



CATHOLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Winter Sports Season
Coaches Zoom Meeting (Jan. 11, 2021)

Introductions

- Jim Blaney. President of the CAA
- Mark Courtney. CAA's Athletic Director
- Other Board members are on the call.
- You can see all of the other participants in Zoom's "Participants" feature.
- Please remain muted during the call.
- If there is time remaining at the end of the presentation, we will take questions/comments.
- 40 minute limit to this Zoom meeting.

Reminder: CAA Winter Sports – 2021



BASKETBALL - YES



HOCKEY - YES



SWIMMING – NO

COVID-19 – The Youth Sports Reality

- Sports activities were associated with 1,769 COVID-19 cases from June 1 through Sept. 16. See, MN Dept. of Health Statistics.
 - Among those cases, 290 cases involved youth in Grades K-8.
 - **The CAA is unaware of any reports of hospitalizations or deaths due to youth athletics involving children in Grades K-8.**
 - The recent “pause” makes it difficult to identify any trends. It is important that we follow all government guidelines so that youth sports may continue.
- The MN Dept. of Health has identified 62 outbreaks, defined as two or more cases from one event, from sports activities.
 - **Fifty of those outbreaks involved youth sports**, the other 12 stemmed from adult activities. **Basketball accounted for 16 outbreaks**, while football, soccer and **hockey each accounted for nine.**
 - The outbreaks were tied to about 140 cases, with half involving youth and the other half among college athletes.

Requirements for Participation

- **Waiver Forms.**

- Coach and player waiver forms (posted on CAA Website). Submit all waiver forms as one .pdf document.
- School facility specific protocols (posted on CAA Website). All teams must review and comply with facility specific COVID-19 protocols posted on the CAA website.

- **Game Day Coach Affirmation.**

- Each coach must provide the game official with a signed game day affirmation form (posted on CAA Website).
- All CAA coaches are required to affirm and represent by their signature that each player and coach for the team has reviewed and can answer YES to each of the COVID-19 screening statements listed on the form before play begins on each game day. A copy of this form **must** be signed before each game and provided to the official. The form can be found on the CAA's website.

Basketball Schedule

- **Week of January 18th.** Games begin. We anticipate a 6-week schedule with one game per week.
 - **NOTE: Game schedules have been posted on the CAA website.**
- **Week of March 1st.** Final week of 6-week schedule (we have 7 weeks to play a 6 week schedule in an effort to give us some flexibility over the course of the season).
- **Week of March 8th.** Potential Playoffs. Playoffs dates are TBD.

Hockey Schedule

- **Week of January 18th.** Games begin. We anticipate a 6-game schedule with each of the four teams having 2 games against the other three teams.
 - **NOTE: Game schedules have been posted on the CAA website.**
- **Potential Playoffs.** Playoffs are TBD.

Coach Responsibilities – Game Day

- Provide game official with:
 - Signed affirmation that all players participating in the game are (a) properly rostered, (b) properly equipped, and (c) can answer YES to the COVID screening statements. Form is on the CAA website.
 - Coaches **MUST** sign the above form prior to each game and give the signed form to the referee.
- Students who are not on the team roster form that was required to be submitted to the CAA may NOT play in any game.
- Manage spectators and compliance with site-specific facility protocols. All site-specific facility protocols are posted on the CAA website. Review and understand the protocols of the facility where you play. Please distribute these protocols to parents/guardians of each player.
- If there is no site-specific facility protocol, comply with all state regulations.
- Manage team arrival and departure from facilities to avoid congestion between games.

Post-Game COVID-19 Protocol

- **Schools are to advise the CAA immediately in the event a participating player, coach or family/household member of a player/coach is discovered to have been COVID-19 positive on a game day. CAA contact is Mark Courtney. Contact information on website.**
- **Games are being scheduled to be played 1 x per week so that any post-game COVID outbreak will hopefully be discovered during the week between games.**
- **Any team with a COVID-19 positive player will NOT be allowed to play any game for 14 days after the date of the player's positive test for COVID-19.**
- **The CAA continues to monitor how the Minnesota State High School League is handling COVID-19 issues and will consider MSHSL's protocols and procedures for teams that experience positive COVID-19 cases.**

COVID Related Rule Changes

- No pre-game or post-game handshakes or contact between the players or the game official.
- All participants (players, coaches and officials) **must wear masks at all times**. No exceptions.
- Spectator attendance must comply with facility specific COVID-19 protocols.

Questions/Comments

- We will take questions or comments during the remaining time.

Questions and Comments

- Please send any questions or comments that you were not able to ask during the Coaches Meeting to:
 - Mark.Courtney@stpaulcaa.org