

Fall Sport Season Update:

Below are the topics discussed during the past A.D./Principal/Superintendent SWAL meeting. The meeting was called on Tuesday July 28th in response to the WIAA's decision on fall sports.

The WIAA decided to continue with fall sports putting restrictions on certain sports that are deemed higher risk. Three Boscobel sports were affected by the decision. Cross Country was deemed lower risk so their start date was unchanged (August 17th). Football and Volleyball were declared higher risk sports so start dates were delayed (Sept. 7th). No other criteria for fall sports has been decided by the WIAA at this time. Decisions like postseason play, guidelines for the pandemic, or rule modifications have not been finalized by the WIAA. Another important note: The WIAA acknowledges how tough it will be for some schools to participate in fall sports. There is an allowance for schools that do not feel comfortable having fall sports to delay the season into the spring. No other discussions about the movement of fall sports have happened (ex. Postseason, how does it affect spring sports, etc.) at this point.

The biggest result of the special meeting was that schools within the conference need to get clarification and guidance from their respective school boards. This group will convene again on August 5th to discuss reactions from school boards and to make recommendations conference wide. Below are all the topics discussed by the group. **I highlighted items that the group wanted school boards to discuss.**

1. Season Start Dates

OPTION 1: Follow WIAA start dates for the fall schedule to allow for state tournament competition?

OPTION 2: Follow Southwest Superintendent's recommendation to delay the start of the season and not be involved in state tournaments?

2. Conference only contests

A. Cross Country (Invitationals?)

B. Volleyball (Tournaments?)

C. Football (We will have a 7 game season, eliminate two non-conference games)

3. Scrimmages (No)

4. Multi-School Events: (Limit)

A. Cross Country (cannot be completely avoided)

i. Mini-conference meets, triangulars, etc.

B. Volleyball

i. Invitationals?

5. Limitations on fans

OPTION 1: No fans?

OPTION 2: Home parents only with social distancing?

OPTION 3: Limited tickets per athlete for both teams?

6. Masks

OPTION 1: Required for anyone attending?

OPTION 2: Highly recommended?

7. Concessions

OPTION 1: No concessions

OPTION 2: Pre-packaged foods only

8. Locker Rooms and Bathroom Availability

A. Limit accessibility to the building to only those necessary during events

9. Cheerleading

A. Allowed to cheer to whatever fans are in attendance

10. Band/Choir/National Anthem

A. Create opportunities for our student to record and have it played at events

11. Live-streaming of events

A. Via HUDL and/or Eye in the Sky??

12. Music, Forensics, Math, FFA, other clubs & organizations

A. As much virtual as possible.

13. No crowning conference champion

14. Selection of all-conference teams

A. Expand honorable mention for those who lost many games to quarantine

15. Travel distance and going out of region??

16. Junior Varsity

a. Travel separately as much as possible

b. Limit rosters to Varsity/Junior Varsity separately

17. Middle School

a. Practice aligned with HS start date of Sept. 7

b. First game week of September 17

c. Schedules may change based on HS volleyball scheduling