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The following is a summary of some of the important Rule Changes, and Guidelines set forth by the State for the Fall 2020 season. Anything not listed remains the same as listed under SED/NYSPHSAA/Section VI/ECIC

NYSPHSAA Changes

1. All Fall sports will begin September 21.
2. All Teams and individuals for the Fall 2020 season will need 10 practices except for Golf (training) and Gymnastics (12).
3. The 7 Day Rule has been waived starting October 12th.
4. No Regional or State Championships will be held.

NYSED Changes

1. Permit Fall Athletes with a previous health examination for school attendance in 2018-19 or 2019-20.
2. Physical examinations should be accepted on any form.
3. Coaches with 1st Aid and/or CPRAED certification that expires between 3/1/20 and 11/30/20 have been extended through the end of the fall season.
4. Students are eligible for interscholastic athletics, provided they are a bona fide student taking 3 classes plus physical education whether instruction is hybrid or remote.

NYSDOH Changes

1. All participants must always wear a mask, unless they can't tolerate it during activity.
2. When not in the core activity, 6 feet of distancing should be maintained. This means spreading out bench areas and warm-up areas.
3. Sharing of personal items, water, equipment shall be prohibited.
4. All participants should be screened daily and should be immediately removed from participation.

5. Schools should provide a sanitation station near the benches for athletes/coaches/officials.
6. Only athletes and game personnel should be in the playing area.
7. Travel is restricted to the WNY area until October 19th. At that time, you may travel outside of Section VI to play a game.
8. Spectators should be limited to 2 per athlete and must maintain 6 feet separation from members outside of their household. If 6 feet can not be maintained masks must be worn

ECIC Changes

1. Each school is expected to screen their own athletes prior to practice and competition.
2. Coaches should be able to provide documentation of daily attendance if requested.
3. No spectators will be permitted to swim meets.
4. Only credentialed spectators will be permitted to all other events that are outside.
5. There will be no building entry for any spectator or visitor at any of our ECIC schools.
6. There will be no post game handshakes between teams.

Attached please find sport specific guidelines from the NYSPHSAA Return to Interscholastic Athletics document.

Please refer to the following for more details:

[NYSPHSAA Return to Interscholastic Athletics](#)

[NYSDOH Interim Covid-19 Guidance for schools](#)

[NYSDOH Interim Covid-19 Guidance for Sports and Recreation](#)

Cross Country

- Meets should be limited to 4 or fewer teams.
- Rosters sizes should be limited when attending meets.
- Team tents will not be permitted.
- There should be no gathering or congregating near the start or finish lines.
- Staggered starts are recommended.

Field Hockey

- No sharing of any equipment.
- Bench area may be extended to accommodate 6 feet social distance.
- Pre-game conference to be held at center field.

Golf

- Scoring should be done on golfer's own personal device.
- No paper scorecards or sharing pencils.
- Single tee starts should be staggered.
- Once round has been completed golfers should leave and not congregate at 9th green or other common area.
- Putting green and practice areas should be divided equally and social distance maintained.

Soccer

- Goalies cannot spit on gloves.
- Pre-game meeting should be limited and done at Center field.
- Bench area should be spread out and staggered.
- When subbing in, players should be social distance from scorer's table and wear a mask.

Swimming & Diving

- Those not swimming should be spread out throughout pool area.
- Multiple warm-up sessions to limit the number of athletes in the pool may occur.
- Only 1 lap counter per lane will be permitted.

Tennis

- Each player should provide their own can of Tennis balls and only serve with those balls.