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Julian

Based on tonight's discussion:

Priority 1 from all regions would be to extend the season with the Sweet 16's in April, no real push back on having a combined 6 day Sweet 16 girls and boys for this one year only (that is unanimously preferred over 8 boys and 8 girls teams only coming to Rupp- no one likes that idea). The overwhelming comment was extending the season to try to get a full 12 weeks. **So more practice, 12 week season, later Sweet 16 in April and start spring sports season beginning in April.**

We discussed this as a possible idea for what a schedule might look like:

April 19 - Sweet 16s

April 12 – Regionals (no Districts – most would be ok with it but not unanimous on this and reps are going to collect more specific data on the idea)

Jan 18th (1st choice) or **11th** (2nd) – start regular season games, to get away from the Holiday spike that may happen.

Dec 14 - Most would like to go ahead and start Dec14 just for the mental health of the kids who are getting down about things and the accountability even though they may have shut downs over the holidays. Waiting til Jan would only be acceptable if we move game start back to Jan 18. And if so some suggested maybe a statewide "Segment 3" period in December to keep the kids involved and accountable. Also maybe adding one scrimmage back if we don't start til the 18th.

There is UNANIMOUS support for a very defined plan that **all are on the same page on start dates** for full practice then stick with whatever season schedule that the Board decides on and play it out, no more changes from that point on, if at all possible.

Obviously there is concern and some objection by some of the smaller schools in the regions about the overlap, so the plans would have to include moving the spring sports regular season to begin in April and go into June to make sure they get a full season with least overlap. Less covid interruptions and better weather for them as well.

***Discussion was that if the KHSAA Board is against moving out of March with the Sweet 16, then we should do anything we can to get extra week or weeks of reg season cause we know there will be some stoppages for teams.

Consistency was mentioned by almost every Board member.

No one was in favor of no fans, unless that is the only way we can still have the season, then we will accept it and make the best of it.

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