

Commissioner Julian Tackett

Topic

Attendance on Behalf of KHSAA

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**Meeting_Session
Attended**

Arbiter Huddle Summit in Salt Lake City

The Commissioner, Associate Commission Butch Cope, Officials Licensing Supervisor Scott Bottoms along with IT Director Rob Catron attending this meeting in Salt Lake City in early February. Mr. Catron presented a session for the more than 50 attendees which is described in another note.

Mr. Tackett, Mr. Cope and Mr. Bottoms were able to meet with the arbiter staff in several one on one settings as well as networking with other users of the arbitersports software to ensure that Kentucky remained not only on the cutting edge of the product usage, but were aware of improvements that could be made back in Kentucky.

Mr. Tackett met with the leadership team from the development staff to help prioritize the next iteration of tools for the office to use the data from new KHSAA 360/ Arbitersports system and manage the office more efficiently. Throughout the project, the priorities have been coach and coach data, then school and school data, and now finally, the tools to manage the association to day. Much progress was made.

**Takeaways to help
Board and Staff**

In addition, the team got to hear a great deal about Arbitersports acquisition of rSchoolToday, a suite of school management tools that has been in the marketplace for several years. One of the key takeaways of this purchase was the purchase of the product from WPA for score reporting. This system uses Arbiter data, and allows for its repurpose which could be a great step toward a true single point of entry for schools and data in the near future.

A sample of this product is at

https://www.wpanetwork.com/wiaa/brackets/tournament.php?act=view&class=0&district=1&school_year=2024-25&sport=3&tournament_id=4653&view_mode=1.

With that system owned by rSchool and now owned by Arbiter, many long-term development plans may be able to accelerate.