



DEPOSIT/HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Eagles Athletics Reset

Athletics Reopening 2020-2021

D/H Athletics FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions Worksheet

1. When can high-risk Winter Sports start practicing and competing?

Answer: Effective February 1, participation in moderate- and high-risk athletics has been approved by the Governor and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). On February 7, Delaware County Public Health approved the start of high-risk Winter Sports. Therefore, practices will begin as soon as possible after approval from the Deposit and Hancock boards of education. Students may represent their school after six practices in all sports with the exception of wrestling, which will require 10 practices. **All student-athletes must complete and submit a signed Informed Consent Form and return it to the main office as a condition of competing on a high-risk D/H athletics team.**

2. Can a student-athlete with COVID-19 symptoms keep playing sports?

Answer: No. Student-athletes exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms may not participate in any athletic activities associated with the Deposit and/or Hancock school districts and must be tested for COVID-19 by a medical provider as soon as possible.

3. How soon can a student-athlete who had exhibited COVID-19 symptoms return to play?

Answer: **Those who test NEGATIVE** for COVID-19 may return to athletic activities with written clearance from a medical provider. **Those who test POSITIVE** for COVID-19 may not return to athletic activities until they have received written medical clearance from a licensed medical provider or DOH official.

4. Will there be Regionals and State Championships during the Winter Sports Season?

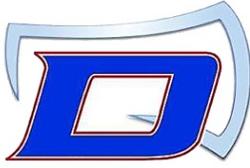
Answer: No. All Winter State Championships have been canceled. Sectional and league championship tournaments will be at the discretion of the Section IV Athletic Association and the Midstate Athletic Conference, respectively.

5. Will spectators be permitted to attend events? If so, how many will be allowed?

Answer: Spectators are not permitted at Winter Sports events, with the exception of Senior Nights. Deposit and Hancock will host separate Winter Sports Senior Night events, at their respective home venues. Each senior will be allowed to bring two spectators to their district-specific Senior Night event. i.e. Deposit seniors can have two spectators apiece at Deposit's Senior Night, but they cannot bring spectators to Hancock's Senior Night, and vice-versa. Spectator guidelines for Fall II and Spring sports seasons will be addressed at a later date. Deposit and Hancock will base all spectator-attendance decisions on the recommendations of local health officials, the NYSPHSAA, Section IV Athletics and the MAC to ensure the safety of all participants and spectators (if permitted).

6. If spectators are not allowed, is there a way to watch competitions?

Answer: Winter Sports may be watched remotely through video streaming and/or a HUDL camera at designated venues. This allows free viewing access to all community members. Additionally, live streaming via Facebook may be an option as Deposit and Hancock have had great success broadcasting bowling contests.



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7. Has the NYSPHSAA Seven Consecutive Day Rule been waived?

Answer: Yes. The NYSPHSAA has waived the seven consecutive day rule for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

8. What is the Fall II Sports Season?

Answer: NYSPHSAA officials approved the creation of an additional season, starting March 1. For Deposit/Hancock athletic programs, this will include Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football and Volleyball. Sections have the responsibility to determine season end dates.

9. Will NYSPHSAA practice requirements be adjusted for the Fall II Sports Season?

Answer: No. Students may represent their school after six practices in all sports with the exception of football, which will require 10 practices.

10. If seasons overlap, can students participate in both? If so, will practices carry over?

Answer: Sections may allow students to participate in overlapping seasons. NYSPHSAA officials approved allowing three practices for all sports (four for baseball) to carry over from the Fall II Sports Season to the Spring Sports Season.

11. When can Spring Sports programs start practicing and competing?

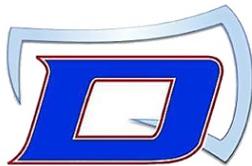
Answer: April 19 is the official start date for Spring Sports, as announced by the NYSPHSAA. Students may represent their school after six practices in all sports with the exception of baseball (10 practices) and golf (training).

12. Will my child be expected to have a physical before the start of a sports season?

Answer: No, unless a current health examination is deemed necessary by the school district's medical director. Otherwise, the New York State Education Department (NYSED) has waived the physical exam requirement for the 2020-2021 school year. Student-athletes may participate if they previously had a health examination for school attendance in the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years and provide a current health history, completed and signed by a parent/guardian within 30 days of the start of the season.

13. What will the districts do to prevent the spread of COVID-19?

Answer: COVID health screening surveys (paper or electronic) will be required before every practice and contest for coaches, officials, and athletes. Moreover, District officials will retain the right to check athlete, coach and spectator temperatures on demand. Coaches will be required to wear a face covering at all times. Athletes will wear face coverings, unless they cannot tolerate them during physical activity. Spectators, if permitted, will be required to wear face coverings if social distancing cannot be maintained. All shared equipment will be sanitized before, periodically during, and after activity. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at all practice and contest venues. Comprehensive COVID-19 protocols and procedures are listed in the D/H Eagles Athletics Reset Plan, posted on each district's website.



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Note: Current conditions are subject to change at any time. Our decision making will be informed by updates and guidance provided by various state and local agencies, including the NYSDOH, Delaware County Public Health, the NYSPHSAA, Section IV Athletics and the Midstate Athletic Conference. For more information, please contact the athletic coordinators listed below.

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