



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner

FROM: Michael J. Barren

DATE: April 9, 2014

RE: Proposal to Realign Tennis

Upon request of the Board of Control and at your direction, I surveyed the membership as to their preference in the realignment of Tennis as was approved by the Board of Control. This realignment makes minor adjustments throughout Region 1 through 5 and in Region 8 through 16 to attempt, as was the request of the Individual Sports Committee, to more closely match the alignment that is currently used in Basketball and the other non-classified Team Sports. The changes in Regions 6 and 7 were much more dramatic as the schools in basketball Region 6 typically do not involved full teams of both singles and doubles when compared to Region 7, and past alignments have attempted to create more balance in terms of entries for the Tennis regionals.

The survey results will be a part of the April Board agenda. I have discussed both the results and feedback I have received with you on multiple occasions to ensure that we had considered all feedback from the schools, regardless of which one of us the schools contacted, and ensure that their concerns were addressed if in any way possible.

Based on the information gathered from our membership it is my recommendation to you that you ask the Board to approve the realignment proposal for Regions 1 through 5, and 8 through 16 to be in effect for 2014-15 school year. It would also be my thoughts following our discussion that we ask the 6th and 7th Region Metro Athletic Directors group to further attempt to refine the alignment in tennis and bring us back their thoughts during the 2014-15 school year for possible further revision. This will allow the unique needs of that area to be addressed, where travel is not necessarily to sole determinants, to be discussed, further data to be gathered about participation and regional entry history (not simply schools stating they have a team), and will allow our three new Board of Control members with Jefferson County ties to further engage that audience before a final determination is made on those two regions.