

Athletics Administrative Report

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It has been very difficult to update the Board of Education these past few months due to so much uncertainty going forward with winter sports seasons. It is heartbreaking for our athletes, coaches, and parents. The roller coaster of emotions has not been an enjoyable ride. Currently, we are still on pause. The TCC members have met and will make all the necessary changes to the winter schedules for the league. The winter schedule has been changed twice already with more changes to come. We are waiting for guidance from Governor Whitmer's office along with support to move forward from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services with indoor, close contact sports. Our coaches have stayed in close contact with the athletes with communications and in some cases, daily virtual workouts.

A few questions and concerns that are lingering through this paused process.

1. Will middle school sports continue where they left off?
2. Will the high school sports that are allowed have fewer contests?
3. Will the schools that are allowing us to use their facilities for swim season still continue to allow us if they are not moving forward with their seasons? Full Virtual/Remote learning with no students on campus?
4. Will the MDHHS allow indoor, close contact sports such as wrestling and basketball?
5. Will the delay in winter sports affect the start of the spring sports season?
6. How will the TCC determine a championship in sponsored sports if there is a limited number of games and teams have COVID-19 outbreaks?
7. How can we keep our student-athletes engaged and safe while we are on pause?
8. How can we ensure that student-athletes are not participating in activities outside of the safety protocols of the MHSAA (wearing masks while participating in sports) at local gyms and facilities that do not follow safety guidelines? (This one is very frustrating to me)

On a positive note, Erie Mason has been selected to host the 2021 Boys Basketball Regional state tournament this year! We are not certain of the timeline for this event, but the athletic department is honored to be chosen.

So, for now, stay tuned for better updates in the future!