

**Subject:** Re: 2A State Football Championship

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**From:** Roger Dearing

**To:** Tim Euler, heathnivens [REDACTED]

**CC:** FrankCires [REDACTED] Shawn Minks, Chad Goebert, Leonard Ireland, Linda Robertson, Justin Harrison, Jamie Rohrer, Craig Damon

Dear Mr. Euler and Mr. Nivens:

Thank you very much for your note. After consulting the Association attorney, and his review of 18 pages of case summaries, I'm afraid I am not able to comply with your wish.

Although both schools are private and religious-affiliated institutions, the federal law addresses two pertinent issues that prevent us from granting your request.

First is the fact that the facility is a public facility, predominantly paid for with public tax dollars, makes the facility 'off limits' under federal guidelines and precedent court cases.

Second, is the fact that in Florida Statutes, the FHSAA (host and coordinator of the event) is legally a 'State Actor', we cannot legally permit or grant permission for such an activity.

I totally understand the desire, and why your request is made. However, for me to grant the wish could subject this Association to tremendous legal entanglements.

I'm sorry, and I hope you can understand.

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Dr. Dearing:

I pray this emails finds you having a great start to the winter sports season and getting excited about the football State Championships coming up. I know that our community, Cambridge Christian School, is excited to travel to Orlando to compete against University Christian. I spoke with my Athletic Director today about the conference call earlier this week and he stated it went well. There was one item that I was a bit confused and frankly concerned about. University Christian requested that prayer occur before the game and that request was denied. I know our Athletic Director supported that request. This leads me to emailing you. I am requesting as Head of School at

Cambridge Christian School, that the Florida High School Athletic Association allow two Christian schools to honor their Lord before the game and pray. I am requesting that it be allowed to occur over the loud speaker. I am more than willing to lead the fans, players, and coaches in prayer or I am certain that Pastor Ciresi from University would be willing to do so. I do not believe, with two Christian Schools playing, this to be an unreasonable request. I look forward to hearing a response.

Thank you again for serving our schools and we are thankful for hours of hard work that FHSAA gives serving our schools.

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