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## Baseball

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hope this email finds you all well. I'm writing this and including several documents for your review concerning high school baseball in our state. I've been very blessed to have played 4 years of high school baseball and I'm currently in my 15th year as a coach of high school baseball, all in the great state of Kentucky. From 1989 thru 2013 I've seen our high school game progress both as a player and as a coach into something that I'm quite proud to be a part of, and that is a direct reflection of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association. I've had the opportunity to coach against some of our state's greatest coaching legends...Bill Miller, Mac Whitaker, Charlie Adkins and Jody Hamilton just to name a few. These gentlemen have set a very high standard of excellence and have paved the way for a bright future. I know many of these coaches have worked diligently with the KHSAA to ensure the growth of the game of baseball across the Commonwealth.

I realize I'm a very small part of this, but I know from our Coaches Association meetings over the past several years that the majority of our coaches would love for the KHSAA to consider a move to a classification system for the game of baseball. In my spare time over the past several months, I have worked on several documents to present a proposal to the decision makers. I would love to see our game to continue to progress as it has over the past 25 years into the next 25 and I really feel like classifying baseball could take the quality of our game to the next level. Also affording more student athletes from all across our state, regardless of demographics, the opportunity to compete for the grandest prize for these kids...a State Championship.

The attached charts and documents are based on enrollment info I've taken from the KHSAA for 2009-2010. I realize that enrollment numbers change every year and alignments are changing with consolidation. This could perhaps just be a starting point. I've also done the best I could do with what I know about the geography of some of our member schools...again these documents are just a place to start and work with. Attached you will find a 4 class system (based on 09-10 enrollment numbers) and a proposed playoff format. I know that some obstacles keeping this from happening might be travel issues/concerns, but for the most part it's possible to keep the regions similar to distances traveled now in regions. The districts are a little more spread out, but with creative scheduling individual member schools could keep their travel schedule comparable to what it is now.

Again, it's humbling just to have the opportunity to coach the young men in the game that I love and I consider myself to be the least of any of my peers. I'm not sure what the process is to get something this large scale done, but I'd love to hear back from each of you and see what your thoughts and concerns might be. I believe in high school athletics to be a major part in the educational experience for our children and I appreciate everything that the KHSAA has done and will continue to do to ensure the growth of all athletics.

Sincerely,  
Travis Feltner  
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Head Baseball Coach

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**2 attachments**



**BASEBALL CLASSIFICATION.docx**

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**BASEBALL CLASSIFICATION  
SET UP/ POST SEASON**

1. Every District must be seeded (1 game/ 2 game/ 3 game series)
2. District Tournament same as now
  - i. Single elimination
  - ii. Winner and runner-up advance
3. Regional Tournament same as NCAA tournament
  - i. 4 team Double Elimination Tournament (1 winner advance)
4. Super Regional Tournament same as NCAA
  - i. 2 regional winners Best 2 out of 3 series (1 winner advance)
5. State Final 4 Tournament
  - i. Single elimination
    1. Wednesday: 1A and 2A semis
    2. Thursday: 1A and 2A Finals
    3. Friday: 3A and 4A semis
    4. Saturday: 3A and 4A Finals

**\*ALL CLASSES SAME FORMAT**

**\*16 teams advance to a State Tournament**

CLASS A

| <b>REGION 1</b>    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 2</b>     |
| Carlisle County    | Christian Fellowship  |
| Fulton City        | Community Christian   |
| Fulton County      | Mayfield              |
| Hickman County     | Ballard Memorial      |
|                    | St. Mary              |
|                    |                       |
| <b>REGION 3</b>    |                       |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 6</b>     |
| Portland Christian | Louisville Holy Cross |
| Evangel Christian  | Desales               |
| Beth Haven         | Whitefield Academy    |
| Bethlehem          | Ky Country Day        |
|                    |                       |
| <b>REGION 5</b>    |                       |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 10</b>    |
| Silver Grove       | St Patrick            |
| Bracken County     | Nicholas County       |
| Bishop Brossart    | Paris                 |
|                    | Sayre                 |
|                    |                       |
| <b>REGION 7</b>    |                       |
| <b>DISTRICT 13</b> | <b>DISTRICT 14</b>    |
| Jenkins            | Cordia                |
| Pineville          | Jackson City          |
| Williamsburg       | Buckhorn              |
| Harlan             | Owsley County         |
| Hazard             | Lee County            |

| <b>REGION 2</b>    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 4</b>   |
| Lyon County        | Campbellsville      |
| Dawson Springs     | Caverna             |
| University Heights | Russellville        |
|                    | Trinity Whitesville |
|                    |                     |
|                    |                     |
| <b>REGION 4</b>    |                     |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 8</b>   |
| Eminence           | Bellevue            |
| Williamstown       | Dayton              |
| Villa Madonna      | Ludlow              |
|                    | Beechwood           |
|                    |                     |
|                    |                     |
| <b>REGION 6</b>    |                     |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> | <b>DISTRICT 12</b>  |
| Monticello         | Burgin              |
| Cumberland County  | Model               |
| Barbourville       | Frankfort           |
| Lynn Camp          | Berea               |
|                    |                     |
|                    |                     |
| <b>REGION 8</b>    |                     |
| <b>DISTRICT 15</b> | <b>DISTRICT 16</b>  |
| Paintsville        | Fairview            |
| Pikeville          | Raceland            |
| Phelps             | Menifee County      |
| South Floyd        | Elliot County       |
|                    |                     |
|                    |                     |

CLASS AA

| <b>REGION 1</b>    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 2</b>            |
| Livingston Central | Crittenden County            |
| Murray             | Trigg County                 |
| Reidland           | Webster County               |
| Heath              | Union County                 |
|                    |                              |
|                    |                              |
| <b>REGION 3</b>    |                              |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 6</b>            |
| Metcalfe County    | Fort Knox                    |
| LaRue County       | Bardstown                    |
| Green County       | Washington County            |
| Hart County        | Christian Academy-Louisville |
|                    |                              |
|                    |                              |
| <b>REGION 5</b>    |                              |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 10</b>           |
| Lloyd Memorial     | Covington Holy Cross         |
| Lewis County       | Covington Catholic           |
| Newport            | St Henry                     |
| Newport Catholic   |                              |
|                    |                              |
|                    |                              |
| <b>REGION 7</b>    |                              |
| <b>DISTRICT 13</b> | <b>DISTRICT 14</b>           |
| Middlesboro        | Knott Central                |
| Leslie County      | Wolfe County                 |
| Jackson Co         | Magoffin Co                  |
| Breathitt Co       | Allen Central                |
|                    |                              |
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| <b>REGION 2</b>     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>   | <b>DISTRICT 4</b>   |
| Owensboro Catholic  | Glasgow             |
| McLean County       | Clinton County      |
| Hancock County      | Todd County Central |
| Edmonson County     | Monroe County       |
| Butler County       | Caldwell County     |
|                     |                     |
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| <b>REGION 4</b>     |                     |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>   | <b>DISTRICT 8</b>   |
| Henry County        | Walton Verona       |
| Owen County         | Gallatin County     |
| Powell County       | Trimble County      |
|                     | Carroll County      |
|                     |                     |
|                     |                     |
| <b>REGION 6</b>     |                     |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 12</b>  |
| Lexington Chrisitan | Somerset            |
| Bath County         | Wayne County        |
| Estill County       | Casey County        |
| Danville            |                     |
|                     |                     |
|                     |                     |
| <b>REGION 8</b>     |                     |
| <b>DISTRICT 15</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 16</b>  |
| Betsy Lane          | Lawrence County     |
| Prestonsburg        | Morgan County       |
| Shelby Valley       | Russell             |
| Sheldon Clark       | West Carter         |
| Belfry              |                     |
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CLASS AAA

| <b>REGION 1</b>    |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 2</b>          |
| Paducah Tilghman   | Hopkins Co Central         |
| Lone Oak           | Madisonville-North Hopkins |
| Calloway County    | Owensboro                  |
| Hopkinsville       | Breckinridge County        |
|                    |                            |
|                    |                            |
| <b>REGION 3</b>    |                            |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 6</b>          |
| Elizabethtown      | Valley                     |
| Adair County       | Fairdale                   |
| Taylor County      | Doss                       |
| Marion County      | Central                    |
|                    |                            |
|                    |                            |
| <b>REGION 5</b>    |                            |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 10</b>         |
| Highlands          | Mason County               |
| Holmes             | Bourbon County             |
| Cooper             | Pendleton County           |
| Scott              | Harrison County            |
|                    |                            |
|                    |                            |
| <b>REGION 7</b>    |                            |
| <b>DISTRICT 13</b> | <b>DISTRICT 14</b>         |
| Perry Central      | Corbin                     |
| East Ridge         | Knox Central               |
| Letcher Central    | McCreary Central           |
| Bell County        | Rockcastle County          |
|                    | Clay County                |

| <b>REGION 2</b>    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 4</b>        |
| Warren East        | Russell County           |
| Logan County       | Franklin Simpson         |
| Warren Central     | Allen County Scottsville |
| Bowling Green      |                          |
|                    |                          |
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| <b>REGION 4</b>    |                          |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 8</b>        |
| Moore              | Spencer County           |
| North Oldham       | Grant Countuy            |
| Waggener           | Western Hills            |
|                    | Franklin County          |
|                    |                          |
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| <b>REGION 6</b>    |                          |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> | <b>DISTRICT 12</b>       |
| Lexington Catholic | Boyle County             |
| Garrad County      | Madison Southern         |
| West Jessamine     | Lincoln County           |
| Mercer County      | Southwestern             |
| East Jessamine     |                          |
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| <b>REGION 8</b>    |                          |
| <b>DISTRICT 15</b> | <b>DISTRICT 16</b>       |
| Pike Central       | East Carter              |
| Johnson Central    | Greenup County           |
| Boyd County        | Rowan County             |
| Ashland            | Fleming County           |
|                    |                          |

CLASS AAAA

| <b>REGION 1</b>    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 1</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 2</b>  |
| Christian County   | Henderson County   |
| Graves County      | Apollo             |
| Marshall County    | Daviess County     |
|                    | Muhlenburg County  |
|                    |                    |
| <b>REGION 3</b>    |                    |
| <b>DISTRICT 5</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 6</b>  |
| Nelson County      | Iroquois           |
| Bullit East        | Southern           |
| North Bullit       | Butler             |
| Bullit Central     | PRP                |
|                    |                    |
| <b>REGION 5</b>    |                    |
| <b>DISTRICT 9</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 10</b> |
| Shelby County      | Anderson County    |
| Collins            | Fern Creek         |
| Oldham County      | Seneca             |
| South Oldham       |                    |
|                    |                    |
| <b>REGION 7</b>    |                    |
| <b>DISTRICT 13</b> | <b>DISTRICT 14</b> |
| Woodford County    | Tates Creek        |
| Scott County       | Lafayette          |
| Bryan Station      | Paul Dunbar        |
|                    | Henry Clay         |

| <b>REGION 2</b>    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>DISTRICT 3</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 4</b>  |
| Ohio County        | Meade County       |
| Barren County      | John Hardin        |
| Greenwood          | North Hardin       |
| Grayson County     | Central Hardin     |
|                    |                    |
| <b>REGION 4</b>    |                    |
| <b>DISTRICT 7</b>  | <b>DISTRICT 8</b>  |
| Jeffersontown      | Ballard            |
| Atherton           | Male               |
| St Xavier          | Dupont Manual      |
| Trinity            | Eastern            |
|                    |                    |
| <b>REGION 6</b>    |                    |
| <b>DISTRICT 11</b> | <b>DISTRICT 12</b> |
| Montgomery County  | Conner             |
| Campbell County    | Dixie Heights      |
| Clark County       | Boone County       |
| Simon Kenton       | Ryle               |
|                    |                    |
| <b>REGION 8</b>    |                    |
| <b>DISTRICT 15</b> | <b>DISTRICT 16</b> |
| Harlan County      | North Laurel       |
| Whitley County     | Madison Central    |
| South Laurel       | Pulaski County     |
|                    |                    |