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Topic

Sports Report

Sports Report

Sport

Winter Basketball

Positive Developments and Highlights

For post attendance seemed to be up in quite a few places throughout the state. Financial reports that have been received look extremely good this year.

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

We see 27-28 Implementation of the basketball shot clock, the KHSAAAS teaming with several other states, as well as national organizations, on training materials for shot clock operators. We should have all of this in place by the fall, so that our schools that experiment with the rule during 26-27, we'll have some distributable material.

We've had very little communication with the office from people who deal with basketball every day regarding the adoption of the shot clock and any issues they may be seeing. Schools are adapting and making purchases to make sure they'll be ready when the games start that year.

4 more states near us have adopted the shot clock, and it could be that nationwide adoption will come very soon

Championship Update/Review

Certainly, for the state tournaments, attendance was strong, up at the girls' tournament and consistent with last year at the boys' tournament.

Overall gross revenue for the boys tournament would be a little over 1.2 million, and the girls tournament, a little over 300,000. Settlement for that event will be in the next couple of weeks. We know costs were up slightly for security, as they are all over the country.

One of the changes we made this year that was and we thank our partners at the Central Bank Center for allowing, was to have a consistent vendor provides not everything for hospitality functions. We cannot thank our partners at Rafferty's enough for their support.

While there are still occasional statements made by people wanting to "go back to the way it was" with nearly cattle call basketball and have the next game ready to go immediately after the first game of a session, the time in between games helps allow for the meal function that is so vital for the sale of our Sweet Sixteen Club tickets. We feed nearly 400 people in that period of about 30 minutes, which adds somewhere between 13 and 19 minutes the last two years to the time between games.

There will always be people who want things to go back to the way they were in 1985, but this gap of time albeit small, has been extremely helpful in making sure workers get a break, we get time to take care of all those people that pay the club fees and the teams know exactly when they're playing their next

game and pre-game preparation by coaches and teams is consistent. Again this year only the Court of Honor presentation that occurs between games on Friday afternoon, forced us to start the next game late. And that was only by a couple of minutes. We have also looked moving a couple of activities that have previously been held during the games or additional activities that we would like to hold into that time slot after the gates have opened for the second game. We have to remember that prior to the schedule change, security costs were even higher in terms of actual manpower needed as we had to facilitate the movement of people from the upper are to the lower are for that second game. Now nearly every person who purchases a ticket as a follower of that team can be seated in the lower arena, and one would just about need to be deaf or dead not to realize the atmosphere around the games and around the is so much better in that arena when people are closer to the floor.

We're also thankful that we've executed the Board's approved contract for an extension of our hosting agreement with Rupp Arena through 2029 in their concessions around corporate sales etc are a very vital part of our corporate partner program.

**Officials
Update/Review**

Registered numbers of officials were slightly down in basketball this year but the assigners believe a lot of that was people who traditionally kept licensing long after they stopped officiating. They did not express major issues in any part of the state with the exception of the far western three regions

**Staff and Worker
Update**

None

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

Detailed above

**Noteworthy Changes /
Anticipates Changes**

Detailed Above