

1 AN ACT relating to intercollegiate athletics in the Commonwealth.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

- 5 (1) Due to the economic impact of intercollegiate athletics within the Commonwealth
6 and the United States, the General Assembly finds that certain regular
7 intercollegiate athletic competitions among the Commonwealth's public
8 universities enhance the profiles of these publicly supported programs and
9 promote economic activity within the Commonwealth.
- 10 (2) Each academic year, both the University of Louisville and the University of
11 Kentucky shall endeavor to play against the public postsecondary institutions of
12 Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State
13 University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western
14 Kentucky University in multiple sports.
- 15 (3) At a minimum, and during each academic year in which they field a team, the
16 University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville shall compete in an
17 intercollegiate sporting event against each other consisting of at least:
18 (a) One (1) sanctioned game of varsity-level football; and
19 (b) One (1) sanctioned game of varsity-level basketball for each of the men's
20 and women's teams to occur on or between December 14 and January 6.
- 21 (4) At a minimum, both the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville
22 shall each play:
23 (a) Within a period of two (2) academic years, one (1) sanctioned game of
24 varsity-level football against one (1) other Kentucky public postsecondary
25 institution; and
26 (b) During each academic year, two (2) sanctioned games of varsity-level
27 basketball for each of the men's and women's teams against at least two (2)

1 other Kentucky public postsecondary institutions.
2 (5) A game scheduled to satisfy any requirement of subsection (3) or (4) of this
3 section may be subsequently postponed or cancelled due to or resulting from, in
4 whole or in part, acts or events beyond the control of the institutions, including
5 but not limited to acts of God, natural disasters, epidemics, strikes or other labor
6 disruptions, war, civil disturbances, riots, or complete or partial disruptions of
7 facilities. A game that is postponed and completed or a game that is cancelled
8 under this subsection shall satisfy any requirement of subsection (3) or (4) of this
9 section for the academic year.

10 ➔Section 2. Notwithstanding Section 1 of this Act, if Section 1 of this Act would
11 violate any contract entered into by the University of Kentucky, the University of
12 Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State
13 University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, or Western
14 Kentucky University prior to this Act becoming law, then Section 1 of this Act shall not
15 be enforceable during the academic year governing that contract.