

KHSAA BASKETBALL PRIME DATE SCHEDULING (REQUIRED OF ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS)

In fairness to the participants in girls basketball, and those within the programs including parents, students and fans, the Board of Control has developed this policy to ensure that there are opportunities for girls basketball to be played on "prime dates". These dates are Friday night, any time on Saturday, and any time on Sunday. Compliance with this policy neither expresses nor implies that a member school is in (or not in) compliance with Title 20, U.S.C. Titles, 1681-1688, et. Seq. (Title IX).

A) PRIME DATE REQUIREMENT (40 PERCENT REQUIREMENT)

Each basketball season, a member school shall meet one of two alternative methods of prime date compliance with respect to the scheduling of basketball games. The member schools shall:

- 1) Play at least forty (40) percent of its girls home basketball games on a prime date, defined as Friday night, Saturday or Sunday, wherein tournaments shall only count as one game played toward this requirement; or
- 2) Play at least forty (40) percent of its girls basketball schedule (all games) on a prime date, defined as Friday night, Saturday or Sunday. Schools using this method must play at least one prime date game in each of the months of December, January and February.

B) ANNUAL PRIME DATE COMPLIANCE PROCESS

Each year, the KHSAA shall audit review all girls' regular season basketball schedules (hereinafter "current schedule"). These annual audits reviews shall begin with the first legal regular season playing date. Schools that are not in compliance with the forty (40) percent requirement on the first playing date shall be contacted on or before December 31 of the playing season in an effort to allow for schedule corrections or revisions to comply with the forty (40) percent requirement. The school shall be notified of the potential penalties for non compliance with this correspondence.

Schedules shall be posted on the KHSAA website in the manner as instructed by the Commissioner's office prior to the published deadline. Schedules shall be accurate and include entry and designation of games that are involved in tournaments, classics, festivals and other multi-game events.

At the end of the regular playing season, the schedules shall be audit reviewed for final compliance with the requirement.

C) PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRIME DATE REQUIREMENT

Based on the final audit review at the end of regular season, if a member school's total home games for girls' do not comply with the forty (40) percent requirement, the following penalty shall be applied:

- 1) The boys' regular season total game schedule for the following school year's basketball season shall be reduced by two games as compared to the current boys' schedule.
- 2) The overall two contest reduction shall be achieved by reducing boys' home games.
- 3) In the case that a school does not have any home games, the two game penalty shall be applied to away games.
- 4) In the event that this penalty is imposed, the offending school shall count the game as a forfeit with respect to KHSAA Bylaws and shall comply with the provisions of Bylaw 24 as it relates to forfeit fees and other penalties. The game may not be replaced on the offending team's schedule but may be replaced on the opponent schedule.
- 5) Schools may not schedule or enter additional tournaments from the benchmark year as a means of circumventing the penalties within this policy.
- 6) Schools will be notified of the reduction in the allowable boys' games for the following season after the conclusion of the current season.

D) EXAMPLES OF POSSIBLE PENALTY APPLICATIONS

On the first legal playing date for the season, Jones High School's regular season girls' basketball schedule reflects they are not meeting the forty (40) percent requirement. Jones High School is audit reviewed again at the end of the season, and does not meet the forty (40) percent requirement.

During that same season, the boys' total number of regular season games played is 23 as defined by Bylaw 25. Within this 23 count, there are 21 single games being played and two tournaments counted in a reduced fashion per the rule. The boys' team played six regular season home single games.

Due to non-compliance with the forty (40) percent requirement for girls', Jones High School's total number of allowable boys' regular season single games for the following regular season shall be reduced to 21. This reduction would not apply to the allowable two tournaments that may be counted in a reduced fashion.

In this example, the total allowable number of regular season home games for the following season may not exceed four single games.

Should this reduction occur, the KHSAA Staff shall work with member schools to accomplish the identified contractual game reductions.

KHSAA BASKETBALL PRIME TIME SCHEDULING (RECOMMENDED FOR ALL MEMBER SCHOOLS)

Prime time scheduling can be accomplished by scheduling boys' and girls' games on separate nights with prime time starts for both or by scheduling doubleheaders and alternating boys' and girls' start times. The KHSAA Board of Control and staff strongly recommends adherence to the following schedule in the event that double headers are used to meet the Prime Time Requirement.

One Double-Header (Optional As To Which Team Plays Second)

Two Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Once)

Three Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Once)

Four Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Twice)

Five Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Second At Least Twice)

Six Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Three Times)

Seven Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Three Times)

Eight Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Four Times)

Nine Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Four Times)

Ten Double-Headers (Girls Game Recommended to Be Second At Least Five Times)