

# Sports Programming Blackout Information-

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### Introduction

As your local cable TV provider, we are **prevented by law** to air a certain events because a specific channel **owns exclusive rights** to a program or sporting event

- When we receive a **blackout** notice for a specific channel, you will generally see a black screen when you tune to that channel
- In some instances, you will see alternate programming

The **decision** to initiate a blackout **belongs** to **local broadcasters**, **not your cable company**

- The **FCC** recognizes these transactions and **cable companies must abide by the blackout regulations**
- There is **no need** for a service call; regularly scheduled programming will **resume** when the **blackout** is **lifted**

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