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CHEMICAL HEALTH



Top Athletes Join National Federation in Helping Youth Deal With Alcohol, Drugs

National Basketball Association superstar Michael Jordan. Former Olympic gymnast Mary Lou Retton. Olympic wheelchair athlete Doug Heir. These and approximately 60 other athletes, business leaders, entertainers, religious leaders and government officials have joined the National Federation's TARGET program in its effort to help junior high and high school students cope with the problems of alcohol and drugs.

The goal of TARGET is students working with students to create a positive peer pressure relationship and to help students understand that it is OK to say "No" to drugs and alcohol. Because of the growing numbers of students using alcohol and drugs over the past few years, a number of personalities have committed to helping the National Federation as it helps students strive to maintain healthy lifestyles.

Bowie Kuhn, former Major League Baseball commissioner, is chairman of the TARGET Executive Committee, and William Simon is chairman of the Board of Directors. First Lady Nancy Reagan is honorary chairman of the board.

In addition, Commissioners Pete Rozelle (National Football League), David Stern (National Basketball Association) and Peter Ueberroth (Major League Baseball) have aligned with TARGET, as have Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry, Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith and University of Tennessee women's basketball coach Pat Head Summitt.

To further support TARGET, Stern has involved the National Federation's drug and alcohol program in the NBA's Don't Foul Out emphasis.

The NBA has produced public service announcements for its telecasts on CBS and WTBS promoting the sale of Don't Foul Out lapel pins, encouraging the youth of America to say "No" to drugs. The pins cost \$1 each, and 50 cents of every dollar is being donated to TARGET.

The Don't Foul Out lapel pins can be obtained by sending \$1 plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Don't Foul Out, P.O. Box 5418, New York, New York 10185.

In addressing the first TARGET Board of Directors meeting November 3 in Washington, D.C., Kuhn told why he had volunteered to be involved with the National Federation's TARGET program:

"I believe in this cause simply as an American. I'm concerned about what alcohol and drug abuse is doing to our nation's character - and to our nation's future. I've seen every segment of our society eroded by abuse. It destroys every group it touches, and these days it touches every group. The decay isn't limited to our youth, but with our youth the remedy will begin."

Students and schools wishing to become involved in the National Federation's TARGET program should contact Charles Stebbins, TARGET director, National Federation, P.O. Box 20626, Kansas City, Missouri 64195.

PROJECT 714

Project 714 is a drug prevention and intervention program for schools. It exists to help students refrain from the use of alcohol and other drugs by providing an organized program of positive peer pressure and caring confrontation.

These objectives are accomplished through an adaptable model program which gives training and support to a core group of 8-12 teachers from each school. With the guidance of a full-time field supervisor provided by Project 714, the core group of teachers leads the program and activities of the Students Staying Straight group and other groups as needed.

Students Staying Straight is a group open to all students who wish to abstain from the use of alcohol and drugs and who are willing to make a commitment to do so. These students are encouraged to serve as role models and exert positive peer pressure so they and other students know they don't have to use chemicals to enjoy life.

In addition to the SSS group, Project 714's Intervention Group is designed to help students who are concerned about their own use of drugs. This group brings such students together under the guidance of a specially trained teacher.

The Concerned Persons Program helps students help their drug-using friends. A teacher specially trained in the technique of caring confrontation leads a small group of students who get together on a regular basis.

The Chemical Awareness Group is designed for problem students who would normally be suspended or expelled because of their use of drugs.

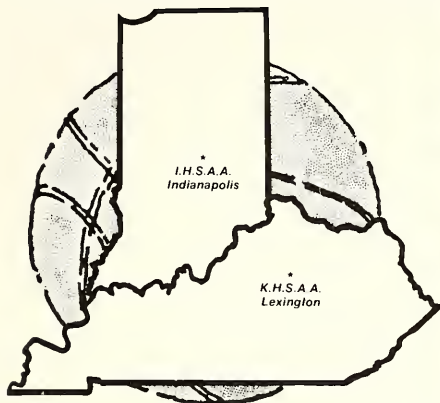
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ANNOUNCING. . . .

2nd Annual Mid America Classic

Both states point to their long-standing tradition and take great pride in hardwood rivalries at every level. Both have produced numerous outstanding college and pro basketball players and both have attracted much national attention with their state tournaments each year.

Now it seems most appropriate that Indiana and Kentucky have joined forces to help provide catastrophic and liability insurance for all high school athletes. Proceeds from the Mid-America Classic will support catastrophic and liability insurance programs in both



states. This policy is designed to help offset medical expenses of a participant who suffers a severe injury while playing, or traveling to or from a high school athletic contest. This plan is in addition to other insurance, with unlimited lifetime benefits per injury.

Cost of this insurance continues to grow rapidly each year. Each state pays nearly \$100,000 to insure all participants in all sports sanctioned by the state high school athletic associations. The expense would be prohibitive if individual schools had to arrange for the same coverage.

Tickets for the Mid-America Classic are priced at \$8.00 and are available by mailing this order form to either the Indiana or Kentucky associations. Tickets will also be available at Indiana and Kentucky association offices.

Indiana and Kentucky, conceded to be two of the nation's most publicized proving grounds for high school basketball, got together last year for the first Annual Mid-America Classic at Lexington's Rupp Arena. Indiana's boys and girls state basketball champions battled Kentucky's state champs in a classic double-header.

Marion, Indiana's boys state champs, won a 77-75 overtime barn burner from Kentucky boys state champ Pulaski County and Kentucky girls state champ. Oldham County, grabbed a 49-47 nail-biter against Indiana girls state champ, Fort Wayne Northrop in the first Mid-America Classic.

This year's second Mid-America Classic will be played April 4, 1987 at Market Square Arena, Indianapolis, with the girls state champs from the two states clashing at 1:15 p.m. and the boys state champs taking the floor immediately after the first game is completed.

Indiana and Kentucky are two of just three states that have show-cased a one class state basketball tournament with tremendous success. The Hoosier state grosses more than \$2 million each year and has put together 58 straight sellout crowds for its boys state finals tournament. Two years ago, the Indiana Girls State Finals set a national attendance record.



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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

January 17, 1987

The Board of Control of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association met at the Executive West, Louisville, Kentucky, on Saturday morning, January 17, 1987. The meeting was called to order by President Chester Turner at 9:00 a.m. Present were all Board members, Commissioner Tom Mills, Executive Assistant Billy Wise, Assistant Commissioners Brigid DeVries and Louis Stout and Sports Information Director Julian Tackett. Mr. Lloyd Redman, representing the State Department of Education was also present. The invocation was given by Mr. Sam Chandler.

David Webb made a motion that the minutes of the November 28-29, 1986 meeting be approved. Tony Olinger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills informed the Board that Dr. Quin Bailey, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Athletes' Health of the Kentucky Medical Association, would be in attendance at the March meeting of the Board to discuss proposed changes in the Medical Symposiums.

Following a discussion by the Board members of the recent eligibility hearings before the State Board of Education, Grant Talbott made a motion that the Board seek a joint meeting with the State Board of Education to discuss Kentucky High School Athletic Association Rules and Regulations as they pertain to By-Law 5, Transfer Rule. Tom Buchanan seconded the motion which carried unanimously. President Turner appointed the following Board members to serve on the committee: Tony Olinger, Chairman of the East Eligibility Committee; David Webb, Chairman of the West Eligibility Committee; Commissioner Tom Mills; Frank Welch, Vice President of

the Board, and Chester Turner, President of the Board.

Commissioner Mills presented a letter from Coach Denny Fugate of M.C. Napier regarding the eligibility status of Jim Leveridge. Following a lengthy discussion of Jim's case, Charles Miller made a motion that no further action be taken in this matter. Tony Olinger seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of nine in favor of the motion and one abstention.

President Turner called on Mr. Tom Southerland who had requested a hearing before the Board on behalf of his daughter, Kathie. Kathie had transferred to Boyle County from Lincoln County where she had participated in athletics. Commissioner Mills had ruled Kathie ineligible to participate in athletics at Boyle County for a period of thirty-six school weeks. Following Mr. Southerland's presentation and testimony by Kathie, her mother Barbara and Bryan Station Jr. High Coach Lonnie Lealand and a lengthy discussion thereof, David Webb made a motion, seconded by Ken Tippett, that the East Eligibility Committee meet to ascertain further information from representatives of Lincoln County High School concerning the case, and then render a decision on the appeal. The motion carried unanimously.

Frank Welch moved, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that the bills of the Association for the period December 1 through December 31 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mills then discussed with Board members several proposals to be considered by the 1987 Delegate Assembly. He explained that he would provide the members of the Board with a complete copy of the proposals during the March meeting of the Board.

Following a discussion of a tie breaking system for the Board to use in the event of a tie vote on issues before the Board, Ken Tippett made a motion that in order to break a tie in the future that if a tied vote remains following three attempts, there will be a draw from the hat. Charles Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Buchanan then presented the Academic Committee's report which addressed the concerns of By-Law 4, Sec. 5 (c) Minimum Academic Requirement. The committee felt that a participant should be given a second chance if he/she has had a disastrous year. As an amendment to the eligibility rule, if an athlete passes five subjects for the year that he/she has set out, the following year he/she should be eligible to participate again. The progression rule would remain as it is. Grant Talbott moved that the committee's report be taken under advisement and that the issue be addressed at the Delegate Assembly Meeting in the form of a proposal submitted by the Board of Control. Tom Buchanan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

In recognition of the fact that many of our rules and policies are based on the assumption that certain commonalities in programs exist among districts, and that the length of school days, the length of the school year and current graduation requirements presume the student load to be five (5) Carnegie units per year. David Webb made a motion, seconded by Ken Tippett, that no change be made with existing academic requirements. If is further understood that a review of the so called "normal progress" requirements will be considered by the 1987 Delegate Assembly. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Assistant Wise reported that \$393,011.00 in ticket sales had been received through this date for the Boys State Basketball Tournament. Advanced ticket sales for the Girls State Basketball Tournament had netted \$8,388.00--both figures being ahead of last year's receipts at this time.

A discussion ensued regarding the redistricting of basketball schools in Region IX. President Turner stated that he would like to contact all schools in that region to determine if they support the proposed changes before a vote is taken. Tom Buchanan made a motion that the

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Board consider the proposal at the March meeting, Charlie Wilson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Following Asst. Commissioner Stout's recommendation, Tony Olinger made a motion, seconded by Frank Welch that the State Soccer Tournament be held in Lexington in 1987. The motion carried unanimously.

Sam Chandler moved that the Baseball Semi-State Tournament, covering Region 1-4, be held in Owensboro in 1987. Charlie Wilson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Following a discussion by Asst. Commissioner DeVries with regard to a change in the format for the State Girls Volleyball Tournament, Tom Buchanan moved, seconded by Tony Olinger, that the K.H.S.A.A. send a letter to all volleyball playing schools to determine if they would prefer to follow the old or new format as it relates to the number of teams participating in the State Tournament. The motion passed unanimously.

Sports Information Director Tackett announced to the Board members that four names had been submitted to the National Federation Hall of Fame for consideration: Cliff Hagan, Paul Hornung, Stella Gibb and Ted Sanford.

Mr. Tackett also announced that all games to be played at the Girls Basketball Tournament in Bowling Green on March 18-21 will be played on Eastern Time. The Board was advised that the Tournament Headquarters will be at the American Plaza Motel, 4767 Scottsville Road, Bowling Green.

Following a discussion on the date and site of the next meeting of the Board of Control, it was decided that the meeting will be in Bowling Green on Thursday, March 19, 1987, at 8:00 a.m. C.S.T. at Diddle Arena.

Executive Assistant Wise announced that the basketball rating summaries have been mailed to the schools. He also advised the Board that the site of the 1987 National Federation Annual Meeting will be in Denver, Colorado from June 29 - July 3 at the City Center Marriott.

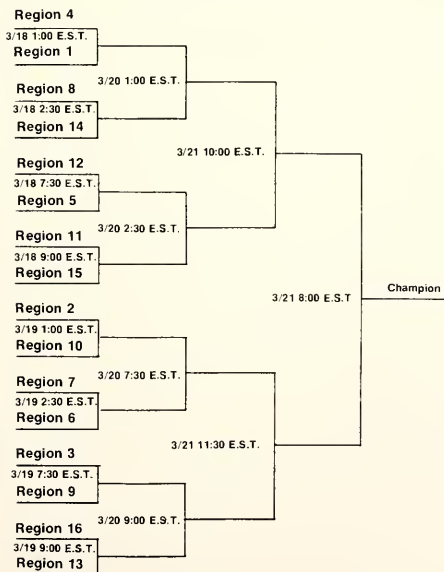
Upon the recommendation of Commissioner Mills, Tom Buchanan made a motion, seconded by Charlie Wilson, that the Commissioner be empowered to grant each team that participated in the football playoffs \$1,200.00 to help defray expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

Following a discussion of requests for the use of certain video equipment being used at the various state tournament events, Tom Buchanan made a motion seconded by Ken Tippett, that a committee be formed to study video taping regulations for K.H.S.A.A. events, concerning both participating schools and the general public. The motion passed unanimously. President Turner appointed Commissioner Mills, S.I.D. Tackett, Ken Tippett, Tom Buchanan and himself to serve on the committee and directed them to meet prior to the March meeting of the Board.

There being no further business, Charlie Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Tony Olinger seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

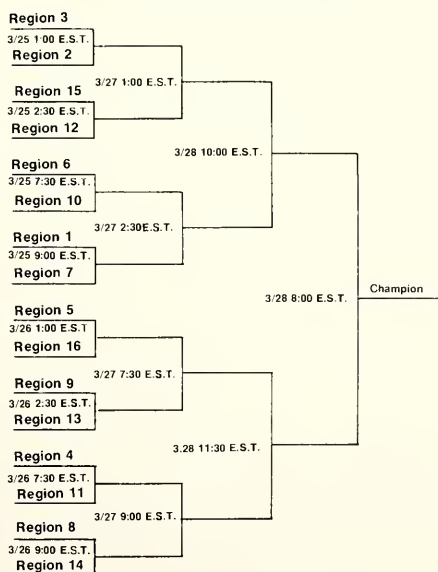
1987 Girls' Sweet Sixteen Tournament Draw

All games to be played, Bowling Green's Diddle Arena March 18-21, 1987.



1987 Boys' Sweet Sixteen Tournament Draw

All games to be played, Lexington's Rupp Arena March 25-28, 1987



NEWS RELEASE

FOOTBALL RULE CHANGES ANNOUNCED FOR '87 SEASON



KANSAS CITY, MO. (January 15, 1987) — Player safety continued to be a main emphasis of the National Federation Football Rules Committee at its January 7-8 meeting in Point Clear, Alabama, as all nine rules revisions were enacted to make high school football a safer game.

Once again, no significant rules changes were made by the committee, which is composed of one representative from 48 of the state member associations and representatives of the National Federation Interscholastic Coaches Association (NFICA) and the National Federation Interscholastic Officials Association (NFIOA).

"As far as the actual rules of the game are concerned, the committee is satisfied that high school football is in excellent shape," said Dick Schindler, editor of the National Federation Football Rules and assistant director of the National Federation. "However, the committee is concerned about player safety, and most of the changes reflect that concern.

"Even the four points of emphasis address the concern for improved player safety."

Points of emphasis adopted by the committee this year are roughing the passer, rougher the kicker, late hits and illegal blocks on the tackler. Points of emphasis are determined by the committee each year to improve compliance and enforcement of the existing rules in those areas.

Among the nine rules changes were three from Rule 1. Rule 1-5-1c now will require tooth protectors to cover all upper teeth. Protectors must be large enough to cover all teeth in the back of the mouth.

Rule 1-5-3 was revised to permit the use of artificial arms. Previously, the rule limited artificial limbs to those below the knee. Beginning with the 1987 season, both artificial arms and legs will be permitted, as long as other criteria are met.

In addition, the committee determined that knee braces must be worn under the pants (Rule 1-5-3c). With an increase in the number of players wearing knee braces, the committee agreed that exposed knee braces presented a definite safety problem for other players.

Two changes were made in Rule 3—Periods, Time Factors and Substitutions. Rule 3-3-3d was revised to eliminate the try-point when a touchdown is scored on the last play of the game, if the point(s) is not necessary to determine the outcome of the game. In addition, the extra-point attempt would still be allowed if points were needed for state playoff considerations.

Rule 3-4-3h also was revised to state that the referee may start or stop the clock at his discretion only if a team **illegally** conserves or consumes time. With the addition of the word "illegally," the referee will not start or stop the clock at his discretion unless a penalty is called on the play.

Although roughing the passer is one point of emphasis this year, that protection ends if a passer throws an illegal pass from beyond the line of scrimmage. Rule 9-4-3 was revised to state that roughing-the-passer restrictions end if the pass is thrown from beyond the line of scrimmage.

Other changes made in Rule 9 were 9-6-4 and 9-8-2. In Rule 9-6-4, it now is illegal participation if an injured player is not replaced for at least one down. Beginning with the 1987 season, if an injured player is not replaced for at least one down, a 15-yard penalty will be assessed.

In another safety-related change, Rule 9-8-2 was revised to allow three attendants per team on the field during a charged timeout, or a television and/or radio timeout.

Eight- and nine-man football next season, games will be terminated at the end of the first half (or anytime thereafter) if one team gains a 45-point advantage. This rule already is in effect in six-man football.

Other minor revisions made by the Football Rules Committee are as follows:

Rule 1-3-7: The referee shall approve (rather than appoint) the clock operator. Game management appoints the clock operator.

Rules 2-28-1, 7-1-3, 4: Coverage is now provided for preliminary ball adjustment by the snapper. This changes legalizes an addition to the interpretations made last year and gives the center freedom to adjust the ball when teammates are not on the line and a snap may not be made.

Rule 4-3-5: A team now may designate the snap spot following a dead-ball foul, on those plays that a team could designate the snap spot.

Rule 5-3-2 Note: The captain must request measurement prior to the ready-for-play signal.

Rule 9-4-4b: Roughing-the-kicker exception will be in effect if the defense touches (rather than blocks or partially blocks) the kicked ball near the kicker and contact is unavoidable.

Football is the most popular high school sport in terms of number of participants with almost one million players annually. Almost 15,000 schools offer football as an interscholastic sport, which ranks second behind boys basketball.

RULES CHANGES

| RULE | SUMMARY OF CHANGE |
|---------------|--|
| 1-5-1c | Tooth protector must cover all upper teeth. |
| 1-5-3 | Permits use of artificial arm. |
| 1-5-3c Note | Knee braces must be worn under the pants. |
| 3-3-3d, 8-3-1 | Eliminates try following a last-play touchdown when point(s) is not necessary to determine outcome of the game or playoff qualification. |
| 3-4-3h, 3-6-3 | The referee may start or stop clock if a team illegally conserves or consumes time. |
| 9-4-3 | Roughing-the-passer restrictions end if the pass is thrown from beyond the line of scrimmage. |
| 9-6-4 | Illegal participation occurs if an injured player is not replaced for at least one down. |
| 9-8-2 | Three attendants per team are allowed on the field during a charged timeout, or a TV/radio timeout. |

8-9 Man Game is terminated at the end of the first half (or anytime thereafter) if one team gains a 45-point advantage.

MINOR REVISIONS

1-3-7 The referee shall approve the clock operator.
2-28-1;
7-1-3, 4 Provides coverage for preliminary ball adjustment by the snapper.
4-3-5 Team may in specific instances designate snap spot following a dead ball foul.
5-3-2 Note Captain must request measurement prior to the ready-for-play signal.
9-4-4b Roughing the kicker exception in effect if the defense touches the kicked ball near the kicker and contact is unavoidable.

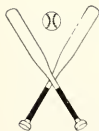
EDITORIAL CHANGES

Sections affected: 1-2-7; 2-11-3; 2-15-1; 2-16-2; 2-17-1; 3-1-1; 3-4-3, 4, 3-5-1; 5-2-2; 6-1-8 & Fund #27; 8-4-lb; 10-1-4; 10-5-5; overtime time-outs.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Roughing the passer.
2. Roughing the kicker.
3. Late hits.
4. Illegal blocks on the tackler.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INFORMATION



Tri-State Baseball and Softball Clinics will be held at Elizabethtown High School for all Coaches and Umpires in the Fifth Region. The clinics will be held on March 23, 1987 at 7:00 p.m.



The Part Two Baseball and Softball Examination will be given on March 23, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. at Elizabethtown High School.

(Project 714 Continued from Inside Cover)

Project 714 is helping students refrain from using alcohol and drugs. Unlike drug rehabilitation programs, the focus of Project 714 is on prevention rather than cure. It does not take the place of drug rehabilitation programs. Instead, it is designed to keep teenagers from getting started on drugs.

Since 1981, more than 6,000 students have been involved in the pilot program begun in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Through the power of positive peer pressure, Project 714 continues to be an effective program to prevent substance abuse among high school, junior high and even grade-school students.

School principals administer the program, and funds (\$49 a school year for one student to be involved) are raised locally by interested community members. For more information contact Project 714, Box 8936, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411.

**1986 Boys' State-At-Large
Champion
HENRY CLAY HIGH SCHOOL**



Front Row (Left to Right): Marcy Baker, Angie Rice, Regina Baker, Susie Bair. Middle Row: Cheryll Long, Karen Thompson, Monica Mullins. Back Row: Kathy Jackson, Kim Thompson, Sarah Baylor, Monica Williams, Dana Newsome, Montcal Weeks.

**1986 Girls' State-At-Large
Champion
HENRY CLAY HIGH SCHOOL**



Front Row (Left to Right): Kristi Taylor, Suzette Bello, Laura Combs. Middle Row: Lisa Collins, Shannon Amos, Kim Stallworth, Stephanie Vanhorn, Missy Vanover. Back Row: Callie Walton, Ashley Baesler.

PROPOSITION 48 - NOW EXTENDS TO DIVISION II

Incoming students to an NCAA member institution who wish to immediately participate in intercollegiate athletics at the Division I level, or at the Division II level, must have maintained a 2.0 grade point average in a core curriculum including at least three years English, two years math, two years social science, and two years of physical or natural science; as well as having attained a 700 combined score on the SAT verbal and math sections or a 15 composite score on the ACT; and be a high school graduate. The by-law is now in the second year of a phase-in period, and eligibility may be attained for incoming athletes after August 1, 1987 and prior to August 1, 1988 by meeting one of three possible combinations --

| G.P.A. and | SAT Verbal & Math or | ACT Composite |
|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
| 2.1 and above | 680 | 14 |
| 2.000-2.999 | 700 | 15 |
| 1.900-1.999 | 720 | 16 |

The By-Law also allows for an exception which states, "An exception may be granted by the NCAA Eligibility Committee for a student who left high school after completion of his junior year or during his senior year to enter a member institution under an early admissions program open to students solely on the basis of outstanding academic performance and promise, and provided that for the last four semesters completed in high school, the student maintained an accumulative grade point average of 3.5 (based on a maximum of 4.0) and ranked in the top 20 percent of the students class, and that the student met all of the requirements of a qualifier except for graduation from high school."

Please consult the nearest NCAA Division I or II institution, Department of Athletics, NCAA Interpreter, if you have any questions. In Kentucky-Bellarmine, Centre, Eastern Kentucky, Kentucky (University of), Kentucky State, Kentucky Wesleyan, Louisville, Morehead State, Murray State, Northern Kentucky, and Western Kentucky are member institutions.

SCHEDULE FOR MEDICAL SYMPOSIUMS ANNOUNCED

Coaches in the high risk sports of Soccer, Football, Basketball, Baseball and Wrestling are required by the State Department of Education to annually attend the Medical Symposium sanctioned by the Department and sponsored by the Kentucky Medical Association. The schedule for this year is as follows--

- Louisville, June 5 and 6
- Ashland, June 12 and 13
- Madisonville, June 19 and 20
- Owensboro, July 18 (one day only)
- Lexington July 24 and 25
- Northern Kentucky, July 24 and 25

The respective hospitals and sponsoring locations will be mailing information to the Principals of member schools within the next few weeks. Please plan now to attend.

REMINDER TO FOOTBALL SCHOOLS AND OPEN DATES

The first playing date for football in 1987 is August 21. The first legal date for practice is August 1. Keep this in mind in making out your schedules. Please remember to inform the office as to open dates. This is also important due to the fact that the new alignment plan for football is to be implemented effective with the 1987 season. With the new alignment, and the additional week in which to schedule games, it is important to list open dates as soon as possible. At this time, we have the following open dates --

Week 1 (August 21) - Bourbon County, contact Coach John Nohta (606)987-2556; Bullitt East, contact Coach Keith Collins (502)538-7322; Greenup County, contact Dan Mercer, A.D. (606)473-7705; Madisonville North Hopkins, contact Jan Ireland, A.D. (502)825-6017; Marion County, contact Coach Mark Brown (502)692-6066; Paris, contact Randy Reese (606)987-4545; Russell, contact Lafe Walter, A.D. (606)836-9650

Week 2 (August 28) - Bardstown, contact Coach Garnis Martin (502)348-5913; Belfry, contact Coach Philip Heywood or Paul Dotson, A.D. (606)353-7230; Christian County, contact Wilton Gant, A.D. (502)887-1100; Conner, contact Coach Joe Clark (606)689-7696; Danville, contact Coach Tom Duffy (606)236-7957; Eminence, contact Coach Steve Frommeyer (502)845-5427; Newport, contact Coach Jim Weyer (606)292-3051; Russellville, contact Wayne Mullen, A.D. (502)726-8421; St. Xavier, contact Paul Young, A.D. (502)635-5300; Tates Creek, contact coach Joe Ruddell (606)273-1713; Trigg County, contact Buddy Perry, A.D. (502)522-6072

Week 3 (September 4) - Boyd County, contact Ed VanHoose (606)928-6475; Bullitt East, contact Coach Keith Collins (502)538-7322; Clay County, contact Coach Eugene Hensley (606)598-3737; Fleming County, contact Coach Ted Purcell (606)845-6601; Oldham County, contact Bob Rowland, A.D. (502)222-9641; Russell County, contact Coach Ron Finley (502)866-3341

Week 4 (September 11) - Boone County, contact Owen Hauck (606)283-2795. Boyd County, contact Ed VanHoose (606)928-6475; Franklin County, contact Coach Gary Dearborn (502)695-4155 after 11:45 a.m.; Green County, contact Ivan Curnutte (502)932-7481; Russell, contact Lafe Walter, A.D. (606)836-9650

Week 5 (September 18) - Cathedral High (Indianapolis), contact Coach Michael McGinley (317)542-1481; Christian County, contact Wilton Gant, A.D. (502)887-1100; Dayton, contact Stan Steidel (606)261-4357; Green County, contact Ivan Curnutte (502)932-7481; Mayfield, contact Bob Sparks, A.D. (502)247-5582

Week 6 (September 25) - Bowling Green, contact Coach Dan Haley (502)842-1674; Clay County, contact Coach Eugene Hensley (606)598-8135; Dayton, contact Stan Steidel (606)261-4357; Garrard County, contact Coach Steve Sullivan (606)792-2146; Holmes, contact Coach William Hina (606)292-5845; Russell, contact Lafe Walter, A.D. (606)836-9650; Shelby County, contact Coach Tom Bechere (502)633-2443

Week 7 (October 2) - Marion County, contact Coach Mark Brown (502)692-6066

FOOTBALL OPEN DATES (continued)

- Week 8 (October 9) - Christian County, contact Wilton Gant, A.D. (502)887-1100; Cumberland, contact Coach Ron Cain (606)589-4625; Elkhorn City, contact Jerry Childers, A.D. (606)754-9098; Mayfield, contact Bob Sparks, A.D. (502)247-5582; Oldham County, contact Bob Rowland, A.D. (502)222-9641; Williamsburg, contact Coach Bob Rose (606)549-1915
- Week 9 (October 16) - Boone County, contact Owen Hauck (606)283-2795. Christian County, contact Wilton Gant, A.D. (502)887-1100; Cumberland, contact Coach Ron Cain (606)589-4625; Danville, contact Coach Tom Duffy (606)236-7957; North Bullitt, contact Bob Wagoner (502)957-2186
- Week 10 (October 23) - Boone County, contact Owen Hauck (606)283-2795; Bourbon County, contact Coach John Nochta (606)987-2556; Glen Oak in Canton, Ohio, contact Ralph Ciccarelli, Athletic Administrator (216)492-7455; Owen County, contact Gran Mefford (502)484-2715; Shelby County, contact Coach Tom Bechere (502)633-2443
- Week 11 (October 30) - Elizabethtown, contact Duke Owen, (502)769-3381; Holmes, contact Coach William Hina (606)292-5845; Marion County, contact Coach Mark Brown (502)692-6066; Middletown (OH), contact Jim Place (513)422-7432; Williamsburg, contact Coach Bob Rose (606)549-1915

OHIO STATE TO HOLD TRAINERS WORKSHOP

Ohio State will be sponsoring a student athletic training workshop this summer on campus. The workshop will be held June 21-26/ For further information, contact Ohio State University, ATTN: Student Athletic Trainer Workshop, 410 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, OH, 43210, or call Bill Davis, Assistant Athletic Trainer, at (614)292-1164.

INSURANCE UPDATE

At a recent meeting of the National Federation Insurance committee, a determination was finalized relative to the participation of ineligible participants and the related insurance coverage. It was the ruling of the company and the committee, that any person participating in practice or play, in a sport sanctioned by the state association, who is not in violation of state regulations regarding limitation of seasons, etc. shall be covered by the catastrophic insurance and the liability coverage. It is important to note however, that if the school, coach or team is in any way in violation of the state association regulations, the coverage is void.

EDITORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SOLICITED FOR NATIONAL NEWSLETTER

Stan Steidel, Athletic Director at Dayton High School has been named to the Editorial Board of the Athletic Director and Coach Newsletter. This national publication deals with current trends and problems in athletics ranging from legal issues to fund raising. If you have any idea which you would like to see written about, or have an article you wish to submit for publication, please contact Stan at Dayton High School, (606)491-6565.

KUDOS TO PRESTONSBURG HIGH BASKETBALL TEAM

Coach Jeff Riley of the Prestonsburg High School Boys Basketball Team informs the office that his 14 basketball players do more than just perform on the floor. For the first semester of the academic year, 10 of 14 varsity players made the honor roll, the varsity had a composite grade point average of 3.53, and all 14 are enrolled in a college prep program. This is a good example for all K.H.S.A.A teams to follow.

APPROVED DATES FOR BOYS & GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS 1987-1992

- 1987 - Girls - March 18 - 21 * Bowling Green, Kentucky
- Boys - March 25 - 28 * Rupp Arena, Lexington, Kentucky
- 1988 - Boys - March 16 - 19 * Freedom Hall, Louisville, Kentucky
- Girls - March 23 - 26 * Convention Center, Frankfort, Kentucky
- 1989 - Boys - March 15 - 18 * Rupp Arena, Lexington, Kentucky
- Girls - March 22 - 25 * Convention Center, Frankfort, Kentucky
- 1990 - Girls - March 14 - 17 * Site to be Determined
- Boys - March 21 - 24 * Site to be Determined
- 1991 - Boys - March 13 - 16 * Site to be Determined
- Girls - March 20 - 23 * Site to be Determined
- 1992 - Boys - March 18 - 21 * Site to be Determined
- Girls - March 25 - 28 * Site to be Determined

A.C.T. TEST DATES FOR 1986-87

With the implementation of NCAA Proposition 48, it is important to keep up with the test dates for the American College Testing Assessment (ACT test). As mentioned above in this issue, it is also important to note that the NCAA Convention in January passed legislation extending proposition 48 to the Division II level. For the remainder of 1986-87 school year the schedule is as follows:

| <u>Test Date</u> | <u>Regular Postmark Deadline</u> | <u>Late Deadline</u> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 04/11/87 | 03/13/87 | 03/31/87 |
| 06/13/87 | 05/15/87 | 06/02/87 |

BASKETBALL COACHES TO CONTINUE RATINGS

The Rating Summary Deadline for the 1986-87 season has passed, but basketball coaches should continue rating officials for the remainder of the season. More details to follow in future issues of The Athlete.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 1986-87

The following are important dates for member schools participating in spring sports.

| Sport | First | First Practice | Number Contests | State Finals |
|----------|---------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Track | Dec. 1 | Apr. 1 | 4-15 | May 30 |
| Softball | Feb. 15 | Apr. 1 | 35 | May 30 |
| Golf | Feb. 15 | Apr. 1 | 20 | June 2/3 |
| Tennis | Feb. 15 | Apr. 1 | 4-20 | June 4/5/6 |
| Baseball | Feb. 15 | Apr. 1 | 35 | June 5 |

**1986 BOYS' "SWEET SIXTEEN"
CHAMPIONS
PLEASURE RIDGE PARK
HIGH SCHOOL**



Front Row (Left to Right): Jennifer Rowzee, Shawn Vincent, Sherri Toohy. Second Row: Rhonda Peebles, Christy Craven, Kelli Peck, Kim Whitley, Tracey Gilmore. Top: Michelle Willhite, Joley Malone.

**KAPOS NEWS
STATE TOURNAMENT
INFORMATION**

Participating cheerleader and sponsor registration: all cheerleading squads and/or sponsors are asked to stop by the KAPOs table to:

1. Register your squad.
2. Pick up important information and materials for you and your school.

Along with a KAPOs board member, there will be high school cheerleaders on hand to assist you. They can be identified by their hostess armbands. Feel free to ask them for help, and in turn they may seek you and your cheerleaders to be interviewed by one of the radio commentators. In order to make their task easier, we are asking that you register your seat, row and section number. A possible radio interview is often missed because the guides could not locate the desired person in time for the interview.

Hospitality Room: May we remind all sponsors and cheerleaders that KAPOs hosts a Hospitality Room for participating cheerleaders. We cordially invite you to have refreshments, socialize with friends, exchange ideas, and perhaps get help with your problems.

"Sweet 16" Cheerleading Squads: **Attention Principals!** If your team will be participating in the State Tournament, included in the packet sent to you by the KHSAA will be a letter pertaining to your cheerleading squad. Be sure to look for this and relay all information to your cheerleader sponsor. We request that your cheerleaders be chaperoned by a well qualified, school approved adult. Verification of this, along with your sponsor's name, must be contained in the letter of confirmation which you will receive. This letter must be in the hands of the KAPOs officer prior to the time that your cheerleaders take the floor.

**1986 GIRLS' "SWEET SIXTEEN"
CHAMPIONS
ASHLAND PAUL BLAZER
HIGH SCHOOL**



Front Row Sitting (Left to Right): Michelle Luquer, Elaine Akers, Angie Hicks, Dusti Lovins, Taylor Woolery. Back Row: Kari Baer, Mary Lowe, Michelle Leader.

Important! Please be sure that your school is a paid member of KAPOs or pays the fee before their first game in order for your squad to compete for the cheerleading awards in the State Tournament. The winners of these awards will be determined by use of the KAPOs Judging Sheet, a copy of which appears in the KAPOs Handbook.

AWARDING OF TROPHIES

KAPOs is pleased to honor outstanding cheerleading squads with the recognition they so well deserve. All cheerleader awards will be presented between games on Friday night of the State Tournament. The awards are as follows:

The winning cheerleader squad in the Boys' Sweet Sixteen will receive the Ted Sanford Trophy; in the Girls' Sweet Sixteen the Tom Mills Award. The runner-up cheerleading squad will receive a trophy, with the third and fourth place squads being awarded plaques. In addition, the special K-Pep Award will be presented. All tournament cheerleading squads and their sponsors are asked to be located close to the playing floor so they can easily come on the floor should they be called for an award.

**GOVERNOR COLLINS DECLARES
GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP MONTH**

While every month should be Good Sportsmanship Month, KAPOs has always tried to put special emphasis on being a good sport at tournament time. Being a good sport is part of being a good citizen. We don't believe that good citizens need to be reminded to exemplify good sportsmanship. However, it is especially fitting at tournament time to remind all citizens that it is a privilege to be able to attend the games and that each individual can contribute to the success of the tournament if he will abide by the KAPOs Sportsmanship Creed proclaimed by Governor Collins. The Governor's proclamation is on display at the KAPOs table.

STATE-AT-LARGE CHAMPIONS

Recognition is annually given to cheerleading squads other than those sixteen fortunate enough to participate with their teams in the State Tournament. The winner will receive the Jane Meyer trophy, while the runner-up will receive the President's Trophy. Plaques will be given to the third and fourth place squads.

Beginning at the district level, all squads that are KAPOs members are eligible to be judged for the honor of representing their district in the KAPOs Region-At-Large cheerleading competition. The winner and runner-up of each district will progress to the region. In turn the girls' varsity winner and the boys' winner and runner-up from each region is allowed to compete for the title of State-At-Large Cheerleading Champions.

Judging for the Girls' State-At-Large winners will take place at 8:30 A.M., on Saturday, March 21, in the Warren Central High School Gymnasium, 559 Morgantown Road, Bowling Green. Judging for the Boys' State-At-Large winners will take place at 8:30 A.M., on Saturday, March 28, at Memorial Coliseum, Lexington. The public is invited to these outstanding events. The admission charge of \$3.00 will go toward the expenses of KAPOs scholarship award, details of which are supplied below.

At the conclusion of the judging, trophies will be awarded to the top squads, in addition to several special awards.

NOTE TO ALL ADMINISTRATORS

Many of you have responded to our SOS in releasing teaching personnel to assist with the many tasks necessary to keep this organization functioning effectively.

Again, we need judges and personnel to help at the tournament. This involves at least 12 to 15 people. It is also backbreaking, tiresome work. However, we have many dedicated persons who have indicated a willingness to help share these duties provided they get a release from their administrators. Therefore, the KAPOs board is seeking your understanding and cooperation should you be asked to release a teacher from his or her duties to help carry on the work that KAPOs is doing to make cheerleading a worthwhile educational experience in the State of Kentucky.

STELLA S. GILB SCHOLARSHIP

KAPOs is happy to annually award the Stella S. Gilb Scholarship to outstanding cheerleaders from Kentucky. In 1986, KAPOs awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to well-deserving cheerleaders. One of your cheerleaders may be a potential scholarship winner, so get your applications in early. Applications must be turned in no later than April 30. Contact a KAPOs board member or officer for application forms, or pick them up at the State Tournament KAPOs Table.

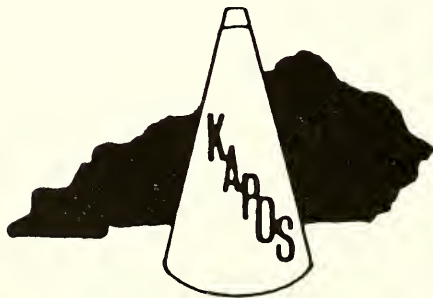
Sportsmanship — Whose responsibility?

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHEERLEADERS

Since the cheerleaders are the chosen representatives of the student body they have an unusual opportunity and a significant responsibility for promoting good sportsmanship. Cheerleaders should be chosen who are respected by fellow students. The most aggressive and vocal individual does not necessarily make the best cheerleader. By setting a good example the cheerleaders can influence and help control the reactions of student spectators.

Cheerleaders should:

1. Establish standards of desirable behavior for the cheerleaders and pep club.
2. Select positive cheers which praise their own team without antagonizing their opponents.
3. Use discretion in selecting when to cheer. Give the opposing team equal opportunity to execute their cheers.
4. Give encouragement to injured players and recognition to outstanding performances for either team.
5. Serve as hosts to the visiting cheerleaders. Meet them upon arrival and if time permits introduce them to friends and show them the school. Visit at half-time.
6. Hold a series of well-planned pep meetings in which students are reminded that the reputation of the school depends largely upon the behavior of its students at athletic contests. It should be emphasized that no derogatory remarks, or booing should be made at any time.
7. For desired spectator response, cheers should be executed with precision and ease.
8. Develop a large repertoire of desirable and timely cheers which may be called upon at appropriate moments.
9. Always maintain enthusiasm and composure especially in trying circumstances, remembering your responsibilities for leadership.



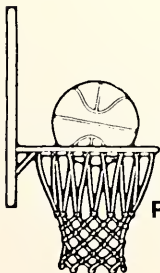
1987 DISTRICT TOURNAMENT SITES

Boys

- 1. Carlisle County
- 2. Reidland
- 3. Graves County
- 4. Calloway County
- 5. Crittenden County
- 6. Union County
- 7. Madisonville-N. Hop.
- 8. Christian County
- 9. Owensboro
- 10. Muhlenberg Central
- 11. Breckinridge County
- 12. McLean County
- 13. Logan County
- 14. Bowling Green
- 15. Glasgow
- 16. Cumberland County
- 17. North Hardin
- 18. LaRue County
- 19. Nelson County
- 20. Marion County
- 21. Southwest Christian
- 22. Pleasure Ridge Park
- 23. Valley
- 24. DeSales
- 25. duPont Manual
- 26. Atherton
- 27. Moore
- 28. Waggener
- 29. Bullitt Central
- 30. Shelby County
- 31. Carroll County
- 32. Grant County
- 33. Conner
- 34. Beechwood
- 35. Bellevue
- 36. Scott
- 37. Harrison County
- 38. Bracken County
- 39. Mason County
- 40. Montgomery County
- 41. Woodford County
- 42. Lexington Catholic
- 43. Bryan Station
- 44. Model
- 45. Kentucky School f/t Deaf
- 46. Harrodsburg
- 47. Wayne County
- 48. Casey County
- 49. Rockcastle County
- 50. Corbin
- 51. Red Bird
- 52. Cumberland
- 53. Fleming-Neon
- 54. Dilce Combs
- 55. Cordia
- 56. Powell County
- 57. Paintsville
- 58. Prestonsburg
- 59. Virgie
- 60. Johns Creek
- 61. Rowan County
- 62. Elliott County
- 63. Russell
- 64. Paul Blazer

Girls

- 1. Carlisle County
- 2. Reidland
- 3. Graves County
- 4. Calloway County
- 5. Crittenden County
- 6. Union County
- 7. Madisonville-N. Hop.
- 8. Christian County
- 9. Owensboro
- 10. Muhlenberg Central
- 11. Breckinridge County
- 12. McLean County
- 13. Logan County
- 14. Warren East
- 15. Glasgow
- 16. Cumberland County
- 17. Meade County
- 18. LaRue County
- 19. Nelson County
- 20. Marion County
- 21. Shawnee
- 22. Pleasure Ridge Park
- 23. Valley
- 24. Holy Rosary
- 25. duPont Manual
- 26. Atherton
- 27. Moore
- 28. Waggener
- 29. Bullitt Central
- 30. Shelby County
- 31. Carroll County
- 32. Scott County
- 33. Conner
- 34. Beechwood
- 35. Bellevue
- 36. Scott
- 37. Bourbon County
- 38. Augusta
- 39. Mason County
- 40. Montgomery County
- 41. Woodford County
- 42. Lexington Catholic
- 43. Bryan Station
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- 50. Corbin
- 51. Red Bird
- 52. Cumberland
- 53. Jenkins
- 54. Dilce Combs
- 55. Cordia
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- 57. Paintsville
- 58. Prestonsburg
- 59. Virgie
- 60. Johns Creek
- 61. Rowan County
- 62. Elliott County
- 63. Fairview
- 64. Paul Blazer



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REGIONAL

TOURNAMENT SITES

Boys

- 1. Murray State U.
- 2. Madisonville-N. Hop.
- 3. Owensboro Sports Center
- 4. Western Kentucky U.
- 5. Nelson County
- 6. Iroquois
- 7. Ballard
- 8. Henry County
- 9. Conner
- 10. Mason County
- 11. Frankfort Sports Center
- 12. Pulaski County
- 13. Bell County
- 14. Hazard
- 15. Virgie
- 16. Morehead State U.

Girls

- 1. Murray State U.
- 2. Lyon County
- 3. Hancock County
- 4. Barren County
- 5. Meade County
- 6. Iroquois
- 7. Ballard
- 8. Shelby County
- 9. Dayton
- 10. Bourbon County
- 11. Frankfort High School
- 12. Wayne County
- 13. Bell County
- 14. Breathitt County
- 15. Phelps
- 16. Morehead State U.

ATTENTION Track Coaches



TRACK ALIGNMENT

CLASS A (0 - 400)

REGION 1

Ballard Memorial
Carlisle County
Fulton City
Fulton County
Murray
St. Mary

REGION 2

Caverna
Crittenden County
Hancock County
Lyon County
Providence
Russellville
West Hopkins

REGION 3

Bellevue
Bishop Brossart
Carroll County
Covington Latin
Dayton
Ludlow
Owen County
St. Henry
Walton-Verona

CLASS AAA (700 - up)

REGION 1

Apollo
Bowling Green
Christian County
Daviss County
Graves County
Henderson County
Hopkinsville
Mad.-N. Hop.
Marshall County
Ohio County
Owensboro
Owensboro Catholic
Paducah Tilghman
Warren Central

REGION 2

Bullitt Central
Grayson County
Marion County
Meade County
Nelson County
North Bullitt
North Hardin
Oldham County
Shelby County

REGION 3

Boone County
Campbell County
Conner
Covington Catholic
Dixie Heights
Holmes
Notre Dame
Scott
Simon Kenton

REGION 4

Central Ky. Christian
Frankfort
Harrodsburg
Ky. School/Deaf
Millerburg Mil. Inst.
Paris

REGION 5

Bardstown
Bethlehem
Campbellsville
Christian Academy
Kentucky Coun. Day
Portland Christian
Spencer County

REGION 6

Berea
Garrard County
Madison
Model
Oneida Baptist
St. Camillus
Williamsburg

REGION 7

Allen Central
Cordia
Dilce Combs
Elkhorn City
Everts
Fleming-Neon
Harlan
Hazard
Jenkins
Pikeville
Virgie

REGION 8

Bath County
Fairview
Menifee County
Nicholas County
Paintsville

CLASS AA (401 - 700)

REGION 1

Calloway County
Caldwell County
Fort Campbell
Heath
Lone Oak
McLean County
Mayfield
Reidland
South Hopkins
Trigg County
Webster County

REGION 2

Allen County
Barren County
Butler County
Edmonson County
Franklin-Simpson
Glasgow
Hart County
Logan County
Monroe County
Todd County
Warren East

REGION 3

Grant County
Harrison County
Henry County
Highlands
Lloyd Memorial
Newport
New. Cen. Cath.

REGION 8

Bryan Station
Bell County
Cawood
George Rogers Clark
Clay County
Knox Central
Laurel County
Lincoln County
Pulaski County
Wayne County
Whitley County
Woodford County

REGION 4

Anderson County
Bourbon County
Lexington Cath.
Mercer County
Western Hills

REGION 5

Adair County
Breckinridge County
Bullitt East
East Hardin
Elizabethtown
Fort Knox
Green County
LaRue County
Taylor County
Washington County
West Hardin

REGION 6

Boyle County
Casey County
Corbin
Danville
Estill County
Jackson County
McCreary Central
Russell County
Somerset



TRACK CLINICS

The dates for the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Track & Field Rules Clinics for coaches and officials are as follows:

- Feb. 26 St. Xavier High School
Louisville, 7:00 p.m.
- March 30 Tates Creek High School
Lexington, 7:00 p.m.
- March 31 Daviess Co. High School
Owensboro, 7:00 p.m.



1987 NATIONAL FEDERATION BASEBALL RULE INTERPRETATIONS PART I



PUBLICATION CORRECTIONS

Rule Book

Inside Front Cover - 1-4-3 — In first line delete "far"
Page 12 - 1-4-3 — In third line reference should be (8-3-3-b, c)
Page 14 - 2-5-3 — In last line, exception should be (3-3-1-g)
Page 62 - Points of Emphasis — (The Act of Malicious Contact) In next to last line change "Art" to "Act"

Case Book

Page 5 - 7 Play — At the end of the second line, delete "stretch" and replace with "wind-up."
Page 10 - 1.3.5 Play — Revise ruling to read "illegal in (a). Legal in (b). Bats are required to have an 18" encircling mark. Bats without an encircling mark can be made legal by having an encircling mark placed at the appropriate location by using a permanent type marking substance.
Page 27 - 6.1.1b Play — Delete.
Page 28 - 6.1.2b Comment — Delete.
Page 49 - 8.3.4 Play — In fourth line delete "delayed." At the beginning of the ruling insert "Balk"

SITUATION #1: As the first batter enters the batter's box, the catcher notices a red dot on the barrel end of the bat, and asks the umpire if that is legal.

RULING: The coach of the team explains to the umpire that he wants to be able to easily recognize his team's bats. This is legal. (1-3-5)

SITUATION #2: In a batted ball is fielded and thrown to a fielder who is wearing an illegal glove, is that player subject to being penalized?

RULING: Yes. Anytime there are runners on base or the batter is not out and a fielder, while wearing an illegal glove, catches at throw, the penalty is a two base award (8-3-3-c)

SITUATION #3: With one out and R1 on third and R2 on first, B4 flies out to F8. R2 nearly reaches second base before realizing the ball had been caught. Upon reaching to first base, B4 sees that R2 is going to be put out, so he runs into F3, causing him to drop the throw. Prior to the contact, R1 legally scored.

RULING: R2 is called out because of B4's interference. If the contact was malicious, B4 shall be ejected. Because R1 scored before the interference his run counts. (8-4-2-b)

SITUATION #4: With R1 on third base, F1 intentionally contacts the pitcher's plate and assumes the wind-up position. After taking his sign, F1 looks toward R1, who has a substantial lead. F1 (a) while in contact with the pitcher's plate, steps and throws toward third in an effort to pick off R1, or (b) steps backward off the pitcher's plate with his pivot foot and without stepping toward third base, snaps a throw to F5 who tags R1 out.

RULING: (a) F1 has committed a balk. In (b) as soon as F1's pivot foot clearly touched the ground behind the pitcher's plate, he assumed the status of an infielder with the right to throw to any base. (6-1-1, 2)

SITUATION #5: With runners on first and second, B3 hits a single to right field in anticipation of a play at the plate. F2 picks up B3's bat and flings it toward the dugout nearly hitting a player coming out of the dugout to assume a position on the on-deck circle.

RULING: At the end of playing action, the umpire shall issue a team warning to the head coach of that player's team which shall result in the next offender on that team being ejected. A team warning can be issued to either the team at bat or the defensive team, depending on who carelessly throws a bat. (3-3-1-a)

SITUATION #6: With R1 on second base and a count of two balls and one strike on B2, F1's next pitch is called a strike. B2 is noticeably frustrated by the call and delays returning to the batter's box after being informed by the umpire that he has 20 seconds to take his position. Twenty seconds elapses and the umpire calls a strike on B2 and R1 attempts to advance to third base.

RULING: Since the strike the umpire called on B2 for not being in the batter's box within 20 seconds was the third strike, the umpire must kill the ball. Since R1 did not reach third base before the ball became dead, R1 must return to second base. The strike that was called on B2 was the third strike, consequently, B2 is declared out. If there had not been two strikes on B2 when 20 seconds elapsed, the ball would have remained alive (7-3-1)

SITUATION #7: With R1 at third and R2 at second, the catcher obstructs B3's swing. F2 whips a throw down to second base in time to tag out R2. On the throw, R1 steals home.

RULING: The coach of the team has the option of the play or penalty, as a result of catcher's obstruction. He could ignore the obstruction, in which case R1's run would count. However, R2's out would stand and B3 would remain at bat. Or, he could accept the penalty. Presuming that R1 and R2 were not stealing, they would return to the bases occupied at the time of the pitch. B3 would be awarded first base. (8-1-1-e)

SITUATION #8: The pitcher takes a signal while standing within eight feet of the pitcher's plate but not on the plate. He then assumes a legal pitching position for one second and pitches the ball.

RULING: Illegal pitch. The pitcher must take the signal while legally in contact with the pitcher's plate. (6-1-1)

SITUATION #9: B1 steps into the box with a bat that has no encircling mark 18" from the handle end.

RULING: B1 is declared out for using an illegal bat. (1-3-5, 7-4-a)

SITUATION #10: The pitcher assumes a legal wind-up position. He then steps backward off the pitching plate with his pivot foot and flips the ball to F5 in an attempt to retire R1.

RULING: Legal. The pitcher becomes an infielder when he steps off the pitching plate with his pivot foot, however, the step must be clearly done and no other motion, such as the throwing motion, can start until the pivot foot is on the ground. (6-1-1)

SITUATION #11: During the game, the umpire notices a player in the dugout wearing a watch. Has the player violated the jewelry rule?

RULING: No. The rule only applies to players in the game. (3-3-1-m)

SITUATION #12: Does a catcher have to wear a head protector with the NOCSAE stamp?

RULING: Catcher's head protectors do not carry the NOCSAE stamp, because there is no NOCSAE standard. The NOCSAE stamp is required on batting helmets. (1-1-5)

SITUATION #13: The umpire-in-chief decides that the on-deck circles are (a) too close to home, or (b) too far in front of home plate. Can the on-deck circles be changed?

RULING: The umpire-in-chief has the authority to relocate the on-deck circles a safe distance to the side and away from home plate. (10-2-3-a)

SITUATION #14: B1 assumes his natural batting stance. The pitch is slightly above the belt and over home plate. The pitch is called a ball.

RULING: The strike zone is between the batter's armpits and the top of the knees when he assumes the natural batting stance. A pitch above the belt can be a strike if it is over the plate, but not above the batter's armpits. (2-7-1)

SITUATION #15: While F1 is taking his warm-up throws before the start of the bottom of the first inning, he discovers that the pitching distance is incorrect.

RULING: The umpire-in-chief shall have the pitcher's plate moved to the correct distance before play resumes. (10-2-2)

SITUATION #16: After a game, the coach of the visiting team tells the umpire that his call was in error, because he misapplied the rule. The next day, that coach, the umpire, and the father of the player involved in the play call the National Federation for a ruling.

RULING: Requests for baseball interpretations or explanations should be directed to the state high school association responsible for administering and conducting the high school baseball programs in that state. The National Federation will assist in answering questions from state associations who call upon them. (Rule Book — Inside Front Cover)

SITUATION #17: Smith is the DH for Jones. In the third inning (a) Smith goes in for Jones on defense, or (b) Jones bats for Smith, or (c) Smith is ejected and is replaced by Lee as the new DH.

RULING: Legal in (a), (b), and (c). There are only two ways a team can lose its designated hitter: (1) If the DH assumes a defensive position, or (2) if the player for whom the DH is batting pinch hits or pinch runs for the DH. If the DH is ejected, another player may become the new DH. (3-4-4)

SITUATION #18: R1 is on second base when B2 hits a fly ball that comes down directly at the bat. Must the runner vacate the base in order to give a fielder a chance to make a play?

RULING: No. However, the runner must make every effort to give the fielder room to make the catch. (8-4-2-b)

SITUATION #19: With R1 on first base, left handed batter, B2, squares around to bunt. F5 charges toward the plate. The pitch is way outside. B2 loses his bat at the ball in an effort to protect R1, who is attempting to advance to second. The bat nearly hits F5.

RULING: This is considered a carelessly thrown bat, and 3-3-1-a would apply. **SITUATION #20:** As F1 winds up, R1 attempts to steal home and is hit by the pitch.

RULING: The ball becomes dead immediately. The pitch is called a ball or strike. If it is ruled a ball, the batter is out. If the batter is the third out, the run does not score. Otherwise, the run scores and all other runners advance one base. (6-2-4 Play 2)

SITUATION #21: Between innings the coach visits with his pitcher while the pitcher takes his warm-up throws. Is this conference to be charged?

RULING: No. provided the pitcher is ready to pitch within the time allotted according to 6-2-2-c.



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PUBLICATION CORRECTIONS

Rule Book

Page 16 - At top of page, delete "It is obstruction."
 Page 17 - 2-7-2 — In definition of extra inning change references to (4-2-1)
 Page 17 - 2-7-3 — In second line, change reference to (4-4-2).
 Page 28 - In 4th line, change reference to (4-4-1-1).
 Page 52 - 8-4-2-c — At top of page, delete first three lines and Note. Replace with: touches first base and then overslides or overruns it, the batter-runner may immediately return to first base without liability or being tagged out, provided there was no attempt to run to second. Also, if any base comes loose from its fastening when any runner contacts it, such runner cannot be tagged out because the base slides away from the runner, or **NOTE:** Ball is not securely held if it is dropped or juggled after the runner is touched, unless the runner deliberately knocks the ball from the fielder's hand.

SITUATION #1: (FP) With R1 on second, the pitcher delivers an illegal pitch that hits the batter

RULING: Advance the runner to third base and the batter to first base (8-1-1-d)

SITUATION #2: (FP) With a count of three balls, two strikes, the pitcher delivers a pitch for strike three that the catcher drops. The ball rebounds off the catcher into fair territory and is then kicked unintentionally by the batter-baserunner on her way to first

RULING: There is no interference. (2-5-3)

SITUATION #3: (FP) The batter is hit by the pitch, sustains an injury, and cannot get to first base unassisted

RULING: After all action has ceased, the umpire shall call time and allow the batter-runner to be replaced. (3-1-1)

SITUATION #4: R1, who is on third base advances and touches home plate on an attempted squeeze bunt. The ball is popped in the air and the pitcher attempts to field the ball. R1, who thinks the ball is going to be caught attempts to return to third base. The pitcher drops the ball and R1 gets caught in a rundown and is eventually tagged out.

RULING: R1's run counts because R1 had legally scored. Had the ball been caught, R1 would have been required to return to third with liability of being put out. (8-2-1)

SITUATION #5: During the top of the third inning, F1 who is the starting pitcher is removed and replaced by F3 who pitches to the next batter. In (a) F3 is removed and replaced by F5, or (b) F3 is removed and replaced by F1 or (c) after pitching, F3 is replaced by F1, who is replaced by F5, who is then replaced by F1

RULING: Legal in (a) and (b). Illegal in (c) because F1 cannot leave the pitching position and return as pitcher more than once per inning. (3-1-2)

SITUATION #6: With the bases loaded and no outs, B4 hits a ground ball to F6 who bobbles the ball (a) the ball remains in front of F6 and R1 collides with her (b) or behind her, which causes her to collide with R1 or (c) to the side and F6 is brushed by R1 who, in all three instances, is running to third base.

RULING: In (a) it is interference by R1. In (b) it is obstruction by B4. In (c) inadvertent contact in which the umpire shall ignore the contact

COMMENT: In (a) the runner is held responsible for avoiding a fielder who bobbles the ball in front of her and continues her attempt to gain control of the ball.

SITUATION #7: B1 is awarded a base on balls. While F1 has the ball inside the 16-foot circle, B1 does not step at first base and rounds and then steps a couple strides off the base. B1 (a) immediately starts toward second base; (b) after a pause goes back to first base; or (c) takes a step toward second base and then returns to first base.

RULING: In (b) and (c) B1 is called out. There is no violation in (a) as long as B1 does not change direction. (8-4-2-e Note)

SITUATION #8: R1, who is on second, rounds third on B1's hit. The ball is returned to the pitcher within the 16-foot circle while R1 is moving toward home plate. R1 stops and then immediately (a) continues to home plate, (b) returns toward third base; or (c) takes a step toward home plate and then reverses direction toward third base.

RULING: In (c) R1 is out. In (a) and (b) there is no violation. (8-4-2-e Note)

SITUATION #9: As F1 begins her delivery, the ball slips from her hand. Is a ball called on the batter or must the ball cross either foul line?

RULING: If the ball slips from the pitcher's hand during the back swing, it shall be no pitch. If the ball slips from her hand on the forward motion, a ball is called on the batter. The ball remains alive in either case. (6-2-5)

SITUATION #10: B1 hits a slow roller to F6. F6 holds her throw and returns the ball to F1 who is in the pitcher's circle, as B1 touches first and advances down the line. Without stopping, B1 turns around and heads toward first base, but then suddenly races to second base.

RULING: B1 is out. B1 must either move directly to second base or first base, but she cannot move to one and then the other. (8-4-2-e)

SITUATION #11: B1 reaches first on F5's error. B1, in running to first, touches the base and continues running down the line. F5 returns the ball to F1, who is in the 8' circle. B1, without stopping, turns around, touches first and continues to second. B1 never stopped. Is her advance legal?

RULING: No. She could advance directly to the next base or return to first, but she cannot return to first and then go to second, even if she does not stop. (8-4-2-e Note)

SITUATION #12: R1 rounds second and is obstructed by F6 who does not have the ball. R1 continues to third where she maliciously runs over F5 who is waiting to make the tag. Is she awarded third base because the obstruction at second occurred prior to the malicious contact?

RULING: R1 lost her chance at being awarded a base as soon as she initiated malicious contact with F5. R1 is out and ejected. (3-3-1-e, 8-4-2-m)

SITUATION #13: B1 hits a single to left field. Upon advancing to first base, the batter fails to control the bat, almost striking the catcher and umpire.

RULING: If, in the umpire's judgment, someone's safety was jeopardized by the bat, the umpire shall warn the coach of the player who carelessly threw the bat that if the act is repeated by another of that team's players, the violator shall be ejected. The play stands. (3-4-3)

SITUATION #14: On a ground ball hit to F6, she bobbles the ball and as she attempts to secure the ball, she and R1 (a) collide, or (b) slightly brush each other.

RULING: The umpire shall rule inadvertent contact and make his call. (8-4-2-b & Note)

SITUATION #15: During the pre-game conference, the coach of the home team provides the umpire with two balls, one is brand new but the other had been slightly used

RULING: The home team is required to provide enough new balls to permit the game to proceed without unnecessary delay. If the home team fails to meet the rule requirement by providing new balls, then the visiting team may offer new balls. However, if new balls are not provided, the game shall be played, and the home team's infraction reported to the state association. (1-3-4)

SITUATION #16: F1 takes a pitching position with both feet planted on the top surface of the pitcher's plate before taking her signal. She then moves her non-pivot foot behind the pitcher's plate and takes her signal. Is this legal?

RULING: No. Once the pitcher takes a pitching position on the pitcher's plate, she must begin her delivery from that position. When starting the delivery the only direction the non-pivot foot can go is forward. (6-1-1)

COMMENT: The pitcher can be removed from the pitching position by stepping backwards off the pitcher's plate before separating her hands. (6-2-6 Note)

SITUATION #17: On a hit that goes to the fence, the batter tries for a triple. However, F5 receives F7's throw and holds her glove in front of the base, anticipating the batter sliding. The batter, upon reaching third base, does not slide, but instead, sidesteps the tag, totally surprising F5's coach contends that because the batter did not slide she could be declared out.

RULING: A runner does not have to slide. As long as the runner attempts to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag, the runner would not be out. (8-4-2-n)

SITUATION #18: B1 receives ball four and after touching first base continues on down the first baseline. F2 throws to F3 who tags B1

RULING: B1 may continue on down the first baseline after touching first base and immediately return without liability of being put out, if no attempt is made to advance to second. (8-2-4-e Note 2)

SITUATION #19: With two balls and no strikes on the batter, the batter allows the next pitch to hit her

RULING: The pitch is either a ball or strike, and the batter remains at bat, unless the pitch was a third strike. The ball is dead. (7-3-4, 5-1-1-a, 8-1-1-d)

SITUATION #20: Both softballs do not get put into play in the top of the first inning. Does the pitcher of the visiting team get a choice of balls when she takes the field?

RULING: No. She would get her choice only if both balls did get put into play. (4-1-1)

SITUATION #21: B1 appears at bat wearing a helmet that does not bear an exterior warning label, and is detected by the umpire.

RULING: The umpire will require the batter to secure a legal helmet. (1-1-6)

SITUATION #22: Prior to the game, F2's coach asks the umpire if the NOCSAE stamp or an exterior warning label is required on a catcher's head protector

RULING: There is no NOCSAE standard for catcher's helmet, therefore catcher's head protectors do not have the NOCSAE stamp. A warning label is only required on batting helmets. 1-1-6, 7

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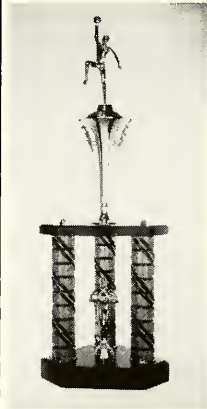
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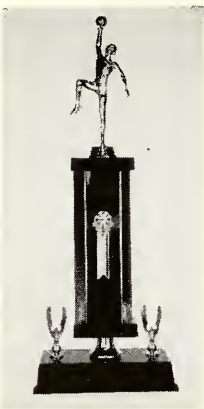


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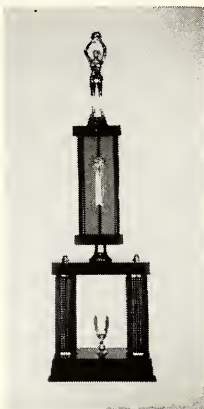
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