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Coaches this will be an email full of dates, important information and upcoming changes for the 2017-2018 School Year and beyond. Please read in its entirety

Mark your calendars Important Dates

#### 2017-18 Dates

- June 25-July 9 KHSAA Dead Period -Applies to all Middle & High School teams (dates extend for Diocesan Schools to 7/13)
- August 25- Oct 6 - NKCCA Football InGame Competition - click here for more info. - register by 8/15.
- November 4, 2017 Saturday – Region 9 KHSAA & KAPOS competition along with the Fall NKCCA Cheer & Dance Competition at Ryle HS (not BB&T as previously reported-NCAA conflict) (Rec,Club,Elementary, Middle, High, Dance and Game Day competition, AllStar expos) more info to be posted on nkycheer.com
- November 11, 2017 Saturday– Bluegrass Championship (UCA National Qualifier) – Lexington, KY
- November 18, 2017 Saturday - Region 8 KHSAA & KAPOS competition at Collins HS, Shelbyville, KY
- December 2, 2017 Saturday - Region 10 Competition @ 11:00 am – Mason County High School
- December 8, 2017 Friday – Game Day and Sparkle (unified) – KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
- December 9, 2017 Saturday – KHSAA State High School Competition – KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
- December 16, 2017 Saturday - KAPOS State Elementary/Middle School Competition - KY Horse Park, Lexington, KY
- December 16, 2017 Saturday- KHSAA State Open Dance Competition - at the new Frederick Douglass HS in Lexington, KY
- January 8, 2018 (tentative) Monday - College expo at Northern Kentucky University - Regents Hall
- January 27, 2018 Saturday- Winter NKCCA Cheer Expo & Competition and Scholarship presentations at Boone County HS, Florence, KY more info to be posted on nkycheer.com

#### 2018-19 Dates

- KHSAA Dead Period - June 25-July 9 -Applies to all Middle & High School teams
- October 27, 2018 Saturday - Region 9 KHSAA & KAPOS competition along with the Fall NKCCA Cheer & Dance Competition at BB&T Arena. (Rec, Elementary, Middle, High, and Game Day competition, AllStar expos)
- Region 8 - to be held week of Oct. 28-Nov. 3 - tentative Saturday, Nov. 3
- Region 10 - to be held week of Nov 11-Nov. 17 - tentative Saturday, Nov. 17

Concerning Middle & High School Dance & Cheer Tryouts – Please note by KHSAA Bylaw 23 -- final cuts/tryouts cannot take place until July 15th or after

Per KHSAA - This is a reminder to all administrators and competitive cheer coaches concerning Bylaw 23, Limitation of Seasons. KHSAA staff members have received several inquiries about permitted activity, concerning fall sports/sport-activities and practice/tryouts for the fall, specifically regarding competitive cheer.

Regarding Cheer, Bylaw 23 applies only to competitive cheer, the squad that travels to competitions and competes against other school cheer teams. Sideline cheer (those that cheer at games but do not travel and compete against other schools) are considered a support group, and therefore Bylaw 23 does not apply.

The first official practice date (including anything that can be mandatory) is July 15 for competitive cheer. Only after this date can anything mandatory be required of team members or potential team members. Dead period is June 25-July 9.

Until the day following the last day of school or May 31 (whichever is earliest), coaches are permitted to provide instruction and be involved with team members (provided such is approved by the principal), but continue to be restricted in “competitive” situations with other schools unless they are held away from a member school campus.

Keep in mind that anything done, whatever it is called (tryouts, workouts, etc.), for all sports during the time that is outside of the limitation of seasons cannot be mandatory (no penalty or team decisions based on lack of participation) and an official “tryout” period cannot be held outside of those periods defined in Bylaw 23.

Specifically, with regard to competitive cheer, it is permitted, for example, for a school to select a number of students to go to a camp. However, attendance at camp cannot be mandatory prior to the first practice date. By the same token, attendance cannot be restricted to those who performed in a certain manner based on activity held outside the limit of seasons (i.e. a tryout).

The same principle and rule would apply to any “tryout” in any sport or sport-activity that is not held during the period defined by Bylaw 23.

This is not a change in the Bylaw, as this has been in place for a few years. A reminder was sent out last April addressing this as well.

April 2016 Reminder

Full Text of Bylaw 23

Please contact Associate Commissioner Butch Cope at the KHSAA Offices with any questions.

**KHSAA COMPETITIVE CHEER UPDATE/CHANGES -**

KHSAA Board of Control meeting concerning the use of Varsity (UCA) scoresheets for the upcoming season. Coaches should be mindful of the following changes:

**SCORING - KHSAA only - no update for KAPOS available -NKCCA will use the UCA/KHSAA scoresheets.**  
Once UCA finalizes the scoresheets, a notice will be sent to coaches.

**KHSAA & NKCCA SQUAD SIZE (Info on any KAPOS changes not yet available)**

Size of squads will be:

- All-Girls Small (5-12 members)
- All-Girls Medium (13-16 members)
- All-Girls Large (17-20 members)
- All-Girls Super (21-30 members)
- Coed A (5-30 members – 1-4 males)
- Coed B (5-30 members – 4 or more males)

**JUDGING**

Judge training will now be conducted through UCA (online) at no charge. The KHSAA still manages competitive cheer, so individual school questions/inquiries are to still come to the Association office.

**STATE**

The State Competition will be Dec. 8-9 at Alltech Arena at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. Friday’s competition will involve Game Day and Sparkle (unified). Additional information on these two will competitions will be submitted to the schools soon. The Saturday date for other divisions (All-Girls/Coed) has been scheduled for several years.

Please contact the KHSAA with any questions.

The KHSAA staff routinely publishes blog posts to better communicate with its various constituencies and the public. For a list of those blogs, go to <http://khsaa.org/news-stats-pubs/sports-blogs/>

**KHSAA DANCE COMPETITION**

The State Competition will be an open competition (no regional qualifying). A open dance competition in the KHSAA format, with UDA judges will be held at the 11/4 NKCCA competition at Ryle HS.

The State Dance Competition will be Saturday, Dec. 16 at Frederick Douglass High School in Lexington. Additional information on the competition is being finalized and information will be posted on KHSAA website soon.

SCORING - Once UDA finalizes the scoresheets, we will send out a notice to coaches.

JUDGING - Judge training will be conducted through UDA (online) at no charge. The KHSAA will be managing Dance, so individual school questions/inquiries should come to the Association office.

DIVISIONS- Championships will be conducted in the following:

Jazz

Pom

Kick

Hip Hop

NKCCA will follow above 4 competitive dance divisions - all other divisions will be expo only.

NKCCA East West All Star Football Game - Cheer info

Practices:

Wednesday May 24th

Wednesday May 31st

Tuesday June 6th -t shirts will be passed out at this practice

All practices will be 6-8pm at Scott HS, 5400 Old Taylor Mill Rd, Taylor Mill.

Youth Board will join the Wednesday 5/31 practice & work on run-thru

Game - Thursday June 8th 7:30 pm at Dixie Heights HS. Cheerleaders should arrive by 6:30 pm.

That's it for now..... KAPOS has their Spring Board meeting this Saturday, so I'm sure there will be more updates next week. Until then, enjoy the wonderful weather and the anticipation of summer.

Please don't hesitate to email if you have any questions.

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