



Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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DATE: September 12, 2025
TO: Julian Tackett, Commissioner
FROM: Butch Cope, Associate Commissioner
RE: Prime Date Policy Follow-Up

At the July 2025 Board meeting, the listing of schools failing to adhere to the Prime Date Policy were shared:

Frankfort Christian
Ludlow
McCreary Central
St. Henry District

None of the above schools were also reviewed as non-compliant for last year.

Each school was notified and given an opportunity to share any extenuating circumstances as to why their schedule was in violation. The following is a status report with details provided by the member schools.

Frankfort Christian

We were trying to only have a JV team last year. We did not have any Seniors playing and only had 6-7 girls playing period. Unfortunately, there were teams who scheduled with us who then listed it as a Varsity game. We also lost one of our strongest players to an ACL tear.

I apologize - we tried to be up front and keep it as JV. Is that allowed? It is difficult to build a program with 8th-10th graders and play solid varsity level teams and not have a group of girls who are defeated and demoralized.

This year we have 3 Seniors and will schedule all Varsity level games.

As far as the "prime" rule for Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays - we do not play Sunday games as a school. If you look at our boys' schedules, they had a 30 game season, and outside of two tournaments, only had 5 games on Fridays or Saturdays as well.

Our girls team played one Friday varsity level game. They also played Friday, Jan 17 at Cornerstone in a JV match. Their game on Dec 12 was a double header with HS boys. They only played 9 total games in 2024-25. Two of their JV games were played as a double header with our MS Boys A team as well. I realize that is not HS, but it helped draw a bigger crowd for sure.

If you have any further questions, I'm happy to answer to the best of my ability.

Ludlow

In follow-up communication and detailed review, it was deemed Ludlow did meet the Prime Date Policy.

McCreary Central

In response to your email to clarify why we were out of compliance, there were two extenuating circumstances. We followed method 1 and had 12 home games scheduled, 5 of which were prime time (41%). The two games that knocked us out of compliance were on 2-15-25 vs. Lynn Camp & 2-21-25 vs. Ligon Cogo Homeschool. Both of these were scheduled to be at home but were cancelled due to weather. The 2-15-25 (Saturday) game was cancelled due to flooding in Corbin & Lynn Camp notified us that their superintendent wouldn't let them travel. The 2-21-25 (Friday) game was cancelled due to snow & they said it wasn't safe for them to travel that day. Thank you for your consideration. We'll try to schedule more than the minimum to prevent this from happening in the future. If you need anything else in regards to this please let me know.

St. Henry District

A game was added to their schedule that made them fall out of compliance.