

Commissioner Julian Tackett

Topic

Sports Report

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Sport

Winter Basketball

Positive Developments and Highlights

The Commissioner and Associate Commissioner Cope continue to transition of basketball responsibilities, with Mr. Cope handling the vast majority of regular season concerns while the Commissioner focuses on the postseason including the State Basketball Tournament. New NFHS Rules have not been the issue some perceived them to be when they were passed. Participation by boys continues to stay steady, while, reflecting a national trend, the participation in girls basketball has not come back to pre-pandemic levels.

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

The shot clock is continuing to be more widely adopted across the country as evidenced by the midseason report. In addition, many Kentucky schools have reported that they are using the shot clock for specific events as a pilot project, which was the exact intent of the Association's decision following the membership survey.

Championship Update/Review

Priority ticket renewals are being emailed 1/17 to all ticket holders with an opportunity to renew with the prior year's price until February 5. After that time, the price will increase by \$1 per ticket per session. The game schedule will be the same as 2024 based on overwhelming feedback from the participating teams and following a careful and comprehensive logistical review.

Officials Update/Review

Numbers are very stable comparable to part years, however, those levels are buoyed by a large number of newer officials meaning that while overall numbers may be good, the reliance on new officials is very high.

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

N/A at this time

Noteworthy Changes / Anticipates Changes

The NCAA June Scholastic Events are expected to consider some change in structure for the future, but likely no change for the 2024 events.