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SPRING SPORTS

SEASON OF SPORT BEGINS:
MARCH 1, 2021

SEASON OF COMPETITION BEGINS:
MARCH 12, 2021

- All students, coaches and sideline/dugout personnel will be required to wear a cloth mask, disposable non-surgical mask, or gaiter for the entirety of a game/contest. Mesh masks do not meet this requirement.
 - **Exception:** students while actively participating in the contest. *Example: BASE/SB players on the field, batting or on base may remove their mask. Masks must be worn by all while in the dugout.*
- Each school will complete the AIA COVID-19 Athlete/Coach Monitoring Form the day of all games/contests and provide a copy to the opposing school prior to the contest.
- Spectator attendance is at the discretion of the home school.
- Anyone who attends spring sports events is required to wear a face covering for the entirety of the contest.
 - **Exception:** students & officials actively participating in the game/contest.
- In team sports multi-team scrimmages, invitational tournaments, or Region tournaments are not permitted for the 2021 season. If permitted a scrimmage may be held the week of March 8th but must be prior to the first scheduled contest.
- Individual sports tournaments must begin after 3:00pm Monday - Friday. Saturday tournaments are permissible.
- AIA member schools are not permitted to play any out of state team, nor participate in an out of state tournament.
- Must have a minimum of 10 days of practice before any competition.
- For the 2020-21 school year, the Non-school Participation Rule for spring sports will take effect on March 12, 2021. The Season of Competition begins March 12th for all schools in all spring sports without exception.
- Testing is recommended if possible in your county.
- Conference Leadership will determine the minimum number of contests required to qualify for the state tournament.
- **Any school that violates any of the mandatory modifications, including the COVID-19 Return to Play Form, will lose access to AIA officiating.**
- **All sport modifications are required.**



2021 AIA Spring Football Modifications

This document provides guidance and game modifications for schools, coaches, and players to follow in accordance with NFHS, state and local restrictions and recommendations. Site Administration is responsible for informing all participants of local guidelines for participation. **NO INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION IS PERMITTED.**

❖ LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES

- Dressing facilities for all should be large enough to use social distancing protocols and should be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to use.
- Before, during and after practice, players, coaches and team personnel should wash or sanitize their hands as often as possible.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times when possible.
- All coaches and team personnel shall wear a face covering at all times.

❖ OTHER MODIFICATIONS

• BALL

- The ball should be cleaned and sanitized throughout practice as recommended by the ball manufacturer.

• PLAYER FACE COVERINGS

- Only cloth face coverings, gaiters and non-surgical masks are permitted.

• TOOTH AND MOUTH PROTECTORS

- Encourage players to sanitize their hands regularly in order to reduce the spread from the use of mouth protectors.

• GLOVES

- Gloves are permissible, but should comply with either the NOCSAE Standard or the SFIA Specification.

• HYDRATION

- Players, officials and coaches should have their own beverage container that is not shared.