DATE: January 5, 2017

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner

FROM: Butch Cope, Associate Commissioner

RE: 2018 State Volleyball Tournament

Commissioner Tackett, in consultation with the Volleyball Advisory Committee and KHSAA Staff, we are requesting the Board to approve a corresponding date change with regard to the 2018 Volleyball State Tournament.

Currently, the State Tournament for the 2018-19 school year is scheduled to be played Nov. 3-5, 2018. This particular weekend, the city of Louisville and Churchill Downs is hosting the Breeder's Cup. If we continue to have the event this weekend, our schools and fans will be at a great disadvantage to get a reasonable hotel rate – if we can find secure rooms.

We are asking that for the 2018-19 school year, the State Tournament be moved one week earlier and be played Oct. 27-29, 2018. We have already received an initial commitment to hold the traditional bock of rooms at a reasonable rate for our teams and officials from a hotel partner.

Certainly Louisville and Valley High School have been gracious hosts to us in recent years and financially the tournament is a greater success when conducted in Louisville. Our advisory committee did not feel this adjustment would adversely affect our schools with scheduling since we are giving everyone advance notice.

There would be no other change within the corresponding dates for volleyball with regard to first practice and first contest.

2018 Proposed Dates: Last Date to Play Seeded Contest Wed., Oct. 4, 2018

District Tournament – Various Sites October 9-14, 2018

Regional Tournaments – Various Sites October 16-21, 2018

State Tournament – Valley High School Louisville Oct. 27-29