



## **2020-21 NSAA Spring Season Guidelines**

*Effective: March 1, 2021*

Circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic are constantly changing and vary from community to community. Decisions will have to be made from week to week or even day to day. The health and safety of students, staff, and local communities remain the priority of the NSAA as we provide opportunities to participate in the spring sports season.

Each school has the authority to determine if it will participate in the 2020-21 Spring Season. During the season it will be the responsibility of the host school to provide administrative oversight and compliance with established COVID-19 guidelines in accordance with their local health departments and facilities.

### **FOR ALL SPRING ACTIVITIES:**

The NSAA is requiring the following of schools, officials and spectators for all spring season contests:

- Active participants are permitted, but not required, to wear face coverings during competition/performance.
- Spectators are required to wear face coverings for entrance to all activities. Face coverings may be removed if outside and 6 feet of physical distance can be maintained.
- Face coverings must cover the nose and mouth.
- Follow local/state DHM's for spectator attendance.
- The host school may establish additional requirements in consultation with local health departments. Additional requirements implemented by the host school must be the same for all schools, officials, judges, and spectators.

Recommended protocols for spring contest hosts:

- Coaches and non-active participants are encouraged to wear face coverings at all times
- Create separate points of entry and seating for home and visitor teams/spectators
- Provide no concession stands or separate/multiple concession stands
- Provide separate/multiple restrooms
- Use signage, stanchions, or field markings to ensure physical distancing of 6 feet at concession stands and restrooms
- Communicate availability of locker room space for the opposing team and officials
- Implement diligent and effective cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched objects and surfaces

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

The NSAA has great appreciation for all its member schools and their tireless efforts to provide opportunities for learning and participation in NSAA activities. Communication, flexibility, and patience will be key in supporting our high school student participants as they participate in activities this spring season.



## **2021 NSAA Track & Field** **COVID-19 Regular Season Accommodations**

These modifications are subject to change in response to COVID-19.

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

This may include but is not limited to:

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

Competition Considerations:

- Minimize the number of teams or participants at the competition
- Recommend / require athletes to physical distance when not actively competing
- Recommend / require athletes to wear face coverings when not actively competing
- Disinfect implements before, during and after competition
- Recommend / require meet officials to wear face coverings
- Provide adequate space to physical distance in the clerking area