

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recaps recently amended regulations

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

In accordance with KRS 150.025, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is providing updated information about proposed fish and wildlife-related regulation amendments that have received final legislative approval and are now in effect.

The following summarizes provisions that relate to or affect Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and the services the agency provides to hunters, anglers, boaters and the public at large. These include new or amended regulations clarifying wildlife damage control and landowner designee processes, reducing duplicative permitting requirements at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area and Peabody Wildlife Management Area, establishing procedures for seized wildlife held as evidence and strengthening waterway safety requirements.

CHAPTER 2 – GAME
301 KAR 2:176 Wildlife causing damage and landowner designee process (Deer Control tags, deer destruction permits and landowner designee)

This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for the issuance of wildlife control tags and establishes the requirements for the landowner designee appointment process.

The amendment retitled the administrative regulation from “Deer control tags, deer destruction permits and landowner designee” to “Wildlife causing damage and landowner designee process,” removed all references to “deer” specifically and replaces it with the general term “wildlife” as the department recognizes other species can cause damage to landowners and farmers. It also provided better clarification on approval and denial parameters for tag issuance and updated definitions. Effective June 4, 2026

CHAPTER 3 – HUNTING AND FISHING
301 KAR 3:012 Public use of Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area
This administrative regulation establishes requirements for the use of the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area.
This amendment outlined an exemption for the shooting range permit required in 301 KAR 3:015

with the purchase of an annual or daily Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area Entry permit and also removed the definitions section since Chapter 3 has a definition regulation. This amendment was necessary to comply with the provisions in 301 KAR 3:015 and ensure the public was not over charged for permits to participate in activities on the Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area. Effective June 4, 2026

301 KAR 3:013 Peabody Wildlife Management Area use requirements and restrictions
This administrative regulation establishes a permit for public use of the Peabody Wildlife Management Area and places necessary restrictions on its use by the public.
The amendment was necessary to comply with the provisions in 301 KAR 3:015 and ensure the public is not over charged for permits to participate in activities on the Peabody Wildlife Management Area. Effective June 4, 2026

CHAPTER 4 – WILDLIFE
301 KAR 4:112. Holding and Preservation of Seized Wildlife
This new administrative regulation establishes a program for individuals who contract with the Depart-

ment to become impoundment agents to be permitted to hold and maintain seized wildlife that are evidence in criminal actions until the case is adjudicated. The Department does not have facilities or staff to care for wildlife that might be seized as evidence in criminal actions for the violations of KRS Chapter 150. This regulation is necessary to assist in the effective administration of the statutes as any living wildlife seized or brought under control pursuant to KRS 150.105 or KRS 150.120 as part of a criminal action must be maintained as evidence until final adjudication or a court orders the wildlife’s release or destruction. The regulation provides a mechanism for the Department to maintain chain of custody for the evidence while providing for the needs of wildlife. Effective June 4, 2026

CHAPTER 6 – WATER PATROL
301 KAR 6:001 – Definitions
This administrative regulation establishes definitions for terms used in 301 KAR Chapter 6 and is necessary to avoid confusion when interpreting the meaning of terms used in 301 KAR Chapter 6. By providing definitions for the

terms used in 301 KAR Chapter 6, misinterpretation of the regulations should be minimized. The amendment contained additional terms that are to be utilized in conjunction with other Chapter 6 amendments. Effective June 2, 2026

301 KAR 6:015 Boat and motor restrictions
This administrative regulation limits the size of boats and motors on small lakes for safety reasons and to minimize interference with other users and is necessary to protect the safety of individuals boating on these small lakes. 301 KAR 6:015 is the recodified regulation 301 KAR 1:015, and the amendment addressed restrictions for electric outboard motors, including the size at which electric motors must follow the same idle speed restrictions as internal combustion motors. The definition section was deleted to be added in the “definitions” regulation for Chapter 6 as well. Effective June 2, 2026
301 KAR 6:020 Boating safety equipment
This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for legal boating safety equipment in Kentucky. The amendment set forth requirements for when and how the manufacturer-installed engine cut-off switch shall be used

and maintained by a motorboat operator. The amendment was necessary to ensure waterway safety requirements are in place that promote the waterway safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth and to address the specific hazards associated with potential incapacitation or ejection of an operator while a boat is underway. Effective June 2, 2026

301 KAR 6:030 – Waterway safety requirements
This administrative regulation prohibits certain unsafe practices on the waterways of the Commonwealth.
The amendment removes references to a repealed statute, clarifies that personal flotation devices must be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and requires operators of motorized vessels to minimize their wake when approaching law enforcement or public safety vessels displaying flashing lights. The changes conform the regulation to language used in other Chapter 6 regulations and address safety concerns for the public and law enforcement and public safety personnel while operating on the waters of the Commonwealth. Effective June 4, 2026

GOP and Democratic officials in Nashville unite over renaming airport for Parton

BY TRAVIS LOLLER ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — In Nashville, Tennessee, the Republican-dominated state government and Democrat-controlled city government are engaged in an ugly battle for control of the city's airport.

But there's one thing the two sides can agree on: Nashville International Airport should be renamed to honor Tennessee's favorite daughter, Dolly Parton. The change would make Parton the first woman whose name adorns one of America's 50 busiest airports.

Lydia Popovich, a Parton superfan who started a petition for the name change in 2025, said on Friday that Parton had gracefully batted down the idea of naming the airport after her, as she did with many other proposed honors during her lifetime. That includes a bill brought by Tennessee lawmakers in 2021 to place a statue of her on the Capitol grounds. Parton asked lawmakers

to withdraw the bill but expressed a hope that it might happen “somewhere down the road several years from now or perhaps after I'm gone if you still feel I deserve it.”

EFFORT TO RENAME AIRPORT GAINED STEAM AFTER PARTON'S DEATH
After Parton's death two weeks ago, the airport naming idea seemingly caught fire, with Popovich's petition reaching more than 175,000 signatures — not that the officials competing to run the airport needed the push.

At a meeting Friday of the state-controlled Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority, a motion directing the airport CEO to begin the renaming process was unanimously approved by board members praising Parton to the heavens. Airport officials said the change could take a year or more and involves working with Parton's estate to determine how they might split profits from merchandise sales,

among other things.

BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT ON NAME CHANGE IS A DEPARTURE
There are two Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authorities: one run by the state and the other controlled by the city, a bifurcated regulatory system that was created in 2023 amid a partisan dispute between the GOP-run state and the Democratic-run city. Who actually controls the airport has been in dispute ever since, with competing boards taking the reins only to be deposed as courts rule and are overturned.

Despite the acrimony, Nashville's Democratic Mayor Freddie O'Connell and the competing, city-controlled Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority are also in support of the name change, according to O'Connell spokesman Alex Apple.
“The FAA's going to get two votes from two boards, both in favor,” Apple said.
The situation is ironic,

and it's hard to imagine that Parton would approve. Stuart McWhorter, a member of the state-controlled board and deputy to Tennessee's Republican Gov. Bill Lee, briefly mentioned the dispute at the Friday meeting. He suggested that in the spirit of Parton “we can get beyond the litigation and get back to working together.”

SUPPORTER OF NAME CHANGE: 'SHE'S THE BEST OF TENNESSEE'
Born in poverty in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Parton became an icon whose popularity crossed generational, geographic and political boundaries. In addition to writing and recording hit songs such as “Jolene” and “I Will Always Love You,” she starred in Hollywood films including “9 to 5” and “Steel Magnolias.”
Popovich, who attended the Friday meeting and spoke in favor of the proposal, was in tears after the unanimous vote in favor.



Photo by Jonathan Short/Invision/AP, File
Dolly Parton performs at Glastonbury music festival on June 29, 2014.

BRAVES

FROM **PAGE B1**
demonstrated this difference in offensive prowess as Grant only scored once against the Eagles.
During the season, the Braves' defense has likewise struggled to mount formidable resistance, allowing nearly 38 points per game.
Unable to earn additional drives with their defense, the Braves allowed the Eagles offense to fly by with both rushing and passing touchdowns. The game started with Scott High seizing the initiative early in the matchup. With Grant forced onto the back

foot, they surrendered two touchdowns in the first quarter alone.
Once the Eagles scored the extra points, they closed out the first with a tidy 14-0 lead. Although Grant fought back in the second quarter, they were outgunned by Scott High's offense. After the Braves briefly chipped away at the difference, the Eagles quickly went to work rebuilding their lead.
Falling increasingly further behind, the Braves allowed an additional 20 points in the second quarter. By the close of the first half, Grant trailed their opponents by 28 points. Moving into the third quarter, the score sat at 34-6 in the Eagles' favor. This

quarter once again saw Scott High break away from the Braves as they racked up another touchdown.
Though the Eagles failed to secure the additional point attempt, this was of little consequence to the 34-point difference. By the start of the fourth quarter, Grant was able to stem the tide and finally hold their ground. Closing ranks in the final stretch of the game, the Braves wouldn't give up any additional points to their foes.
Regardless of this improved defensive performance, the difference in score would persist for the rest of the game. With the final quarter slowly progressing, the Eagles

refused to part with their strong position. As the clock ran out, the game concluded in a decisive win for Scott High.
Whereas Grant has typically favored a downhill running game with intermittent and versatile passes by Camden Johnson, this matchup saw the shell-shocked Braves struggle to get going. Across their four games, bouts of offensive momentum have primarily been driven by Johnson, Kolt Fannin, and Owen Long. Meanwhile, the defense is currently led by a combination of players, as Jordan Gibson, Isaac Kaiser, Adres Lopez and Johnson have all contributed multiple tackles.

LADY

FROM **PAGE B1**
lethal strikers. Forcing the Lady Braves to continuously defend from strings of through balls and fast breakthroughs, the Pioneers contained Grant. With only scarce time off of their own half, the Lady Braves were unable to find significant chances to challenge Simon Kenton.
The differences in defenses were also promi-

nent during the game, as the Pioneers on average only allow 1.6 goals a game compared to the Braves' 3.6. Regardless of Grant's typically solid offensive play style, the Pioneers' defense proved a formidable counter. This kept the pressure on Grant with constant advances, and a stubborn defense by the Pioneers halting any counterattacks.
Shut down and under siege by their opponents, Grant was beaten for an 8-0 loss. Throughout the

game, the Lady Braves' keeper, Payten Rodgers had several saves. Yet the significant difference in chances on goal would wear the defenses down as Grant surrendered further ground.
Despite additional defensive efforts from Mariah Davis, Isabella Wagner, and Kaydence Brown, they were unable to buy the Lady Braves any breathing room. Desperate clears from the defense only temporarily slowed the Pioneers'

attacks. As Simon Kenton dominated the game, they maintained possession and didn't allow any costly mistakes.
Thus, Grant was defeated by a team ranked 26th in the state and 3rd in the eighth region. This Pioneers' victory secured their spot as a 1 seed contender for the district and a decisive foe for the post-season.
Coming off of back-to-back wins to a harsh loss, the Lady Braves are now 4-4 for the season.

2026 KENTUCKY FOOTBALL YEARBOOK

The Cats' Pause
2026 KENTUCKY FOOTBALL YEARBOOK

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY!

- Q&As with head coach Will Stein, OC Joe Sloan & DC Jay Bateman
- Stein's journey to UK
- The QB Whisperer
- Meet The 2026 Cats
- Time to 'Get Real'
- Breaking down all 12 Kentucky opponents
- Kentucky high school preview for Class A - 6A

VOLUME 30
\$12.95

UK
THE WILL STEIN ERA BEGINS NOW!

★ **BONUS:** The remarkable life journey for UK's Ben Myers

Excitement has never been higher for a new Kentucky football season with the arrival of new coach Will Stein and The Cats' Pause is here to get the party started with our 30th Kentucky Football Yearbook.

Inside the yearbook, you will find:

- Q&A with new head coach Will Stein
- Q&A with offensive coordinator Joe Sloan
- Q&A with defensive coordinator Jay Bateman
- Stein's journey to head coach. Why Kentucky?
- The QB Whisperer
- Meet the Cats. A position-by-position feature
- Previewing all 12 UK opponents
- BONUS: The life journey of UK freshman Ben Myers.
- High School Preview, Class A-6A

\$12.95 + \$8

priority mail delivery

ORDER TODAY AT
SHOPCatsPause.com
or scan QR code