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Dear Parents and Athletes,

With the continuously changing guidance we receive from the Oregon Health Authority, things are starting to sound more promising for athletics in the state. OSAA expects the Governor's Office and the OHA to come out with updated guidance for activities, specifically pertaining to contacts sports like basketball and football sometime this week.

Below are the updates specifically for each sport that is scheduled to start season 2:

High School Football-practice is allowed to start today, 2/8/2021 with helmets and just conditioning and no contact like the usual first week. OSAA is expecting new guidance this week from the OHA, however they do not know what it will look like or if it will allow full contact football. They did pass contingency options, (7 on 7 passing, non-contact flag football, virtual combine/lineman challenge) but again, they are hoping that updated guidance will allow full contact football to happen.

Grade School Football-we are in the same spot as the high school and waiting for updated guidance from the Governor's Office and OHA. We are also having discussion with the other schools in our area to see if any other schools are even going to offer football at the grade school level so we do not have a set start date. There is a league meeting this Wednesday Feb. 10th and we will be discussing this.

Cross Country-official practice starts February 22nd. This is allowed in every county regardless of the risk level because it is minimal contact and outdoors. OSAA passed a motion to move forward and start cross country around the state. Athletes must have 5 practice before competing against another school. Currently, there is a restriction on the number of schools allowed to compete, which is two, but OSAA is working with the OHA for guidance on how that works with small schools, like us, that only have a few athletes participating. More information to follow.

Grade School Volleyball-we are currently planning on starting practice February 22nd. Similar to grade school football, there is still discussion with the league on who will offer grade school volleyball and should have a better idea this Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

High School Girls Volleyball-official practice starts the 22nd and athletes are required to have 5 practice before playing in competitions. OSAA passed a motion to allow flexibility at the local level to move volleyball to a different time frame allowing schools in extreme risk counties the possibility to have volleyball later in the year. They are encouraging all schools that are currently in low, moderate, and high risk level counties to play during

season 2 starting on the 22nd. With a majority of schools in our area in low risk counties, we will be playing locally and coming up with a schedule shortly. There are a few schools in extreme counties that have bounced back and forth to high and will be able to play depending on where their county falls, so scheduling might be on a bi-weekly basis.

High School Boys Volleyball-practice is scheduled to start on the 22nd. There are a few other schools in the area that would like to move forward with scheduling games and giving the boys another opportunity to play an alternative sport.

Just as a reminder, all athletes must have an update physical, signed athletic policy, copy of insurance, and medical release to participate in practice. Copies can be found on the school website or by contacting the school.

If you have any questions please contact me at thumphrey@ncesd.k12.or.us or by calling the school.

Sincerely,

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