

Re: Basketball Scheduling Strategies 2026-2027

From: Jared Butson (Rochester Area Officials Association)

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.

December 8, 2026 - HVL	January 12, 2027 - Three Rivers
December 15, 2026 - SEC	January 19, 2027 - Gopher
December 22, 2026 - Three Rivers	January 26, 2027 - SEC
January 5, 2027 - Big Nine	February 2, 2027 - HVL
January 8, 2027 - Big Nine (Friday)	February 9, 2027 - Gopher

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.