WW-P Winter Athletic Update

November 17, 2020

Executive Order 187

- Permits indoor youth sports to occur
- The number of people permitted at a practice or competition will be limited to 25% of the capacity of the room in which the event takes place, with such limit not to exceed 25 persons or be less than 10 persons.
 - If the number of individuals who are necessary for the practice or competition, such as players, coaches and referees, is greater than 25 persons, the practice or competition may proceed as long as no individuals are present who are not necessary for the event.
 - o If this exception applies, the number of individuals at the event still may not exceed 25% of the capacity of the room or 150 persons, whichever is less

NJSIAA Return to Play Winter Guidelines

- Mirrors Executive Order 187
- Practice Start Date: December 3rd- WW-P is currently looking at a December 7th start to allow 10 days in between Thanksgiving Day and start date
- Competition Start Date: December 21
- 15 game maximum with a a limit of 2 games per week; 2 weeks of 3 games are permitted
 - Competition limited to 2 teams- no tri's or quad's
 - 1 scrimmage
 - Out-of State competition is prohibited
- Transfer Period-November 1, any student who transfers after this date will be required to sit for a period of 30 days or ½ the maximum number of games, whichever is less.

NJSIAA Timeline

- Week of November 16- Medical Advisory Task Force will make recommendations
- Week of November 16- Sports Advisory Task Force will make recommendations
- November 19- Leagues and Conferences Meeting
- November 20- CVC Meeting

High School Registration

- Registration for High School Athletics opened on October 16 and closed on November 8
- High School North Registration- 324 students across 9 sports
- High School South Registration- 362 students across 9 sports
- Currently at 78% of what registration would be in a traditional year

Discussions Surrounding Winter Athletics

- Coaches Meeting- 10/19; 10/20; 10/29; 10/30; 11/4
- Parent Booster Club Meetings- 10/22; 10/28; 11/2
- District Doctor/Medical Personnel- 10/27
- Student Athlete Meetings- 11/2; 11/3

Health and Safety Protocols for Practices

- Temperature Screenings at the start of practice
 - o Each team has a touch-free thermometer
- Daily Health Screening Form
- Hand Sanitizer
 - Each practice location will have hand sanitizer and will require students to use in between drills,
- Each student will provide their own water
- Practices may be based upon event or gender (Indoor Track, Swimming, Fencing)
- Equipment wiped down at the start and end of practices
- Limited locker room use- swimming, diving, wrestling
- Personal hygiene protocols for athletes
- Masks
 - All athletic staff will wear
 - Students will wear during teaching moments/ in between drills

Health and Safety Protocols for Competition

- Competition staying within the Colonial Valley Conference (CVC) (Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Ice Hockey and Track)
- Identified local competition group (Fencing, Diving)
- Travel roster limits in accordance with the CVC guidelines
- Daily screening form and temperature checks required prior to departure
- Currently no spectators are permitted, exploring streaming competition

Identified Challenges with Winter

It is important to note that the items below are challenges, and that they do not signal that a return to play is not feasible

- Transportation
 - o Currently WW-P follows CDC guidelines and permits 11 students and 1 coach on a bus
 - No busing to and from practice
- Practice Spaces
- Spectators- Currently the NJSIAA is not permitting spectators
- Sport specific challenges:
 - Wrestling- Close contact physical contact
 - Winter Track Competitions- Unable to have invitational meets

Athlete Accountability and Responsible Behavior

- Following recommended CDC guidelines
- Limiting social interactions with groups of individuals
- Consider travel restrictions and plans for holidays and winter break
- Wearing Masks