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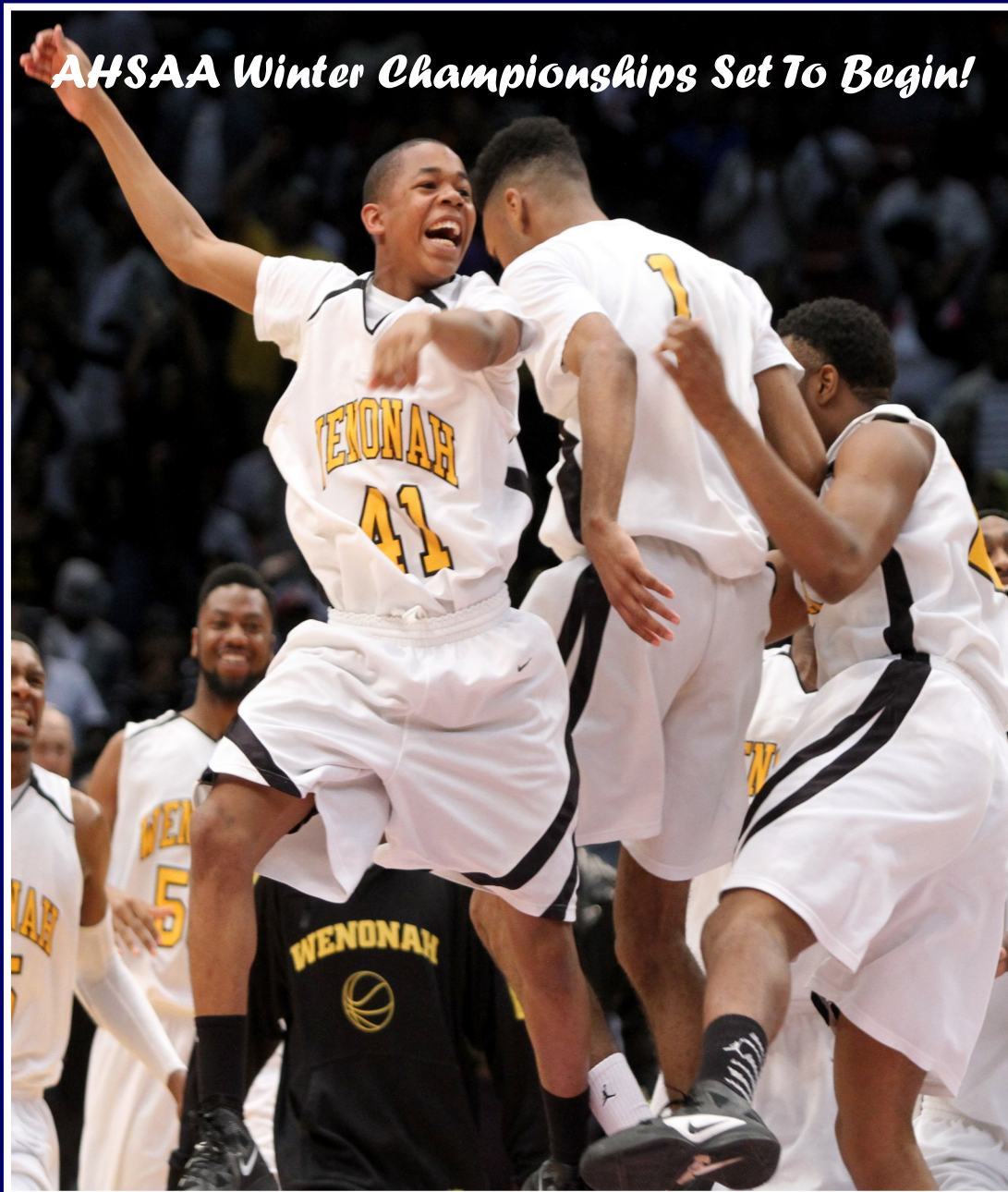
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Re-Classification Process Brings Out Best In Many

Throughout the last three years, many of you have heard me refer to re-classification as a conundrum, an unsolvable riddle.

And while that's exactly what re-classification is, it is important to know that the AHSAA never gives up – never stops reviewing and evaluating classifications and alignments to insure that we provide fair and balanced championship programs for our member schools.

Now that the new seven-classification system was unanimously approved by the Central Board of Control for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years, there are many to whom appreciation must be expressed.

First, I want to thank our member schools for their patience during the re-classification process. The extra time allowed by the Central Board afforded our staff the opportunity to analyze all data and enabled us to present the Central Board with the most comprehensive plan for review.

Our appreciation also goes to the Central Board for their tireless effort and objective discussion. Their guidance was always done in accordance with the AHSAA's educational mission and an emphasis on fair play.

I must also thank the entire AHSAA staff. For more than three months they evaluated every aspect of the re-classification process and proactively developed



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options for Central Board consideration, often working extra hours and even during the Christmas holidays.

And, the statewide media deserves our thanks for its outstanding coverage of the new re-classification plan for every sport.

Constant Metamorphosis

There is no perfect classification system. The six-classification system has served AHSAA member schools extremely well for 30 years and went through many changes during that time. The new system will be no different.

We still have some travel issues and we will strive to limit those types of issues, but we do this with the understanding that 67 percent

of our member schools are located north of the Jefferson County line.

The new system will go through a constant metamorphosis as did the six-classification system, and the AHSAA staff and Central Board will continue to evaluate ways to enhance it for our member schools.

The AHSAA is charged with the responsibility to develop a system that will alleviate the large enrollment differences between the largest and smallest schools in the larger classifications and we feel that the new system does that.

In the coming weeks, the AHSAA staff will be visiting each district meeting and will provide updates and answer questions about any topic associated with re-classification. We look forward to seeing you.

Coming Up

We are excited about our upcoming C2C Review Committee meeting Feb. 5 to discuss the conversion to the new software system, its progress to this point and the goals for future enhancements.

Also, we are excited about the winter sports championships beginning this month as well as the beginning of regular season play for spring sports.

We hope you enjoy this exciting time of year and that the remainder of your school year is enjoyable and fulfilling.

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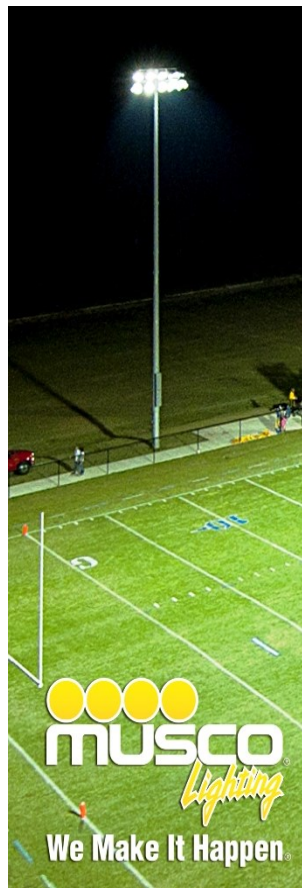
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Auditors Set To Begin Visiting Member Junior High/Middle Schools

The AHSAA's eight district compliance officers have begun scheduling dates for compliance audit visits to member junior high and middle schools. All visits will be conducted by the officer assigned for your school districts.

Junior high and middle schools will be checked and held accountable for all AHSAA eligibility requirements for student-athletes and coaches for all sports teams for the 2013-14 school year. These pre-announced visits are part of the AHSAA's ongoing commitment to help our junior high and middle schools prepare efficiently and be ready for the officer's visit.

Review visits were scheduled to begin Feb. 1. High school compliance audit visits have been underway all year and will continue this semester.

Championship Season For Winter Sports

Post-season playoffs for winter sports — indoor track, wrestling and basketball — are full speed ahead. I want to remind all our principals, athletic directors and coaches of the need to follow all policies regarding championship play.

Some of the most frequent questions received by the AH-



Tony Stallworth
Associate Executive
Director

SAA office include:

1. Can a member school play any contests once area play has been completed?

The answer is yes — up until the post-season playoffs begin for that sport in that school's area, region or section. The contest must be one that was originally scheduled. However, once post-season competition begins regular season play must cease.

2. Can junior high or middle school student-athletes be added to a high school varsity team's roster?

The answer is yes — with limitations. An eligible student-athlete

can play different levels of competition in a sport season but cannot exceed the number of allowed regular-season contests or tournaments at the highest level of play. The move must also be approved by the junior high or middle school principal and the student must be attending a school that is a feeder to the high school he/she is zoned to attend.

Please be reminded that the online roster will serve as a school's post-season roster and it must have all required fields completed, including name, jersey number (if applicable), position, year in school and height. Wrestling rosters should include the weight division of the wrestler. All post-season rosters must not exceed the maximum number allowed for that sport.

Perhaps the most asked question all year deals with outside participation. I am providing the Outside Participation Rule below as it appears in the 2013-14 AHSAA Handbook, which can be found easily at www.ahsaa.com.

Parents who have rules questions should contact their member school. Any member school with any question may contact the AHSAA office at any time. We will be glad to help answer your questions.

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Rule 1 - Eligibility

Section 6. Outside Participation.

A student who is a member of any school athletic team (grades 7-12) may not participate (includes practice) on a non-school team in the same sport during the school season of that sport. A student who is a member of any high school athletic team may not participate in an outside sport activity in the same sport during the school season of that sport.

Note: Olympic Development programs are exempted from the Outside Participation Rule. One evaluation per month has been approved by the AHSAA.

Note: Private individual instruction is not considered an outside sports activity. Private individual instruction is one-on-one instruction between one athlete and one instructor and cannot be instruction with another player or groups of players.

A student who violates this rule becomes ineligible to compete on that school team or in that school sports activity for the remainder of that school season. Any student who participates on an outside team after the school sport season begins is ineligible to join that school team for the remainder of that season.

A team's season begins the day of that team's first contest and ends when that team's season has been completed. An ineligible student cannot participate with an outside team after the school team's season starts and then join the school team upon becoming eligible.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 3-4 (revised)

AHSAA Indoor State Track Championships

Feb. 3-4

5-Team Area Basketball Tournaments Begin

Feb. 6-7

3, 4-Team Area Basketball Tournaments Begin

Feb. 8

Girls Area Basketball Tournament Finals

Feb. 7-8

Super Section Wrestling Tourneys, Montgomery and Birmingham

Feb. 11

Volleyball Mini-Clinic, AHSAA Office

Feb. 11

District 6 Meeting, Jacksonville State Univ.

Feb. 12

District 8 Meeting, Arab High School

Feb. 13

Girls Sub-Region Basketball Round

Feb. 14

Boys Sub-Region Basketball Round

Feb. 13-14-15

State Wrestling Championships, Huntsville

Feb. 17-22

Regional Basketball Tournaments

South - Dothan (Feb. 18)

Central - Montgomery (Feb. 17)

Northeast - Jacksonville (Feb. 18)

Northwest - Wallace-Hanceville (Feb. 18)

Feb. 25-March 1

Final 48 State Basketball Tourney, Birmingham



Basketball Coaches Reach Career Milestones

Four veteran AHSAA basketball coaches celebrated some major milestones during the month of January.

Central Coosa High School boys coach Joe Belyeu, who has announced his plans to retire at the end of this season, was honored in a special ceremony at a Jan. 24 home victory over Horseshoe Bend as the Coosa County School System named the Central Coosa High School gymnasium in his honor.

On the same night, Red Bay High School girls basketball coach Donnie Roberts guided his Lady Tigers to a 64-37 win over Colbert Heights and became the first girls coach in state prep history to record 800 career wins.

Earlier in the month, legendary boys' basketball coaches Jack Doss of J.O. Johnson High School in Huntsville and Woodie Jackson of Selma each notched the 700th high school wins of their careers.

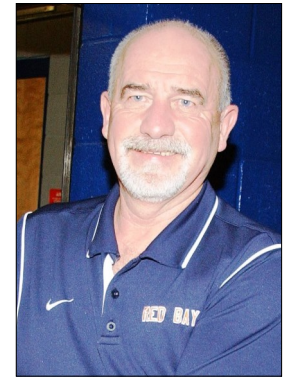
JOE BELYEU: With more than 600 career wins, Belyeu also has guided Central Coosa's Cougars to four Class 4A state basketball championships (1995, 2000, 2001 and 2004) and one runner-up finish (2008). The Coosa County



Jack Doss



Woodie Jackson



Donnie Roberts

native also is the only coach in AHSAA history to coach two players that participated on opposing teams in the NFL's Super Bowl (Adalius Thomas and Justin Tuck).

Belyeu, who was inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2011, began his head-coaching career at Goodwater in Coosa County and led that team to a semifinal finish in the state tournament. He has spent all of his 33 years coaching in Coosa County.

DONNIE ROBERTS: Roberts, in his 41st year as a girls' high school basketball coach, has led Red Bay to three state championships (2A titles in 1987 and 2001 and the 3A crown in 1993) and one runner-up finish (2A in 2012).

After the Jan. 24 win at Colbert Heights, Roberts' career record was 800-350, including a 142-127 record in his first 10 years while coaching as his alma mater, Tremont, Miss. His record at Red Bay improved to 658-223, a .747 winning percentage.

He has been selected to be inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Sports Hall of Fame in March in the Class of 2014.

WOODIE JACKSON: Jackson has spent 35 years coaching in the AHSAA with stops at Westside, East Perry, Francis Marion and currently Selma. His 55-42

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win over Demopolis in early January improved his prep coaching record to 700-331. That slate does not include his nine-year stint as a college head coach.

Jackson guided Francis Marion to five boys' state championships including a state-record four in a row. His Rams won 2A titles in 1988, 1989 and 1990 and followed in 1991 with a 3A championship. He returned to Francis Marion in 2000 and guided the Rams to the Class 3A state crown. He also coached Westside to the Class 1A state championship in 1978.

Inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in 2010, he has guided 11 teams to the state tournament, was a coach in the inaugural Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game in 1991 – again in 2000 – and coached in the McDonald's All-America Classic in 2008.

JACK DOSS: Doss, who spent most of his coaching career at Butler High School, notched his 700th win in late December with a J.O. Johnson victory over Madison Academy in the Huntsville Times Classic. His Jaguars were 18-3 heading into last weekend – upping his current career record to 708-313.

Doss has led seven teams to state championships – Hayes of Birmingham (1981 and 1982) and Butler (2004, 2005, 2008, 2009 and



Horseshoe Bend Coach Mike Boyd, left, congratulates Joe Bellyeu, right, after Central Coosa High School named the gymnasium in honor of Bellyeu. Bellyeu was on hand in 2013 when Horseshoe Bend named its gym for Boyd.

2011). The Rebels also finished second in 2012, losing on a 3-

point shot at the buzzer in the 4A finals to Midfield.

All-Star Basketball Nomination Deadline Is Feb. 3

- The Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Basketball Games will tip off March 21 for the 24th time since the first games were played in 1991. For the first 12 years of the series, the boys' and girls' games rotated between sites in Alabama and Mississippi.

For the last 11 years, however, Alabama has been the host.

This year, the games will return to Mississippi with Jackson State University in Jackson serving as the host.

Alabama's girls have won four of the last six games, including last year's 64-54 win at Alabama State University. The boys have won two in a row and four of the last six. Alabama's boys won 87-76 last year and 109-104 in 2012.

Coaches are reminded that nominations for this year's squad must be made online using the nomination form that can be accessed in the Members' Area of the AHSAA website at www.ahsaa.com.

The deadline for nominations for the 2014 Alabama-Mississippi Games (boys and girls) is Feb. 3. The nomination form (Form 35) can be accessed by using the following instructions.

- **Log into the AHSAA Members' Area**
- **Click on Menu (on top left page)**
- **Click on School name**
- **Click on Documents & Filing**



Alvin Briggs
Director, AHSADCA

- **Then click on Document Search**

NORTH-SOUTH GAMES

The deadline for nominating players for the 71st North-South All-Star boys and 18th annual North-South All-Star girls games, to be played during All-Star Sports Week in July, is also Feb. 3. That form can also be accessed using the same instructions.

The North holds a 45-25 edge in the North-South boys' series and a 15-2 edge in the girls' series. Alabama holds an identical 12-11 edge in the Alabama-Mississippi boys' and girls' all-star games.

The Alabama-Mississippi games were played first at the University of North Alabama in Florence and Mississippi College in Clinton for the first eight years from 1991-1998. UNA continued to host in 1999 and 2001 while Mississippi

moved its site to Holmes Junior College in Goodman in 2000 and back to Mississippi College in 2002.

The Pelham Civic Center stepped in to host games from 2003-2010 and Alabama State University's Dunn-Oliver Arena in Montgomery has served as the host the last two years.

The games are set to return to Montgomery in 2015 as the two states begin a new annual rotation.

Alabama coaches and players will be announced the week following this year's Final 48 state basketball tournament.

COACHES' CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

The AHSADCA annually awards 10 scholarships to children of AHSADCA member coaches or administrators. Applicants must be seniors graduating in 2014.

The application can be accessed at the AHSADCA link at the Coaches section located at www.ahsaa.com.

Applicants are urged to complete the application as accurately and concisely as possible. A high school transcript and two letters of recommendation must accompany the application. Directions are online and the deadline is May 1.

Selections will be made by a committee consisting of members of the AHSAA and the AHSADCA. Scholarships will be awarded at the Championship Awards Banquet during All-Star Sports Week.

AHSAA Medical Advisory Corner

Wrestlers Should Be Checked For Skin Infections

The AHSAA State Wrestling Championships are fast approaching and one of the concerns that arises in the sport of wrestling is contagious skin infections.

Any participant that is found to have a skin lesion that is considered contagious and may possibly be transmitted to another participant may be disqualified by the meet official at the official weigh-ins. There is almost no reason why any athlete should be disqualified and have a season of hard work and effort ended so abruptly. Most skin infections can be treated early allowing the athlete to compete safely.

According to the current NFHS guidelines, most skin conditions that are considered contagious and would disqualify a participant can be treated adequately for 72 hours prior to a meet as long as they are covered. Therefore it is important to screen the athletes early enough to allow treatment.

This screening process can be as simple as a coach checking his athletes the week before the Super Section Tournaments and sending any athlete with a suspected contagious lesion to a physician. Another step could be having a team physician screen the entire team in just a



Dr. James B. Robinson

few short minutes.

Once a lesion is discovered and treated, the treating physician can fill out a simple NFHS *Medical Release For Wrestler To Participate With Skin Lesion* form, available at www.nfhs.org/SportsMed.aspx, which may allow the athlete to participate. It should be noted that the designated on-site meet physician can overrule the diagnosis of the physician signing the medical release form and thus allow or disqualify the participant at weigh-ins.

Below are some treatment guidelines that suggest **MINIMUM TREATMENT** before a return to wrestling:

(source: NFHS website)

Bacterial Diseases

(impetigo, boils): To be considered “non-contagious,” all lesions must be scabbed over with no oozing or discharge and no new lesions should have occurred in the preceding 48 hours. Oral antibiotic for three days is considered a minimum to achieve that status. If new lesions continue to develop or drain after 72 hours, MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) should be considered.

Herpetic Lesions (Simplex, fever blisters/cold sores, Zoster, Gladiatorum):

To be considered “non-contagious,” all lesions must be scabbed over with no oozing or discharge and no new lesions should have occurred in the preceding 48 hours. For primary (first episode of Herpes Gladiatorum), wrestlers should be treated and not allowed to compete for a minimum of 10 days. If general body signs and symptoms like fever and swollen lymph nodes are present, that minimum period of treatment should be extended to 14 days.

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State Indoor Track & Field Meet Schedule

Monday's Event Schedule

Track Events

(Girls will run before boys in each event except the hurdles)

8:00 a.m.:	Officials' Meeting
8:30 a.m.:	Coaches Meeting
10:00 a.m.:	3,200-Meter Run Finals (1A-4A, 5A, 6A) *
1:35 p.m.:	60-Meter Hurdles Semi-Finals (1A-4A, 5A, 6A) (Girls runs low hurdles first; Boys then run high hurdles)
2:25 p.m.:	60-Meter Dash Semi-Finals (1A-4A, 5A, 6A) *
3:40 p.m.:	800-Meter Run Finals (1A-4A, 5A, 6A)
5:05 p.m.:	4x200 Meter Relay Finals (1A-4A, 5A, 6A)

Field Events (All finals)

10:00 a.m.:	6A Boys Long Jump
10:00 a.m.:	5A Girls Shot Put
10:00 a.m.:	6A Girls Pole Vault
10:00 a.m.:	5A Boys Pole Vault
10:00 a.m.:	1A-4A Boys Triple Jump
12:30 p.m.:	6A Boys Shot Put
12:30 p.m.:	5A Girls Pole Vault
12:30 p.m.:	1A-4A Boys Pole Vault
12:30 p.m.:	1A-4A Girls Triple Jump
1:00 p.m.:	5A Boys Long Jump
2:30 p.m.:	6A Boys Pole Vault
2:30 p.m.:	1A-4A Girls Pole Vault
2:30 p.m.:	6A Girls Triple Jump
3:15 p.m.:	1A-4A Girls Long Jump
3:15 p.m.:	5A Boys Shot Put

- After these running events,
- the track goes up or down before the next races (takes 15-20 min.)

Tuesday's Event Schedule

Track Events (all finals)

(Girls will run before boys in each event except the hurdles)

9:00 a.m.:	400-Meter Dash (1A-4A, 5A, 6A)
11:00 a.m.:	1,600-Meter Run (1A-4A, 5A, 6A) *
1:00 p.m.:	60-Meter Hurdles (1A-4A, 5A, 6A) (Girls runs low hurdles first; Boys then run high hurdles)
1:15 p.m.:	60-Meter Dash (1A-4A, 5A, 6A) *
1:45 p.m.:	4x800 Meter Relay (1A-4A, 5A, 6A)
4:15 p.m.:	4x400-Meter Relay (1A-4A, 5A, 6A)

Field Events (all finals)

9:00 a.m.:	6A Girls Long Jump
9:00 a.m.:	6A Boys High Jump
9:00 a.m.:	1A-4A Girls High Jump
9:00 a.m.:	1A-4A Boys Shot Put
9:00 a.m.:	5A Girls Triple Jump
11:30 a.m.:	6A Girls Shot Put
11:30 a.m.:	6A Boys Triple Jump
1:00 p.m.:	1A-4A Boys Long Jump
2:00 p.m.:	5A Boys High Jump
2:00 p.m.:	5A Girls High Jump
2:00 p.m.:	1A-4A Girls Shot Put
2:30 p.m.:	5A Boys Triple Jump
4:00 p.m.:	1A-4A Boys High Jump
4:00 p.m.:	6A Girls High Jump
4:00 p.m.:	5A Girls Long Jump

* After these running events, the track goes up or down before the next races (takes 15-20 min.)

Note: Breaks will be taken when possible as determined by meet director and AHSAA Executive Director.

Skin Infections

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Recurrent outbreaks require a minimum of 120 hours or five full days of oral anti-viral treatment, again so long as no new lesions have developed and all lesions are scabbed over.

Tinea Lesions (ringworm scalp, skin): Oral or topical treatment.

Scabies, Head Lice: 24 hours after appropriate topical management.

Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye): 24 hours of topical or oral medication and no discharge.



February Is Championship Month For Winter Sports

It is championship time again for Winter Sports. February is one of our busiest months with state championships in indoor track, wrestling and basketball. Sandwich in Super Section wrestling, Area, Sub-Regional and Regional basketball and you can understand just how many schools and student-athletes have the opportunity to participate.



Wanda Gilliland
Assistant Director

The following is a list of AHSAA Championships and the dates they are scheduled.

State Indoor Track: Due to the inclement weather in our state, it has been moved to Feb. 3-4 at the Birmingham CrossPlex with state championships for boys and girls in three divisions – Class 6A, Class 5A and Class 1A-4A.

Super Section Wrestling: February 7-8 is the date for the AHSAA's first-ever Super Section Wrestling Tournaments. The North site is Birmingham's CrossPlex and the South site is Montgomery's Multiplex at Cramton Bowl.

Each site will advance the top four qualifiers in each weight division in Classes 5A and 1A-4A. The top eight qualifiers at each site will advance in Class 6A.

State Wrestling: Huntsville's Von Braun Center will host the state meet for all three divisions (6A, 5A, 1A-4A) Feb. 13-15. All championship matches will be held on Saturday of the three-day event.

Area Basketball Tourneys: Girls' tournaments will be Feb. 3, 6, 8 and boys' tournaments Feb. 4, 7, 10. Hosts will be the regular-season area champions.

Sub-Regional Basketball: Area tournament winners will host area tournament runners-up in a pre-determined bracket on Feb. 13 for girls and Feb. 14 for boys. All winners advance to one of four regional tournaments.

Regional Basketball: Four Regional Tournaments will be held the week of Feb. 17-22 with four boys and four girls teams competing in each of six classifications.

The winners of each tournament will advance to the Final 48 state tournament. The South Regional site is the Dothan Civic Center; Central Regional site is Dunn-Oliver Acadome at Alabama State University in Montgomery; Northeast Regional is at Pete Mathews Coliseum on the campus of Jacksonville State University; and the Northwest Regional is at Tom Drake Coliseum on the campus of Wallace-Hanceville Community College.

The Central Regional will start on Monday, Feb. 17 while the South, Northeast and Northwest Regionals get underway Feb. 18.

Final 48 Basketball: The 92nd annual AHSAA State Basketball Tournament will be Feb. 25-March 1 at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex. The four regional boys and girls champions in each of the six classifications will compete.

The state boys' basketball tournament dates all the way back to 1921 with the first two being invitational tournaments. The AHSAA officially became host in 1923. The first official girls' state tournament was held in 1978. This will be the 37th girls' state tournament. The boys and girls came together for the first time at one site in 1994. This will be the 21st Final 48 state tournament.

Head Coaches should check the online Winter Sports Book and the AHSAA website for updated information.

Officiating Basketball Is Challenging And Rewarding

Officiating high school basketball is unquestionably one of the most challenging and demanding but rewarding high school sports to officiate. An official is expected to be perfect in his/her first game and then get better after that.

In what other high school sport are the coaches, players and fans so close to the action and people more attuned to the rules (or at least they think they are) than in basketball? Every call is scrutinized by someone.

The questions are often asked: What separates the good official from the very good official? There certainly is no magic formula or specific quality that separate the two, but here are a few observations that may help officials answer the question.

Are you confident without being arrogant?

Are you consistent on both ends of the floor for the entire game?

Do you respect the coaches and players and, therefore, earn their respect?

Are you an integral and indispensable part of the game while not being recognized as such?

Do you officiate the game and not the score?

Finally and most importantly, do you use common sense?

I am convinced that this is



Greg Brewer
Assistant Director

what separates the good official from the very best official. Everyone knows (or at least should) the rules of the game, but faced

to be? The ability to deal with these types of situations cannot be taught but is learned through experience.

Finally, coaches may not like all the calls made, but they are less apt to be upset or disagree if the official is in proper position to make the call. Being out of position can lead to one of the hardest questions that an official needs to answer: When is the right time to give up officiating?

The AHSAA needs more officials. We do understand that a time will come when our more experienced officials will have to give it up. It is our goal to continue to recruit new officials with the expectation that the more experienced officials

**Do you respect the
coaches and players and,
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respect?**

with a potentially ugly situation how does the official react? Is he or she able to diffuse the situation with minimal impact on the game or does it become something more than it needs

will mentor them.

This is the primary way we will perpetuate quality officiating at the high school level.

More C2C Training To Be Offered At Principals' & ADs' Conference

The opportunities to train on the C2C software continue to have great interest.

The Website Training session offered Jan. 13 was attended by 98 schools.

Twenty-eight were from middle schools. This amount of interest is encouraging and speaks well of the desire of our member schools to use the software to its full advantage.

We will have three opportunities to train at our upcoming Principals' & Athletic Directors' Conference in April. On Tues., April 1, we will have a session just for LEAs and school counselors. This session will be taught by C2C personnel as well as INOW and Alabama State Department of Education personnel. All will be there to help answer questions. This session will be held at the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in Montgomery. The four-hour session will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m.

Registration will be available online sometime after the first of February so please stay tuned to www.ahsaa.com.

On Wed., April 2, the AHSAA will offer two



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separate sessions from 1-3 p.m. One session will be specifically for our member middle schools. This is a great opportunity for middle school personnel to get hands-on training from C2C personnel and ask questions particular to middle school eligibility.

The second session will be offered simultaneously and will be designed to take attendees through the process of eligibility from getting grades from INOW to creating a game roster of eligible athletes. This will be a great way to avoid making mistakes that could cost a student-athlete his/her eligibility or your school a fine.

All of those attending any of the above sessions must be registered for the conference and must bring a laptop, not an iPad. Registration information should be up very soon at www.ahsaa.com.



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Excited To Be Part Of AHSAA Executive Staff

I want to introduce myself as the newest Assistant Director at the AHSAA. I am also the new webmaster and will oversee the sports of Swimming and Soccer for the Association. My name is Marvin Chou and I was a teacher and coach at Randolph School in Huntsville, coaching swimming and girls' soccer for over 15 years.

I have started a new Facebook page for the Association and will continue to develop and make our website better for all member schools, parents, athletes, officials, and fans.

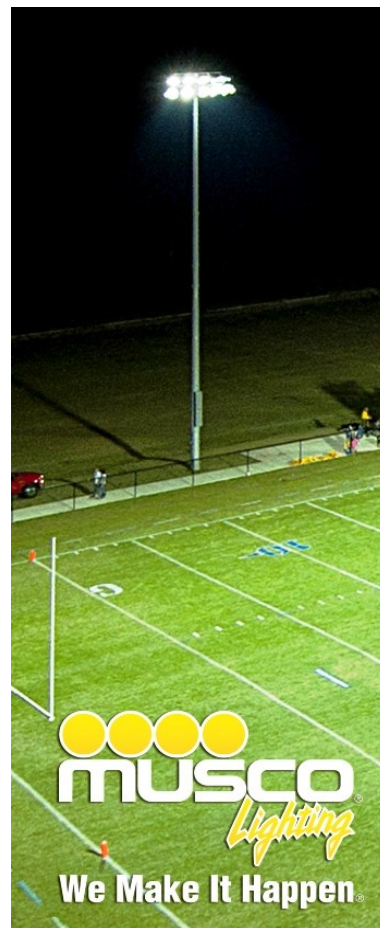
I am excited to be in this position and hope that I can make the website more user-friendly and helpful. The Facebook page will be another tool for the Association to communicate with anyone who needs infor-



Marvin Chou
Assistant Director

mation on what is going on at the Association.

I would like to thank Coach Savarese and the AHSAA Staff for welcoming me to the Association. I hope I can make an impact on the lives of our student athletes.



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