

Dear Murray County Central Activities Participants,

As we prepare for the upcoming season we can expect one thing for sure. CHANGE! In my years as a coach and AD I have always asked my players and coaches to control the controllables. We need to ask ourselves what we can control and what is out of our control. If we put our time into fighting what we cannot control we will only end up resentful and frustrated. If we attack the controllable things we will create a peace for ourselves and our teams. Which leads me to this. Yesterday at the annual MSHSL board meeting, the board of directors voted the Return to Participation for Cross Country to begin on August 17. The length of that season will be reduced by 20 percent and the number of competitions by 30 percent. No scrimmages, large events or invitationals will be permitted. There will be a maximum of three-team at an event.

After 2 failed votes on motions, the following for volleyball was passed. The season will be condensed between the traditional winter and spring seasons. The dates that were proposed are March 15 through May 15. How that season looks in detail is up in the air but we will be working on that in the next few weeks to the best of our abilities.

The MSHSL Board of Directors approved the Return to Participation for Football in the spring. It will be a condensed 6 game schedule with local and sub-district opponents. No scrimmages will be allowed. MDH guidelines must be followed for fan capacity, transportation, etc. Games will be suspended for school districts that are required to be in a distance learning model.

The MSHSL Board also approved that volleyball, football, golf, softball, baseball and track will have the opportunity to practice this Fall with their coaches without scrimmages or competitions and in keeping with all local and state health regulations. We are currently working on details at our local level for this.

I have reflected in the last 12 hours what this means for our district and activities we provide our student-athletes. There are highs, as all sports have a projected season even if it looks completely different than the "Normal". The lows of all the unanswered questions of homecomings, schedules, conflicts with other scheduled community events and everything I am not thinking about right now. The one thing we can do through our Rebel Pride and Community Spirit is work on this together. I promise I will be working on all those unanswered questions that we all have. I respect your frustration and want to work on them with you as together we will work the controllables.

Respectfully Yours in Academics & Activities,
James Wajer