirements passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Matt Wilhoite. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Abstain, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Consider Bylaw and Competition Rules Adjustments, including Season and Scheduling Limitations

Adjust limitation of seasons (Bylaw 23) per Adopted Resumption Plan

Per the revision in the season, the Board was requested to act to reduce the contest limit for the 2020 season. This will respect the integrity of the four-consecutive days provision of Bylaw 23, and ensure that the limit of contests is spread consistently over the season.

Motion Passed: That the allowance for interscholastic scrimmages be removed for all KHSAA teams until further notice, and that the limit on contests be reduced to correspond with the approved starting date passed with a motion by Scott Hawkins and a second by Russell Thompson. Bonnie

Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Abstain.

Reduction of Sanctioned Events to Minimize Exposure and Ensure Social Distancing

This item was requested to reduce the size of approved events both hosted by and traveled to, for Kentucky schools.

Currently the NFHS sanction is required when-

1. Any event involving two (2) or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country. The host school should complete the international sanction application. This would include any event(s) that involves international traveling teams that play in multiple games in multiple states. (The exceptions to this rule are Canada and Mexico which are considered "bordering states to every U.S. state").
2. Any interstate or international event involving two (2) or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the school community (e.g., a college/university, a theme park, a service organization (Kiwanis, Optimist) or an athletic shoe/apparel company).
3. Events in non-bordering states if five (5) or more states are involved; and
4. Events in non-bordering states if more than eight (8) schools are involved.

Motion Passed: That until further revised, the KHSAA will not sanction any event where NFHS sanction is required passed with a motion by Lucy Moore and a second by Russell Thompson. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Consider Bylaw 22 Scheduling Restrictions for 2020-21 (Until Further Notice)

This would restrict out of state play for KHSAA member schools, for both contests played in state and those out of state. It would be desirable to reduce the "bubble" around sports to Kentucky schools. However, it should also be noted that 48 of Kentucky's counties border another state of the seven states that touch Kentucky. Those seven frequently play against Kentucky schools, including West Virginia which lies to the east, Virginia to the southeast, Tennessee to the south, Missouri to the west, Illinois and Indiana to the northwest, and Ohio to the north and northeast.

An alternative action would be to restrict play solely to the schools in Kentucky until further notice.

Motion Passed: That until further notice, KHSAA member schools may only play schools located in Kentucky or located in a county that directly borders Kentucky passed with a motion by Greg Howard and a second by Mark Evans. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Reduction of Event Size for Non-NFHS Sanctioned Events Which Schools Are Hosting

This item would reduce the size of approved events both hosted by and traveled to, for Kentucky schools.

Motion Passed: In accordance with Bylaw 22, that the Board concurs with the recommendation that events in the team sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, soccer, softball and volleyball be restricted to no more than eight (8) teams until further notice from the Board passed with a motion by Taylora Schlosser and a second by Debbie Beichler. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Approve Implementation of Competition Rules Application for Sports During the Covid Pandemic

Based on actions approved, the following is requested of the Board to address issues to implement social distancing requirements.

Reduce non-varsity team composition

There was no action taken on this item.

Restrict "double headers" and multiple game settings

There was no action taken on this item.

Standardize Seeding among Seeded Districts in Fall Sports

Commissioner Tackett discussed possible scenarios and solutions of playing seeded games in the Covid era.

Motion Passed: That all districts that have voted to seed be reduced to a one-game seed plan until further notice; that if teams play multiple times, the first game played shall be the seeded game; that seed games not played directly related to Covid-19 be handled per the Board's July action; and staff shall intercede and resolve contest disputes passed with a motion by Scott Hawkins and a second by Russell Thompson. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Set Deadline for Postseason Entry

The Commissioner informed the Board of the September 30 deadline to declare if fall sport teams wish to be included in postseason play.

Motion Passed: That schools shall be placed in the appropriate alignment by the Commissioner in all sports and that schools shall notify the Commissioner on or before September 30 if they desire to not be included in postseason play; and the Commissioner shall redirect changes in postseason play as necessary passed with a motion by Pete Galloway and a second by Larry Coldiron. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Limitations on Participants in Uniform

The Commissioner and Staff requested that to ensure social distancing, limits on players in uniform to be reduced.

Motion Passed: To help ensure appropriate social distancing and until further notice, that interscholastic competition have limits on players in uniform with most matching current region and state event limits to include: Cross Country (10), Field Hockey (24), Football (60), Soccer (24), and Volleyball (15) per contest passed with a motion by Debbie Beichler and a second by Scott Hawkins. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Directive to Commissioner and Staff for Next Steps

Following decisions by the Board at this meeting, the Commissioner and Staff will submit a plan to the Department of Education and Department of Public Health. Such things as attendance limitation proposals, safety standards for practice and competition, alterations of events and other aspects will be included. As much as possible, school day guidance will be included to allow for congruence within facilities and districts.

Key aspects will be constant adherence to safety standards such as temperature checks, health advisories and screenings, facial coverings and all other aspects related to the goal of not allowing anything extracurricular to adjust the school calendar.

Motion Passed: That the action taken today as well as standards for the conduct of regular season be compiled and submitted for review to the Department of Education in compliance with 702 KAR 7:065 as well as the Department of Health, and following approval, distributed to the membership. passed with a motion by Mark Evans and a second by Mike Clines. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Review of Bylaw Adjustments and Ongoing Seasons

The Commissioner and staff reviewed previous adjustments approved at the July meeting and concern points since that time including:

- Bylaw 4- Student enrollment, must be full-time and non A1 and A7 students must be reported to KHSAA;
- Bylaw 5- First day credit check waived from Bylaw 5, Section 1 and reverted to local school decision;
- Bylaw 6, 7 and 8- No direct waiver of the transfer rules due to Covid-19 and rule will be applied to transfers from states who have chosen not to hold competition, additionally, J-1 and F-1 notations;
- Bylaw 9- No direct waiver, however, the Commissioner will issue interpretation for September 1 to October 14 when final NCAA Division I and II recruiting schedules are issued which will permit attendance at events where those coaches are permitted to attend in person;
- Bylaw 22- There will be no penalty for any school failing to honor a written contract when the cancellation is a direct result of Covid-19;
- In addition, staff and the Commissioner reviewed the current Golf season.

Motion Passed: Accept the report passed with a motion by Bonnie Barnes and a second by Debbie Beichler. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent

Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Adjourn

Motion Passed: To adjourn the July 28, 2020 Board of Control Meeting passed with a motion by Pete Galloway and a second by Greg Howard. Bonnie Barnes Yes, Debbie Beichler Yes, Darrell Billings Yes, Mike Clines Yes, Larry Coldiron Yes, Mark Evans Yes, Pete Galloway Yes, Scott Hawkins Yes, Greg Howard Yes, Trent Lovett Yes, Marlon Miller Yes, Lucy Moore Yes, Kim Parker-Brown Yes, Taylora Schlosser Yes, Kirby Smith Yes, Russell Thompson Yes, Matt Wilhoite Yes, Jerry Wyman Yes.

Darrell Billings, President

Date

Julian Tackett, Commissioner

Date