

## PREFACE

### MISSION STATEMENT OF THE KHSAA

*The KHSAA shall establish, promote and deliver the highest quality interscholastic athletic programs and activities in an efficient and progressive manner that emphasize participation, safety, sportsmanship and integrity to enhance the educational experience of the student-athlete.*

The Board of Control and Staff of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association look forward to the 2007-2008 school year with excitement and enthusiasm. Maintaining quality athletic programs has been an Association goal since 1917 and the KHSAA has enjoyed the support and involvement of the membership in this endeavor since that time.

An experienced staff has allowed for continuity within the organization, along with continued growth and development of the many programs and activities sponsored by the Association. Under the leadership of Brigid L. DeVries, the Association's sixth Commissioner, the goal of consistently operating the Association in accordance with sound business practices continues to ensure financial stability. Tactics such as the aggressive pursuit of corporate partners and the in-house expansion of the statewide radio network along with other promotional ideas have allowed the Association to expand revenue opportunities. During the 2006-2007 school year the Association completed the financial obligations retiring the debt on the KHSAA building and property ahead of the scheduled 2009-2010 school year.

The KHSAA will continue to face the usual challenges that confront any regulatory organization. The Association rules and regulations are solid philosophically and reflect the vote and wishes of its member schools. The Commissioner and staff will continue to interpret and enforce any and all regulations approved by the membership and the Kentucky Department of Education. School personnel are to be commended for doing an outstanding job overall of complying with Association rules, policies and directives.

The KHSAA is designated as the agency to manage high school athletics in Kentucky. Ensuring a fair and equitable environment for participation remains the primary focus for the Association.

### HANDBOOK REVISIONS FOR 2007-2008

Customary revision has been made to the Handbook in terms of its format and content. The Board of Control and the staff spent much of the past year focusing on the accuracy and intent of the rules and rules interpretations of each section of the Handbook.

Due to the need to comply with 702 KAR 7:065, the interpretations in this book are compiled into a single section, immediately following the related regulations, thereby allowing for continual review by the Commissioner and the Board of Control and the need for the complete administrative review cycle.

The following technical corrections are implemented in this Handbook by virtue of the regulatory process of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and as such, are incorporated by reference in 702 KAR 7:065 as having been approved by all proper authorities.

#### CASE SITUATIONS

This section within each of the regulatory sections of the Handbook contains precedent rulings and interpretations through the years. This section has undergone revision for 2006-2007 to clarify previous outline formats while in most cases preserving historical rulings. In the future and in those years when the bylaws are not amended at the Annual Meeting, revised interpretations can be distributed to allow the Association to easily review its interpretations and case study. It should be noted that these revised interpretations reflect past action in specific inquiries made to the Association. However if conflicts exist between the printed provision of the Constitution or Bylaws and these interpretations, the wording in the Constitution and/or Bylaw shall supersede the case studies.

The following key revisions were made in 2006-2007 and are in effect in the interpretations:

#### CONSTITUTION

- 1) There was an amendment to the Constitution which changes the due date for Annual Meeting proposals to May 1 to allow for distribution, review, discussion and debate prior to the meeting.
- 2) There was an amendment to the Constitution to compel

publishing of both the agenda and detailed minutes of the Board of Control meetings via the KHSAA web site.

#### BYLAWS

- 1) Bylaw 3
  - a) An amendment was made by the General Assembly of Kentucky developing a narrowly focused exception to the Age restriction.
  - b) A case situation clarifying the "primary school program" was developed due to the passage of that legislation.
- 2) Bylaw 4  
A clarifying amendment was passed related to the definition of a full-time student.
- 3) Bylaw 5  
A case situation was published and distributed to the membership during the school year, clarifying the academic rule during the summer period.
- 4) Bylaw 6
  - a) An amendment was passed which will subject a student below grade nine who plays on a high school team, to the provisions of the transfer rule.
  - b) Case situations were published regarding students transferring due to a military assignment or due to the provisions of No Child Left Behind.
- 5) Bylaw 8  
An interpretation was issued which allows for female students to participate in events during a specific weekend in the fall as defined by the NCAA which is comparable to the opportunity allowed for male students in the spring.
- 6) Bylaw 10  
Deleted provisions which defined recruiting as attempts to retain an already enrolled student.
- 7) Bylaw 17  
An amendment was passed which compels member schools to comply with adopted Board of Control programs and policies.
- 8) Bylaw 25
  - a) An amendment was passed revising the manner in which baseball games are counted.
  - b) An amendment was passed revising the manner in which fast pitch softball games are counted.
  - c) An amendment was passed consolidating the seasons in Indoor and Outdoor Track.
  - d) An amendment was passed incorporating the Board policy on NFHS Stunt Limitations into the limitations on cheer/spirit.
- 9) Bylaw 27
  - a) The bylaw was revised and clarified to remove restrictive language on hiring procedures which is the responsibility of the local school district and in compliance with state regulations.
  - b) Case situations were revised or deleted to reflect the change approved by the membership.
- 10) Bylaw 29  
An amendment was passed adding swimming to the list of sports where licensed officials must be used.
- 11) Bylaw 33
  - a) An amendment was passed clarifying the appropriateness of fines against member school representatives.
  - b) A case situation was added to delineate that the Association penalties are only in place when the Association rules are violated and not in the case of more restrictive local rules.
- 12) New Bylaw  
A new bylaw was passed which codified Financial Aid restrictions within the Association's member schools.

#### TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1) Seeding regulations were revised to reflect full implementation of the change in the bracketing system for postseason play when districts contain only three teams. This change is now reflected in all of the team sports.
- 2) Necessary changes made due to Board of Control action regarding the structure of football playoffs.
- 3) Team entry revisions were made to ensure consistency in the use of the KHSAA web site for roster entry.
- 4) Changes were made in the site selection process for Soccer districts and regions to treat boys and girls tournaments in the same manner.

- 5) Changes were made in the Wrestling tournament rules to codify the new weight management program.

### BACKGROUND OF THE HANDBOOK

This handbook is published as a service to the member schools and constituents of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. During the year, interpretations are revised or changed and are published in KHSAA publications and posted on the KHSAA web site, www.khsaa.org. A great deal of time and effort has been spent revising sections of the Handbook including the bylaw interpretations, and clarification of tournament rules and regulations. As always, should there be any questions or clarifications, feel free to direct them to the Association staff.

Information printed in the directory of member schools is based upon completion of the periodic update and subsequent changes submitted in writing, via electronic means or telephone. These changes are reflective of the information as submitted by the member schools prior to Aug. 10, 2007. Each member school was notified through its Principal and Athletic Director regarding the procedure for making changes. This process allows for the posting of recent hires in an effort to make the directory section as accurate as possible.

Information contained in the officials' directory is based on officials licensing and re-licensing prior to Aug. 10, 2007. Licensing continues in all sports into the school year, with a higher licensing fee for officials not re-licensing prior to July 1. If a member school has any doubt as to an officials' status, they should to contact the Association office prior to contracting the official to work a contest or check the KHSAA web site for information.

School personnel are invited to inform the Association of any changes or inaccuracies by updating information through the "Member School Only" link on the Association website. Enrollment figures listed are based upon the annual report from the Kentucky Department of Education following the second month of the 2006-2007 school year, and are the figures which have been used to separate schools in the classified sports. The enrollment is doubled for schools enrolling only one sex when classifying cross country, football and track in order to make comparisons to coeducational schools.

### HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

In 1917 the principals of a few schools organized the Kentucky High School Athletic Association to regulate, develop and purify high school athletics. Since then each high school accredited by the Kentucky Department of Education has been eligible to join through application by the Principal and the approval of the local Superintendent. In 2006-2007, there were 280 members of the Association. The Association is a self-managing entity through which the schools work cooperatively for the betterment of the total program. Delegates designated by each member school Principal make the rules and regulations.

The general control is lodged with a Board of Directors, generally referred to as the Board of Control, fourteen of which are elected by the member schools, and an additional four members appointed by the Kentucky Board of Education. The Association is operated under the direction of the Kentucky Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education. The Board of Control selects a Commissioner for the Association and the Commissioner hires such assistants as deemed necessary to administer the many details of the program in compliance with the 1971/1987 Federal Court Decree. The duties and authority of the Commissioner are defined by the Constitution and Bylaws. These are as binding on the Commissioner and staff as they are on the member schools.

### CURRENT STRATEGIC PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF CONTROL

The Board of Control recently adopted the Association's long range strategic planning. The Board declared values are considered when making Association decisions. The values are the basis for the Association philosophy and are the building blocks for the future.

- 1) The opportunity for participation for all student athletes who comply with adopted association regulations.

- 2) Appropriate leadership at all levels within the association.
- 3) The role of athletics in the education process.
- 4) Promotion and recognition of good sportsmanship, conduct and citizenship.
- 5) Quality of the total program of offerings by the association.
- 6) The highest level of integrity and ethics among all entities of the association.
- 7) Efficiency and professionalism within all levels of the association.
- 8) Fairness and consistency as it relates to the application of rules.
- 9) Accountability of the student athlete, contest official, school representatives, staff and Board of Control members to adhere to association rules.
- 10) Preservation and recognition of the history and traditions of interscholastic athletics.

Following the development of these values, the Board of Control adopted the following goals to drive the Association operations through the 2007-2008 school year.

- 1) Continue current successful strategies that maintain and ensure financial stability and allow for the retirement of the debt on the KHSAA building complex.
- 2) Operate as a support base developing plans to educate the member schools and affected constituencies of the policy, procedures, and activities of the Association.
- 3) Provide opportunity for staff professional growth and development.
- 4) Continue to monitor and audit compliance guidelines (such as Title IX) of member schools through the regulations set forth by the Association and other entities.
- 5) Formulate and monitor strategies to enhance and promote the programs of the Association, the preservation of its history and the traditions of interscholastic athletics.
- 6) Emphasize and promote good citizenship and conduct at interscholastic events and other activities involving coaches, officials, athletes and spectators.

With these goals and objectives in mind, the Board of Control has, in consultation with the Commissioner, developed the following as goals for the Commissioner.

- 1) Continue to maintain fiscal responsibility through sound financial practices to include retiring the debt on the KHSAA office building.
- 2) Continue to address current educational and athletics trends that impact the KHSAA membership such as gender equity, school funding and size, public and non-public school issues and contest safety.
- 3) Conduct outreach programs by scheduling required regional meetings for principals and other school personnel regarding the regulations, operations and programs sponsored by the Association.
- 4) Continue to enhance and implement electronic communications systems for the benefit of the KHSAA membership and other educational partners.
  - a) use website, e-mail and scoreboard to communicate and distribute information to member school personnel.
  - b) communicate special program information such as Board meeting agendas, tournament information and other Association activities.
- 5) Continue development of the KHSAA Museum and Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame.
  - a) Maintain quality program to maximize attendance and work to continually improve the overall production and experience for the Hall of Fame inductees and those in attendance at the banquet.
  - b) Host regional seminars throughout the state to service the constituency.

### KHSAA 2006-2007 ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

Two hundred eighty schools joined the Association for the 2006-2007 school year. Five of these schools enroll girls only and six have only boys. Membership enrollment for 2005-2006 was 282 schools and for the 2004-2005 was 284 schools and for the 2003-2004 and

2002-2003 school years membership was 283 schools.

There were 224 schools involved in Football. Classes A, AA, AAA and AAAA championship games were played at the Papa John's Cardinal Stadium in Louisville, on November 30, and December 1, 2005. All profits from the playoff games prior to the finals are divided among the member schools.

The number of schools competing in Volleyball was 243. The KHSAA sanctioned state tournament was held at the Frankfort Convention Complex on Oct. 27-28, 2006.

In Cross Country 225 boys' teams entered 18 regional meets. Two hundred twenty-four girls' teams entered three classes in 18 regions. Classes A, AA and AAA championship meets were held in Lexington at the Kentucky Horse Park on November 11, 2006.

There were 171 schools competing in Boys' Soccer and 173 schools participating in Girls' Soccer. The State Finals were held at Georgetown College on November 1-2 and 4, 2006.

There were 253 teams competing in Boys' Golf and 221 teams competing in Girls' Golf with the Leachman Buick-GMC/KHSAA State Tournament for each being held at the Bowling Green Country Club. The girls' tournament was held Oct. 2-4, 2006, and the boys' tournament was held Oct. 5-7, 2006.

There were 75 schools competing in Wrestling in eight regions with the top four in each regional weight class advancing to the state finals. The championship tournament was held in the Frankfort Convention Complex in Frankfort, on February 15-17, 2007.

In Swimming 138 boys' and girls' teams competed for the championships. The meets were held at the Ralph Wright Natatorium on the campus of the University of Louisville on Feb. 9-10, 2007.

The number of teams participating in Boys' Basketball was 275 and ended with the 2007 National City/KHSAA Boys' Sweet Sixteen® at Rupp Arena in Lexington on March 21-24.

Two hundred seventy-five teams participated in Girls' Basketball which ended with the 2007 Houchens/KHSAA Girls' Sweet Sixteen® at Diddle Arena in Bowling Green on March 14-17.

There were 19 schools that participated in Slow Pitch Softball. The state tournament was held on May 19, 2007, at the Rivershore Complex in Hebron.

There were 246 boys' and girls' teams that competed in Track & Field in six regions in each of the three classes – A, AA and AAA. The state track meet was held on June 1-2, 2007 at Jon Akers Stadium on the campus of Paul Dunbar High School in Lexington.

There were 215 boys' teams and 218 girls' teams that participated in Tennis in 16 regions. The Fifth Third/KHSAA State Tennis Tournament was held on May 24-26, 2007 in Berea and at the University of Kentucky.

The number of schools competing in Fast Pitch Softball was 256. The state tournament was held at Skyview Park in Jeffersonton on June 8-9, 2007.

There were 269 teams involved in Baseball. The 2007 Fifth Third/KHSAA Baseball State Tournament was played at Applebee's Park in Lexington on June 13-16, 2007.

Audited receipts and expenditures incurred during the 2005-2006 sports seasons were as follows:

SPORTS	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES
Girls' Golf	\$10,714.64	\$10,998.68
Boys' Golf	\$10,714.64	\$11,626.51
Volleyball	\$25,735.02	\$23,094.26
Cross Country	\$37,151.32	\$25,988.36

Soccer	\$108,339.29	\$46,055.78
Football	\$305,254.41	\$111,076.87
Swimming	\$16,892.05	\$19,804.62
Wrestling	\$57,547.48	\$34,042.15
Boys' Basketball	\$1,667,616.30	\$583,791.90
Girls' Basketball	\$317,872.80	\$152,537.25
SP Softball	\$3,500.14	\$3,992.29
Tennis	\$17,827.60	\$24,437.75
Track	\$44,244.50	\$58,901.97
FP Softball	\$39,116.11	\$32,418.84
Baseball	\$87,971.63	\$80,168.96

A total of 3,916 officials licensed with the Officials' Division of the Association as of June 1, 2006. The number of officials in each sport is as follows:

Sport	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	TOTAL
Baseball	300	232	292	824
Basketball	769	356	661	1786
Field Hockey	27	0	0	27
Football	181	220	513	914
Soccer	191	154	148	493
Softball (SP)	34	17	20	71
Softball (FP)	182	217	208	607
Swimming	107	0	0	107
Track & Field	88	66	2	156
Volleyball	144	166	116	426
Wrestling	39	18	22	79

Commissioner Brigid DeVries, and Assistant Commissioners Larry Boucher, Julian Tackett and Roland Williams supervised the conducting of nine Baseball clinics, 11 Basketball rules clinics, three Field Hockey rules clinics, nine Football rules clinics, nine Golf rules clinics, nine Soccer rules clinics, nine Softball rules clinics, five Swimming rules clinics, nine Track & Field rules clinics, nine Cross Country clinics, 11 Volleyball rules clinics and five Wrestling clinics. All clinics were conducted for coaches and officials except Swimming which was for officials only.

The KHSAA Board of Control and Staff wish to express their appreciation to Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors and Coaches for continued assistance in managing the programs of your Association.

# SPORTSMANSHIP



Statewide Winners  
Kristina Kirk (Woodford County)  
Zack Wright (Trigg County)



## 2006-2007 First Corbin Financial Corporation/KHSAA Sportsmanship Recognition Award Recipients

### Region 1

Samantha Workman (Hickman County)  
Michael Gossum (Graves County)

### Region 2

Tredene Davis (Madisonville-N.Hopkins)  
Zack Wright (Trigg County)

### Region 3

Ashley Prince (Owensboro)  
Brad Bilbro (Muhlenberg North)

### Region 4

Erika Murphy (Cumberland County)  
Marcus Steele (Warren Central)

### Region 5

BreAnna Milby (Green County)  
Troy Meno (Fort Knox)

### Region 6

Kathleen Thompson (Bullitt East)  
Nicholas George (Pleasure Ridge Park)

### Region 7

Haley Kilgore (Jeffersontown)  
Jared Stafford (Christian Academy-Louis.)

### Region 8

Rachel Sipp (South Oldham)  
Joshua Shipp (Grant County)

### Region 9

JoAnn Vrabel (Covington Latin)  
Nathan Dilts (Dayton)

### Region 10

Katie Robertson (Bourbon County)  
Collin Jones (Montgomery County)

### Region 11

Kristina Kirk (Woodford County)  
Cory Kays (Madison Central)

### Region 12

Ashley Dollins (Rockcastle County)  
Donald Walker (Mercer County)

### Region 13

Ariel Robinson (Williamsburg)  
A.J. Jusino (Williamsburg)

### Region 14

Tabitha Crane (Estill County)  
Matthew Williams (Hazard)

### Region 15

Olivia Harris (Pikeville)  
Aaron Warren (Belfry)

### Region 16

Clerrinda Walker (West Carter)  
Chris Harris (Raceland)

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