



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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TO: KHSAA Board of Control

FROM: Commissioner Julian Tackett
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RE: State Baseball Format

Following the October Board of Control meeting, KHSAA Staff met with Lexington Legends CEO Andy Shea and Executive Vice President Gary Durbin to discuss future scheduling formats of the State Baseball Tournament.

Staff explained that it was the desire of Board and staff to alleviate competitive issues under the current format dealing with pitching limitations that are in place for health and safety of the students. Many of these issues have been compounded by the move to having all sixteen regional winners advance to the State Tournament as was illustrated in recent research submitted by one of our high school Athletic Directors in his efforts to have the tournament format revised.

During our conversation, the Legends were interested in continuing to work with the KHSAA and further strengthen the partnership between the two. The goal, at minimum, is to have at least three days of rest between the quarterfinals and the semifinals to address pitching limitations. With the Legends hosting the South Atlantic League All-Star Game in 2016, back-to-back weekends are open for scheduling. In the future, both parties will work around the desire to have three of days rest between the rounds and the normal Legends schedule to continue a change in the format.

Based upon the conversations, staff recommends to the Board the following schedule for the 2016 Rawlings/KHSAA State Baseball Tournament:

Thursday, June 9

First Round Games at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Friday, June 10

First round Games at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 11 (as it current, all pitchers from round 1 are recorded as throwing day 1)

Quarterfinal Games at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Alternative One

Friday, June 17

Semifinals at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 18

Championship at 7 p.m.

Alternative Two

Saturday, June 18

Semifinals at 6:30 and 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 19

Championship at 7 p.m.