

Track and Field/Cross Country
Advisory Committee Meeting
February 8, 2016
2:00 PM Museum

The KHSAA Cross Country/Track and Field Advisory Committee met in Lexington at the KHSAA office. Members present were Commissioner Julian Tackett, Assistant Commissioner Sarah Bridenbaugh, Assistant Commissioner Darren Bilberry, Doug Allen (Lexington), Bob Blair (Terry Reed sat in for Mr. Blair), Gordon Bocock, Mark Boggess, Kathy Broadnax, John Harris, Tara Henshaw, Tim King, Frank Miklavcic, Angela Passafiume, Chris Verhoven, Ryan Vitatoe, Chad Waggoner, James Webb, Terry Yeast and Marsha Day. Assistant Commissioner Sarah Bridenbaugh chaired the meeting. Tony Hardin was absent. The meeting began with explanation of expense forms and introduction of committee members.

Kevin Ferguson presented a power point on Pole Vault Safety and he spoke on Pole Vault Weight Rule Modification. There was round table discussion on safety. Tim King suggested consistency when it comes to safety. The committee by consensus, suggested the Pole Vault Safety Course be required for coaches this year (2015-2016).

Mr. Tackett asked the thoughts of the committee on educating the students on safety for the 2016 year. The consensus of the committee was unanimous in favor, provided the course was free.

Mr. Tackett briefly explained the role of the committee. He informed the committee that some members would rotate off this year and there would be a recognition for them at the state meet.

Mrs. Bridenbaugh spoke briefly on Bylaw 23 (limitation of seasons).

Mr. Boggess suggested rotating high jump. After much discussion Mrs. Bridenbaugh informed the committee that Mr. King, Mr. Bocock and she would check the data before determining the final schedule.

Mrs. Bridenbaugh reviewed the online rules clinic, regional site selection plans, heat index recording and Track and Field/Cross Country State.

Mr. Waggoner commented on Cross Country teams advancing to State and not showing up. The committee requested a change in the competition rules wording to reflect that entering the meet would determine regional qualifying teams.

Mr. Verhoven asked if they could be allowed to use their own implement if they have it inspected. Mr. King reminded the committee, when the shots and disc are weighed in, anyone is allowed to use it. Discussions were made about weigh-in schedule and the use of common implements by all athletes. The consensus was to allow for the use of implements by the athletes and passing inspection, all of which become common for the rest of the teams. In addition, at state, any implement owned by KHSAA would be used as common implements.

There was some discussion on the cost of Regional medals/awards and hosting the Regional Tournament. Mrs. Bridenbaugh was able to clarify any questions.

After much discussion about coaches' access to their participants at State Track, the meet managers informed the committee they would look into what can be done to allow coaches onto the track in specific locations. A "coaching box" was discussed for all field events.

After round table discussion on future State Track meet locations, the meeting adjourned.