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Subject: RE: Evarts High.....Bob Howard

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 2001-2002 season games are in the midst of scheduling cycles. However, the KHSAA expects prime time scheduling of boy's and girl's 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 basketball contest scheduled beginning with the 2002-2003 season, there must be an equal number of girl's prime time 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. This e-mail communication will be followed by a mailed and faxed memorandum dated no later than August 17, 2001.

==== Original Message from "Howard, Bob" <bhoward@harlan.k12.ky.us> at 8/16/01 2:09 pm

>I am mailing you today the SBDMC policy statement that was approved by our
>council concerning prime time scheduling for 2002-2003. If you would review
>it and tell me if it is satisfactory? You should have received the other
>information you asked for and some additional photos of the softball field.
>We have started volleyball. We had 20 girls come out during first day
>tryouts. I plan to send you some photo's of our work in the gym to convert
>to a top of the line volleyball set up. You may file them with our reports.
>let me know if you have any other concerns.
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>I need a written defined statement of policy regarding "prime time"
>scheduling. What is it? How is it defined by the KDE and the KHSAA. I will
>be going before the Board of Education on the 21, August to press for better
>understanding of Title IX issues. It would be very helpful.
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>Bob Howard
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