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Fwd: Board of Control Action and Feedback Request - Soccer Alignment

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From: **Lovett, Trent - Superintendent MCSD** <trent.lovett@marshall.kyschools.us>
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For the First Region, why would you not use the following?

District 1: Ballard Memorial, McCracken County, Paducah Tilghman, St. Mary, CCA (All in one county with exception of Ballard Memorial)

District 2: Marshall County, Mayfield, Murray, Calloway County, Graves County (The District we have always had.)

Trent Lovett

Superintendent

MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOLS



From: Tackett, Julian [mailto:jtackett@khsaa.org]
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2011 2:47 PM
To: Lovett, Trent - Superintendent MCSD
Subject: Board of Control Action and Feedback Request - Soccer Alignment

This is being sent to ALL Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors at KHSAA Soccer member schools. We would remind you that the survey results are to be completed by the Principal or Athletic Director. Because this is being sent through an electronic system, replies may not be possible as they will likely not be received.

This is being released to the member schools at 3:30 p.m. ET November 18, and will be released to the general public at 4:30 p.m. including the news media. If the contents of this information become general knowledge before 4:30 p.m., it will be due to release by the member schools, not the KHSAA.

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November 18, 2011
TO: Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors of KHSAA Member Schools
FR: Commissioner Julian Tackett on behalf of the KHSAA Board of Control

RE: Draft Revised Soccer Alignment

For many months, the Board of Control has been working on revisions in team sports alignments for the KHSAA. The purpose of the process was to place the teams in the regional alignment in the other non-classified team sports (baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball) using the adopted basketball alignment as the model. At its meeting on Tuesday, November 15, the Board of Control approved a draft to be sent to the member schools for **Soccer**. The Board has authorized me to release a draft of schools divided into districts for play and to request your feedback prior to final adoption in January. The draft alignment is attached. PLEASE DIRECT ALL WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING THE SOCCER ALIGNMENT TO ASST. COMMISSIONER MICHAEL BARREN, or via email at mbarren@khsaa.org. Let me give you a brief summary of the Board's discussions and where things stand as of now. The final decision is to be made final following a comment period by the schools, at the Board's January, 2012 meeting in Lexington.

1. Unless altered due to significant membership feedback, the alignment will go into effect for the 2012-2013 playing season.
2. **Scheduling Moratorium.** Contracts signed after November 17, 2011 and prior to January 25, 2012 are not to be considered valid. Schools are to hold off on any additional scheduling until the final alignment document is approved. The Board of Control reserves the right to cancel any previously scheduled contest as necessary to implement the new alignment once adopted.
3. Obviously there are different numbers of teams in each region and in many cases, differing numbers of districts within regions. This is necessary as soccer continues to be a developing sport in terms of school participation. However, it was felt that the current alignment (in place for the 2011 season) was a potential deterrent to teams adding soccer as travel was greatly increased as the travel went across traditional region lines.
4. By design, some of the districts will have a different number of teams. In some cases, this is due to schools that offer only boys or only girls programs. Therefore, it may appear that some of the districts are larger than others when in fact, the tournament size may not necessarily be that different.
5. It was also felt that by aligning soccer into normal basketball boundaries, this may provide impetus for additional opportunities for the recruitment and training of officials as local assigners may be hired by the regional policy boards to help recruit and train additional officials, helping some areas with a potential critical shortage.
6. Once the alignment is adopted in final form, the districts will be given a time frame in which to meet and make seeding decisions, tournament site selections, etc.
7. The Board of Control continues to review the Soccer Tournament bracketing structure, but at this time, no other changes have been adopted. Many options, however, remain under consideration and discussion.
8. **Desired Feedback.** Member schools wishing to file written commentary on the alignment should do so by completing the survey online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/socceralignment>. All responses must be received by the close of business on January 18, 2012 to be considered by the Board of Control. Identified problems should be accompanied by a workable solution that differs from status quo.

As always, feel free to contact the office if you have any questions. The contact for this project is Asst. Commissioner Michael Barren, at the KHSAA at [859-293-5999](tel:859-293-5999) (fax) or via email at mbarren@khsaa.org.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

"If I were to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for business. I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right will make no difference." —Abraham Lincoln

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"If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of me." D.L.Moody
