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DAWAHARES/KHSAA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2013 INTRODUCED

Members of the newest class of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame were introduced to the public and enjoyed a round of golf at the 26th annual Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Golf Scramble on Tuesday at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort Hotel in Lexington.

"It's amazing to see the support this Hall of Fame enjoys from the people who participate in the scramble every year. We have Hall of Famers who were inducted more than 20 years ago and they still come back and play every year," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "It's such an honor to see the new Hall of Famers introduced for the first time. It's a great time but it's also very humbling when you see just how much this honor means to them."

Representatives of eight of the nine members of the 2013 Class of the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame were in attendance at Tuesday's festivities. Members of the 2013 class are Pascal Benson, Julie Ditty, Tyson Gay, Burney Jenkins, the late Roger Klein, Frank Miklavcic, Ron Myers, Jamie Walz Richey and John Dee Wilson.

Two other individuals have previously been voted into the Hall of Fame but declined induction at that time. Kelly Coleman (1989) and the late John Reynolds (1994) have yet to accept the honor. They or their representatives would be added to the induction class the year the honor is accepted.

KHSAA REPORTS SOLID PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

For the 2011-2012 school year, participation in high school sports in the Commonwealth ballooned to more than 70,000 students according to data collected from the membership and reported to the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) as part of their annual participation survey.

For the first time, actual participation numbers were determined by school sport rosters as submitted electronically by the membership, versus a triennial survey in past years. 40,103 boys and 30,774 girls were part of a high school level team in KHSAA sanctioned sports and sport-activities for 2011-12, compared to 32,886 boys and 18,286 girls in the 1989-90 school year.

Football participation is at an all-time high in the Commonwealth, with 14,042 boys listed on rosters compared to 7,195 in 1989-90. Baseball, basketball, soccer and track all have more than 6,000 boys competing this past year, while basketball, soccer, softball, track and volleyball each had more than 5,000 girls competing, with volleyball showing the highest level of participation (6,147 girls).

"I think our schools are really seeing the fruits of their labors with our emphasis on girls sports, and reporting and awareness related to Title IX," said Tackett. "In 1989-90, we had only basketball with more than 3,000 girls participating, and now we have five different sports with more than 5,000 participation slots in each. These opportunities show vast improvement for the girls in our schools but we still have plenty of work to do. I am particularly pleased with the fact that we have more than 6,000 students playing fast pitch softball (1,000 more than slow pitch softball) and more than 5,600 in girls' soccer, two sports we didn't have in 1989-90; and volleyball participation has exploded from 70 schools with 780 participants in 1989-90 to 255 schools having 6,147 participants in 2012-2013.

“Interscholastic sports is the absolute best opportunity to ensure students stay involved representing their school and maintain better academic and attendance records, all of which are critically important to the academic goals of our Commonwealth”

2011-2012 DATA SUBMITTED TO NFHS	GIRLS-SCHOOLS	GIRLS PARTICIPANTS	BOYS-SCHOOLS	BOYS PARTICIPANTS
Adapted-Track	1	1	1	2
Archery	15	178	14	251
Baseball			259	7,421
Basketball	271	5,511	271	6,843
Bowling	71	647	68	732
Competitive Spirt Squad	221	4,221		174
Cross Country	234	2,570	232	2,933
Football-11	0	14	222	14,042
Golf	205	1,344	235	2,301
Lacrosse	12	355	10	358
Soccer	191	5,640	190	6,066
Softball (Fast Pitch) **	260	6039		
Swimming & Diving	130	1,931	126	1,357
Tennis	210	2,744	209	2,434
Track and Field-Outdoor	238	5,150	239	6,091
Volleyball	255	6,147		
Wrestling	0	23	92	1,926
1989-1990 DATA SUBMITTED TO NFHS	GIRLS-SCHOOLS	GIRLS PARTICIPANTS	BOYS-SCHOOLS	BOYS PARTICIPANTS
Baseball			275	5,795
Basketball	276	5,920	284	7,714
Cross Country	199	1410	207	1,497
Football-11	0	0	202	7.195
Golf	141	1,025	205	1,465

Soccer *	0	0	120	3,025
Softball (Slow Pitch) **	248	4,960	0	0
Swimming & Diving	79	701	77	885
Tennis	217	915	212	910
Track and Field-Outdoor	234	2,575	238	3,610
Volleyball	70	780		
Wrestling	0	0	54	790

* - Girls Soccer was added for the 1992-1993 school year

** - Fast Pitch Softball was added for 1994-1995 school year, with the slow pitch tournament phased out at the end of the 2006-2007 school year

KHSAA MEMBER SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM ROYALTY PROGRAM

KHSAA member schools benefited for the second consecutive year through a royalty program with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and Licensing Resource Group (LRG), a trademark licensing company with nearly 20 years of experience managing trademark licensing programs for more than 150 colleges and universities, athletic conferences and athletic organizations nationwide.

The KHSAA received more than \$23,000 in royalties as part of the distribution to its member schools for sales during the 2011-12 school year. The program was created to help the KHSAA's 279 member schools collect revenues from royalties collected on merchandise sold at local and national retailers featuring a proprietary NFHS logo. The officially licensed hang tags, a creation of LRG similar to hang tags that appear on collegiate merchandise, are individually numbered and track the sale of each apparel item, as well as where it originated.

Among the national and regional retailers who belong to the LRG program are Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Walgreens, Lids, Meijer, Dollar General, Hibbett Sports, Dunham's Sports and Kroger.

DEAD PERIOD BEGINS ON JUNE 25

The Dead Period, the annual moratorium on school-sponsored team and individual activity, begins at midnight on Monday, June 25, and runs through 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 9.

The Dead Period was adopted nearly 20 years ago by member schools in response to concerns about year-round play and practice and parental and coaching desire for some down time from interscholastic play. Member schools adopted the period of June 25 to July 9 as a time of inactivity, which followed the pattern of the historic idling of southern textile mills and this time allows administrators, coaches, student-athletes and their families a time where they are not committed to school play.

According to Article 3 of Bylaw 26 (The Dead Period), it states that:

"Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non-salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA sanctioned sport or cheerleading squad during the period beginning June 25, and going through July 9. School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during this period. These restrictions shall not apply to any postseason wrap-up activities, celebrations and recognition events relating to a

spring sports team at a school which participated in KHSAA state championship play in that particular sport during that particular year.”

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