

Kentucky High School Athletic Association

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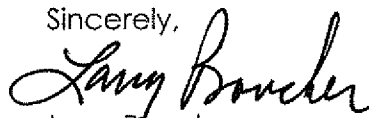
Dear Bob:

Thank you for your updates. The KHSAA appreciates the efforts you and Evarts High School have made to improve gender equity at your school.

In light of those efforts, particularly as it relates to the softball complex improvements and the increased opportunity and commitment regarding female participation in athletics, with the addition of volleyball, the KHSAA will delay its intentions to reduce the 2001-2002 season's prime time opportunities for boy's basketball play. Also supporting this decision is your explanation that the 2001-2002 season games are in the midst of scheduling cycles.

However, the KHSAA expects prime time scheduling of boy's and girl's home basketball contests to be accomplished at a 50%-50% ratio for the 2002-2003 season. So that there be no mistake of the KHSAA's intentions, that means for each boy's prime time home basketball contest scheduled beginning with the 2002-2003 season, there must be an equal number of girl's prime time home basketball contests scheduled. Prime time is defined as contests scheduled on Friday and/or Saturday to include prime time as defined by appropriate p.m. times. For example, all prime time/prime night contest for girls should not be scheduled for 5:00 p.m. and/or 6:00 p.m., thus leaving 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. slots for boys'. These prime hours of 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. should be rotated and therefore shared equally. These prime time examples were discussed with Harlan County School System employees during the KHSAA Title IX Audit visit of February 24-25, 2000. If there remains any confusion about the definition of prime time opportunities, or the KHSAA's intent to ensure equal (50%-50%) prime time basketball playing opportunities for female athletes at Evarts High School, beginning with the 2002-2003 season, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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