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Columbia, Missouri - The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) released their latest classifications based on enrollment records for high school football and on Saturday, April 9, 2016 and was approved by the Board of Directors.

Football Enrollment Breaks for 11-Man Football:

Class 1 64 Schools 109-244 Students

Class 2 64 Schools 245-427 Students

Class 3 64 Schools 472-727 Students

Class 4 64 Schools 732-1314 Students

Class 5 44 Schools 1316-1778 Students

Class 6 32 Schools 1779-2803 Students

In 11-man football, the largest 32 schools based on student enrollment in grades 9-12 are classified in Class 6, while the smallest 64 schools are assigned to Class 1. The next-largest 64 schools are then classified in Class 2, the next 64 in Class 3, and the next 64 in Class 4. The remaining schools are assigned to Class 5. If two schools form a cooperative partnership, the enrollment of both schools combined are used to determine classification.

The first-allowable football practice date for 2016 will be on Monday, August 1. The first-possible contest date will be Friday, August 19.

In football, Scott City, Hayti, and Portageville will drop from Class 2 to Class 1, District 1. They could now face Barat Academy, Chaffee, Crystal City, St. Vincent and Valle Catholic during district play.

Grandview will remain in Class 2, but will switch districts moving from District 2 to District 1 joining Charleston, East Prairie, Jefferson, Kelly, Caruthersville, Malden, and St. Pius X. Jefferson was formerly in Class 1 and St. Pius X came down from Class 3.

Fox High School will move to Class 6, District 1 and Parkway South will move to Class 5, District 2 leaving Poplar Bluff, Jackson, Rockwood Summit, Oakville, and Vianney in Class 5, District 1.

Class 4, District 1 will remain the same with Cape Central, Farmington, Festus, DeSoto, Hillsboro, Sikeston, Perryville, and North County.

Dexter will remain in Class 3, District 1 along with New Madrid County Central, Park Hills, Fredericktown, Kennett, Potosi, Salem, and Ste. Genevieve High Schools.

Dexter will most likely open with Ste. Genevieve on August 19th at Ste. Gen. Charleston has dropped Dexter from their schedule; however no announcement has been made as to who the replacement school will be. The Bearcats will host their home opener on August 26th against Poplar Bluff.

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SCAA All-Conference Basketball Awards

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Stoddard County, Missouri - Bloomfield Wildcats' Noah Vandiver is the 2016 SCAA Player of the Year. The 6'3" senior averaged 16 points per game, 7 rebounds per game and 2 assists per game this year. His coach, Jason Karnes, was named the 2016 SCAA Coach of the Year.

"A very special accomplishment for him, and proud of him as he is very deserving of it," commented Bloomfield head boys basketball coach Jason Karnes. "This award will just add to his list of great accomplishments over the years, and further cement his position in the conversation of some of the best to ever come out of Bloomfield."

"He was an All Stater, 1,000 point scorer, and now Conference Player of the Year, what a tremendous career he had at Bloomfield," continued Karnes.

Karnes coached Bloomfield to a 28-5 record and advanced the Wildcats to the Final Four for the first time in 50 years. They finished fourth in state, they won the SCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998, won their District for the first time since 2009 and won the Bernie Invitational Basketball Tournament for the first time since 1965.

"It's very humbling to receive this award coming from the other coaches in the conference. I have a great respect for this conference and all the coaches and programs in it, and just very honored to receive it," continued Karnes. "In the end, this really goes to my guys, I was blessed to coach a special group, and this is really about them and us more than it is about myself."

Tyler Heil, a senior from Dexter, was selected the SCAA Defensive Player of the Year.

"We were very happy to learn that Tyler was voted Defensive Player of the Year," commented Dexter head boys basketball coach Josh Dowdy. "Tyler waited his turn all through high school and accepted his role as a "Defensive Stopper" for our team this year. He always guarded the best players - large or small. We are very proud of him and he set a great example for all future Bearcats!"

As for Gabe Jackson and Ethan Flowers being selected for 1st Team All-Conference, Jason Jarrell for 2nd Team All-Conference, and Jacob Pedigo Honorable Mention, "It is nice to see all of our guys recognized for their outstanding effort this year," continued Dowdy.

1st Team All Conference

Noah Vandiver – Bloomfield

Gabe Jackson – Dexter

Zach Beel – Woodland

Ethan Flowers – Dexter

Dawson Mayo – Advance

Cole Nichols – Bell City

2nd Team All Conference

Armani Vermillion – Advance

Jason Jarrell – Dexter

Levi Woods – Puxico

Austin Ladd – Advance

Brian Whitson – Advance

Preston Wuebker – Advance

Tim Hector – Bloomfield

Honorable Mention

Nathan Newell – Bloomfield

Preston Tilley – Richland

Michael McCormick – Woodland

Bobby Wright – Bell City

Tyler Battles – Bloomfield

Jacob Pedigo – Dexter

Josh Thornton - Richland

Player of the Year – Noah Vandiver (Bloomfield)

Defensive Player of the Year – Tyler Heil (Dexter)

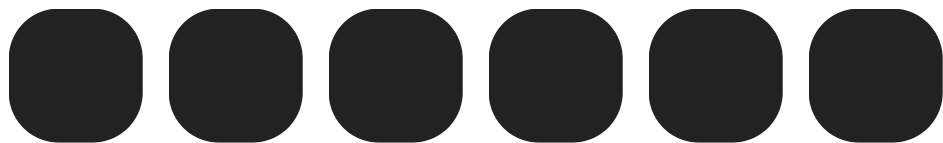
Coach of the Year – Jason Karnes (Bloomfield)

Special Note: The SCAA Coaches vote on the All-Conference Awards.

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MSHSAA Announces New H.S. Championship Sites

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Columbia, Missouri - The Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Board of Directors approved new homes for their football and basketball state championships.

The Show-Me Showdown Basketball Final Four will relocate beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. MSHSAA announced on Friday a five-year contract to hold the event at the Missouri State University's JQH Arena in Springfield.

Class 1, 2, and 3 semifinal games held on Thursday will be at the Hammons Student Center in Springfield.

The Show-Me Bowl Football finale for Classes 1 – 6 will be played at the Missouri State University's Plaster Stadium in 2016. The games will then move to the University of Missouri's Faurot Field in Columbia in 2017.

The high school state basketball championships have been held at the University of Missouri – Columbia while the football championships were played at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis.

"We appreciate the work that the cities put into this bid process and we have taken this process very seriously," MSHSAA Executive Director Kerwin Urhahn said in a press release. "We are especially humbled by the amount of community support the city of Springfield showed in putting together its bids. We have an obligation to our membership to find not only the best facilities to host our championships, but also the best support from the host site to serve our schools needs."

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Schedule Released for Swing Pink Softball Tournament

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Schedule Released for Swing Pink Softball Tournament

Dexter, Missouri - The Swing Pink Softball Tournament schedule has been released for the Saturday, April 9th fundraiser.

Twenty teams are slated to compete at five softball fields and is the largest Swing Pink Tournament since it began. Sixteen teams will play in two eight-team brackets. The other four teams will compete in a four-team pool play competition.

Teams competing in Bracket A are Dexter, Van Buren, Woodland, Greenville, New Madrid County Central, Senath-Hornersville, Naylor, and Holcomb.

Teams competing in Bracket B are West County, Winona, Southland, East Carter County, Neelyville, Advance, Clearwater, and Bernie.

Puxico, Bloomfield, Charleston, and Zalma will compete in Pool Play.

Bracket A

11:00 a.m. #1 Van Buren vs #8 Dexter Field A

11:00 a.m. #4 Woodland vs #5 Greenville Field B

11:00 a.m. #3 NMCC vs #6 Senath Field C

11:00 a.m. #2 Naylor vs #7 Holcomb Field D

1st Place is slated for 7:00 p.m. on Field C

3rd Place is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Field D

5th Place is scheduled on Field A at 7:00 p.m.

7th Place is scheduled on Field B at 7:00 p.m.

Bracket B

9:00 a.m. #1 West County vs #8 Winona Field A

9:00 a.m. #4 Southland vs #5 East Carter Field B

9:00 a.m. #3 Neelyville vs #6 Advance Field C

9:00 a.m. #2 Clearwater vs #7 Bernie Field D

1st Place is slated for 5:00 p.m. on Field C

3rd Place is slated for 5:00 p.m. on Field D

5th Place is slated for 5:00 p.m. on Field A

7th Place is slated for 5:00 p.m. on Field B

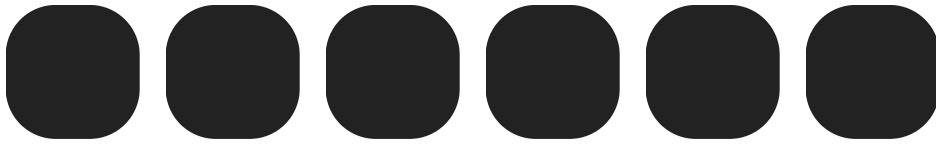
In the four team pool, #2 Bloomfield will play #3 Charleston at 9:00 a.m. on Field G. #1 Puxico will play #4 Zalma at 11:00 a.m. on Field G. Bloomfield plays Zalma at 1:00 p.m. on Field D, Charleston will play Zalma at 5:00 p.m. on Field G and Puxico will play Bloomfield at 7:00 p.m. on Field G.

Home fries, hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, pulled pork, nachos, chips, cookies, crackers, pickles, candy, popcorn, water, Powerade, soda, t-shirts and INFLATABLES for the kids will be available at the event. All proceeds on sales will be donated to 18ForeLife and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Dexter Cruises Past Cape Central

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Dexter Cruises Past Cape Central

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Dexter Bearcats boys tennis team improved their record to 2-1 with a 7-2 road victory over Cape Central on Thursday, March 31, 2016.

The tennis match was originally slated for Wednesday, but Mother Nature had some showers in store moving the match to Thursday.

Dexter won four of their six singles matches and all three of their doubles matches.

Final Score Dexter 7, Cape Central 2

SINGLES

No. 1 Ethan Flowers (D) defeated Caleb Ambler (C) 8-3

No. 2 Zach Potts (D) def. Bennett Kidd (C) 8-1

No. 3 Josh Kohlbaker (D) def. Zachary Brock (C) 8-1

No. 4 Noah Orr (C) def. Addison Moore (D) 8-4

No. 5 Justin Nguyen (C) def. Will Brehmer (D) 9-8 (7-3)

No. 6 Tyler Stevenson (D) def. Brad Orenstein 8-3

VARSDITY DOUBLES

No. 1 Ethan Flower/Addison Moore (D) def. Caleb Ambler/ Bennett Kidd (C) 8-1

No. 2 Zach Potts/Josh Kohlbaker (D) def. Zachary Brock/Noah Orr (C) 8-1

No. 3 Will Brehmer/Tyler Stevenson (D) def. Justin Nguyen/Brad Orenstein (C) 8-2

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