

Athletics Update

On January 27th the IHSA approved an athletics' schedule for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Some notable updates from the IHSA are that the low-risk winter sports that were originally supposed to begin in November can begin with district approval with basketball for boys and girls now being added to that list of winter sports. Further, the remainder of the sports that have yet to begin now have official start and end dates by the IHSA calendar (attached below and also here on the [IHSA Covid Resource Page](#)).

Again, everyone must also understand that all of IHSA's frameworks are still dependent on district acceptance and implementation. Our district, CPS, must get clearance and implement our return to play protocols (they have submitted to the health department and we are awaiting a response). AT THIS POINT, CPS HAS NOT GIVEN US PERMISSION TO BEGIN. ONCE WE RECEIVE COMMUNICATION FROM CPS, WE WILL UPDATE EVERYONE.

At the school level, we are putting in all necessary permits and communicating with school staff (security, maintenance, building operations, etc.) about sports resuming once we have approval from CPS, but again, as of today, there is no official start date. Once we receive communication for clearance to begin we will lay out the plan for the season to resume for the winter sports that began in November and the tryout schedules for boys and girls basketball in an email to coaches, on our website and in student news.

Here is the approved calendar from the IHSA (**STILL PENDING CPS APPROVAL**):

Sport	IDPH Risk	Practices Start	Practice Dates Before Games	State Series	End Date
Boys/Girls Basketball	Higher	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Boys Swimming & Diving	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Dance	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (2/27 & 3/6)	March 13

Cheerleading	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (3/6 & 3/12)	March 13
Boys/Girls Bowling	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Boys Soccer	Moderate	March 1	7 dates	No State Series	April 17
Football	Higher	March 3	1st Game March 19	No State Series	April 24
Girls Volleyball	Moderate	March 8	7 dates	No State Series	April 24
Boys/Girls Water Polo	Moderate	March 15	7 dates	TBD	May 29
Baseball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Lacrosse	Higher	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Girls Soccer	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Softball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Tennis	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Track & Field	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Volleyball	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Wrestling	Higher	April 19	7 dates	No State Series	June 12

Finally, it is crucial to reiterate what has been on our website that in order to tryout you must have your health physical releasing you for athletic competition (please bring a hard copy with you to tryouts) and you must register on our website ([registration link](#)).

We will post further announcements once we hear more from our district.