

Commissioner's Notes

January 2005

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



Happy New Year to you! The KHSAA staff is looking forward to seeing your voting delegates and other guests at the upcoming Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly on January 13, 2005. The Annual Meeting is always a great gathering and gives each of us the opportunity to review and discuss the

proposed changes to the Association Bylaws that are put into place by you and the rest of the membership. In addition, it is our hope that the Annual Meeting workshops are interesting to you and thought provoking. It is our intent to bring you up to date on current issues, provide an update on rule interpretations, and review Association operations through the 2003-04 "Annual Report".

As we reflect on the Annual meeting and the KHSAA mission, we are reminded that good sportsmanship is at the core of what interscholastic sports are all about. It is everyone's responsibility to embrace this value. KHSAA Bylaw 11 states "It is the clear obligation of principals, coaches, faculty members, boards of education, and all official representatives of member schools to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition in all interscholastic relationships with fans, officials, players, coaches, official representatives of member schools, and the general public.

As we continue into the winter sports season in Basketball, Swimming and Wrestling, we need to reinforce to our coaches, student athletes, and fans that poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. The National Federation sports playing rules address unsportsmanlike conduct. KHSAA Bylaws 11 and 33 also address the penalties that can be administered for unsportsmanlike conduct such as fighting and flagrant acts. Additionally, you are reminded that providing a safe environment for competition is one of the responsibilities of school personnel when hosting events. Adequate security at contests is a must and policies regarding this important contest management responsibility should be addressed.

Let's have a safe and fun filled New Year!

SANCTIONS FOR CONTESTS WITH OUT-OF-STATE TEAMS

When Kentucky member schools are participating in contests involving out of state teams, the host school from that state is responsible for completing the sanction form through the applicable state association. However, each Kentucky school participating must verify with either the KHSAA or the inviting school that a sanction has been approved. A Kentucky school may not participate in an event out of state for which sanctioning is required but has not been completed. A complete review of the sanctioning requirement is contained in Case Situations BL23-1 and BL23-2 on page 32 of the 2004-2005 Handbook.

KHSAA member schools hosting an event, that require an NFHS sanction, are to complete the NFHS sanction form and include a processing fee in the amount of \$75.00. The fee should be made payable to the National Federation **and sent to the KHSAA** with the appropriate form. The KHSAA is responsible for forwarding the form and fee to the National Federation Office.

A sanction form is not required if all participating schools are from bordering states of Kentucky. **Please note**, however, that Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia require a sanction form for every out-of-state tournament. If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA office (859)299-5472 or email mmitchell@khsaa.org.

KHSAA BYLAW 27 CLARIFICATION

Bylaw 27 Section 3 (b) "Requirement For Coaches" states that "any person assigned to coaching duties at any level (grades 9-12) shall be duly employed through the respective board of education, and the entire coaching salary shall be paid through such board in accordance with local Board of Education Policy."

Bylaw 27 specifically addresses Level 1 and Level 2 coaches. The bylaw is interpreted to mean that Level 1 and Level 2 coaches must be designated, appointed, approved, or hired within the published policies of the Local Board of Education. Coaching salaries (including whether or not coaches are paid) are the jurisdiction of the Board of Education through the budgeting process. There may be some cases where Level 1 or 2 coaches are appointed at no salary. This is permissible as long as they have been duly designated through the policies of the local school and/or Board of Education.

The KHSAA has no jurisdiction as to whether or not "volunteers" (persons who are neither Level 1 nor Level 2)

are used within the athletic program. Local Board of Education policies should address persons that do not meet the requirements of a Level 1 or 2 coach, and the terms and conditions of their designation in accordance applicable state law. Allowable duties for those individuals are restricted by Case BL-27-4.

HYPE CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual HYPE Conference will be held Wed., Jan. 12, 2005 at "The Stadium", off Reynolds Rd., in Lexington.

Please remember all registration forms must be in by January 10 and registration is on a first come first served basis. There is a ten student per school limit.

ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

The Annual Meeting is scheduled on January 13, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in Lexington. The meeting will begin with registration starting at 7:15 a.m., workshops at 8:30 a.m. and the business meeting at 1:30 p.m. The voting session will be at approximately 2:00 p.m. The voting delegates were mailed the annual meeting schedule along with the proposals.

BASKETBALL TEAM PHOTOS DUE FEB. 7

The deadline for boys' and girls' basketball team photos and identifications is Mon., Feb. 7.

Failure to submit the photos **WILL** result in a fine assessed to the school as permitted by KHSAA Bylaw 33.

The photo **MUST BE AN ORIGINAL**. Faxed copies, copies of photos, newspaper copies, or laser printer printouts **ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

You may go to the "Members Only" page on the KHSAA website and use the "Upload Photo" feature.

If the photo is available digitally, please email that copy to mmitchell@khsaa.org rather than sending a printout. The photo must have been scanned at a minimum DPI of 300 and is not bitmapped. The file should be sent as an attachment and saved with a file extension of .jpg, .gif. or .tif.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

Congratulations to Kathy Johnston, CAA, Bourbon Co. High School, Jim Watkins, CMAA, Jefferson Co. Public Schools and Faye B. Thornton, CMAA, Bourbon County High School for making successful presentations at the National Athletic Director's Conference in New Orleans in December.

There is still time to register for one of three Leadership Training Program courses to be offered on Jan. 12 from 5 - 9 p.m. prior to the Delegate Assembly on the 13th. If you are interested in Legal Issues II, Organization & Time Management or Dealing with Challenging Personalities. Contact ftthornto@bourbon.k12.ky.us immediately if you are interested.

2004-05 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

Feb. 18-19	Swimming	UK Lancaster Aquatic Center, Lexington
Feb. 24-26	Wrestling	Frankfort Convention Center, Frankfort
March 16-19	National City/KHSAA Boys' Basketball	Rupp Arena, Lexington
March 23-26	Houchens Industries/KHSAA Girls' Basketball	WKU Diddle Arena, Bowling Green
May 20-21	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Complex, Hebron, KY
May 26-28	Fifth Third/KHSAA Boys' & Girls' Tennis	UK Boone/Downing Complex, Lexington
June 3-4	Boys' & Girls' Track	UK Shively Track, Lexington
June 10-11	Fast Pitch Softball	Jack Fisher Park, Owensboro
June 15-18	Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball	Applebee's Park, Lexington

2005 KHSAA Annual Meeting
January 13, 2005, Hyatt Regency, Lexington
Schedule and Itinerary

7:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Registration for all Delegates and Guests (Delegates receive voting paddle), Lobby Registration Booth. This registration will serve as the official roll call of delegates in compliance with the KHSAA Constitution. At registration, each delegate will be given a credential that is to be redeemed for the official ballot at 1:15 p.m. Coffee with the Commissioners, an opportunity for interaction and clarification of issues, 7:15 a.m.		
8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Welcome and Instructions for Delegates, Commissioner Brigid L. DeVries Overview of Legislative Process (KHSAA Staff)		
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8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Group</p> <p>Title IX – Project History, Status, Continuation</p> <p>Presenters: Larry Boucher, Asst. Commissioner; Fran Edwards and Gary Lawson, KHSAA Audit Team Members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Green Group</p> <p>Red Flags within the Bylaws of the KHSAA – Basic guidelines for school athletic and administrative personnel</p> <p>KHSAA Executive Staff members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red Group</p> <p>NCLB – Impact on high school athletic eligibility</p> <p>Presenters: Commissioner Brigid L. DeVries; Ted Martin, Greenebaum Doll and McDonald; Michael Dailey, Kentucky Department of Education</p>
9:25 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Red Group</p> <p>Title IX – Project History, Status, Continuation</p> <p>Presenters: Larry Boucher, Asst. Commissioner; Fran Edwards and Gary Lawson, KHSAA Audit Team Members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Group</p> <p>Red Flags within the Bylaws of the KHSAA – Basic guidelines for school athletic and administrative personnel</p> <p>KHSAA Executive Staff members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Green Group</p> <p>NCLB – Impact on high school athletic eligibility</p> <p>Presenters: Commissioner Brigid L. DeVries; Ted Martin, Greenebaum Doll and McDonald; Michael Dailey, Kentucky Department of Education</p>
10:20 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Green Group</p> <p>Title IX – Project History, Status, Continuation</p> <p>Presenters: Larry Boucher, Asst. Commissioner; Fran Edwards and Gary Lawson, KHSAA Audit Team Members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Red Group</p> <p>Red Flags within the Bylaws of the KHSAA – Basic guidelines for school athletic and administrative personnel</p> <p>KHSAA Executive Staff members</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Blue Group</p> <p>NCLB – Impact on high school athletic eligibility</p> <p>Presenters: Commissioner Brigid L. DeVries; Ted Martin, Greenebaum Doll and McDonald; Michael Dailey, Kentucky Department of Education</p>
11:15 a.m. to 12:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable Discussion and Information Session. Commissioner and staff will review the operations and challenges facing the Association. • Discussion session to allow authors of proposals and KHSAA staff (for Board submitted proposals) an opportunity to discuss the merits of the proposals and answer questions from the delegates. This is the primary opportunity for discussion of the proposals as well as clarification on other KHSAA rules, and is designed to help facilitate the business meeting. 		
12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch (on your own) <p>NOTE: The Executive Committee of the KY High School Athletic Directors will hold a short meeting during the lunch break at a site to be determined and announced.</p>		
1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lobby Area and Rear of Ballroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redemption of Credential for Official Ballot (return previously issued paddle for ballot to be used in meeting) • No ballots may be submitted prior to proposal consideration! 		
1:30 p.m. to completion 2:00 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual Meeting Voting Session Presiding - Board of Control President James A. Sexton, Eastern High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner's Annual Report of the Association • Consideration of Proposals and Votes to Amend Constitution and Bylaws of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association • Results of Proposals Announced, EILA credit information distributed 		

PLEASE VISIT OUR EXHIBIT AREA BETWEEN SESSIONS



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SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE GAME

To honor Kentucky high school athletes who are high achievers in the classroom and in athletics, this March the Kentucky Utilities Sweet 16® Radio Network, in association with LG&E Energy, will again name **two scholar athletes of the game** during each contest of the National City/KHSAA Boys' and Houchens/KHSAA Girls' State Basketball Tournaments.

The "LG&E Scholar Athletes of the Game" will be spotlighted at halftime on the radio network, which is broadcast live across the state.

We are asking principals, guidance counselors, athletic directors and coaches to help us identify these top scholar athletes. We are seeking student athletes who have excelled in the classroom and the community.

Please submit nominees, along with grade point averages, school activities and other outstanding achievements to:

Butch Cope
Kentucky High School Athletic Association
2280 Executive Dr.
Lexington, KY 40505

Nominations are open to all athletes, in all KHSAA sanctioned sports, and not limited to just basketball. Schools may nominate an unlimited number of students. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Cope at (859) 299-5472.

Those recognized will be mailed a certificate of recognition (attention AD), following the tournament.

Thanks for your cooperation in helping us recognize some of Kentucky's top student athletes.



Nomination form on reverse side

DEADLINE – FRI., FEB. 25

**LG&E STUDENT ATHLETE OF THE GAME AWARD
NOMINATION FORM**

NAME _____

SCHOOL _____

BASKETBALL REGION _____

YEAR (CIRCLE ONE) SENIOR JUNIOR SOPHOMORE FRESHMAN

SEX (CIRCLE ONE) MALE FEMALE

SPORTS _____

GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____

OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES _____

OTHER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS/QUALITIES _____

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