



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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May 8, 2015

MEMO:

TO: Commissioner Julian Tackett

FROM: Assistant Commissioner Darren Bilberry *DB*

RE: Prime Date Final Analysis

On February 25, 2015 KHSAA Title IX Auditor Gary Lawson ran a final schedule audit and found eight of our member schools that play girls basketball to be out of compliance with our 40% Prime Date requirement. Out of these eight schools, six were in compliance at the start of the season, but have requested a waiver of the Prime Date requirement due to weather postponement/cancellation or cancellation from an opposing school. The following is the list of the six schools that should be granted a Prime Date Waiver for the 2014-2015 Girls Basketball season:

Butler County
Caldwell County
Dayton
Fort Campbell
University Heights
Western Hills

The remaining two schools, Ballard Memorial and Paducah Tilghman were never in compliance with the Prime Date requirement and as a result, may be subject to penalty. I have included the waiver requests of the six schools that were initially in compliance as well as the explanations from the two schools that were never in compliance for your review/consideration.

xc: KHSAA Executive Staff

2/25/15

Mr. Bilberry,

Butler County High School is requesting a waiver for Title IX Prime Date Scheduling for our Girls basketball team's schedule. In the 2015 preseason schedule review, the Butler County High School Girls Basketball Schedule met Title IX Prime Date Scheduling requirements. Utilizing Method 1 for calculation, we were at 3/10 for 30% prime scheduling of our home games. Utilizing Method 2 for Prime Date Calculation, our home/away combined games resulted in 11/28 for 40% prime date scheduling. This met our prime date scheduling requirements for Title IX.

As is the case with many high school's across the state of Kentucky, we have had a great difficulty maintaining our basketball schedule due to the severe winter weather and State of Emergency that was declared by our Governor this past week. Due to this inclement weather, we were forced to cancel our final home game of the season vs. South Warren High School on 2/20/15. This led to the cancellation of our final Prime Date game and Senior Night for both of our boys and girls basketball teams on 2/20/15. Because of this cancellation, our Method 1 and Method 2 calculations for Prime Dates both fell at 38% with 3/8 for Method 1 and 10/26 for Method 2. If we had been able to play this game, our Method 2 would have been at 11/26 for 44% prime date scheduling. With the severe winter weather and the once in a decade snowfall, student safety was of utmost importance and thusly forced us to cancel the game.

Butler County High School is requesting the waiver for Title IX Prime Date Scheduling due to the recent winter weather. This has been a once in a decade type of event and we will look towards improving our scheduling in the future to avoid such an instance again.

Sincerely,

Ryan Emmick

Athletic Director

Butler County High School.

Mr. Bilberry,

I just got off the phone with Mr. Lawson. He called to let me know that we did not meet the 40% prime time count.

He said preseason (December 1) our count for method 1 was 3- 10 (30%) and method 2 12-26 (46%).

On January 23 (Friday) we had Christian County scheduled at our place. Christian had to cancel due to snow that came that afternoon. The only place we could work it back into our schedule was Thursday, February 19. We could not work out a prime time date. This game on Thursday was cancelled as well due to weather. On Friday, February 20, we had Livingston Co. at Livingston Co. This game was cancelled due to weather. With District starting on February 23, we could not reschedule this game. Saturday February 24 the weather conditions would not have allowed us to travel.

Caldwell County is asking for a waiver to the 40% prime time rule as a result of these two cancellations dropping us below the 40% requirement per method 2 calculation.

Thanks,

David Barnes / Athletic Director

Caldwell County HS

Mr. Bilberry,

My name is Joe Workman, Athletic Director at Dayton High School, and I am writing to you to request a weather related waiver for Prime Date Play in relation to our girls' basketball 2014-15 season. I spoke with Gary Lawson today, February 24th, 2015, and discussed this matter. As far as our pre season scheduling, we did not meet the 40% home dates as we only had three of our ten games scheduled for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. However, we did meet the 40% required for our total games scheduled with ten of the 22 scheduled for those dates for 45.5%. Due to various circumstances, we came up short for the season. We played two of our nine home games 22% on prime dates and only eight of our 21 total games 38% because of a few reasons: Those reasons include Silver Grove cancelling their season, which we had scheduled for an away game on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Calvary Christian had to move their game with us from Friday, February 13th to Thursday, February 12 due to a scheduling conflict of their gym. Then our Senior night with Ludlow was scheduled for Friday, February 20th was cancelled due to weather and rescheduled for Saturday, February 21st. However, due to weather this game was also cancelled. Therefore, if any of these three games had taken place we would have met the required 40% of our total schedule being played on Prime Dates. I understand the importance of these requirements and I will make sure that we will not come up short in the future. I look forward to hearing back from you on this matter and hope to be granted this one time weather related waiver for prime dates for our girls basketball 2014-15 season.

Thanks,

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Commissioner Bilberry,

I am writing you to request a waiver concerning the 40% rule in regards to girls basketball play.

At the beginning of the season, we were in compliance with the 40% rule of the girl's games being scheduled on prime days.

I am requesting this waiver due to the weather that the entire state was subjected to during the week of February 16th. We were scheduled to play Crittenden County on February 20, 2015 however had to cancel due to the weather. A make-up game was not possible due to District Tournament play beginning on February 23, 2015.

I am cognizant of the By-Law requiring the prime day play for the girls' basketball teams and agree with the importance of the By-Law. We have followed it in the past and fully intend to follow it in the future. In addition to this I will make sure that in the coming years we have more than the required games so that we do not fall into this situation again.

I appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to hearing from you on it.

Sincerely,

Patricia Keenan

Commissioner Billberry,

I am sending this email to request a weather related waiver of the penalty for non-compliance with the prime date scheduling requirement of the KHSAA Title IX policy for girls basketball for the 2014-15 season. The preseason schedule audit completed on December 1, 2014 determined that University Heights was compliant with the 40% policy. I am requesting this waiver due to the weather that the state was subjected to during the week of February 16, 2015. We were scheduled to play Webster Co. on Friday February 19, 2015, but due to the school system being out of school the game was cancelled. The attempt to reschedule for the next day Saturday February 25, 2015 was made, but the weather prevented that make-up game opportunity as well. The following week a make-up game was not possible due to District Tournament play beginning on February 23, 2015.

University Heights and myself are cognizant of the By-Law pertaining to the scheduling of prime time days for girls' basketball teams. As a member of the association, we strive to adhere to all By-Laws and policies set forth by the membership. Moving forward I will work diligently with my girls basketball coaches to ensure that we are scheduling the appropriate number of prime dates and that we do so sooner in the season to make sure we meet this requirement so that late season weather doesn't prohibit our ability to do so.

I appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to hearing from you soon. If you need additional information please let me know.

Sincerely,
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Feb 24

to me

Commissioner Bilberry,

I just got off of the phone with Mr. Gary Lawson who informed me that our Girls schedule had fallen out of compliance with the Prime-time scheduling procedures. I would like to apply for a weather related waiver for Girls Basketball for the 2014-15 season.

In the preseason our schedule did meet both of the Prime time counts, overall we had 11 of 27 for 41% and home 6 of 15 for 40%. During the season we lost 2 prime time home games due to weather, one on Saturday Jan 24th vs Knox Central which we were not able to reschedule due to travel distance and this past Friday vs Gallatin Co. which we could not make up due to the weather and the end of the regular season. The loss of these two games caused us to fall below the prime time requirements. If we had been able to get last Friday's game in we would still have been in compliance since we ended the season at overall 10 of 26 for 38%.

I do not believe we have ever been out of compliance in this area before and will continue to strive to increase our Girls prime time game scheduling in the future. So again I respectfully request we be given a waiver for our Girls Basketball Prime time scheduling for the 2014-15 season.

If you need any more information from me please let me know.

Assistant Commissioner Bilberry,

I am requesting a Prime Date waiver for Ballard Memorial High School for this year. I was contacted in December by Mr. Lawson tell me that my schedule was kicked out and he said he also had hand checked the schedule and my numbers for the two different methods were: Method 1 - 33% and Method 2 - 28%. Some minor changes to our schedule were made which included us switching a road game with Livingston Central from a Thursday(2/5) night game to a Saturday (2/7) night game. Also we did make 3 changes in the time of the game so that our girls played the last game of the night (1/13 vs Mayfield, 2/6 vs Mayfield, and 2-13 vs Carlisle Co). I do realize that this is a prime date issue I just wanted you to know that we did make some previsions to ensure the girls got the prime time slot. At the end of the season our numbers have improved however we were still below the 40% marker in both methods (Method 1 - 36% and Method 2 - 37%). This is the first year to my knowledge that we have not met this requirement. Having said that this is my first year as AD and I do understand that we are to abide by the Prime Date specifications and assure you that we will make every effort to not have this happen again. Thank you for everything that you do and taking the time to read my request for a Prime Date waiver for this year.

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We will not meet the waiver for the 40% on Prime time dates.

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