



Cooperstown Central School District
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To the Hawkeye Community,

Exciting news, word has come down from New York State that high risk sports may begin on February 1st and games to follow pending NY State Department of Health approval. The following is the direct statement from NYS and NYSPHAA:

Effective February 1, 2021, participants in higher risk sports and recreation activities may partake in individual or distanced group training and organized no/low-contact group training and, further, may partake in other types of play, including competitions and tournaments, only as permitted by the respective local health authorities (i.e., county health departments).

Responsible Parties must ensure a distance of at least six feet is maintained among individuals at all times, whether indoor or outdoor unless safety or the core activity (practicing, playing) requires a shorter distance. If a shorter distance is required a face covering for the physical activity (practicing, Playing); provided, however, that coaches, trainers, and other individuals who are not directly engaged in physical activity are required to wear a face covering.

CCS is currently compiling a tentative plan to return student-athletes safely, efficiently, and responsibly back to the courts, fields, and mats.

This will include 2 hour practice blocks with mask and sanitizing breaks. Disinfecting of all athletic areas before and after each practice, the use of the district screening tool, and temperature check for every coach & athlete before practice.

The parameters of athletic contest are still to be determined.

Although this is a minor step towards normalcy please remember this is all tentative and the safety of the student-athlete and Hawkeye community will always be first and foremost. These plans are subject to change.

Any student athlete interested in participating in high risk winter athletics (Volleyball, Basketball, & Wrestling) are encouraged to sign up on School ID.

If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.

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