



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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MEMO

TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner

FROM: Michael J. Barren

DATE: December 21, 2016

RE: Review of Tournament Format for Field Hockey

Please allow this to summarize our discussions regarding the tournament format for Field Hockey.

- Currently, Field Hockey is the only sport sanctioned by the Association for postseason play where the runners-up from the qualifying round advance to the State Tournament.
- Staff remains concerned that this precedent setting difference may result in requests from other sports to alter state format.
- Changing from the runners-up qualifying for the state would remove one complete day of play from the state tournament, which while it would lessen expenses, also removes the opportunities for promotion of the sport through postseason play.

After considering these facts and considering all factors including in our discussions, it is my recommendation to you that you request to the Board to make no changes at this time to the state format until the three-year period for promoted expansion that was approved by the Board of Control in November has been completed. It would be my thoughts that when the evaluation of the continuation of the sport is done at that time, the tournament format also be thoroughly reviewed.