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Subject: Football Playoffs Eric Sagrecy Athletic Director Washington County High School

Hello Debbie,

I am writing you concerning the decision released to begin playing within district for the first two rounds of the football playoffs, beginning next season. I am the Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Washington County High School in central Kentucky. I'm going into my 14th year coaching and I can remember when this was attempted and then quickly changed a few years back. Competitively it just doesn't make sense in my opinion to play district games, have a regular season district champion and then play within the district again for the first two weeks of the playoffs. There is a chance, depending on how your schedule falls, you could play the same teams 5 out of 6 weeks against district opponents with 4 of those weeks being against the same two teams. I also feels that it creates even more parody within the playoffs. Obviously, some districts are up and down and by limiting the first two rounds of the playoffs to district play doesn't give a true picture of who the best teams are in a region. For example, 2 of the past 3 years our districts top 3 teams advanced in the first round. Competitively, I just feel it makes sense to either play a cross district format or a true complete seeding format for all rounds to ensure that your later rounds represent the very best teams.

Another positive to playing the outside the district in the early rounds is the opportunity for fan bases and teams to see and play different opponents. District rivalries are fantastic but the opportunity to play unfamiliar teams is exciting to fans, coaches and players.

Finally, as an AD, our football cost for travel is minimal compared to what we pay for baseball/softball and basketball. I'm unsure why we feel that football needs to burden the task of reducing travel for a couple of games, which will have a very minimal impact on the overall travel budget, at least for our school.

When I began coaching 14 years ago we had to win to get into the playoffs. We had a 7 team district and only the top 4 went and we played against the same cross district opponents every year. Then we went to a 4 team district and teams that went 0-10 were in the playoffs and we were playing within the district for the first two rounds.

Then we changed the format back to playing the same cross district opponents again. Then we began to rotate to different cross district opponents. All this in only 14 years and now we are changing back to something that obviously didn't work before? It just is really doesn't make sense and I feel a step backwards in the overall progress of our sport.

I really appreciate your time reading this and I apologize for taking up so much of your time. Thanks again for any consideration in this matter.

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