



Redlands Unified School District

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Date: July 3, 2020
To: RUSD Parents/Students
From: Pat Hafley, District Athletic Director
Re: **High School Athletics Update
COVID-19 Concerns/Reopening of Programs**

After many weeks away from their teams and teammates, RUSD student-athletes, parents and coaches are eager to, once again, be able to do what all children should be encouraged to do which is to play, work on their physical, as well as mental, strength, and learn valuable life lessons about collaboration and uniting for a common goal via athletic competition.

The CIF-SS Office has set July 20, 2020, as the date they will advise all CIF-SS schools as to what the Fall, Winter, and Spring 2020-2021 schedules will look like.

The National Federation of High Schools (NFHS), and Sport Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) believe it is essential to the physical and mental well-being of high school students across the nation to return to physical activity and athletic competition. The NFHS and SMAC recognizes that it is likely ALL students will not be able to return to – and sustain – athletic activity at the same time in all CIF-SS schools due to decisions made by their respective governing boards and superintendents. There will also likely be variation in which sports and activities are allowed to be played and held. The NFHS, SMAC, and CIF-SS Office endorses the idea of returning students to school-based athletics and activities in any and all situations where it can be done safely.

RUSD will continue to consider all information as we prepare to reopen athletics/extracurricular activities on our school campuses. Final decision may come in mid-July-or perhaps, not until July 20th when the CIF-SS Office reveals the 2020-2021 schedules and calendars. With the increase in COVID cases being so rampant and fluid, the health and safety of all involved is the top priority.

Specific guidelines will be established to assist our schools as they begin to return to on-campus physical activity/training but will not supersede the state and local county directives designed to ensure student health and safety.

In the meantime, we continue with no in person workouts/contact until further notice.-with RUSD Facilities being closed for all athletic events.

Students are encouraged to maintain their fitness level as best as they are able and should also complete the online athletic clearance process via Home-Campus with their respective school site athletic offices. This will enable immediate participation once our athletic programs are allowed to return.

Your understanding is appreciated!

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