

Commissioner Julian Tackett

Topic

Attendance on Behalf of KHSAA

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**Meeting_Session
Attended**

NFHS Winter Meeting, January 3-6

This is the annual winter gathering of the state directors. This is always a good session to keep up with issues around the country that will likely impact our association or have already impacted us and we have resolved.

The key issues this year revolved around legislative influence on transferring students, and opportunities for students not enrolled in full time school to participate. These issues have proven NOT to be unique to Kentucky, and in many cases, legislatures are not partnering with the associations but are simply writing the rules themselves. This tactic generally leads to further friction among all involved. We are pleased in Kentucky for that not to be the atmosphere right now.

**Takeaways to help
Board and Staff**

Other issues challenging states surround judicial interference in matters where the association's long standing autonomy within the enforcement of rules is eroding. Jurisdictions throughout the country are setting aside eligibility determinations that attempt to hold up long standing rules, likely due to other influences.

The NFHS has been fairly slow to respond to needs of its members in helping justify the autonomy of the state offices. While there have been press statements, etc., attempts to really "make the case for state associations and their autonomy" are consistently delayed and rendering it very difficult for the states to collaborate and work on these situations together. Most states feel on their own island in these very challenging times.

General Commentary

We will want to keep our eye on a potential NIL Federal case where athletes may be able to assert that rules against high school NIL could represent a restraint of free trade. We are very lucky in our state to have statutory guard rails on high school NIL but those may not survive federal scrutiny if there is success in getting a national answer.