## WHAT DOES FULLY OPEN LOOK LIKE? POST COVID-19

#### AGENDA

- WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
- How did our state develop its COVID-19 guidance for athletics?
- How did Education-Based Athletics Adapt to COVID Requirements?
- WHAT IS DIFFERENT DURING THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR?
  - WHAT WILL THE "BACK TO NORMAL" LOOK LIKE FOR STUDENT ATHLETES? FOR SPECTATORS? FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS?

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### **DISTRICTS & LEAGUES**





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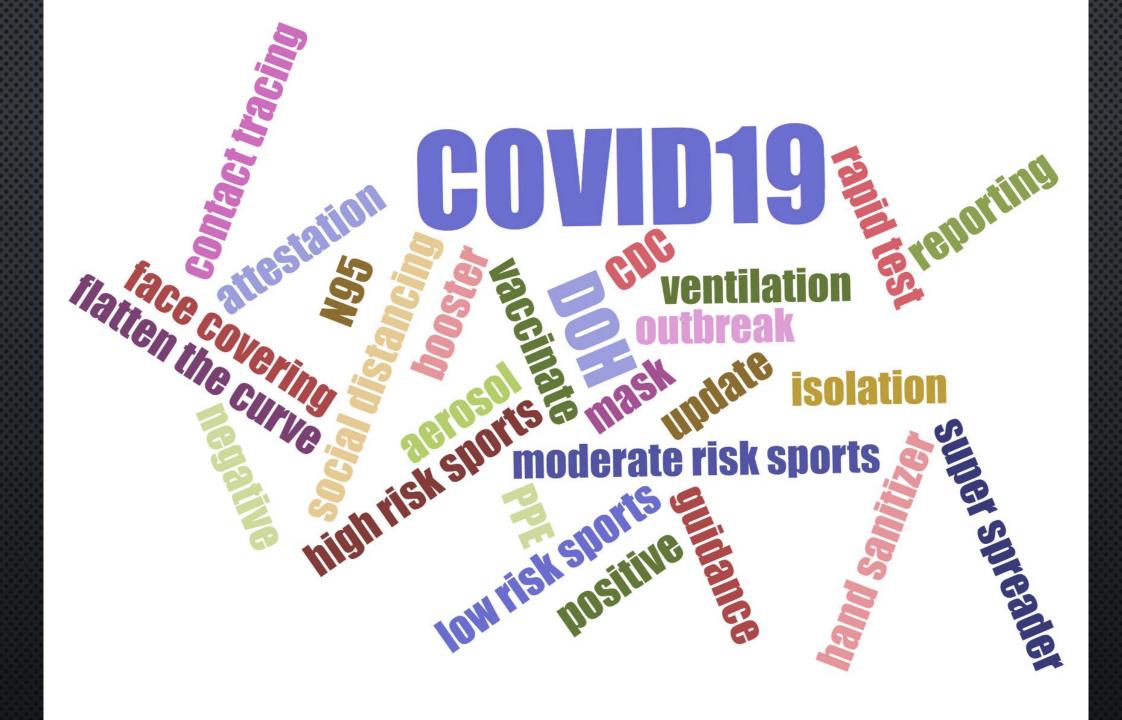
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#### 2020-24 League Alignments

NORTH OLYMPIC 1B	NISQUALLY 1A	OLYMPIC 1A, 2A, 3A	SOUTH PUGET SOUND 2A	PIERCE COUNTY 3A
Chief Kitsap Academy Clallam Bay Crescent Neah Bay	Annie Wright Bellevue Christian Cascade Christian Charles Wright Academy East Jefferson Klahowya Life Christian Seattle Christian Vashon Island	Bainbridge Bremerton Kingston North Kitsap North Mason Olympic Port Angeles Sequim	Clover Park Enumclaw Fife Foss Franklin Pierce Orting Steilacoom Washington White River	Bonney Lake Lakes Lincoln Mt. Tahoma Spanaway Lake Silas Stadium

INDEPENDENT	SOUTH SOUND CONFERENCE 3A	SOUTH PUGET SOUND 4A	NORTH PUGET SOUND 3A/4A
Covenant	Capital Central Kitsap Gig Harbor North Thurston Peninsula River Ridge Timberline Yelm	Bellarmine Prep Bethel Curtis Emerald Ridge Graham-Kapowsin Olympia Puyallup Rogers (Puyallup) South Kitsap Sumner	Auburn Auburn Mountainview Auburn Riverside Decatur Federal Way Kennedy Catholic Kent-Meridian Kentlake Kentridge Kentwood Mount Rainier Tahoma Thomas Jefferson Todd Beamer



# HOW DID OUR STATE DEVELOP ITS COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR ATHLETICS?



## Washington State COVID-19 Decision Making Chart















HOW DID EDUCATION-BASED ATHLETICS ADAPT TO COVID REQUIREMENTS IN 2020-21

#### 2020-21 Athletic Schedules

- August of 2020 all education-based athletics were paused
  - Phases in each county established by DOH
- October 2020-January 2021 "Summer 2.0"
  - Masks, pods, attestations and testing, quarantine
- 6-8 week seasons were established from January-June
  - Leagues allowed to make their own schedule
  - Pre-Contests Practice Requirements were modified (half)
  - No post-season contests
  - Most leagues stayed with just a league schedule
  - Beyond traditional league structure in some cases (counties)
  - Most schools did not charge admissions.

#### 2020-21 Athletic Schedules

#### Season 1

January-March

- Cross Country
- Football
- Girls Soccer
- Girls Swim/Dive
- Volleyball

#### Season 2

March-May

- Baseball
- Fastpitch
- B/G Golf
- Girls Tennis
- B/G Track
- Boys Swim/Dive

#### Season 3

May-June

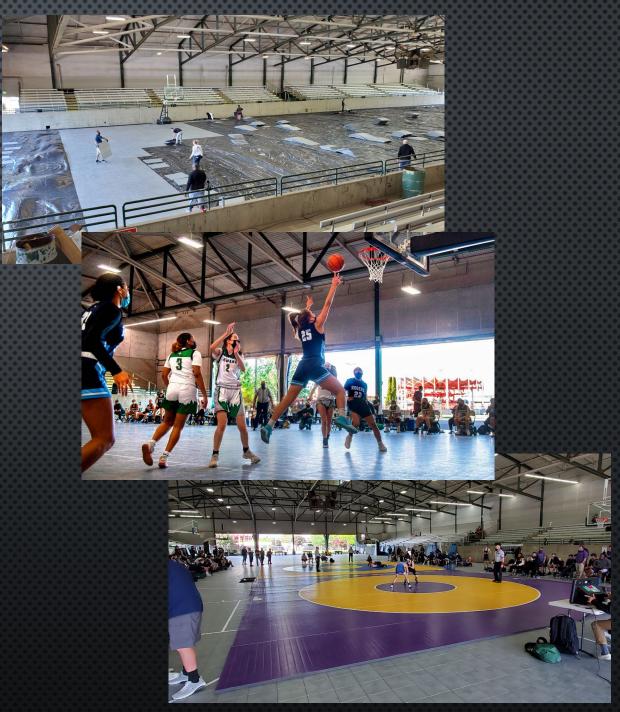
- B/G Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheer
- Dance/Drill
- Gymnastics
- B/G Water Polo
- B/G Wrestling
- B/G Lacrosse(some overlap 2-3)

- Health Screenings/Attestations
- League and District Agreements
- Creative scheduling
- Western Washington Fairgrounds
- Arbiter Live
- Streaming
- Football Safety Training









- Zoom/Teams/Virtual Meetings
- Webinars
- WIAA 2-minute Drill
- Regional AD meetings
- Athletic Director cohorts
- WSSAA Wednesday
- WIAA Wednesday
- □ AD Toolbox
- In-person State AD Conference







## WHAT IS DIFFERENT DURING THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR? (SO FAR!)

Post COVID-19: What will the "back to normal" look like for student athletes? For spectators?











#### Things that have come from the athletic experience during a pandemic

#### **Negative?**

- Changed the role of Athletic
   Director many more responsibilities.
- Magnified the nationwide shortage of officials.
- Transportation has become an even bigger issue.
- Mental health
- Restrictions on venues and travel
- People are grumpy!
- Students do not know how to behave at events.

#### Positive?

- Changed the role of Athletic
   Director many more responsibilities
- Ticketing moving toward cashless
- Communication does not have to be in-person all of the time
- Students who participated seemed to have more success in classes
- Students want to be involved.
- Appreciation for opportunities and the little things.
- Appreciation for family time.

#### **Supporting Documents and References**

- Washington State Department of Health: doh.wa.gov
- Washington Interscholastic Activities Association: wiaa.com
- Washington Secondary Schools Athletic Administrator's Association: wssaaa.com
- WCD3: wiaadistrict3.com
- South Puget Sound League: spsl.org
- North Puget Sound League: npslathletics.org

## Thank you!



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