

As we prepare to re-engage in secondary school athletics, please ensure the directions below are followed for the health and safety of all.

Protocols for AABHN Outdoor Sports:

- All individuals must self-screen prior to attending all outdoor sporting events. Self screening shall be completed at the player's home school.
- Individuals exhibiting COVID type symptoms shall not attend any games. If any player is absent from school or is sent home during the school day due to any COVID related symptoms or class cohorts, they are not permitted to play that day. Return to play will be based on the school's/Board's return to school policies.
- Attendance must be taken of all individuals including staff, referees, volunteers, and participants and maintained at the home school for potential contact tracing.
- All individuals must wear masks while entering and exiting the playing area.
- Participants do not need to wear masks on the sidelines or on the field during game play.
- Coaches must wear mask and eye protection unless 2m of distance is maintained.
- Participants to arrive no earlier than 25 minutes prior to start time to avoid congregating. No Loitering!
 - Exception: When 2 teams (Jr/Sr) must share a bus for transportation to the game, both teams cannot arrive 25 minutes prior to the game. This will be based on an individual school basis, as not all schools use bus transportation.
- Only personal water bottles are to be used.
- Hand hygiene is to be practiced prior to, during and after participation. Have hand sanitizers available on the court or field for use when players go on and off the court.
- Coaches and other coaching staff are to ensure equipment is to be cleaned/sanitized during breaks in game play where possible (eg. timeouts, halftime) and upon completion. (eg. football, tennis racquets etc.)
- See below for changeroom use

Transportation

- All current transportation protocols must be followed. This can include the transportation of 2 teams at the same time (Jr/Sr).

- Masking and seating plan must be in place to be used for the purposes of contact tracing. Maintain distance as much as possible.

Spectators

1. Spectators outdoors will not be permitted at this time.

Protocols for AABHN Indoor Sports:

- All individuals must self-screen prior to attending all indoor sporting events. Self screening shall be completed at the player's home school.
- Individuals exhibiting COVID type symptoms shall not attend any games. If any player is absent from school or is sent home during the school day due to any COVID related symptoms or class cohorts, they are not permitted to play that day. Return to play will be based on the school's/Board's return to school policies.
- Attendance must be taken of all individuals including staff, referees, volunteers, and participants and maintained at the home school for potential contact tracing.
- All individuals must wear masks into the school building.
- Masking is encouraged for participants at indoor sports where they can be worn safely based on the activity.
- For team sports such as basketball and volleyball, masks should be worn by players on the sideline or team bench areas.
- Coaches/Volunteers must wear a mask. Eye protection is required when within 2 m of another person not wearing a mask.
- Participants to arrive no earlier than 25 minutes prior to start time to avoid congregating. No Loitering! Maintain appropriate physical distancing and directional flow to the locations/facilities that are used for games including routes to and from the parking lot, and gym area.
 - Exception: When 2 teams (Jr/Sr) must share a bus for transportation to the game, both teams cannot arrive 25 minutes prior to the game. This will be based on an individual school basis, as not all schools use bus transportation.
- Only personal water bottles are to be used. Water filling stations should be available for athletes to refill personal water bottles.

- Hand hygiene is to be practiced prior to, during and after participation. Have hand sanitizers available on the court for use when players go on and off court.
- Equipment is to be cleaned/sanitized during breaks in game play (eg. timeouts, halftime) and upon completion.

Transportation

- All current transportation protocols must be followed. This can include the transportation of 2 teams at the same time (Jr/Sr).
- Masking and seating plan must be in place to be used for the purposes of contact tracing. Maintain distance as much as possible.

Use of School Changerooms for indoor and outdoor sports

Permitted for home team only

- Masks to be worn in changerrooms
- Maximum capacity limits to be posted and adhered to in changerrooms with 2m distancing between individuals
- Changerrooms to be disinfected between games (be aware of school board/school direction related to use of change rooms). Considerations: the number of students permitted with appropriate physical distancing and disinfecting procedures between student/player use.
 - Visiting teams are required to show up dressed and ready to play. Change rooms will not be provided for the visiting team.
 - All teams are responsible for bringing their own warmup up equipment (eg. balls) and ensure it is disinfected before and after use.

Spectators

Spectators will not be permitted at this time.

Further considerations for all sports

Any team with a player found to have a positive COVID-19 test and have been exposed to the other participants on that team, will cause the school team to be immediately shut down. Return to that sport will be at the direction of their school/school board.