



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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RE: PRIME DATE REQUIREMENT - REPORT

At your direction, I have completed review of the member school's girls' basketball schedules. On the final schedule audit, I found 15 schools to be out of compliance with our 40% prime date requirement. Of those 15, only 2 of those schools were out of compliance at the beginning of the season (Barbourville and Eminence). Below is a summary of my findings when contacting school administration on the reason behind why schools were not compliant.

- Adair County
 - Had 27 games scheduled and 12 during prime date. One of those games was dropped before the season began which now made 11 of 26 games during prime date. Due to the snow in January, a game had to be moved from a Saturday (district) game to a Thursday in order to make the game up. This was the best date for both teams to have the game played. Coaches and ADs worked together to come up with the new make-up date. This change moved the prime dates to 10/26 = 38.4%. AD confirmed these changes and states that since it was originally scheduled on a Saturday and were in compliance at the beginning of the season, didn't think it was an issue.
- Ashland Blazer
 - Rowan County cancelled a prime-time, home game on Saturday, January 6th 2018, due to weather concerns by their Superintendent, Marvin Moore. This game was rescheduled on a Monday evening to accommodate both schools current schedule. Lost an additional prime-time home date with Menifee County on Friday, February 2 that was not able to be made up. Ended the season with 35.7%.
- Barbourville
 - Athletic Director confirmed that they had an institutional misinterpretation of the rule and was only comparing their boys' basketball schedule to their girls' schedule. I have worked with the AD to help interpret the rule correctly and correct for 18-19 scheduling. Ended the season with 35.7%.
- Bracken County
 - Had a Boy/Girl DH scheduled for Friday, February 16, 2018. This game would have allowed them to meet the 40% requirement. That game was moved to Thursday, February 8 as part of another Boy/Girl Double Header and also to allow for a joint Boy/Girl Senior Night Ceremony and avoid potential pitfalls caused by weather. School felt it was necessary to have a larger crowd to watch the joint ceremony, so they did what they thought was in the best interest of both programs. They did not realize that

this decision would place them in violation of the 40% Prime Date Requirement and did not have any more time in the schedule to correct. Ended the season with 38.5%.

- Bryan Station
 - Athletic Director confirmed that they were out of compliance due to snow days where school was closed and weekend activities were cancelled. Fairdale was a scheduled Saturday game (Jan 13), and they cancelled due to snow. Other primetime game cancelled was vs Henry Clay (Feb 3) due to conflict with District Science Fair. Ended the season with 35.7%.
- Cordia
 - Facilities issue, was not able to play any home games this season. Ended the season with 22.2%.
- Eminence
 - Athletic Director reported that Henry County game on KHSAA schedule was actually played on February 9th and not February 7th. Henry County had a snow day on February 7th and the game was pushed to the 9th. The KHSAA schedule was just not updated. This would make 10/25 games on prime date and would indeed make them compliant.
- Lafayette
 - Athletic Director reported that a game scheduled for Saturday, January 13th vs Frederick Douglass was cancelled due to weather and the only available day to make it up was Monday, February 5. Ended the season with 36.7%.
- Lewis County
 - Lewis County was host of the EKC Tournament this year, KHSAA scoreboard has the sites listed as "various" and was not reading those as home games. Lewis County hosted 2 home games during the EKC tournament, which in turn gives them 6/15 home games on prime dates for 40% compliance.
- Middlesboro
 - Has requested a waiver due to Burgin Independent not honoring the binding KHSAA contract by forfeiting the girls game on Saturday, January 27th. The Athletic Director did communicate with the principal and athletic director at Burgin and asked them to reconsider. They refused to come nor did they send the \$500 forfeit fee with the boys coach that day. Ended the season with 38.5%.
- Monroe County
 - Had two prime-time dates (Friday and Saturday games) canceled, due to sickness and inclement weather. Due to making the ALL A state tournament and other time limitations, these games was never rescheduled. School also had a game where the girls played second in a boy/girl double header to try and accommodate for losing the prime time dates. Ended the season with 38.5%.
- Tates Creek
 - School was forced to cancel two prime date basketball games on Friday, January 12th and Saturday, January 13th against Douglass High School and Bell County High School due to Fayette County Public School Inclement Weather Protocol. Attempts were made to reschedule but due to the lack of gym availability and due to schedule conflicts, these games could not be rescheduled on prime dates. Completed the season with 11 prime dates game instead of the 13 that were scheduled. Ended the season 37.9%.
- University Heights
 - The preseason schedule audit completed on December 1, 2017 determined that UHA was compliant with the 40% criteria on both the Home schedule and overall schedule.

Athletic Director is requesting a waiver due to the weather that the state was subjected to during the week of January 13th plus an additional issue with a member school. UHA was scheduled against Owensboro Sr. on January 13th, but due to the weather the game was canceled. This same weather system caused the All A Regional games to be pushed back resulting in the cancellation of the Saturday, January 20th game at Christian Fellowship effecting our overall schedule criteria for compliance. On Friday, February 2nd, St. Mary notified UHA they had to cancel a game to stay within the maximum game limit and declined to play the game scheduled for February 10th. At this point, Coach Sparks made numerous attempts with local schools and by contacting multiple coaches with whom he has long term relationships to schedule another game that would bring us back into compliance, but due to the late notification from St. Mary and due to how late it was in the season UHA was unsuccessful in adding a game. UHA and the Athletic Director made it clear that they are cognizant of the By-Law pertaining to the scheduling of prime time days for girls' basketball team and would work internally to assist in scheduling to help avoid this issue again in the future. Ended season with 37.5%.

- Whitefield Academy
 - The original schedule was within compliance at 41%. However, school cancelations and road conditions required the cancelation of games on Friday, January 12th vs. Southern and Saturday, January 13th at Lexington Sayre. The game against Southern was unable to be made up and Lexington Sayre was only able to play on Tuesday, January 30th. Ended season with 34.5%.
- Wolfe County
 - Berea Athletic Director cancelled a game on Saturday, February 3 due to flu/sickness and the game was no able to be rescheduled. Ended the season with 36%.

From my review, I believe the following schools should be excused from the requirement due to circumstances 100% out of their control: Adair County, Ashland Blazer, Bryan Station, Cordia, Eminence, Lafayette, Lewis County, Middlesboro, Monroe County, Tates Creek, University Heights, Whitefield Academy, Wolfe County.

From my review, I believe the following schools should be penalized within Bylaw 27 as the lack of compliance was avoidable and I will consult with you on recommended penalties: Barbourville and Bracken County.