



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 9 schools to be out of compliance with our 40% prime date requirement. Of those 9, only 3 of those schools were out of compliance at the beginning of the season (Silver Grove, St. Patrick, and Williamsburg). Below is a summary of my findings when contacting school administration on the reason behind why schools were not compliant.

- Calvary Christian
 - Calvary Christian's Athletic Director submitted that several of their student-athletes needed to attend/participate in a church youth function on the same date they were scheduled to play Ludlow (also on this report). Calvary Christian moved the game on Friday, January 18th game to Thursday, January 17th moved the game on Saturday, January 19th back 10 days and played on January 29th. Switching that late in the season, the Athletic Director wasn't able to find dates with the other schools that would keep those games on a prime date. They ended the season with 38.5%.
- Caverna
 - Caverna began the season with 9/22 prime date games and then added 4 to the schedule throughout the season. They added 3 games during Christmas break, of which only one was prime date. They also drew the "play-in" game of the All-A tournament which happened to be on a Monday, therefore dropping them to 10/26 prime date games. Caverna did realize they were not meeting the requirement and attempted to reschedule a game with Adair County from February 12th to February 15th to stay in compliance, but Adair County could not move the game. Caverna ended the season with 38.5%.
- Central Hardin
 - Central Hardin ended the season 1 game short of the requirement. LaRue County cancelled a game on Friday, January 18th due to LaRue's advancement in the 2A tournament. The Athletic Director attempted to reschedule games and could not find an opponent. In addition, they were schedule to play 2 game on Friday the 28th in a Holiday Bash at South Warren, and one of those games was moved to a Thursday and could not be counted towards this requirement. Central Hardin finished the season with 39.3%.
- East Jessamine
 - East Jessamine started the season in compliance and was in compliance at the mid-season check. However, in late January, the entire district cancelled activities due to

influenza. Therefore, East Jessamine lost two scheduled games, January 25-26. This dropped them to 11/28 for 39.3%.

- Ludlow
 - Ludlow advanced in the All-A Tournament which caused them to cancel a game Saturday, January 19th, as this was a non-district/non-contract game, but they were still in compliance with 5/12 prime date home games. However, Calvary Christian (also on this report) asked Ludlow to move the Friday, January 18th game to Thursday, January 17th due to a Church youth function. This move by Calvary Christian caused Ludlow to drop below the requirement as they ended the season with 36.7%.
- Raceland
 - Raceland played 10 home games and 4 of them were prime date, for 40%. Because they hosted a holiday event, the system flagged it as a tournament. This event was not a bracketed tournament, but individually scheduled games. Therefore, Raceland did meet the requirement for the 2018-19 school year.
- Silver Grove
 - The Athletic Director submitted that St. Patrick (also on this report) cancelled a game on Friday, February 15th which led to them dropping out of the 40% requirement on the final weekend of the season. Silver Grove ended the season with 39.1%.
- St. Patrick
 - The Head Coach submitted that due to three cancellations, they were not able to meet the prime date requirement. Berea High School cancelled a scheduled prime date due to their advancement in the All-A tournament. West Union High School (OH) cancelled a scheduled game for Saturday, February 2nd. St. Patrick had one final weekend in February scheduled to play with Silver Grove (also on this report) and due to conflicts, could not work it out. St. Patrick finished the season with 32%.
- Williamsburg
 - Williamsburg was on the report at all 3 checks (beginning, middle, end of season). The Athletic Director contacted me on January 28th to ensure they were indeed compliant and at that date, they were compliant. Schedule changes ensued after that date and the head coach tried to switch a game on February 14th to Friday, February 15th to ensure compliance, but the opposing team could not change the date. They ended the season with 39.3%.

From my review, I believe the following schools should be excused from the requirement due to circumstances 100% out of their control: Caverna, Central Hardin, East Jessamine, Ludlow, Raceland, Silver Grove, St. Patrick.

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: Calvary Christian and Williamsburg.