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Sports Report

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Winter Wrestling

Positive Developments and Highlights

Wrestling participation is on the rise in the first year of sanctioning girls' wrestling as an official championship. For the 2022-23 season, KHSAA membership data showed 2,947 total participants for wrestling with 378 females. For the current year (2023-24), according to data entered in Trackwrestling, there are 3,867 student-athletes entered in the boys'/coed division with 586 female participants in the girls' season.

Championship Update/Review

Sites for the region tournaments have been finalized for all boys' regions and three of the four girls' regions. The girls' postseason will be conducted as four region tournaments, with two regions combining at each site due to participation numbers in the first year of sanctioning.

Boys' Regions

- 1 - Calloway County
- 2 - Central Hardin
- 3 - Fairdale
- 4 - Western Hills
- 5 - Boone County
- 6 - Frederick Douglass
- 7 - Knox Central
- 8 - Phelps (at Pike Co. Central)

Girls' Regions

- 1 (1-2) - Caldwell Co.
- 2 (3-4) - TBD
- 3 (5-6) - Bryan Station
- 4 (7-8) - Montgomery Co.

The Boys'/Coed Wrestling State Championship will take place at Alltech Arena on Feb. 15-16, followed by the Girls' Wrestling State Championship on Feb. 17. Schedules will be posted to the KHSAA website as soon as they are finalized.

Officials Update/Review

Officiating numbers in Arbiter Sports show 162 eligible wrestling officials for the current season, which is a significant increase over the 100 officials that were registered in 2022-23. I have received several positive reports about the Junior Official program in wrestling.