



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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MEMO

TO: Commissioner Tackett

FR: Butch Cope, Associate Commissioner

DATE: JULY 18, 2024

RE: Prime Date Report 2023-2024

At the May 2023 Board meeting, the listing of schools failing to adhere to the Prime Date Policy were shared.

Boone County
East Carter
Fleming County
Gallatin County
Lafayette (did not meet requirement 21-22, 22-23)
Madison Southern
Owen County (did not meet requirement in 22-23)
Presentation
Rowan County
Shelby Valley
Trimble County (did not meet requirement in 21-22)
Wolfe County
Woodford County

Each were contacted for a response and given an opportunity to share any extenuating circumstances as to why their schedule was in violation.

Please note from the list that the following schools were not in compliant within the three stages of review (Nov. 27, Jan. 15, End of Season).

East Carter
Lafayette
Rowan County
Shelby Valley
Trimble County

Presented are the responses from the member schools to explain various situations from participating in other events (All "A", 2A) and weather issues.

BOONE COUNTY

Nov. 27 - non-compliant
January 15 - compliant
End of Season - non-compliant

We were compliant before the season until Eastern removed us from their schedule without communicating that to us. I believe they had a coaching change. We have e-mails showing where they had agreed to play. We were not able to get that game back on our schedule.

To get back into compliance, we reached out to Simon Kenton to move our game with the Lady Pioneers.

We were in compliance until we had a Friday district game against Cooper on Jan. 19 snowed out. As a district game, it had to be rescheduled for a Thursday because they were not available on a prime date. That threw us back out of compliance. By then, it was too late in the season to add another game.

EAST CARTER

Nov. 27 - non-compliant

January 15 - non-compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

We had two games that were originally scheduled on Friday that had to be re-scheduled due to weather.

East Carter vs Elliott County

1.12.24 Friday moved to 2.5.24 Monday

East Carter vs Morgan County

1.19.24 Friday moved to 1.29.24 Monday

FLEMING COUNTY

Nov. 27 - compliant

January 15 - compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

We ended up with 11 primetime and/or boy/girl games.

We lost 3 prime time dates due to the following:

Russell game originally scheduled for Friday, December 15 moved to Thursday, December 14th due to an Archery Tournament.

Campbell County game originally scheduled for Friday, January 5 moved to Thursday, January 11th due to us advancing to the 2A sectional finals and January 11th was the only common date we could agree on.

Paintsville game was snowed out (Lake Kelly Classic). The event was not made up.

Add those 3 to our total and it would have given us 14 primetime and/or boy/girl games which would have been 42%.

We will be more diligent in the future with scheduling more primetime games in case of cancellations such as these.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nov. 27 - compliant

January 15 - compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

Gallatin County High School is now considered non-compliant at this time for prime time games. We were compliant with the November and January checks. Our girls coach resigned 2 weeks before the season began, thus causing us to hire an interim coach. Our interim coach has never been a head coach. Toward the end of the season, he wanted to add a game. We allowed him to add the game which did not help our Title IX Compliance. After allowing him to add the game, Williamstown, which was scheduled for Friday, February 9 contacted our coach and said they were not able to play their game. Thus, canceling. This game being canceled instead of being considered a forfeit eliminated our prime-time game. We have always been very compliant with our prime-time games and would ask that these extenuating circumstances be considered. It won't happen again. Thank you for your time and consideration.

LAFAYETTE

Nov. 27 - non-compliant

January 15 - non-compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

The Athletic Director talked to Coach Denton and she said that there were a few things that contributed to our schedule not meeting the Prime Date requirements.

We originally had a boy/girl doubleheader scheduled for a Saturday that was canceled by the opponent leaving it as just a boys' game.

We originally had a game vs Shelby Co. scheduled for a prime date. They reached out and had to reschedule. We tried for another prime date, but they couldn't make that work. In the end, they ended up canceling altogether.

Coach Denton reached out numerous times to multiple teams about changing dates and no one could or would make it work.

Coach Denton reached out mid-season to several teams to try and add a game on a prime date and had no luck.

Athletic Director has advised let Coach Denton know that she needs to make sure that our 24/25 schedule meets the Prime Date requirements.

Coach Denton just emailed me back to let me know that she already has 14 Prime Date games scheduled for next season.

MADISON SOUTHERN

Nov. 27 - compliant

January 15 - compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

Sorry for the delayed response. After going back through our schedule to look at the reason for the error. We had two games that we scheduled to be on Friday or Saturday that were canceled due to circumstances beyond our control at the time.

We were scheduled to play Berea Community on Friday, January 19th and this game was canceled due to weather-related issues and had to be rescheduled. We were unable to find a date to reschedule the game on a Friday or Saturday that fit both team's schedules. So the game was played on a mutually agreed-upon date.

We were also scheduled to play Hazard on Saturday, February 17th and this game was canceled due to weather-related issues and could not be made up.

I'm not sure if this was counted as a home game or not for our girl's team we played Scott Co on Friday, February 16th at Berea College. We paid for the officials and kept the gate money and treated it just like a home game. It was considered a home game for us in the past when I talked with someone at KHSAA.

Please let me know if this clarifies any issues that we may have.

OWEN COUNTY

Nov. 27 - compliant

January 15 - compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

Our original schedule met the required 40% rule before the season began. We had to cancel a prime-time vs Highlands (Feb 16) due to the weather. That late in the season there wasn't an opportunity to reschedule.

PRESENTATION (GIRLS)

April 29, May 14, July 18

Nov. 27 - non-compliant

January 15 - non-compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

As a reminder, Presentation Academy is an all girls school. Overall we do not host boys basketball, with the exception of this past season we hosted the boys All A Regional Tournament. We also do not typically host games on Friday or Saturdays across all of our sports. In years past, this has not been a problem and we have not been reported for the Prime Date Policy.

If adjustments need to be made for this upcoming season, we can absolutely host more games on prime dates. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

ROWAN COUNTY

Nov. 27 - non-compliant

January 15 - non-compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

We were aware of our percentage not reaching the 40% mark for prime-time dates earlier in the year. At that time, we met with Coach Stokes to address the issue and to get more games scheduled to get us above the 40% mark. After we had additional games added to the schedule, we unfortunately had a couple of teams cancel on us. Knowing that, Coach Stokes reached out to multiple teams to schedule games during the prime time dates again. Sadly, Coach Stokes

could not get a game scheduled with another team after reaching out to multiple different schools.

Our schedule and the other school's schedule did not line up appropriately to get a game in. We apologize that we did not meet the 40% mark, but it was not because of the lack of effort. We were able to get games added, but unfortunately, some were canceled after the additions.

Attached are some screenshots of emails that Coach Matt Stokes (Rowan County) sent out in an effort to schedule "Prime Time" games for the 2023-2024 basketball season.

In his effort to schedule games, he sent an email out to all the girls' basketball coaches (an extremely long list of coaches) multiple times.

A game was scheduled with Coach Michael Menifee (Lex Cath). It was originally scheduled to play earlier in the week, but Coach Stokes communicated with him that we needed to play on Saturday. Coach Menifee agreed to change the date, but his team needed to cancel near game time, per his administration.

There were some other coaches he reached out to as well, but he was having trouble finding some of the messages.

Again, we apologize for not meeting the required percentage for the season. Coach Stokes worked hard to get games scheduled during prime-time dates. Coach Stokes would even inform other coaches that he needed to play on specific dates when his team needed prime-time games added to his schedule.

I have talked with Coach Stokes about the importance of going into the next basketball season with the priority of scheduling prime-time games. We plan to work together as a team to make sure this percentage is met for next season!

SHELBY VALLEY

April 29, May 14

Nov. 27 - non-compliant

January 15 - non-compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

Coach Mikie Hall is aware of the prime-time scheduling and will meet the requirement next season when games are scheduled.

TRIMBLE COUNTY

Nov. 27 - non-compliant

January 15 - non-compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

Due to scheduling conflicts this past season, we fell short of the 40% primetime game requirement. Our conference and district games are already scheduled. We played in two Christmas tournaments, and we have the All-A tournament, this accounts for 19 of our games. We keep two games saved in case we advance in the All-A tournament, so that leaves us 9 games to work with. Of the 19 games I mentioned, only three were primetime games; one was during the week but was a boy/girl doubleheader. Only one of our district games this past

season was a Boy/Girl doubleheader. With the Boy/Girl DH being a new way of meeting requirements we plan to have more District B/G DH games scheduled in order to meet the primetime requirement next season. During the week of the All-A tournament, we leave that week empty of games in case we advance, which takes away the opportunity to have a Friday or Saturday game if we don't advance. We also experienced some cancellations and difficulties finding Friday/Saturday games later in the season. We understand the reasoning behind the primetime requirement but hope you consider the challenges it places on girls' coaches regarding scheduling. We take the requirement seriously and are working diligently to ensure that we are compliant next season.

WOLFE COUNTY

Nov. 27 - compliant

January 15 - compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

Here is a response to the reasoning behind Wolfe County High School not meeting the KHSAA Prime Time Scheduling requirements as mandated by the KHSAA bylaws.

At the beginning of the season, our girls basketball team was compliant with the regulation. The following factors caused us to fall below the required number of Prime Time Games.

A game scheduled to be played on Friday Dec 29, 2024 was rescheduled to Wednesday Dec 27, 2024 due to Middlesboro not having enough players on the 29th due to Christmas Break Plans. We agreed to the request.

A girls game scheduled on Saturday Jan 20, 2024 against Phelps in a classic at Pike Central was canceled due to snow and road conditions.

A girls game scheduled with Augusta High School on Saturday January 27, 2024 was canceled by Augusta due to Augusta making the All A State Tournament. The Augusta AD called me and said that a large number of the Augusta girls basketball players were also on the Cheerleading Team and he felt that the boys team would be playing on that Saturday and he wanted the cheerleaders to be part of that experience.

A girls basketball game scheduled for Feb 10, 2024 vs Letcher Central was canceled due to Wolfe County not having enough players to field a team due to injuries. We had 3 girls that were hurt.

While we do not argue that our school did not meet the requirements of the bylaw, all of our cancellations were not anything that our coach or school could have done to prevent. We feel that Coach Brown did make an effort to get the games back on Prime Time Dates but scheduling conflicts with the other schools did not allow him to get us back in compliance.

As an administration and coaching staff, we will be more vigilant to this regulation next season and let other schools know if they request a change.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nov. 27 - compliant

January 15 - non-compliant

End of Season - non-compliant

We did have a few cancellations that made us play boys and girls on different nights which had an effect on our prime dates.

WC girls were supposed to play on these prime dates(Dec, 15th vs Collins, January 6th vs. Barbourville / January 19th vs. Shelby Co.)

Dec 15th Collins made a scheduling mistake and had to cancel

Jan 6th Barbourville has sickness thus not having enough girls to play

Jan 19th - Snow