



DEPOSIT/HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

# Eagles Athletics Reset

Athletics Reopening 2020-2021

## D/H Eagles Athletics Reset Key Messages

### *Message #1: Moderate and High-Risk Athletics Restart Announcement*

- Effective February 1, participation in moderate- and high-risk Winter Sports has been approved by the Governor and the 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, likely on February 9 (weather-permitting).
- The Fall II Sports Season start date for low-, moderate- and high-risk sports is March 1, as determined by the NYSPHSAA and the Section IV Athletic Association. Fall II Sports will end April 25 and will not have regional/state championships.
- The Spring Sports Season for low-, moderate- and high-risk sports will run from April 19 until June 30, as determined by the NYSPHSAA and Section IV. State championships remain scheduled at this time.
- Leagues, such as the Midstate Athletic Conference, can alter season start dates as long as it is after the dates set by the NYSPHSAA (March 1 and April 19).
- The NYSPHSSA, Section IV and the MAC will determine and announce season-ending championships, if any.
- **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.

### *Message #2: Partnership with Deposit*

- Based on our best pre-season estimates, Deposit and Hancock will partner to offer the following merged athletics programs and levels for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - **Winter:** Boys Basketball (modified, junior varsity, varsity); Girls Basketball (modified, varsity).
  - **Fall II:** Cross Country (modified, varsity); Field Hockey (modified, junior varsity, varsity); Football (modified A, varsity); Volleyball (modified, junior varsity, varsity).
  - **Spring:** Baseball (modified, junior varsity, varsity); Golf (varsity); Softball (modified, junior varsity, varsity); Tennis (varsity); Track & Field (modified, varsity).
- Video streaming and/or HUDL camera will be provided for events in the Deposit and HCSO gymnasiums and the Fox Bowling Center during the Winter Sports season.
- Practices will take place in both the Deposit and Hancock districts.
- Transportation to and from practices and games will be provided for all participants by their respective districts. Students who are engaged in hybrid/remote instruction will be picked up/dropped off at their home district. Eligible students may self-transport to practices with written authorization from their building principal. Self-transport to and from contests will be considered on a situational basis.
- 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, as early as possible in the season. Deposit seniors will be honored at Deposit; Hancock seniors will be honored at Hancock.
  - 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.

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*Message #3: Key Health/Safety/Welfare Protocols from the Athletics Reopening Plan*

- All coaches, officials, trainers, game personnel, and players will be required to complete a COVID-19 health screening survey (paper or electronic) before participating in a practice or contest. Officials from both districts will retain to the right to take temperatures of coaches, players and spectators (if permitted) on demand.
- Coaches, officials, trainers, and game personnel will be required to wear a face covering at all times.
- Players are expected to wear face coverings unless they cannot tolerate them during activity, pending DOH, league, or section clarification.
- Spectators, if permitted, will be required to complete a COVID health screening survey (paper or electronic) before entering a contest venue. Face coverings must be worn when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Student-athletes or athletics personnel 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.
  - 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 release from a licensed medical provider or DOH official.
- All shared equipment must be disinfected before and after use and should be disinfected periodically during activity to maintain safety. 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, on the Deposit website at <https://www.depositcsd.org> and the Hancock website at <https://www.hancock.stier.org>.

**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 New York State Department of Health, the Delaware County Department of Health, the New York State Public High School Athletics Association, Section IV Athletics, and the Midstate Athletic Conference.

For more information, please contact the athletic coordinators listed below.

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