

To: Mr Julian Tackett  
KHSAA

From: Mike Yance  
Head Coach, Boys' Basketball  
Kentucky School for the Deaf

Mr. Tackett, I am writing to request a waiver for the "dead period" between June 25-July 9. As you know, KSD is a very small deaf school, and hearing schools always beat us, because they can practice, hold camps, etc. During the summer when it is difficult to get deaf students together, because our players are scattered all across the state in so many different places. An even more important reason for my request is that we have two Deaf Basketball camps this summer, one in Frederick, MD, June 22-27, and one in Austin TX from July 5-10. These camps will provide the best available instruction from hearing and deaf coaches IN SIGN LANGUAGE SO THAT OUR PLAYERS CAN UNDERSTAND.

Unfortunately, as you can see, both of these camps fall within the "dead period" of June 25-July 9. I plan to gather as many of my players as possible together and drive them to these camps. I am not coaching or participating in any manner. I will simply be an onlooker, or do some touring in D.C and Austin while my players are in camp.

As you know KSD well, please give us this opportunity for our players to refine their skills. It will be good for our deaf players to receive first rate instruction in a language that they understand. Also, it will be good for them to meet new deaf friends from other states.

It is difficult enough for us to compete with large hearing schools at best. And when they can go any place at any time except the "dead period", and we can't, it places a double burden on our kids.

Please consider this request, and let me know as soon as possible, so that I can begin to make some plans, such as renting a van, contacting students' parents, raising funds, etc.

Thank you for your consideration in allowing KSD to participate in both these basketball camps this summer.

Sincerely,

*Mike Yance*

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KSD Head Basketball Coach

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