



WRA Spring Sports Covid Policies and Guidelines

Philosophy

WRA is committed to the holistic education of students. Athletics provide essential opportunities to support physical and emotional wellbeing while also serving as a vehicle for the development of lifelong skills. As a means of continuing to provide meaningful experiences for our students, the WRA Athletic Department, in thoughtful consultation with WRA's health care providers, proposes a program focused on safe and controlled interscholastic competitive athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic.

General Structure

Each Spring Sport Varsity Team will have the opportunity to compete in a limited number of games/matches/meets predicated upon compliance with the protocol specified. This program will afford WRA the opportunity to play under highly controlled parameters. WRA reserves the right to cancel competition for any reason. This could include, but is not limited to, change of COVID-19 color categorization for Summit County, concerns about the wellness of our student athletes, their families, or the community at large.

Competition

- All athletes, coaches, and officials will complete a health screening prior to each competition including a temperature reading and questions about symptoms including runny nose, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, fever, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle aches or chills, or a change in sense of taste or smell. Any individual who fails the screening will not be allowed to participate and should consult with a healthcare professional.
- All coaches, trainers, managers, officials, and athletes (including those who are not dressed in uniform), who are not on the field of play will wear masks during competition.
- WRA will be in communication with competitor's athletic departments. All visiting teams are required to be compliant with WRA's protocol. WRA will only play away games that meet our standards of protocol.

- Athletic departments will exchange team rosters prior to competition in order to facilitate contact tracing should the need arise.
- Teams will not shake hands before or upon the conclusion of a game (schools will devise an alternative way to demonstrate sportsmanship at the end of each contest).
- Each athlete will be responsible for their own water bottle, which is to be clearly labeled with the athlete's name.
- Spectators will be permitted at all outdoor events. No spectators will be allowed at any indoor home contests. All spectators will be required to wear a mask, following distancing guidelines, and all specified sanitization procedures. Specific spectator guidelines will be shared in a subsequent document.
- Visiting teams will arrive dressed in uniform and will not be provided locker room access.
- Host schools will designate a restroom area for visiting school athletes and coaches.
- Host schools will have a supply of hand sanitizers available for all participants.
- Athletic Departments will consult with their school's health professionals routinely to collaborate on ways to limit risk.
- WRA's athletic compliance officers will ensure the satisfactory following of the guidelines as specified by Summit County Public Health.
- All teams will follow the return-to-play guidelines as shared by the governing association of the sport.
- No athlete will be required to travel to or participate in competition. Each student's decision to engage or refrain from competitive play will be honored and supported.
- All coaches will be encouraged to take the COVID-19 Course offered through the National Federation of High School Coaches on NFHS Learn.

Please continue to consult www.wra.net/athletics for the most up-to-date scheduling of interscholastic competitions.