



**ST. PAUL
CATHOLIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**

Fall 2021 Season
Soccer Coaches Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, September 8th, 2021
6:30pm

Introductions

- Kevin McCloughan - President of the CAA Board of Directors
- Mark Courtney - CAA Athletic Director
- Other Board members are on the call.
- You can see all 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 Fall Sports – 2021



SOCCER – SEASON BEGINS ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH



VOLLEYBALL – SEASON BEGINS
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH



CROSS COUNTRY – EVENT DATE
& LOCATION IS TBD

COVID-19 – The Youth Sports Reality

- The MN Dept. of Health (as of August 28th) - ALL Minnesota counties have high or substantial transmission of COVID-19. Based on this fact, per the CDC's guidance, everybody — whether vaccinated or not — should wear a mask in public, indoor spaces in areas with high or substantial transmission.
- The Minnesota State High School League's recommendations (effective Aug. 16, 2021) to its member schools concerning COVID-19 plans/protocols includes the following:
 - **Vaccines:** Minnesota Department of Health, in alignment with current scientific evidence and guidance from CDC, strongly recommends vaccination for all those ages 12 and older.
 - **Masks:** Masks/face coverings are recommended and encouraged when individuals are not in active participation or competition. Universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status is recommended.
 - **Physical Distancing:** Maintain at least three feet of distance between people when possible. This includes participants, coaches, and spectators.

Schedule for CAA's Fall 2021 Soccer

- **September 2nd** - Deadline for Team Registrations. Register online – **Deadline has passed.**
- **September 8th** - Coaches Pre-Season Zoom Meeting.
 - NOTE: Game schedules are now on the CAA website (www.stpaulcaa.org).
- **September 10th** (Friday) - Deadline for Soccer Facility Specific COVID-19 Protocols to be posted on CAA Website.
- **September 11th** (this Saturday) – Season Starts.
- **September 22nd**. Deadline for:
 - ✓ Coach and player waiver forms (forms are available on CAA Website).
 - ✓ Team Rosters (form is available online and must be returned as an attachment to an email sent to caarosters@gmail.com).
- **October 19th** - Regular Season Ends.
- **Week of October 25th** - Potential Playoffs and Championships.
 - ✓ 5th, 6th & 7th Grade – Location and Date is TBD (probable date Friday, October 29th).
 - ✓ 8th Grade Girls Championship – Sunday, October 31st, 12:00pm (noon) at STA.
 - ✓ 8th Grade Boys Championship – Sunday, October 31st, 1:30pm at STA.

League Formation and Team Numbers

- **Grade Level and Gender of Leagues:**

BOYS

8th Grade (3 Leagues & 29 Teams)

- East Side (9 Teams)
- Suburban (10 Teams)
- National (10 Teams)

7th Grade Boys (10 teams)

6th Grade Boys (2 Leagues & 14 Teams)

- East Side (6 Teams)
- Southwest (8 Teams)

5th Grade Boys (6 teams)

GIRLS

8th Grade Girls (5 Teams)

7th Grade Girls (4 Teams)

6th Grade Girls (4 Teams)

- **Number of Players on Field Considerations:**

- ✓ Based on school registration and rosters, it is possible that there may be games where one or both teams will have less than 11 players. In the event a team has less than 11 players, both teams will play with no more than the number of players the “under-rostered” team has available (i.e., if one team has 9 available players and the other team has 14 available players, the game will be played 9 v. 9).
- ✓ The minimum number of players is 8. Players can only be rostered and play on one team.

Coach Responsibilities – Game Day

- Understand that participation at any CAA event is an affirmation that all coaches and players participating in the game are (a) properly rostered, (b) properly equipped, and (c) can answer YES to the COVID screening statements (posted on the CAA Website (www.stpaulcaa.org)).
- Students who are not on the team roster form that is 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 will be posted on the CAA website. Review and understand the protocols of the field/gym 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 fields to avoid congestion on the fields between games.
- If your team can't (won't) abide by the facility COVID protocol, you should notify the CAA by 48 hours of game time, that you will be forfeiting.
- **EVERY FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FACILITY SPECIFIC COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF THE GAME AND IMPOSITION OF A \$200.00 PENALTY.**

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, our CAA Athletic Director. Mark's contact phone is 651-357-2646. Mark's email is mark.courtney@stpaulcaa.org.**
- **Any team with a COVID-19 positive player will NOT be allowed to play any game for 10 days after the date of the player's positive test for COVID-19.**
- **The CAA continues to monitor the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) regarding COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations for handling fall athletic activities. We will consider MSHSL's protocols and procedures for teams that experience positive COVID-19 cases but reserve the right to change our requirements in response to the rapidly changing pandemic environment, based on what we feel is in the best interest of our member schools, volunteer coaches and student athletes.**

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 (CAA Athletic Director)
 - info@stpaulcaa.org (CAA Office)
 - krmccloughan@comcast.net (CAA Board Officer)