

Re: Basketball Scheduling Strategies 2025-2026

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To: Activities/Athletic Directors of the Southeast Conference, Gopher Conference, Three Rivers Conference, Hiawatha Valley League, and the Big Nine Conference.

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Here is a reminder of the guidelines we discussed and agreed upon to assist with the availability of officials.

1. The following dates and corresponding conference will NOT schedule any conference games for either girls or boys.

Dec. 2 - HVL

Dec. 9 - HVL

Dec. 16 - Three Rivers

Jan. 6 - Big Nine

Jan. 9 - Big Nine (Friday)

Jan. 13 - Three Rivers

Jan. 20 - SEC

Jan. 27 - Gopher

Feb. 3 - Gopher

Feb. 10 - SEC

2. At some point during the season, two conference schools hook up and do a double varsity on Friday nights. Thus, combine a B/G set of games originally scheduled on a Friday night into a DH. Please don't take a non-Friday date and move it to a Friday as this defeats the purpose. Yes, I understand that your younger levels might not be as smooth from a scheduling standpoint, gym logistics, etc. Every school is situational here. Maybe the lower levels are played the Thursday before or the Saturday following if not all levels can be played on that particular Friday.

3. When a reschedule date is forced due to weather, simply ask for any date that is available on your calendar even if it is a black out date for your conference. I will see what I can do at that time.