

Guidelines for Athletics

Eligibility

CCPS regulations will be followed regarding the eligibility of students to participate in after school extra-curricular activities with the following exceptions:

- Due to school closure in March of 2020 and through the first quarter of 2020-2021, all CCPS students are academically eligible to participate during Quarter 2 of the 2020-2021 school year. Academic eligibility guidelines will be enforced at the end of Quarter 2 based on marking period grades.
- Attendance requirements will be enforced when students are engaged in either the Virtual or Hybrid instructional model.

Athletic Fees

Due to the shortened season, the athletic fee will be reduced to \$60 (\$100 maximum per family). The athletic fee for corollary sports will be \$20. Athletic fees will be collected at the conclusion of the season.

Documentation Required

- In addition to documents routinely required for participation (e.g. physical for athletics, FamilyID registration), all students must have a *COVID-19 Parent/Student Participation Acknowledgement Statements* form signed by the student and parent on file (either digitally or physically).

General Guidelines

- Each student must provide his or her own clearly marked water bottle for hydration.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for staff and students.
- Students who display symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated from the group and emergency contacts will be contacted for pick up. CCPS protocols for PUI's (Persons Under Investigation) will be implemented.

Accounting for Students

The coach in charge of the activity will maintain an up to date list of student and staff who are participating in the activity including:

- Participant names
- Emergency contact names and phone numbers

Attendance will be taken at each practice or meeting to account for all students and staff.

Safety and Hygiene

Coaches should reinforce with students the need for responsible reporting of symptoms and refraining from participation to protect others if symptoms arise.

Athletic directors will assume responsibility for initiating COVID Response Protocol.

Cloth Face Coverings

Cloth face coverings should be worn by students, coaches, and staff, at all times when on CCPS property. The exception to this is for students who are actively participating in a strenuous activity (e.g. practicing/playing a sport).

Facility Use

Basketball, wrestling, and cheer are limited to their respective spaces. Locker room use will not be permitted.

Indoor track will only use the outdoor track facility. In the event of inclement weather, practice will be canceled.

Capacity Limitations

Gymnasiums are limited to 30 participants at a time.

Wrestling rooms are restricted to two wrestlers per small circle (as spaced on a 42' x 42' mat).

Weight room capacities will vary by school and will be determined by the individual athletic director.

Practice Times

Practices are to be accommodated in two-hour blocks of time, inclusive of the dead time between separate groups.

The time between groups will be 20 minutes.

Groupings

Movement between cohort groups may be required to fully evaluate students who are trying out for a team, but the movements should be limited as much as possible.

Groupings Specific to Wrestling

Within each cohort group, students may be separated into triads for drilling and live competition purposes. The triads should remain consistent throughout the season, except in extreme circumstances.

Contests

- Contests will only take place within Carroll County. No out of county contests will be scheduled.
- Sport modifications will follow recommendations from the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association.
- Only participants will be permitted on the grounds during the practices and events. Parents may sit in cars, on the school grounds, if they choose.
- Spectators will not be permitted to attend contests. To the extent practical, events will be live-streamed or recorded.

Transportation

Specific plans for transportation are being developed. Once they have been finalized, more information will follow.

Schedule

- Winter Sports:
 - December 14, 2020- Practice Begins
 - December 14-19: Conditioning, skill evaluation, team selection
 - December 21-January 4: Practice, intra-squad scrimmages
 - January 5-February 12: Interscholastic competition
 - Schools will communicate individual schedules
 - Schedules are subject to change