

KHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2016

The Commissioners Advisory Committee on Basketball met May 20; 2016. Members present were: Neil Hayden, Daviess County; Todd Messer, Clinton County; Troy Barr, Bullitt East; Jaime Walz Richey, Highlands; Joey Thacker, Franklin County; Rodney Woods, Wayne County; Dickie Adams, Letcher County Central; Kristy Orem, Pikeville; Scott Chalk, Paul Laurence Dunbar; Rob Detzel, Newport Central Catholic; Commissioner Julian Tackett; Marilyn Mitchell.

Commissioner Tackett started the meeting by attendee introductions, thanking those that are outgoing members on their service. An update of information included expense forms, committee membership updates, current basketball tournament rules, and the current Bylaw 25 provisions. He further detailed the role of the Committee.

Administrative rules were the first agenda topic. The first topic was the transfer rule with general comments from committee members, and a recap of proposed changes the Board is discussing including:

- The prevailing feelings on transfers and upcoming bylaw changes proposals had been brought to the Board of Control by the Commissioner from past meetings.
- The incidents of player being bumped for late season transfers has caused concern in a variety of areas across the state, with specific situations cited in discussion.
- There is always the question of how to differentiate between a student that is enrolled in four different schools in four years for athletic purposes and the very real economic situations and other hardships that force families to move for loss of jobs in an area.
- Included in the discussion was the McKinley Vento Act, ensuring participation by homeless students and ever changing definitions of homeless students.
- A wide variety of situations from across the state were cited.
- Consensus remained that a student with 9th grade entry should be free of restrictions if they had not yet participated in varsity.
- The ability of a student to return to their home district was discussed as a means of “combatting” the shopping of schools by students and undue influence by schools. Until 1977, the KHSAA had a “return to home rule”.

While there was no consensus, the members remain ready to assist in gathering information locally if desired.

Next was an NFHS Rules Discussion featuring Changes for 2016-2017. The Commissioner provided an explanation and clarification of rule changes. Discussion followed from the members:

- Commissioner Tackett solicited shot clock opinions from around the table. Troy Barr likened this question to the 3 point discussion. Several coaches were opposed with the overwhelming point that it would be difficult to find good clock operators and it could lead to both bad basketball and poor officiating. Many others felt it would have no real effect either way. Coach Adams summed it up for the group by reminding them that “the Grass ain’t always greener on the other side and you still have to cut it.” The change should only be made if absolutely guaranteed to improve the game. While several spoke favorably, the consensus was that the rule should remain as it is until changed nationally.

- Continuing with in game items was an officiating consistency review and points of emphasis, palming and how the violation is called. The committee noted improvement with work still remaining.
- The only major rule change concerning shirts suggesting a slow year for Rules Committee items and a general feeling that the rules were in good shape.
- Burney Jenkins, the assigning secretary representative, provided information that he uses training video specifics for his officials, and that the use of game film makes much difference.
- The difference in how boys and girls games are called was the final discussion with many of those representing the interest of the girls' schools expressing continued concern that the better officials should not be allowed to officiate only boys play, even in the regular season.
- The conduct of assistant coaches will be another point of emphasis and many of the members acknowledged that this is a good reminder for all coaches.
- The last discussion was about the Euro-step. The emergence of the euro step and whether it's legal in the manner in which it is being executed. Commissioner Tackett felt that in the many games he was able to watch, this move is likely not understood by officials as they are unable to pick up pivot among other action and are missing obvious violations.

Following review and discussion, Hudl and Crossover are by far the video of choice in this group. Hudl is apparently driven by football schools as the cost is less with the combined fees of both sports but is widely used by basketball coaches. Several coaches still prefer Crossover if available simply because it is what they are used to using.

Up next was discussion on the format of postseason tournaments:

- The length of season and structure are a concern that has long been discussed. The effect of the long season, not just as it pertains to games, but also in the time line and how high school basketball interest is affected by the timing of the season and the declining attendance provided extensive conversation.
- Ms. Orem commented that shortening the season would eliminate any conflict with the NCAA season. Mr. Messer remarked that the change to shorten the season by a week was "Not the end of the world but I might be able to see it from here". He also noted that for long range purposes, something had to be done with tournament timing.
- Shifting from a 12 week season to 11 week could be a way to avoid conflicting interests. The consensus of the committee favored the Board of Control exploring the reduction of the season by one week to have the boys' basketball tournament be held during the last mens' collegiate regular season, and the girls' basketball tournament the following week.
- It was noted that this shortening in terms of weeks was not consideration of lessening the number of games as schools should be flexible to decide if they want to try and "squeeze in: the maximum number or play less, and also left schools with weather flexibility.

It was felt that this elimination of the conflict between the NCAA postseason schedule and the KHSAA state tournaments would be very good for basketball.

The discussion of the current post season format discussion centered on the fact that there is no perfect alignment. It was acknowledged that further expansion westward in order to create some perfect "balance" in numbers was not practical with the time zone issues, especially during winter travel. There was considerable support for some type of provision that reduced the number of districts to 2 (instead of 4) when the number of teams in a region dropped to 14 as an alternative to substantial increases in travel just to balance the number of teams.

There was also a lot of input from the entire Committee when discussing the Sweet 16 format/review. All parties involved are looking for improvements and ways to elevate across the

state interest. It was noted that the tournament still does extremely well, but all want it improved as improved State attendance has a carryover effect to regular season and vice versa.

General Updates and Information

Redbook discussion resulted in idea sharing of creative ways to properly use district activity funds that are not regulated by the Redbook provided the expenses were approved at the appropriate level. Student generated funds (school activity funds) are greatly limited in terms of how they can be spent.

Commissioner Tackett updated the Committee on the Centennial happenings. 2017 will mark the 100th Boys' Sweet 16® while 2017-18 will feature the KABC/KHSBHOF/KHSAA Celebration. Ideas of a logo contest, patches and commemorative basketballs were reviewed. It was requested the Committee meeting be held in late April or early May.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.