



2020 NSAA Fall Season Guidelines

Circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic are constantly changing and the circumstances vary from community to community. Difficult decisions will have to be made from week to week or even day to day. The safety and well-being of the participants and spectators is and always will be the primary consideration as we provide opportunities to participate in the fall sports season.

Each school has the authority to determine if it will participate in the 2020 Fall Season. During the season it will be the responsibility of the host school to provide administrative oversight in compliance with established COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with their local health departments and facilities. **Prior to any contest, the host school administration will be required to notify the visiting school administration of their established protocols.** The visiting team and spectators will be expected to adhere to all protocols established by the host school.

The host school should make every effort to mitigate risk and provide adequate opportunities for physical distancing procedures for the opposing team, officials, and all spectators.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Restricting attendance / seating areas
- Separate points of entry for home and visitor teams / spectators
- No concession stands or separate/multiple concession stands for home and visitor spectators
- Separate / multiple restrooms for home and visitor spectators
- Adequate locker room space / outdoor space for the opposing team
- Adequate locker room space / outdoor space for the officials
- Encouraging / requiring spectators to wear face coverings
- Implementing diligent and effective cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces

If a school has a player test positive for COVID-19, they will contact their County Health Department regarding a course of action.

It is recommended that players, coaches, and spectators have their temperatures checked at home or at the school prior to participating in or attending practices and games. Any individual with a temperature of 100.4 or above should not participate in or attend practices or games.

During practice, coaches should make accommodations for physical distancing whenever possible. Provide adequate spacing when participating in stretching, instructional time and drills. Conduct workouts in small groups whenever possible.

During competition, the sideline/bench/team areas should be restricted to essential personnel only. This includes players, coaches, team trainers, team managers, game officials, statisticians, and media.

Coaches, officials, and players should be cognizant of physical distancing guidelines when interacting during the game.

Pregame and postgame interactions between opposing coaches and players should adhere to physical distancing guidelines.

Schools are encouraged to play their regularly scheduled competitions unless a COVID-19 issue prevents them from playing. Member schools shall be solely responsible for determining whether a scheduled game, match, contest, or other activity is cancelled or postponed due to a COVID-19 related issue in consultation with their local health departments. Member schools shall notify the NSAA of any cancellation or postponement.



2020 NSAA Volleyball COVID-19 Modifications

NSAA Approved Rulings:

1. Extend the deadline to submit varsity schedules to the NSAA from August 21st to August 27th.
2. Matches canceled due to COVID-19 will be considered a “no contest.”
 - a. Wild card points will not be awarded for “no contest” matches.
 - b. Forfeits will not be issued for “no contest” matches.
3. Replacement matches (not originally scheduled) may be scheduled at any time.
 - a. Wild card points will not be awarded.
 - b. Contest limits/competition points may not be exceeded.

NFHS Match Protocols:

1. Face coverings are permissible for athletes, coaches, officials, game administration, and spectators.
2. Officials are permitted to use electronic whistles.
3. Score table is limited to essential personnel only.
 - a. Scorekeeper, clock operator, libero tracker, announcer if using
 - b. Maintain social distancing
4. Pre- match and post-match handshake protocols are prohibited.
5. Not switching team benches/courts between sets is permissible.