



TITLE IX “PRIME DATE” GIRLS’ BASKETBALL SCHEDULING

In an ongoing effort to provide KHSAA member schools with a more definitive procedure regarding scheduling regular season girls’ “prime date” basketball games, we would like to update you on the following policies and procedures that have been adopted and approved by the KHSAA Board of Control:

The KHSAA will continue to audit all girls’ regular season basketball schedules (hereinafter “current schedule”). These annual audits shall begin with the first legal regular season playing date (November 30, 2009). Schools that are not in compliance with the forty (40) percent requirement on the first playing date shall be contacted on or before December 31 of the playing season in an effort to allow for schedule corrections or revisions to comply with the forty (40) percent requirement. The school shall be notified of the potential penalties for non compliance with this correspondence.

Schedules shall be posted on the KHSAA website in the manner as instructed by the Commissioner’s office prior to the published deadline. Schedules shall be accurate and include entry and designation of games that are involved in tournaments, classics, festivals and other multi-game events

Based on the final audit at the end of the regular season, if a member school’s total home games for girls do not comply with the forty (40) percent requirement, the following penalties shall be applied:

- ♦ The school’s boys’ regular season total game schedule for the following school year’s basketball season shall be reduced by two games as compared to the current boys’ schedule.
- ♦ The overall two contest reduction shall be achieved by reducing boys’ home games.
- ♦ In the case that a school does not have any home games, the two game penalty shall be applied to away games.
- ♦ In the event that this penalty is imposed, the offending school shall consider the game as a forfeit with respect to KHSAA Bylaws and shall comply with the provisions of Bylaw 24 as it relates to forfeit fees and other penalties but the may not be replaced on the offending team’s schedule. The game may be replaced on the opponent schedule.
- ♦ Schools may not schedule or enter additional tournaments from the benchmark year as a means of circumventing the penalties within this policy.
- ♦ Schools will be notified of the reduction in the allowable boys’ games for the following season after the conclusion of the current season.

For Example:

- ♦ On Monday, November 30, 2009 (first legal playing date for the 2009-10 season) Jones High School’s regular season girls’ basketball schedule reflects they are not playing 40% of their girls’ total number of home games on Friday night, Saturday or Sunday.
- ♦ During that same 2009-10 season, the boys’ total number of all regular season games played is 23 as defined by Bylaw 25. Within this 23 count, there are 21 single games being played and two tournaments counted in a reduced fashion per the rule. The boys’ team played six regular season home single games.
- ♦ Due to non-compliance with the 40% requirement for girls’, Jones High School’s total number of allowable boys’ regular season single games (not including or involving the allowable two tournaments that may be counted in a reduced fashion) for the 2010-11 regular season will be reduced to 19. The total allowable number of 2010-11 regular season home games may not exceed four single games.
- ♦ Should a schedule reduction occur, the KHSAA Staff shall work with member schools to accomplish the identified contractual game reductions.