

Commissioner Julian Tackett

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Winter Basketball

**Positive Developments and Highlights**

Basketball Practice began on October 15 and there have been relatively few inquiries outside of the normal questions about uniforms.

Associate Commissioner Cope is handling the majority of the inquiries related to the regular season in basketball as was planned prior to the start of the school year.

The Commissioner and Mr. Cope collaborated on this year's rules clinic, and more than 1300 coaches and more than 500 of the 1700 officials have completed the clinic. With the season starting in two weeks, additional reminders will continue to be distributed.

**Issues of Concern (legal, playing Rules, fiscal management, etc.)**

There are still occasional inquiries related to the NFHS Rules Change on fouls. As of now, only the NCAA Men play the game in halves and do not reset fouls. Key to the misinformation that has been out there is that most sources have talked about the removal of the bonus but few have talked about the reset of fouls. With this reset of the fouls, there will be fewer situations that would have previously resulted in fouls anyway. But time will tell.

Lots of inquiries about uniform colors and patterns have come in, with manufacturers and sales reps eager to sell things without regard for the rules.

**Championship Update/Review**

All districts hosts have been confirmed with the schools, and managers will be solicited following the football finals.

**Officials Update/Review**

The shortage of officials is beginning to hit a bit harder in Kentucky for basketball. While our overall number of licensed officials is around 96% of last year's totals, nearly 200 of the officials currently licensed officials are new (more than 12%). If our schools don't control the environment, their tenure may be shortened.

These numbers clearly indicate that we are down about 15% in terms of officials who were previously licensed, less than 2 weeks before the start of the season.

**Fiscal and Budget Issues and Review (attendance, etc.)**

Anticipate putting out ticket orders for this year's state tournaments right after football. The current plan is to offer the 2023 prices to everyone during the renewal period, with a minimal increase after that period (after January 31).