

Athletics – Mr. Aaron Skinner

Hello everyone!

I just wanted to make sure to thank everyone for your unwavering support of our athletic programs. I'm still blown away at the support we received during our Cardinal Event, even though I've had two weeks now to digest it all. I do have a couple of announcements below, but I want to make sure to wish you all a very special holiday season, and I hope that everyone can step away for a couple of weeks and decompress after the start of this year. There are brighter days ahead!!

Practices During Christmas Break

Athletic practices will only be allowed during Christmas break through Wednesday, December 23rd. To be consistent with our return to in person instruction in January, after December 23, no practices will be allowed on campus until we return back to in person instruction on Monday, January 11th.

Practicing with More than One Team

Per the newest guidelines that we received, students are going to have to choose one sport to participate in per season or time frame. As I stated in the last email, I am very hopeful that this will be reversed and students will be able to participate in the sports that they wish. As it stands now though, that is not currently allowed by CDPH.

The reason that I am restating this, is that we are now faced with not being able to practice more than one sport at the same time. So when we return in January, and CIF announces either any changes to the calendar, or that nothing will be changed, that should dictate which sports the students should prioritize. For example, if Football stays in the first season, and Baseball is in the second season, students who are going to play in both sports should prioritize the season 1 sport and only practice with that team from January 11th through the remainder of season 1.

Obviously, if they reverse this guideline, then I will update you all and clarify their decision.

Early January Updates

The CDPH has stated that they will reassess the guidelines that they just released on January 4th, and will provide an update at that time. Obviously, when that update comes out, I will communicate with you all what has changed, if anything.

Following that announcement, CIF is expected to make an announcement regarding the calendar for the year. We have heard rumors that they may adjust the calendar to match the tiered system used in the guidelines. For example, sports allowed in the Purple Tier and Red Tier may be moved up and sports allowed in the Orange and Yellow Tiers may be moved back, in order to give each sport the best opportunity to compete this year. CIF is also being very outspoken with regards to their recommendations to CDPH, and is going to advocate that all sports be allowed to compete in the Red Tier. There obviously is no guarantee that either of these things happen, but I wanted to put that out there in the event that either do happen, as that may affect people's calendars for the remainder of the year.

CIF is also planning to make an announcement on January 19th regarding Playoffs in sports this year, specifically with regards to sports played in the first season.

Boys Volleyball Season

It has now been officially announced by the CIF Southern Section offices that the Boys Volleyball season will be moved back to the Spring season. This decision was because the Boys teams lost their season last spring when we were initially sent home for COVID. The announcement stated that the CIF State Offices will release the specific dates for the Championships in early January, and the CIF-SS offices will then follow that up with the start and end dates for the regular season and playoffs.

Athletic Clearance

This is also just a reminder that every student-athlete needs to have a current Athletic Physical on file and have completed the Athletic Clearance process (www.athleticclearance.com) in order to be eligible to participate in athletics.

Again, I hope everyone has an amazing break and I look forward to returning in 2021!!

GO CARDINALS!

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