

Commissioner's Notes

May 2005

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FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK



It's hard to believe it's already May and the school year will soon be coming to a close. KHSAA Staff are gearing up for five consecutive weeks of spring sports championships.

Good luck with end of school and graduation activities. This is an exciting time when you send off another class of

seniors on to the next phase of their lives.

Feel free to contact the KHSAA office or visit the website for spring sports details. I hope to see you at any or all of our upcoming state events!

KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERSHIP

With the exception of Proposal 21, the Kentucky Board of Education has approved the proposals passed at the Annual Meeting and recommended their approval through the final stages of the LRC Regulation Review process as required. Proposal 21 was remanded back to the Board of Control following pointed input from several constituent groups and as each school has been notified, this issue was later postponed by the Board. The other items will be in place for the 2005-2006 school year unless something unforeseen arises during the regulatory consideration.

One of the critical changes approved at the January, 2005 Assembly dealt with KHSAA contest opponents. By virtue of these changes, schools may only play schools who are members of a state association in contests. It is critical that you check prior to finalizing a contract with an opponent. Any school who has problems with this Constitution and Bylaw change due to a contractual obligation for an agreement signed prior to the vote, should contact the Commissioner for assistance with resolution, if a mutual agreement cannot be reached with the opponent.

Further details on the specific changes, particularly those dealing with Bylaw 25, Limitation of Seasons, will be forthcoming from the Commissioner's office to those schools who sponsor an effected sport.

CONGRATULATIONS LETCHER COUNTY CENTRAL, THANKS TO FLEMING-NEON, LETCHER AND WHITESBURG

Three of the KHSAA's oldest member schools are consolidating for the 2005-2006 school year, and the Association Board of Control and staff would like to thank them for their loyalty and service.

Fleming-Neon High School, who joined in 1927; Letcher High School, who also joined in 1927; and Whitesburg High School, who joined in 1923 will consolidate into Letcher County Central next year.

While the first few months will see the school operate primarily out of the old Whitesburg building, the new facility should be complete and open by late fall. We congratulate the Letcher County Board of Education on the new opening, and sincerely thank the thousands of individuals at Fleming-Neon, Letcher and Whitesburg for their support.

ANNUAL MEETING PROPOSALS DEADLINE

All proposals for the Annual Meeting of the Delegates must be submitted by the September 10 deadline to be presented at the Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting of Member Schools October 20, 2005 at the Lexington Center.

Proposals should be addressed to the attention of Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner. Prior to the meeting, proposals submitted will be posted on the KHSAA website as well as mailed to each member school's delegate.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ROSTER ENTRY

Member schools now have the ability to enter baseball and softball rosters through the "Members Only" page on the KHSAA website, under the pull down option: Stats/Schedule/Roster/Info Entry/Edit Options. This should be done PRIOR to the district tournaments.

REPORTING OF SCORES

PLEASE remember to call in the scores of contests to the KHSAA/Riherd's Scoreboard **immediately** following each contest. The number is 1-800-715-8388 and is toll free. Scoreboards are maintained in the spring for the sports of baseball and fast pitch softball.

BYLAW 25 "LIMITATION OF SEASONS" REMINDER AND CLARIFICATION

At the request of school personnel at KHSAA member schools, the Commissioner and staff have reviewed several inquiries regarding permissible activities during the school year based on the currently adopted rules. Following this review, the following list is attached to serve as a guide for member school representatives.

The following things CANNOT happen during the school year but prior to the first day of practice and the school still be in compliance with Bylaw 25-

A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group (including parents) paying the entry fee for a team into a league or tournament where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;

A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group (including parents) paying other necessary fees including umpire payment and game or facility management where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;

A school, group of school representatives, and/or school or team-related booster group (including parents) providing or funding transportation for team members to go to games, or tournaments where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;

The wearing of school issued or school identifying apparel, including sleeves, jerseys, pants, catching gear or hats by players who have represented the school during the previous or any season during games or tournaments;

The use of the school facility for organized competition at which its students are participants and for which no rental/lease arrangement exists using comparable regional fair market values for use of the facility where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;

The use of the school baseball facility for organized competition at which its students are participants and at which members of the high school coaching staff are involved in coaching, facility management and preparation, or umpiring where a majority of the participants on a team or squad are from the same high school;

The use of the school nickname or school name on non-school issued apparel during this time;

Any involvement by the coaching staff in making game-like preparations for the school facility including but not limited to, baseline marking, outfield line marking, batter's box marking, maintenance of the mound and base cut-outs; or the use of school facilities and/or equipment for

such setup. This does not preclude the coaching staff or others participating in non-sports specific off-season turf and facility maintenance.

Please note: These also apply to the dead period.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CORNER

The change of venue for the State Athletic Director Conference to the Clarion was a great move! The new hotel provided room to grow and plenty of room for conference functions. If you missed it, mark your calendar now for the 2006 conference for the week after the Derby next year, May 10-12.

If you are interested in taking Leadership Training Program courses this summer, log on to www.niaaa.org and click the LTP icon for a Leadership Institute in Indianapolis July 26-28.

Twenty Athletic Directors completed three different Leadership Training Program courses at the state conference. Remember, these courses are approved for EILA credit for administrators.

NAME CHANGE FOR PULASKI SOUTHWESTERN

The KHSAA has been notified by administration for a school name change. Please note that Pulaski Southwestern High School shall now be officially referenced as Southwestern High School.

SCHOOLS REMINDED OF CRITICAL NEED TO UPDATE INFORMATION

At this time of year, administrators and coaches are changing schools, retiring, moving to other careers, etc. This is a critical time for the KHSAA to keep its information up to date about your school.

If you are leaving your school, please take the time to update your information one last time by going through the Members Only Link on the KHSAA web site to update the information as of now.

The link is:

(<http://www.khsaa.org/memberschoolpage.html>)

Much effort has been expended by staff and the member schools over the last year in making sure of the accuracy of the information, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you need password assistance, contact Marilyn Mitchell at the KHSAA (mmitchell@khsaa.org).

CLARIFICATION ON PERMISSABLE GEAR DURING SUMMER FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Case BL25-18- What equipment can be worn and what restrictions are in place for football practice during the summer.

From the period that begins the day following the last date of school or June 1, whichever is earlier, through June 24, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

- From June 25 to July 9, no gear may be issued by a school directly to a player from that school, and the full provisions of the dead period (Bylaw 26) must be observed.

- From July 10 to July 14, a football player may wear a helmet during any football specific drill or practice session that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

- Member school players and teams may participate in unlimited non-contact simulations / passing leagues / pass skeleton drills during the period between June 1 and July 14 (exclusive of the dead period as described in Bylaw 26) as play is not regulated in KHSAA sports at this time. However, schools should note that there are no insurance provisions in place at this time.

- From July 15 through the last day of non-contact practice out of pads, a player may wear a helmet and shoulder pads during any football specific drill or practice that is supervised or attended by any member of the high school coaching staff, but may wear no other gear as defined by NFHS Football Rule 1, Section 5.

- In addition, it was specified that it should be recommended that both the helmet and shoulder pads be worn during the July 15 to first date of contact period in order to acclimate the player to the heat and the changes in body temperature brought on by additional pads and equipment.

- Beginning with the first legal date of contact practice, all other pads can be worn as defined in Rule 1-5.

- With the exception of the Dead Period, nothing about this interpretation prevents a school from allowing equipment to be issued to students for them to attend individual camps at other sites.

- Any activity in the summer prior to July 15 or any activity contradictory to the rules and regulations of the Association (including the interpretations as published), renders all insurance provisions null and void and places the member school, its coach and all of its players at risk for litigation and other problems.

- Nothing about any of the interpretations prevents smaller group learning experiences, individual camp attendance (outside of the dead period), team camp

attendance (within the contact window and subject to the scrimmage limitations).

2004-05 CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

May 21	Slow Pitch Softball	RiverShore Complex, Hebron
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



NCAA FRESHMAN – ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

The NCAA initial-eligibility rules have changed.

If you plan to enroll in any Division I or Division II college or university in fall 2005 or after, please read this information carefully.

For students entering any college or university on or after August 1, 2005, your NCAA initial eligibility will be evaluated under the new rules as described on this sheet.

For students entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008, your NCAA initial eligibility will be evaluated under the 16 core-course rule as described on this sheet.

THE NEW RULE:

- **INCREASES** the number of core courses from 13 to **14**. This additional core course may be in any area: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy. The breakdown of core-course requirements is listed below.
- **CHANGES** the Division I initial-eligibility index, or sliding scale. *See the reverse side for the Core GPA/test score sliding-scale index.*
- The 16 core-course rule **INCREASES** the number of core courses from 14 to **16** for Division I only. Students must complete **three** years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher), and **four** years of additional core courses. The additional core course may be taken in any area: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy. The breakdown of the requirements is listed below.

DIVISION I 2005-2007

14 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3** years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION I 16 CORE-COURSE RULE 2008 and after

16 Core Courses:

- 4 years of English.
- 3** years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4** years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II 2005 and after

14 Core Courses:

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 3** years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE: Computer science is being **eliminated** as an acceptable core-course area for students first entering any college or university on or after August 1, 2005. Students entering college on or after August 1, 2005, may not use any computer science courses in meeting the core-course requirements, unless the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science, and is listed as such on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- In Division II, there is no sliding scale. The minimum core grade-point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.
- Students first entering a Division I or Division II collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005, must meet the new 14 core-course rule.
- Students first entering a Division I collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2008, must meet the 16 core-course rule.
- State tests, such as those given in Colorado and Illinois, are not acceptable.

For more information regarding the new rule, please go to www.ncaa.org. Click on “Student-athletes and Parents” in the “Custom Home Pages” section. You may also visit the clearing-house Web site at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT NCAA ELIGIBILITY, PLEASE CALL THE NCAA INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY CLEARINGHOUSE TOLL-FREE AT 877/262-1492. YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE NCAA AT 317/917-6222.

DIVISION I CORE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE/ TEXT-SCORE SLIDING SCALE NEW CORE GPA/Test Score Index		
Core GPA	SAT	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	730	60
2.675	740-750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86

2005-06 KHSAA RULES CLINICS

(As of May 2, 2005)

It is an Association requirement that each licensed official and head coach attend a rules interpretation clinic conducted by the KHSAA (ByLaw 26, Sec. 2). Officials who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to officiate any postseason contest. Coaches who have not met the requirement will not be permitted to coach any postseason contest.

For 2005-06, approved KHSAA rules clinic sites and dates. ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL.

BASEBALL

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 1/14 Louisville, Holiday Inn, Fern Valley
(w/ Coaches Conference, registered coaches only), 11:00 a.m.
- 1/25 Florence, Boone Co. HS
- 1/29 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 5:00 p.m.
- 1/30 London, North Laurel HS
- 1/31 Bowling Green HS
- 2/4 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 9:00 a.m.
- 2/8 Lexington, Tates Creek HS
- 2/12 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 4/12 Makeup Clinic (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

BASKETBALL

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 10/10 Paris, Bourbon Co. HS
- 10/11 Newport HS
- 10/12 London, South Laurel HS
- 10/13 Grayson, East Carter HS
- 10/17 Louisville, TBA
- 10/18 Bardstown, Nelson Co. HS
- 10/19 Eastern, Allen Central HS
- 11/7 Owensboro, Apollo HS
- 11/8 Eddyville, Lyon Co. HS
- 11/9 Bowling Green HS
- 12/14 Make-Up Clinic (\$75 fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 7/21 Somerset, Pulaski Co. HS
- 7/25 Covington Catholic HS
- 7/26 Ashland, Boyd Co. HS
- 7/27 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS
- 7/28 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
- 7/31 Bowling Green HS, 5:00 p.m.
- 8/8 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS
- 8/16 Lexington, Tates Creek HS
- 9/14 Makeup Clinic (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 7/26 Louisville, TBA
- 8/2 Louisville, TBA
- 8/6 Louisville (Play Day), TBA

FOOTBALL

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 6/23 Danville, Centre College, w/ KFCA (registered only), 6:30 p.m.
- 7/31 Bowling Green HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 8/2 London, North Laurel HS
- 8/3 Newport, HS
- 8/4 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
- 8/9 Mayfield HS
- 8/10 Lexington, Tates Creek HS
- 8/11 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 8/14 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 9/21 Makeup Clinic (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

GOLF

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 7/13 Owensboro, Daviess Co. HS
- 7/20 London, South Laurel HS
- 7/21 Florence, Boone Co. HS
- 7/27 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS
- 7/28 Lexington, KHSAA Office
- 8/16 Bowling Green HS
- 8/17 Murray HS
- 8/18 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
- 9/13 Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine), Lexington, KHSAA Office

SOCCER

(All times are 6:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 7/27 Grayson, East Carter HS
- 7/29 Frankfort (w/Coaches Association Conference), Holiday Inn
- 8/1 Louisville, Fern Creek, 7:00 p.m.
- 8/6 Cadiz, Lake Barkley State Resort, (w/WKSOA Meeting), 11 a.m.
- 8/7 Bowling Green HS, 2:00 p.m.
- 8/8 Elizabethtown, HS
- 8/10 Erlanger, St. Henry HS
- 8/11 Somerset, Pulaski Co. HS
- 9/8 Make-Up (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

(All times are 6:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 1/21 Danville, W/KSCA Conference, Site TBA, 1:00 p.m.
- 1/22 London, North Laurel HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 1/23 Florence, Boone Co. HS
- 1/25 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS
- 1/29 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 1/30 Bowling Green HS
- 2/4 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 11:00 a.m.
- 2/6 Bardstown HS
- 2/8 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
- 4/12 Make-Up (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

(All times are 6 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 8/30 Lexington, Paul Dunbar HS, TBA
- 9/17 Madisonville, Madisonville-North Hopkins HS, 9:00 a.m.
- 9/17 Bowling Green HS, 4:00 p.m.
- 9/19 Covington, Scott HS
- 9/21 Louisville, St. Xavier HS
- 11/15 Make-Up (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.

TRACK

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 1/23 Somerset, Pulaski Co. HS
 - 1/24 Louisville, Christian Academy
 - 1/29 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS
 - 2/1 Bowling Green HS
 - 2/2 Covington Catholic HS
 - 2/12 Elizabethtown, John Hardin HS, 5:00 p.m.
 - 2/22 Lexington, Tates Creek HS
 - 3/5 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS, 3:00 p.m.
 - 4/11 Makeup Clinic (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office
- An additional track clinic may be added to coincide with the KTCCCA State Conference.*

VOLLEYBALL

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 7/25 Lexington, KHSAA Office
- 7/26 Louisville, Fern Creek HS
- 8/7 Cadiz, Trigg Co. HS, 2:00 p.m.
- 8/8 Bowling Green HS
- 8/9 Owensboro, Daviess Co. HS
- 8/10 Covington, Scott HS
- 8/11 Paintsville, Johnson Central HS
- 8/14 Bardstown HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 8/15 Morehead, Rowan Co. HS
- 8/22 London, North Laurel HS
- 9/21 Make-Up Clinic (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office

WRESTLING

(All times are 7 p.m., unless noted otherwise)

- 10/5 Hebron, Conner HS
- 10/6 Louisville, Christian Academy HS
- 10/9 Princeton, Caldwell Co. HS, 3:00 p.m.
- 10/10 Lexington, KHSAA
- 10/12 Makeup Clinic (\$75 Fine) Lexington, KHSAA Office, 1:30 p.m.