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KHSAA updates sites and formats for high school wrestling, swimming postseason

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The Kentucky High School Athletic Association has updated sites and plans for its revamped postseason tournaments in swimming and wrestling.

The KHSAA has had to alter the formats for awarding championships in both sports due to continued capacity limitations for indoor events due to the pandemic.

In wrestling, the postseason has been expanded to three rounds from its usual two. The regional meets will be conducted as they normally are, with the top four finishers in each weight class advancing to the first round of the state tournament.

Two wrestlers from each weight class in the first-round meet will advance to the state championship meet, making eight competitors in each weight class instead of 32 in a normal year.

Northern Kentucky's Region 6 meet will take place March 12-13 at Scott High School. The qualifiers will advance to round two at Ryle March 20, competing against the qualifiers from Region 5.

The first round of state will be conducted as a full-wrestleback (consolation to third place) format in each weight class seeded using TrackWrestling/FloSports data, and each school will carry its team points acquired during the first round forward to factor into the team standings.

Region 5 schools are Anderson County, Franklin County, Grant County, Great Crossing, North Oldham, Oldham County, Scott County, South Oldham, Spencer County, Western Hills and Woodford County.

The championship medalist final round will be held at George Rogers Clark High School in Winchester on March 27.

In swimming, the Region 7 championships will be April 8-9 at the Silverlake complex in Erlanger. The boys competition will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 8, with the girls beginning 11 a.m. Friday, April 9.

Spectators are not permitted at any postseason swimming and diving event.

There will be three sites hosting state competitions. Meets will be timed finals and the state awards will be calculated based upon the performances from all three sites, with the results from each site combined for team scoring and individual honors.

Local competitors in Region 7 who advance to the state championship round will compete April 24 at Union College in Barbourville. Region 7 will compete with qualifiers from Regions 8 and 9.

The top two finishers in each event at the Region 7 meet will advance to the state meet, along with the top seven at-large finishers from within the three regions grouped together. There will also be one additional at-large spot from among all nine regions to comprise 40 total state qualifiers.

In diving, the first round of the postseason will be a qualifying meet including Regions 7, 8 and 9. The date and site for that meet has not been set, but Lexington Henry Clay is the designated host school.

All 40 state qualifiers from the three regional meets will gather at one location for the state meet April 22, at a site to be determined.

Region 8 teams are Bourbon County, Bryan Station, Frederick Douglass, George Rogers Clark, Great Crossing, Harrison County, Henry Clay, Lafayette, Lexington Catholic, Lexington Christian, Mason County, Montgomery County, Paris, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Robertson County, Sayre, Scott County, St. Patrick and Tates Creek.

Region 9 schools are Ashland Blazer, Barbourville, Berea, Boyd County, Corbin, East Carter, East Ridge, Elliott County, Fleming County, Johnson Central, Knott County Central, Knox Central, Letcher County Central, Madison Central, Madison Southern, Model, North Laurel, Oneida Baptist Institute, Piarist, Rockcastle County, Rose Hill Christian, Rowan County, Russell, South Laurel, West Carter and Williamsburg