

KHSAA

Attn: Board of Control

2280 Executive Drive

Lexington, KY 40505

April 10, 2014

Dear BOC Members,

Concerning the proposed new football alignment for the 2015-2018 seasons, this is a request for consideration of the following. In class 5-A, a district be composed of the 6 schools in Jefferson County that will be in the 5-A classification, Atherton, Doss, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Iroquois and Southern. This would certainly make geographical sense, but it will also put schools together that have very similar student populations.

Some background and overall view of the Louisville metro area may help with other school alignments as well. The current 5A alignment for the area has District 3, Grayson Co., Iroquois, Jeffersontown, John Hardin and North Hardin. District 4, Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt and Shelby County. Three teams will potentially be moving out of District 3, Jeffersontown and North Hardin to class 6A and John Hardin to 4A.

A possibility could be that Grayson County be moved into a district with the three Bullitt County Schools. That would be a shorter trip, on the WK Pkwy and I-65, for Grayson Co., than their current alignment, which has them traveling thru Bullitt County, to Iroquois and Jeffersontown. Josh Basham, the A.D. at Grayson Co. was contacted concerning this and said he would support this scenario. Another addition to that district could be Nelson County, which will be playing up to 5A, and they could take the place of Shelby County, which could move into another district, see attached.

Thanks for your consideration and hopefully this would be a viable solution and can help with your difficult task of the realignment process. Attached you will also find a draft of a possible alignment for all of Class 5A, which was developed using the existing alignment as a guide.

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# Draft Alignment of Class 5A Football

April 9, 2014

## District Number

## Schools

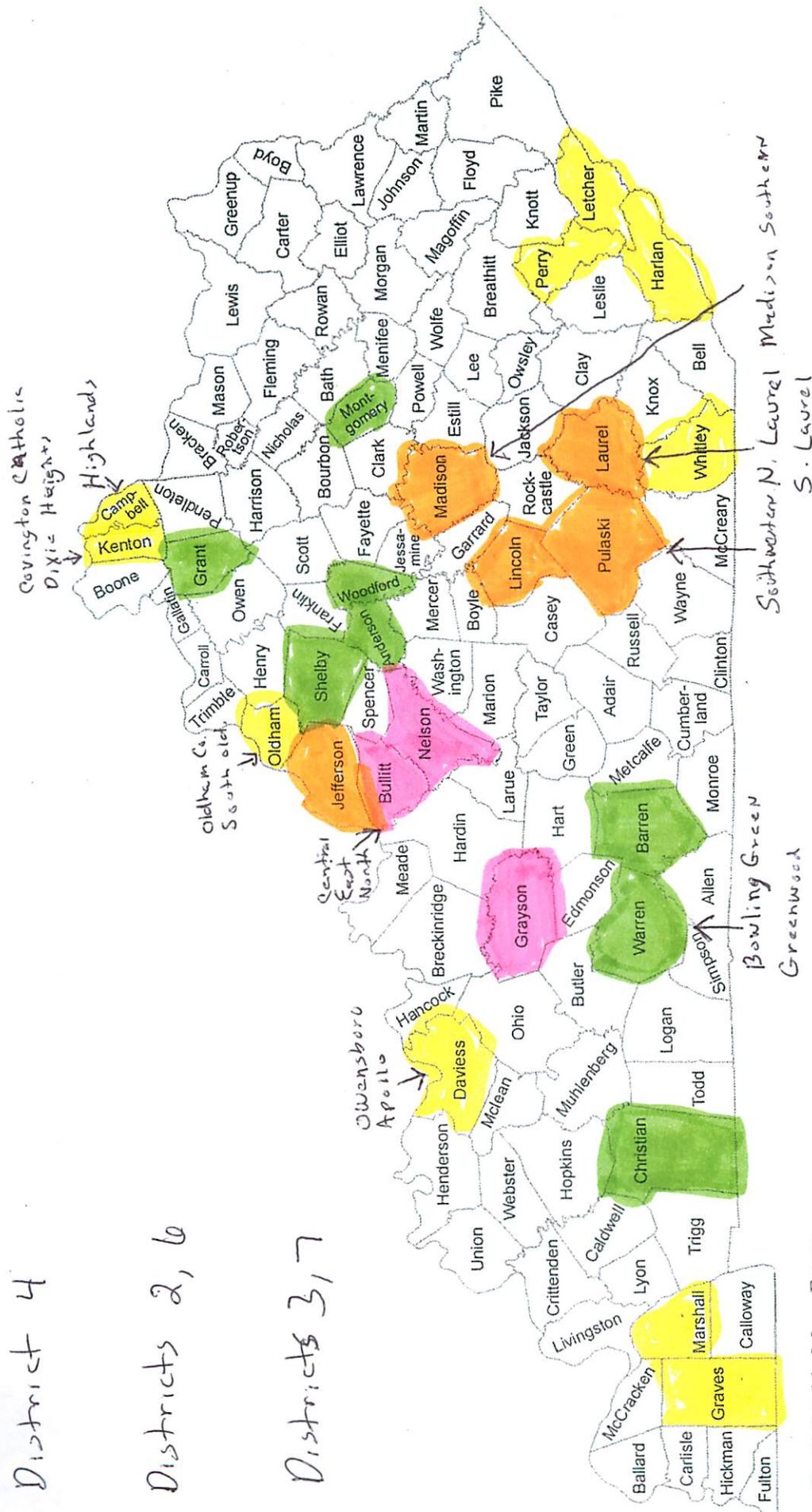
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| 1 | Owensboro, Apollo, Marshall County, Graves County.  |
| 2 | Bowling Green, Greenwood, Barren County, Christian County.                                  |
| 3 | Atherton, Doss, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Iroquois, Southern.                                   |
| 4 | Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt, Grayson County, Nelson County.                |
| 5 | Covington Catholic, Dixie Heights, Highlands, Oldham County, South Oldham.                  |
| 6 | Anderson County, Grant County, Montgomery County, Shelby County, Woodford County.           |
| 7 | Lincoln County, Madison Southern, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern. |
| 8 | Harlan County, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Whitely County.                |

Districts 1, 5, 8

District 4

Districts 2, 6

Districts 3, 7



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Draft 5A Football Alignment

## KHSAA COMPETITION RULES

### Governing Football

*(Adopted by the Board of Control for all play in this sport)  
(Where these rules refer to the Commissioner, they shall refer to the Commissioner of the KHSAA. Sports specific duties may be appropriately delegated to a member of the Commission for the implementation of these rules. See Case Situations for specific rulings and interpretations used to administer these provisions)*

#### I) Assignment of Schools

##### A) Alignment of Teams for Postseason Play

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association shall sponsor postseason competition in football, provided that ten (10) percent of the member schools declare intentions to participate in said competition. Member schools not desiring to participate in KHSAA sponsored postseason competition shall notify the Association office prior to July 15, by the Commissioner's office. The alignment for football for the 2011 through 2014 playing seasons shall be as follows —

##### CLASS 1A

- District 1 - Fulton City, Fulton County, Mayfield, Russellville
- District 2 - Bethlehem, Caverna, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day
- District 3 - Bracken County, Eminence, Frankfort, Paris
- District 4 - Beechwood, Bellevue, Dayton, Ludlow
- District 5 - Berea, Campbellsville, Lynn Camp, Williamsburg
- District 6 - Harlan, Hazard, Jenkins, Pineville
- District 7 - Fairview, Nicholas County, Paintsville, Raceland
- District 8 - Allen Central, Phelps, Pikeville, South Floyd

##### CLASS 2A

- District 1 - Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Crittenden County, Murray, Reidland (through 2012 season)
- District 2 - Butler County, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic, Todd County Central, Union County
- District 3 - Clinton County, Glasgow, Green County, Metcalfe County
- District 4 - Bardstown, Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Fort Knox, Shawnee, Thomas Nelson (%), beginning 2013 season), Washington County
- District 5 - Carroll County, Gallatin County, Owen County, Trimble County, Walton-Verona
- District 6 - Bishop Brossart, Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Newport, Newport Central Catholic
- District 7 - Danville, Lexington Christian, Middlesboro, Somerset
- District 8 - Betsy Layne, Leslie County, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley

##### CLASS 3A

- District 1 - Fort Campbell, Heath (through 2012 season), Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Webster County,
- District 2 - Adair County, Edmonson County, Hart County, Monroe County, South Warren
- District 3 - Central, Elizabethtown, Henry County, Larue County
- District 4 - Bell County, Casey County, Corbin, McCreary Central, Wayne County
- District 5 - Bath County, Bourbon County, Estill County, Garrard County, Powell County, Western Hills
- District 6 - East Carter, Fleming County, Lewis County, Mason County, Russell, West Carter
- District 7 - Breathitt County, Jackson County, Knott County Central, Magoffin County, Morgan County
- District 8 - Belfry, East Ridge, Lawrence County, Pike County Central, Sheldon Clark

##### CLASS 4A

- District 1 - Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Lone Oak (through 2012 season), Madisonville-North Hopkins, Owensboro
- District 2 - Allen County-Scottsville, Breckinridge County, Franklin-Simpson, Warren East
- District 3 - Atherton, Collins, North Oldham, Spencer County, Waggener, Nelson County
- District 4 - Doss, Fairdale, Moore, Valley, Western
- District 5 - Boyle County, Lexington Catholic, Marion County, Mercer County, Taylor County
- District 6 - Clay County, Knox Central, Rockcastle County, Russell County
- District 7 - Covington Catholic, Harrison County, Highlands, Holmes, Pendleton County (&, through 2012 season)

District 8 - Ashland Blazer, Boyd County, Greenup County, Johnson Central, Rowan County

##### CLASS 5A

- District 1 - Apollo, Christian County, Graves County, Hopkinsville, Ohio County
- District 2 - Barren County, Bowling Green, Greenwood, Logan County, Warren Central
- District 3 - Grayson County, Iroquois, Jeffersontown, John Hardin, North Hardin
- District 4 - Bullitt Central, Bullitt East, North Bullitt, Shelby County
- District 5 - Conner, Cooper, Grant County, Scott, South Oldham
- District 6 - Anderson County, East Jessamine, Franklin County, Montgomery County, West Jessamine, Woodford County
- District 7 - Lincoln County, Madison Southern, North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern
- District 8 - Harlan County, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central, Whitley County

##### CLASS 6A

- District 1 - Daviess County, Henderson County, Marshall County, McCracken County (%), beginning 2013 season), Muhlenberg County (through 2012 season)
- District 2 - Central Hardin, Meade County, Muhlenberg County (beginning 2013 season)
- District 3 - Butler, Pleasure Ridge Park, Seneca, Southern
- District 4 - DuPont Manual, Male, St. Xavier, Trinity (Louisville)
- District 5 - Ballard, Eastern, Fern Creek, Oldham County
- District 6 - Boone County, Campbell County, Dixie Heights, Ryle, Simon Kenton (\*)
- District 7 - Bryan Station, Henry Clay, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Scott County
- District 8 - George Rogers Clark, Lafayette, Madison Central, Tates Creek

(\*) For 2011 through 2014 playing seasons, the 5th place team in District 6 of Class 6A will be bracketed as the number four (4) seed in District 2 for the purpose of making playoff pairings.

(&) - Pendleton County has withdrawn from district play for the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

(%) - McCracken County and Thomas Nelson will enter district play for the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

##### B) Enrollment and Criteria for Determining Classes

- 1) The basis for determining the schools to be placed in Class 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A and 6A will be the average boys enrollment, including all non-graded special education students, in grades 9-12 for the two most recent years available for the entire membership at the time of classification.
- 2) Initial classification for the 2011-2014 period is based on enrollment data verified by the Kentucky Department of Education for the two years through the enrollment of the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school year.
- 3) The enrollment data used to determine the class boundaries shall be obtained from the Kentucky Department of Education or other verifiable sources in the case of non-public schools.
- 4) The classification shall be for a four-year period, which may be extended by the Board of Control. The alignment will be reviewed upon receipt of the 2011-2012 school year enrollment information from the Kentucky Department of Education for possible adjustment to begin with the 2013 playing season.
- 5) The schools shall be placed in enrollment ranked order (by boys four grade enrollments, after adjustment for single-sex schools).
- 6) The minimum number of teams necessary for a full bracket in the playoff system (32 teams) shall be placed in the highest class (6A) and the lowest enrollment class (1A). The remaining schools shall then be placed into approximately equal divisions in classes 2A through 5A.
- 7) The Board shall attempt to ensure that districts do not fall below four (4) teams and that travel distance is the primary determinant in both alignment decisions, and decisions involving playoff pairings.
- 8) The highest and lowest enrollment average from each class shall form the bounds of the class for the purpose of making adjustments after two years or for adding new teams.
- 9) If there are an odd number of schools or the number of schools is not evenly divisible by the number of classes, the extra teams shall be placed from the lowest class first, up to the highest