



Summer 2020 Return to Play Plan

Below are the guidelines Columbus Catholic High School will follow during the 2020 summer season. It is understood that state and local guidance is ever-changing, potentially causing the below items to be adjusted in the best interest of our student-athletes' health.

COVID-19 Positive Test

- Parents/Guardians will inform the head coach or CHS activity department who will then contact Black Hawk County Health Officials.

Pre-existing Conditions

- Any pre-existing health conditions must be communicated as soon as possible to coaches and the CHS activity department.

Temperatures

- Parents/Guardians are expected to take players' temperatures before practice/game if at all possible. Players are to stay home if the thermometer reads 100.4 or higher and will notify the head coach as soon as possible.
- Coaches will check the temperatures of all players upon their arrival to practice/games. Players will be sent home if the thermometer reads 100.4 or higher and the head coach will notify the CHS activity department as soon as possible.
- All players and coaches must remain fever-free (temperature less than 100.4) for 24 hours before they can return to practice/game.

Absences

- All player/assistant coach absences must be tracked by the head coach and rationalized. If the head coach must be absent, he should contact the activity department.

Equipment

- Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, gloves, bats, helmets, etc. if at all possible.
- Coaches will sanitize all shared equipment before and after each practice/game.

Hand Sanitizer

- Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and use it throughout practices/games whenever appropriate.

Facemasks

- Facemasks are permissible to be worn by all spectators, coaches, and players but are not required.

Sunflower Seeds

- The spitting of sunflower seeds is prohibited at all CHS activities.

Social Distancing

- Practices will be structured so that no player or their equipment (bags) are closer than 6ft apart at any time.
- Coaches will be responsible to ensure players are maintaining 6th feet of distance at all times.

Academic Eligibility

- All student athletes will be deemed academically eligible.
- All other provisions of the scholarship rule, turning 20 years old, 8 semesters already completed, practicing with college squads, remain in place and would lead to a student being declared ineligible.

Physicals

- A grace period has been granted to physicals extending until July 25th.

Transportation

- Parents must remain in cars when picking up players from practice.
- Parents have the option to drive athletes to games. If parent transportation is not an option, the player must ride the bus.
- When traveling aboard a bus, athletes will sit one per seat, every other seat, and alternating rows. This does not apply to those living in the same household.
- When traveling aboard a bus, face coverings are encouraged.
- School vans can be used in addition to buses when more seating is needed.

Spectating

- Spectators should not attend if currently showing symptoms or if they have been in contact with someone confirmed positive of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Fans are to maintain 6ft of distance from all those outside their household.
- Fans are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair or to stand at games.
- Bleacher seating is very limited and will be marked off with specific signage/expectations.
- Any spectators who test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of attending a game should contact the Black Hawk County Health Department.

Admission Fees

- \$5 admission will be collected from spectators prior to varsity games whenever possible. Postseason admission will be adjusted in accordance with IHSA/IGHSAU.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring exact change.
- IHSA/IGHSAU, NICL, and CHS passes will be accepted.

Concessions

- There will be no concessions.

Bathrooms

- There will be bathrooms available. Fans are to follow IDPH guidelines as well as any signage posted.

Dugouts

- There will be no access to dugouts during practice.
- Dugouts will be extended to allow for social distancing during games.
- Only essential personnel are allowed in dugouts during games: players, coaches, trainers and umpires.

Severe Weather

- In the case of severe weather, and a shelter-in-place order is given, all persons who enter the CHS building will be offered a face mask. Masks will be distributed by the CHS activity department upon entry of the building to all those without.

Final Message

- Communicate and ask questions often.
- Prioritize caution.
- This summer is about the student-athlete; let us focus on what we can control to keep kids safe, and playing.

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