



Kentucky School for the Deaf

Athletic Department

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Dear Mr. Cope,

I am writing this letter to ask you to let us, Kentucky School for the Deaf Girls Volleyball team to play in the 25th Deaf Mason-Dixon Volleyball tournament at Georgia School for the Deaf during the weekend of Oct. 11th to 13th, 2012. The Deaf M-D VB tournament will consist of 10 other Deaf Schools – Louisiana, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Eastern North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Mississippi.

I understand that there will be a district week – starting on Sunday, October 7th to Friday, October 12th. I know that the policy states that any school can't play any regular games during the district week. All regular games or tournaments must be completed by Saturday, Oct. 6th.

I sincerely hope that the KHSAA will let us play in the tournament at Georgia School for the Deaf rather than in the district tournament because the competition will be to our advantage due to our girls' skills. Our girls' skills do not match or are not similar with the other large 45th district school teams like Lincoln Co. HS, Garrard Co. HS, and Boyle Co. HS. It is also always great for the girls to interact with their deaf peers at the Mason Dixon tournament.

I would like to send you an excerpt from the e-mail message that I distributed to all KSD staff last October after the tournament from Louisiana. Here's the excerpt I sent below:

I want to share great exciting news with you all about the KSD volleyball team as you all know that we were at Louisiana School for the Deaf last weekend participating in the 24th Annual Mason-Dixon Volleyball tournament.

Our girls did their best and played beautifully. We got 6th place which was the first time for the KSD team to achieve that highest place in the tournament since the existence of the M-D VB tournament. We won 3 games and lost 6 games. We also made a record for the KSD team by winning 3 games which we never had a win since KSD VB team began participating in the tournament!!! (We missed by one match game to win the 5th place. We won over VA (2-1) while NC beat them 2-0. So the M-D committee gave 5th place to NC!)

Also, another milestone for the KSD VB team, one of our girls won an all-tournament award which was the first time for KSD to win that kind of award. Charlotte Judge became the first KSD VB player to win that award!!!! Big congratulations to Charlotte!!

I am very proud of our girls. They really played their hearts out. Please congratulate them when you see them. They represented KSD very well when we were down there at LSD.

Thank you for your time to consider this request.

Hope to hear from you soon with good news!

Sincerely yours,

Billy Lange