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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner
FROM: Angela Passafiume, Assistant Commissioner
DATE: Monday, November 4, 2013
RE: Bylaw 23 Waiver Request for 2014 Track

In July, the Board approved a staff request to adjust the date of the 2014 regional track meets. This was done due to major scheduling conflicts with one weekend in May, and also due to the fact that the originally planned date would have shortened the competitive track season by one week due to the “rollover” in corresponding dates.

This change of the state track meet date creates a unique opportunity for the 2013-2014 season to help our membership avoid a shortened track season. The member schools, as always, set the competition date for the regional after consulting with each other to avoid graduations, etc. The practical effect is that schools this year have the opportunity to plan their regional track date throughout a two week period. This period includes the original dates, May 5th through May 11th, and will also include the extended week of May 12th through May 18th. We strongly recommend to schools not choose the date of May 15th, 16th or 17th due to the SEC meet (being held for the first time in more than 20 years at the University of Kentucky) which will require most of our official’s full attention and would potentially place our schools, particularly those within a short drive of Lexington, with a dire shortage of officials.

Bylaw 23 allows for 19 track meets, with the “regular season” meets being able to be held up until the day before the regional meet.

We are asking the Board of Control to approve a waiver of Bylaw 25 for the 2014 season only, to allow meets to be held AFTER the regional and prior to the final Saturday for competition (May 17), provided no school exceeds 19 total meets. This will allow teams to continue stay in competition form for the state meet, and help relieve the strain on official’s assignments by choosing the week of May 5th for their regional competition.